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I found, is to want it
at the expense of everything else.

— Bette Davis

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City data shows 19th District running out of police faster than ever

City wide, nearly 5,000 periods when no police available after 911 calls

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

Calls for police service in the 19th Town Hall Police District, 850 W. Addison St., grew into “backlogs” 239 times last year, according to newly-released city data. By comparison, in the 56 months between Jan. 2011 and Aug. 2015, the district had just 167 backlogs.

The district is the 10th largest in the city by square mileage and ranks #2 for population, according to the Chicago Office of the Inspector General. It covers much of the North Lakefront from Fullerton north to Lawrence Ave., and from the Lakefront west to the Chicago River.

Backlogs, also known as “Radio Assignments Pending” status [RAP], are declared when no police units are available to

handle incoming 911 calls for service. They are a good measure of whether a district has enough manpower to merely handle incoming requests for help. During RAPs, dispatchers assign the most pressing issue to the first unit that becomes available, the other calls wait their turn.

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Since Oct. 2011, the 19th District’s manpower has dropped about 20% from 468 cops to a current estimate of 372. One effect of the slash in officers is that more citizens have to wait for extended periods to get help.

City wide there were a total of 4,786 RAP incidents in 2017.

The City of Chicago refuses to release dates and times of RAPs

to the public, citing safety concerns. But, since 2016, our editors have used a variety of methods to estimate RAP occurrences and durations. Last year, our team independently documented 169 RAPs in the Town Hall district.

In Jan. 2018, we filed a Freedom of Information request for the number of RAPs declared in each police district citywide last year. According to the city, the 19th District experienced 239 RAPs — far more than the 169 cases that our editors pinpointed.

Last June, the 19th District was in RAP status 22% of the time, according to our editors’ estimates of backlog durations.

In one high-profile case where RAP status affected emergency response last year, a top-priority domestic violence call sat unsigned for six minutes on June 11. While dispatchers waited for an officer to become available, the

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Long before C2E2 there was Chicago Comicon

Larry Charet reminisces organizing first Chicago Comicon

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

Comic book fans in the Chicago area know that Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2) will land at McCormick Place this weekend. The Chicago based fan convention, dedicated to comics, pop culture, graphic novels, anime, manga, video games, toys, movies, and television draws thousands of attendees every year from around the world since its beginnings in 2010.

Comic book conventions, however, have been apart of Chicago since the early 70’s. Larry Charet owned a comic book store from 1972 to 2002. He and his late partner, the late Joe Sarno, took over a nostalgia show run by a local dealer named Nancy Warner which sold antiques and comics from 1972 to 1975 at the Pick-Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave., [The hotel is now called the Americana-Congress Hotel]. Both



Larry and Joe, who also owned a shop in Chicago, sold comics at the early conventions.

“I was a dealer from ‘73 to ‘75”, Larry said. Attendance continued to decline which caused big name comic book dealers who came in from New York to be “disappointed.” A separate 1974 comic book convention cancelled at the last minute helped to tarnish the city’s reputation while Warner was having second thoughts about her show. “She gave up. Chicago had a bad name for conventions. New York was the big convention back then, not San Diego,” Charet says regarding Phil Seuling who ran the east coast comic book event.

Warner asked Sarno if he wanted to take the show over and told Charet about it. They, with other associates, decided to use the name “Chicago Comicon” in order to not to be associated with the Warner show. Their first show was at Chicago’s Playboy Towers Hotel during the summer of 1976.

Charet, drafted into Vietnam in 1969, was able to save enough money to start his store. “Most stores in the 70’s were used book stores that had comics because there were no comic book stores. If you ever heard of Acme Books

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Free health clinic for Chicago’s underserved communities



The Indian American Medical Association Charitable Foundation free health clinic, which opens on weekends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., is located on West Peterson Avenue.

STORY AND PHOTO
BY SERENA YEH
Medill Reports

At about noon on a recent Sunday, three elderly Chinese walked into the Indian American Medical Association Charitable Foundation, a free health clinic in West Rogers Park that operates on the weekends.

The couple was at the clinic to obtain medicine refills. They brought along a relative to help translate Mandarin to English for them.

Speaking through the translator, the elderly woman said they have been visiting the clinic on W. Peterson Ave., from their Chinatown home every three months for the past two years.

She said they visit only this clinic because the doctors are nice and the pharmacy provides free medicine which, as they are a low-income family, is an important help.

The clinic, founded in 1994, provides free primary healthcare services for Chicago’s underserved community, said its executive director, Chris Zala.

“We’re in an area of Chicago which is probably one of the most culturally diverse areas and, at the same time, it consists of members from the immigrant, refugee population. The immigrant population that are here, that are documented, do not have health insurance or are underinsured,” said Zala, 52, who was pleasantly surprised to hear that patients also travelled from Chinatown.

The physicians who started the clinic wanted to “give back to the community,” he said. “Primarily because they knew that the populations that lived here often are just getting started. They don’t have

the economic means to be able to afford insurance and care.”

On top of providing free access, the clinic also operates in a “culturally competent” manner, said Zala.

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Zala said that most patients are from South Asia, followed by other Asian and Middle Eastern communities.

The clinic has volunteer translators from Northwestern Univ. and also operates as a training clinic for medical students, with some able to speak languages such as Korean and Mandarin.

The clinic’s receptionist, Dr. Gurdeep S. Nagi, understands Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi, which helps him when signing in patients and understanding why they are coming to the clinic. He added that the most common ailments the clinic sees are hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol.

“It’s probably one of the more vital things because when they understand it in terms of in English, they might not get the full effect or the connotation of like,

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We were the champions of running errands



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Do you do a lot of errands? Do you never leave the house without taking care of some business? Do you never waste a journey? Are you a 'two birds with one stone' person?

I have no empirical proof for this, but I believe that errands in-

crease proportionally based on the number of grandmothers in your life. I had two growing up. One in the same house (O'Connor) and one three doors down the street (O'Gorman). When I wasn't running errands for one, I was running them for the other.

Errands usually involved the acquisition of some needed commodity. Like bread, milk, the Herald American (a now defunct Chicago daily), a prescription from Walgreens, fresh Holy Water from church, mail a letter, get some cash from the bank, some eggs, flour, paint from the hardware store, stamps from the post office or ginger ale.

These errands were an intricate part of everyday life. Errands

were economical and practical, guaranteeing there were no wasted moments. They had American pragmatism written all over them. It's how we kept the ship afloat. The galleys well supplied. The machinery well-oiled. Doing errands made a huge contribution to family life and morale. So with youthful diligence we embraced the identity of errand boy with official business at the butchers ("I'd like some of your best chops, please.") or dry cleaners ("I'm here for my father's shirts, please.) or bakery ("One strawberry rhubarb pie, please. It's my mother's favorite."). Shop by shop. Grocery by grocery. We did our errands. We collected our goods.

We were champions at errands, growing up, but no one was better than my father, Mossy, though he had the added advantage, in his journey, of the use of the car. And he started every Saturday morning with early errands, while my mother, Eileen, began breakfast. He carried with him a choice list of bakeries out of the neighborhood. Places like Spaninger's on 79th Street where the finest crunchy, over-baked crust crowned a loaf that was heaven. And guaranteed to give you curly hair. Then he'd stop at a bakery at 74th and Halsted St. where the coffee cakes were filled with fresh berries and fruit. It was pastry as good as Paris. Another bakery, Urbauer's, was on 51st and Loomis in an Eastern European enclave where he always found superb Polish Rye with caraway seeds. He usually picked up some excellent Polish Ham as well. What I still recall so clearly are the textures of all the



My father, Mossy O'Gorman, champion of errands and Irish tunes.

buttery baked goods. Their freshness and the exotic tastes that encased them. Often he would stop at an Irish butcher who made his own sausage and bacon, as sweet and savory as anything I'd had in Dublin. Mossy was the errand champ of the family, that's for sure. Saturday breakfast became a feast.

All these errands were a familiar family civility. As children they made us part of family business. Doing errands we were on our own, surveying the staples we were after, from nicely marbled sirloin steaks (Mossy's favorite) to the beautiful air mail stamps my grandmother put on her letters to family in back in Ireland. Beautiful envelope decorations which we loved to stick on for her. We all had our own system for completing errands. I always made sure that I could pocket enough change for a packet of smokes. (I think 25¢ did the trick). But that's another column.

Independence is a vital characteristic to encourage while growing up. So is the genial socialization that well-trained, well-mannered children discover is the way in which everyday life works better. I am so happy that there was both time and opportunity for us to be part of family errands when I was a lad. Today those valuable instructive opportunities don't seem to be as readily available at the mall, commercial strip or the boutique streets of many Chicago neighborhoods. Some communities still do have the old fashioned bakeries and butchers of the past. But I suspect young children are no longer seen as errand material, especially roaming their local neighborhoods.

With the suburbanization of American culture children wouldn't put down their cell-phones long enough to run an errand and learn. And if mom has to drive you to the strip mall so you can pick up some sugar or frozen bread, she might as well leave the children at home and do the job herself. And since most kids are at soccer practice anyway, they are not home long enough to get their errand list together. Mom certainly doesn't want to keep them from soccer and the chance to be admitted to the Ivy League. Besides no one wants coffee cake and bread anymore, no matter how excellent. Everyone is lactose intolerant and terrified of gluten, red meat, sugar and butter.

And I am not too sure that grandma is even in the picture,

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Magically delicious

Gold Coast doc enchants with magic show



Heart of the 'Hood
By Felicia Dechter

By day, he's an award-winning faculty member who uses spellbinding illusions to teach his students at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine in Streeterville. But by night, Gold Coast resident Dr.

Ricardo Rosenkranz works magic in the theater as he shares his fascinating magic tricks with an audience other than his pupils.

The doc's hit show, "The Rosenkranz Mysteries: Physician Magician," opened last week for a limited engagement at the Royal George Theater, 1641 N. Halsted St. In it, Dr. Rosenkranz has brought back his sold-out 2016 production enhanced with several new illusions to create a bewitching, beguiling and bewildering evening of fun and wonderment. "My criteria for a great show is that it's not about me, it's about you," said Dr. Rosenkranz, 55. "I don't need to be this sorcerer. If I empower the audience to do it itself, that's the magic."

His love for all things in the world of abracadabra began as a child after Dr. Rosenkranz entered a magic shop filled with mysterious tricks that piqued his curiosity. He also had a fondness for the opera and science.

"At one point I considered directing opera," said Dr. Rosenkranz. "But my love for science and medicine could help people in a very tangible way."

Although magic was something he enjoyed as a child, as an adult "I didn't know what to do," said Dr. Rosenkranz, a neonatologist who grew up in Mexico City, moved to Chicago for his residency training at Children's Memorial Hospital, and "fell in love with Chicago, Children's, and the symphony."

Then about 18 years ago, a friend suggested that Dr. Rosenkranz meet another Gold Coaster, the great magician/mental-ist/illusionist Eugene Burger (one of my first interviews was with Burger, a mind-blowing performer). Dr. Rosenkranz's new friend Burger ended up becoming his mentor and magically transforming the good doctor's life. The pair stayed fast and furious buddies until Burger's death last August.

"As Eugene was teaching me, I realized, I do that in medicine," said Dr. Rosenkranz. "There were some things my colleagues didn't do."



Gold Coast resident Dr. Ricardo Rosenkranz bewitches, beguiles, and bewilders during his Royal George Theatre show.

Dr. Rosenkranz has long been incorporating his illusions into his teaching as a way to help engage students and encourage participation. By then, he was teaching six to eight classes a year, with a rotating roster of students. He'd do a little magic number and of course, the students loved it. "I started doing magic in each class," said Dr. Rosenkranz, who won teaching awards for incorporating illusion into his classes. "I used magic to display learning points to my students."

For example, at the end of the show he performs Eugene's thread trick, in which he burns pieces of thread in two and then somehow he puts them back together. That, he said, demonstrates the ability to put something back together that is broken or heal it, just as he does in medicine.

"I have learned there is a connection between these two fields," said Dr. Rosenkranz.

About eight years ago, 10 years into his friendship with Burger, Dr. Rosenkranz started giving lectures and teaching weekend courses with his mentor. "I started seeing magic shows in Las Vegas and Europe and I thought, 'I can do that' or something like that," said Dr. Rosenkranz. It was then he decided, "I want to have a show."

He started working on it in 2009, little by little, building up a collection of props and pieces not seen elsewhere. In 2012/13 he was ready to take his show on the road, but he needed a venue. As fate would have it, one summer as his wife was taking their daughter to the Emerald City day camp held at the Royal George, she suggested it seemed like a nice place. The rest is history.

"My first show took seven years and seven weeks to complete," said Dr. Rosenkranz. "This one is a little bolder."

And bold it was. And very cool. My friends and I loved the theatrical delights, which were sprinkled with acts that really made you think. We wondered how he did

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Chicago home, condo prices soar 10.6% while home loan rates rise



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

Chicago home and condominium buyers this spring are being whipsawed by sharply higher asking prices, more costly mortgage interest rates and a shortage of property listings.

According to Illinois Realtors, the median price of single-family homes and condos in Chicago in February was \$272,000, up a hefty 10.6% over \$246,000 in February of 2017.

Meanwhile, only 1,490 home and condo sales were posted in February, down from 1,529 units in February of 2017.

In the nine-county Chicago metro area, sales of single-family homes and condos in February totaled 5,722 units, down 4.2% from 5,971 units in February of

2017. The median price in February was \$227,500 in the Chicago metro area, a strong increase of 8.3% from \$210,000 in February of 2017.

Statewide home and condo sales in February totaled 8,151 units, down 5.1% from 8,585 units in February of 2017. The statewide median price in February was \$185,000, up a solid 8.8% from \$170,000 in February of 2017.

The median is a typical market price where half the homes sold for more and half sold for less. The sales and price analysis comes from closed transaction statistics generated by 27 Multiple Listing Services statewide and Midwest Real Estate Data, LLC.

Freddie Mac's national Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages eased to an average of 4.44% March 29 from 4.45% a week earlier when the Federal Reserve Board raised the federal funds interest rate by a quarter of 1 percentage point to a range of 1.5% to 1.75%—its highest level since 2008.

"So far, U.S. housing markets remain resilient in the face of higher mortgage rates," noted

Len Kiefer, Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist. "The National Association of Realtors reported recently that existing-home sales in February increased 3% month-over-month on a seasonally adjusted basis and are up 1.1% from a year ago."

The Mortgage Bankers Association's Weekly Mortgage Applications Survey also reported that the home purchase mortgage applications index was up 6% from the same week a year ago, Kiefer noted.

"A chronic shortage of home listings is setting this spring market up to be one where buyers are going to have to move quickly and decisively," said Matt Difanis, president of Illinois Realtors.

While the number of listings increased in February, he said: "We're still a long way from having enough inventory to satisfy consumer demand."

Statewide housing inventory in February totaled 47,108 units for sale, a 12% decline from February of 2017 when there were 53,522 homes on the market.

"Despite the obstacles posed by a lack of supply, the Chicago

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Letter to the Editor

Tee Peees are not 'tiny homes' and most tiny homes have no safe room

It's not fair to compare Indian tee pees (or tipis) with Bedouin tents, Eskimo igloos, yurts ("ger" to their Mongolian owners), and pioneer log cabins "tiny houses" because they were the norm for those peoples, and nobody owned more possessions than could fit in them. Medieval thatched-roof homes is borderline, because there were rich lords ruling the serfs, living in huge castles.

There is one problem with nearly all contemporary "tiny houses." FEMA 320 shows where the high-risk zones for extreme winds are, and urges a "safe room" be included in all homes and small businesses in these areas. No exception is made for "tiny houses." Atlanta, where Don DeBat's [March 21] story is based, is in this high-risk zone. The "Eco Tiny House" he stayed in did not have a "safe room."

DeBat's suggestion list begins with trailer tie-downs. This reminded me of an iconic photo I saw at one of Tom Skilling's Severe Weather Seminars, showing the steel tie-down straps still firmly attached to the concrete foundation - after a tornado had removed and demolished the entire mobile home held down by those straps.

Most mobile homes are not built to take a tornado. Being built on concrete slab foundations, and even being firmly attached, will not protect occupants from a tornado or other extreme wind - unless the house itself is built for it, or has a "safe room" inside - and properly attached to a proper foundation.

Yours truly has a preliminary floor plan for a "tiny house" which could be built as a "safe room" with all the requirements for habitation, and later be the core of a regular-sized house. Another option is the Monolithic Transportable Cabin, from the Monolithic Dome Institute. They're heavy but transportable, and will stand up to tornadoes.

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Fate of historic Lincoln Park church building remains precarious

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PETER VON BUOL

The fate of a historic 117-year-old church building in Lincoln Park remains uncertain as its small congregation is considering offers from residential real-estate developers. If demolished, an R-6 zoning designation for part of the property would allow for construction of a high-rise residential building.

Located at 2700 N. Pine Grove, the Second Church of Christ, Scientist was designed by Solon S. Beman, the architect who designed Chicago's Pullman neighborhood for railroad-car magnate George Pullman. In 2015, then-President Barack Obama designated the community as Pullman National Monument.

Last November, the church's congregation had hosted a community meeting to inform the public of their current situation and to reach out for help. The congregation today is too small to afford and manage such a large facility.

Among those in attendance was Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago, a non-profit that advocates for architectural preservation. Miller and his staff approached a non-profit foundation to purchase the property. After the meeting with that foundation's leadership, Miller was confident a solution had been found.

"We were able to encourage a Chicago-based foundation to consider a purchase of the building from the congregation as a cultural center for Lincoln Park. This would include addressing the \$4 million of repairs said to be needed by the real-estate consultants. The foundation and Preservation Chicago met with the church board as well as with their real-estate consultants. Afterwards, we met with Ald. Michele Smith (43rd) and her staff to discuss the overall idea and to consider an offer for the building as a community-center for the arts, lectures and presentations," said Miller.

A building designed by Beman for the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Evanston is today being used as a state-of-the-art 550 seat performance space of the Evanston-based Music Institute. The Evanston building has a similar design to the Chicago sanctuary and its reuse could serve as a blueprint for Lincoln Park.

"The building is an amazing structure. Preservation Chicago even had discussions with members of the community. We [had been] hopeful for this amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Lincoln Park Community and our City, with the recent directive of Mayor Rahm Emanuel to bring the arts and neighborhood cultural centers to the communities of Chicago. The mayor has gone on record saying he wants to extend the concept of downtown's Chicago Cultural Center to the neighborhoods," Miller said.

At Chicago's Columbian Exposition-World's Fair of 1893, Beman had designed the Greco-Roman-inspired Merchants' and



While the Lincoln Park-area building was designed for the local congregation, it also was meant to have national impact, having been built to serve as a model for Church of Christ, Scientist churches around the country.

Tailors' Building. That building earned Beman an award for architecture and demonstrated he ranked among the best of the best of his era. Beman used the same techniques when he worked on the design the Second Church of Christ, Scientist.

"Beman was a master in achieving a beautifully proportioned Classical-style structure," Miller said.

Unlike other Christian denominations, Church of Christ, Scientist buildings were typically designed free of religious symbols or stained-glass windows and the Beman-designed church in Lincoln Park was no exception. Therefore, were the building to be used as a cultural center, not much would be changed.

"[It's generally] free of the more-typical religious iconography found in most religious buildings of its time. This building is of the finest quality construction, in both design and craftsmanship. Beman was one of Chicago's top-tier and legacy architects of the late 19th and early 20th Century," Miller said.

While the building was designed for the local congregation, it also was meant to have national impact. It had been built to serve as a model for Church of Christ, Scientist churches around the country.

"Beman worked with Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science to create a model and prototype for a spiritually-uplifting building and



sanctuary space. These religious structures were to be an example of "a perfect prototype" for future Christian Science Churches, both in Chicago, and throughout the country," Miller added.

After the congregation rejected the deal offered by the Chicago-based foundation Miller expressed his disappointment.

"Despite the many community benefits of a gathering space and cultural center for Lincoln Park, which was to be sponsored, programmed and curated by a Chicago-based foundation (perhaps in partnership with the City of

Chicago), the offer of preserving the building has unfortunately gone to the wayside. The small congregation wants to perhaps best monetize the property for a large residential development, in what is an already-dense environment. This is all unfortunate. The church's 700-seat auditorium is in marvelous condition. [The building] could be so much more than perhaps a "facadectomy" on a tall building or mid-rise residential structure," Miller said.

According to Miller, had the

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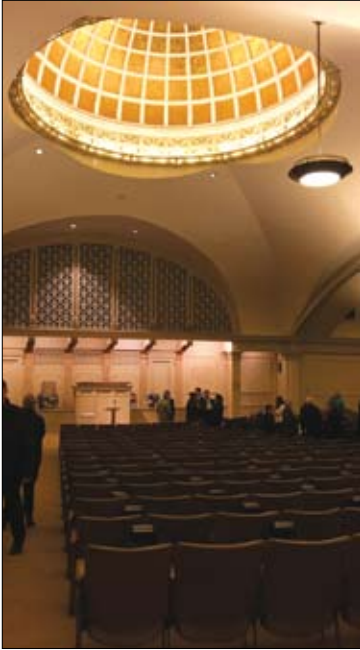
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church building become a cultural center, it would have brought a new vitality to the community.

"Everything from Senior Citizen events for the local non-profit The Village Chicago (formerly known as Lincoln Park Village), to classical music concerts, art exhibitions and maybe even a small Chicago Public Library branch like the Waterworks Branch inside the Chicago Ave. Pumping Station. It could have even hosted programs for the Lincoln Park Conservatory and the Lincoln Park Zoo. All of those events could have been held in this very special space and under a large gilded dome," Miller said.

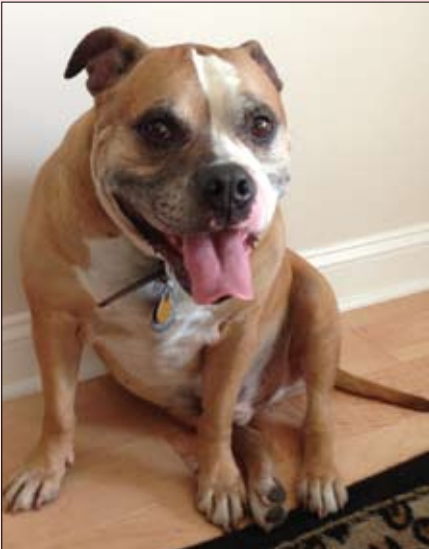
If the congregation sells the building to a real-estate builder, most-likely the church will be demolished for a residential high-rise. Had the building not been a religious house of worship, according to Miller, it would have long-ago had landmark status. Currently, the building is listed as an Orange-rated building on the city of Chicago's Historic Resources Survey. As such, when an application for a demolition permit is made, a 90-day delay is automatically triggered. This is meant to provide time for the city's Commission on Chicago Landmarks to make an informed decision on fate of the property.

"It's tragic, in a sense, that our elected officials and the ownership of the church, built by the community with nickels and dimes in 1902, cannot come together with the City officials to figure a way to make such ideas a reality. We can close roads and completely reconfigure the historic Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Jackson Park and South Lake Shore Dr. for a Presidential Center and golf course to the tune of \$175 million-dollars plus -- but yet we can't seem to figure a way to make a historically significant orange-rated classical-style building with a stone-columned arcade and magnificent dome, repurposed as community cultural center in one of Chicago's most desirable and celebrated neighborhoods. That's really both upsetting and tragic. Let's come together as a community and city to make this work, save this remarkable and beautiful building and grow a more healthy, livable and dynamic Chicago in the process -- whatever it takes," Miller said.

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The benefits of pets for the elderly

Cats and dogs are the most common types of pets owned by the elderly, but rabbits, guinea pigs, birds and turtles are also popular choices.

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- Lower blood pressure
- Relieve stress
- Combat loneliness
- Ease depression
- Encourage activity for seniors
- Offer a greater sense of worth

- Offer security to their owners

There's nothing so comforting as to be able to hug a pet and be rewarded with a trusting look, a wag of the tail and even a sloppy kiss or two.

Back in 1980, Erika Friedmann, professor of health and nutrition sciences for Brooklyn College in New York, studied the effect of pets on heart disease patients. Her co-researcher, Aaron Katcher, reported, "The presence of a pet was the strongest social predictor of survival ... not just for lonely or depressed people, but everyone – independent of marital status and access to social support from human beings."

Only a few years later, another study was performed that showed the benefits of animal ownership by elderly individuals:

- 95% spent time each day talking to his or her pet
- 82% said that owning a pet made them feel better when they were sad
- 65% said petting or caressing their pets made them feel better
- 57% actually confided fears and worries to their pets

Pets offer the elderly – both those living at home and those in assisted living or long-term care facilities – comfort and companionship.

Experts speak out on pets for the elderly

Pets for the Elderly Foundation gives results from the Baker Medical Research Institute, Australia's largest cardiac center, on its research page.

Studies show that pet ownership:

- Reduced rates of developing heart disease
- Lowered cholesterol levels
- Reduced systolic blood pressure in female owners

The Pet Information Bureau in Washington, D.C., believes that pet ownership is "especially important in increasing interest

in life – pets give the elderly something to care for, as well as providing an opportunity for exercise and socialization."

In 1992, U.S. News & World Report reviewed more than two dozen studies and determined that, "residents exposed to pets consistently smiled more and became measurably more alert than those who did not encounter animals."

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals promotes animal ownership for the elderly as well, due to the fact that "quality time spent with an animal can be used to manage behavior, stimulate memory, encourage muscle groups to work in harmony and much, much more."

No matter what you call it, the benefits

"The presence of a pet was the strongest social predictor of survival ... not just for lonely or depressed people, but everyone – independent of marital status and access to social support from human beings."

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Simple home safety recommendations for seniors include:

- Using canes or walkers and shower seats for fall prevention if unsteady on feet
- Utilizing assist devices such as walkers, wheelchairs and scooters to promote safe mobility and independence if there is difficulty getting around
- Replacing hardwood floors with carpeting for injury reduction in case of a fall (avoid throw rugs on hardwood floors or potentially slick surfaces)
- Using hearing aids, wearing glasses, and installing good lighting to diminish effects of hearing and visual problems
- Managing medications by taking advantage of pill boxes when keeping track of medications becomes burdensome
- Hiring caregivers or accepting assistance from family members if activities of daily living become difficult
- Scheduling routine sleep and wake times to improve sleep quality and daytime efficiency

- Subscribing to medical alert systems and programming emergency phone numbers into cell phones for easy access in cases of emergency
- Planning regular social activities to improve social interactions
- Driving with care and recognizing when it may be safer to stop driving
- Preparing a properly executed advance health-care directive, living will, and trust to outline decisions and preferences in preparation for the time a person may become incapable of making sound decisions

If up-to-date records of allergies, medications, diseases, medical and surgical history, and advance directives are readily available, the patient will have a better experience if they need emergent care or hospitalization.

Another noteworthy concern for the elderly is the subject of medications. With the rise in availability of various medications, naturally a growing list of drugs is offered to the elderly due to their high prevalence of medical conditions. As a consequence, interactions between these drugs and their individual side effects become increasingly more likely. The best approach to address these concerns is a discussion and periodic medication review with the treating physicians or the primary care doctor. If the elderly patient or their caregiver keep up-to-date records of allergies, medications, diseases, medical and surgical history, and advance directives readily available, the patient will have a better experience if they need emergent care or hospitalization. This is especially true if they arrive at a hospital where the patient's doctors do not practice, or if they have need of medical care while "on vacation" or "traveling."

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In front: Kathy Mendoza of Edgewater. Back row from left: Lee Mendoza of North Center, Yvonne Lesko and Lana Winnett.

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those tricks and tried to figure that out to no avail. Of course, it didn't hurt that we preceded our theater visit with dinner at the nearby Uncle Julio's Hacienda, which now makes incredible tableside margaritas with fresh fruit and dry ice. The dry ice gave off a mystical, smoky effect, which fit right in with the magical theme of the evening. It was the perfect way to kick off the night.

Since his last run at the Royal George, Dr. Rosenkranz has performed for Penn & Teller's "Fool Us," show in Las Vegas, although his segment hasn't aired yet. "Penn and Teller loved it," said Dr. Rosenkranz, who has actually

become good friends with Teller and had him teach his med students at Northwestern recently.

The good doctor also recently completed a successful run at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. In addition, he has headlined at the Prestigious Magic Circle in London and was honored by The Magic Circle to Associate of the Inner Magic Circle with Silver Star.

"I'm trying to do something a little more artistic that uplifts the audience," said Dr. Rosenkranz. "If people walk out renewed and energized, then my job is done."

You did just that for my friends and me, Dr. Rosenkranz. Mission accomplished. You were just what the doctor ordered.

In their Easter bonnets... with all the frills upon it, were a group of local gals that I just had to run a photo of. I ran into these lovely ladies while Sunday brunching at Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Apparently the women meet there every Palm Sunday, with a couple of them sporting homemade Easter hats. They have a long history with the place... Edgewater resident Kathy Mendoza actually lived there when it was the Angel Guardian Orphanage, while Yvonne Lesko as a child would pick out gifts to donate to the orphans. It was a pleasure to meet this lively bunch, who are all cousins by marriage.

Washington insider shares experiences in education, politics

Growing up and going to school in Chicago, Clare resident John “Jack” Jennings wasn’t entirely sure what his future would entail.

Jack attended the Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary during his teenage years, a school administered by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago that was geared toward men considering the priesthood. After deciding this wasn’t the path for him, he studied at Loyola University Chicago, where he was involved in the Young Democrats of America. Throughout his college years, as well as his time at the Northwestern University School of Law, he networked with congressmen and also served as a precinct captain in the city’s 41st ward.

At the age of 24, Jack graduated with a law degree, and he didn’t know what he was going to do. So when then-Congressman Roman Pucinski offered Jack a job as subcommittee staff director for the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Education and Labor, he agreed.

“It was not pre-planned,” he says. “Like for many people, it was happenstance.”

So the day after he was sworn into the bar, in 1967, he headed to Washington, D.C. And that was the beginning of a 50-plus-year career in politics and education policy.

Early on, Jack learned the importance of bipartisanship in getting bills passed, and he refused to hold meetings unless both Democrats and Republicans were present.

Working on Capitol Hill

Over the course of 27 years, Jack advanced from a subcommittee staff director to general counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Education and Labor. He dealt with three different committee chairmen, set up hearings, drafted legislation and led negotiations. He helped to expand funding for the schools, to improve education opportunities for children with disabilities and to forbid discrimination in education against females through Title IX.

“I never liked politics just for the mechanics of it,” Jack says. “I liked it because I could do something to help people. In Congress, I was handling bills that were helping people to help themselves by getting more education.”

Early on, Jack learned the importance of bipartisanship in getting bills passed, and he refused to hold meetings unless both Democrats and Republicans were present. He came to understand that alliances change, as do people’s opinions. He also realized all knowledge doesn’t exist in one party, and no group possesses all truth.

“I went from being a very partisan Democrat when I first went to Washington to believing that a bipartisan approach was far preferable,” Jack says. “The broader the coalition you create with people with all types of views, the stronger the legislation will be.”

Of course, bipartisanship wasn’t always possible. During Jack’s 27 years on Capitol Hill, there were times when bipartisanship simply wasn’t on the table. Still, there were far more major successes than losses.



Jack Jennings with late Congressman Carl D. Perkins and key aide Bill Gaul.

“No major education bill went through that I wasn’t at the table negotiating,” Jack says. “And in my 27 years there, we didn’t lose any major bill that we sponsored.”

Founding a think tank

By the end of 1994, Jack was ready to move on from Congress. He fielded job offers from law firms, universities and other organizations, but he decided instead he wanted to launch his own think tank.

“I had always been bothered that people couldn’t agree on basic facts,” Jack says.

And so the Center on Education Policy was born in 1995, a nonpartisan, nonprofit education research organization. It was tough going from the start, as both the budget and the staff were quite small.

Even so, Jack made it his mission to produce objective, fact-based reports. Since his staff had extensive experience in Washington, they were well aware of the education issues that could arise and were poised to conduct thorough and accurate research.

“Half of something is producing a good product,” Jack says. “The other half is selling it, and you can’t do one without the other.”

So promote their reports they did. The center worked with the likes of The New York Times, the Washington Post and the Associated Press to get information out, and many of the reports issued then proved quite influential in the discussion around education.

After former U.S. President George W. Bush’s No Child Left Behind Act passed, the center set out to explore its progress in the first year by surveying all 50 states and dozens of local school districts about its implementation. The research was released within a year of the law being signed.

“I knew that would be a blockbuster,” Jack says. “And it established our reputation of being fast, accurate and relevant.”

Despite their commitment to truthful, unbiased work, however, Jack and his team realized that leaders would use the reports to further their own ends. An ironic instance involved later No Child Left Behind research. One such report produced by the center found that mandatory testing in reading and math as required by the law caused other subjects to be slighted. Another demonstrated that student scores were increasing on state tests, but not as much on national tests.

“Both were accurate, but President Bush took the latter and said it showed success, and his Secretary of Education took the former and said the results were a bunch of malarkey,” Jack says. “We could not stop



Jack Jennings with former President Jimmy Carter.

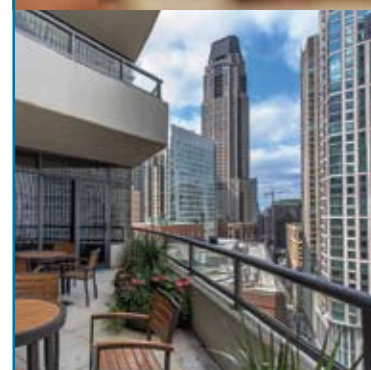
people from using our reports for their own purposes, but even that brought additional attention to our research.”

After Jack retired in 2012, the Center on Education Policy became associated with George Washington University, which helps it to raise money. In 2015, the Harvard Education Press published Jack’s book, *Presidents, Congress and the Public Schools*. This summer, Harvard and the University of Tokyo will release a Japanese translation of that book with a new chapter updating the issues, and in September, the Kappan magazine will publish this new

chapter in English.

In August 2017, Jack returned to Chicago, where he now lives at The Clare with his husband, Steve Molinari. He is less and less involved in politics and education policy, though he does write the occasional article and takes to Twitter to offer commentary on current issues.

“The problem now for the country is, how do you improve education for everybody?” Jack says. “It’s very hard to do in a country like this, where everything is so localized.”



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A parolee is in custody, accused of robbing a 68-year-old tourist in the Halsted/Armitage shopping district. Retail workers called 911 around 3:30 p.m. March 24 when they saw the Louisiana woman struggling with a man for her purse in the 1900 block of N. Halsted St., according to police.



Bennie Gholar

Video captured images of the attacker and cops immediately recognized him as Bennie Gholar, 23, an Old Town resident who's on parole for manufacture-delivery of heroin. An investigative alert was issued for Gholar and officers caught up with him during routine patrol two days later. He was wearing the exact same jacket that the offender was wearing in the video footage. Gholar is charged with felony theft. Judge Michael Clancy allowed him to be released on a recognizance bond with electronic monitoring. Even better for Gholar, despite the apparent violation of probation, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections refused to issue a warrant for his return to prison. Police said Gholar is a documented member of the Mickey Cobras street gang. He was paroled in 2016 after serving half of a six-year sentence for the narcotics conviction.

Parolee arrested on Mag Mile with home monitoring system plugged into car charger

A twice-convicted felon who's on parole was arrested on the Mag-nificent Mile last weekend with his home electronic monitoring system plugged into his car's charger outlet, police said.



Kentreal Brisco

Kentreal Brisco allegedly had a 27-year-old man's stolen cell phone with him and he was demanding \$500 cash to give it back, according to police. The victim pointed cops to Brisco sitting in a car in the 800 block of N. Michigan around 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Police took it from there. Cops say they found the victim's iPhone on the passenger seat of Brisco's car. They then learned that Brisco had an ankle bracelet and was on electronic home monitoring as part of his parole agreement—but the home monitoring system was plugged into his car's power outlet, according to court records. Brisco lives in the Washington Park neighborhood. Police notified the Illinois Dept. of Corrections which issued a warrant for Brisco's return to prison, according to court records. As of March 31, Brisco, 23, is still in Cook County Jail, held in lieu of \$10,000 bail. He is charged with theft of lost or mislaid property in the phone caper. Police say he is a documented member of the Gangster Disciples street gang. State records show that he was

paroled on Jan. 5 after serving half of a two-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm. In 2014, he was sentenced to a four-year term for aggravated robbery. His parole in that case is scheduled to end on April 8. The monitoring system that police say they recovered from Brisco's car, the BI HomeGuard 206 DS, came under scrutiny in Colorado in 2013.

Three-time convicted felon charged with robbing two River North pharmacies

A three-time convicted felon is now charged with robbing two River North drug stores since March 20. Englewood resident Maurice Taylor brandished a knife to ward off a CVS Pharmacy manager who tried to stop him from shoplifting \$93 worth of merchandise from the store at 121 W. Kinzie the evening of March 24, prosecutors said. He's charged with Class X Felony robbery in the case. Detectives later connected him to a second robbery in the same area. Around 2 p.m. March 20, Taylor threatened a female employee of Walgreens who tried to stop him from stealing at the 641 N. Clark location, according to prosecutors. "I have a knife," Taylor reportedly said to the woman, "you wanna get hurt over some paper towels?" He was charged with felony robbery in the Walgreens case.



Maurice Taylor

Records show that Taylor, 29, was sentenced 18 months in prison for being part of a robbery crew that beat a 20-year-old man at the Chicago Red Line CTA station and took the victim's phone and hat in August 2015. He has previous felony convictions for aggravated battery of a government employee and unlawful use of a firearm. Judge John Lyke ordered him to be held without bail.

Teams of teens swipe phones in Lincoln Square, North Center

A pair of 19th District T-Mobile stores has fallen victim to young shoplifting crews since Friday, according to police. In the first incident, two male juveniles entered the cellular store at 1958 W. Irving Park Rd. and began helping themselves to merchandise shortly after noon on Friday. One of the offenders was carrying a knife. The duo escaped with 10 new phones. Both thieves were black, 13- to 15-years-old, and dressed in green, according to a witness. Police had better luck when the TMO store at 1973 W. Lawrence was struck around 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. In that case, three teenagers entered the store, stole a collection of cell phones, and ran out the door. Police caught up with the trio about 15 minutes later in the 4600 block of N. Winchester. No further information was available about the arrestees because they are under 18-years-old.

Cops issue burglary alert for 19th District businesses

Area North detectives have released a business alert that warns about a series of late-night burglaries to salons, restaurants, and shops throughout the 19th Town Hall District. The warning says an offender has been making entry to businesses at off-hours by breaking the front door or window glass. Nail and hair salons are a favorite target of the thief, police said. No description of the burglar is available, but police say the suspect is male, he carries a backpack, and he has left some of the burglaries on a bike.

Woman beaten after she unleashes pepper spray at concert

An Irving Park woman who intentionally unleashed pepper spray in a crowded concert hall at House of Blues, 329 N. Dear-born St., March 29 wound up getting much more than she bargained for, police said. The sold-out crowd, packed in to see rapper Lil Skies, turned on Jocelyn Martinez, 23, and beat her silly, according to a CPD report. Around 8 p.m., Martinez "knowingly and intentionally discharged pepper spray" into "a large crowd of concert



Jocelyn Martinez

Police included a list of the following burglary locations, dates, and times: 2700 block of N. Clybourn, between Jan. 21 - Jan. 22; 1800 block of W. Wilson, on Jan. 27 around 6:30 a.m.; 1400 block of W. Irving Park, between Feb. 6 - Feb. 7; 2300 block of W. Montrose, between Feb. 10 and Feb. 11; 4300 block of N. Broadway, between Feb. 24 and Feb. 25; 4500 block of N. Western, on March 6 between 7 a.m.-7:20 a.m.; 1700 block of W. Fullerton, between March 14 and March 15; 1800 block of W. Diversey on March 15 between 1:45 a.m.-2:15 a.m.; 900 block of W. Buena on March 15 between 3 a.m.-6 a.m.; 600 block of W. Cornelia between March 19 and March 20; 1700 block of W. Diversey on March 26 between 7:30 p.m.-8:54 p.m., and on the 2600 block of W. Addison on March 26 around 10:48 p.m.

Barney's rubbed: shoplifting mob grabs \$25K worth of purses from Oak St. boutique, steals nearby Lexus

Ohh-la-la! A shoplifting mob stole an idling Lexus as they made off with about \$25,000 worth of purses from an Oak St. boutique on Friday afternoon. No one is in custody. Around 1:30 p.m., a group of six thieves walked into Barney's of New York, 15 W. Oak, and made their way to the ladies' handbags. Within moments, the crew grabbed armloads of high-end purses and ran out the door. A reader was passing by when "a mob of about six African-American teens ran out of the store with stolen purses. The security guy ran out but didn't catch them." A utility worker parked next to the store told our source that this "was the second time Barney's got robbed today." After leaving the store, the crew ran eastbound on Oak St. where some of them jumped into an idling Lexus that belonged to a Mag Mile dentist, police said. Another group of thieves hopped into a second car and they all sped away, according to a witness. All totaled, the purses were believed to be worth at least \$25,000. On Thursday, retailers in the area were circulating photos of a similar retail theft team that struck at Yves Saint Laurent in the Waldorf Astoria, 11 E. Walton. Those offenders were described as four black male teenagers wearing dark hooded jackets and a fifth person wearing an orange and brown coat.

Caught digging through pockets of homeless people, "juveniles" beat witness in West Loop
Police on Friday released details of a crazy two-boy crime spree that unfolded early March 31 in the West Loop. Police say a man saw two juveniles going through the pockets of homeless people around 12:45 a.m. as their victims slept on the streets near the 500 block of W. Lake.

attendees," prosecutors said in their charging papers. Police wrote that Martinez "endangered the safety of the patrons of House of Blues" by discharging a can of "maximum strength pepper spray." But the danger reversed course after the gas was sprayed. Police say a number of "unknown patrons" beat Martinez on the club floor. Cops say she suffered two black eyes and a bloody nose—and that seems to line-up with what's seen in her post-clean-up police mugshot. Martinez was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of her injuries. Then, she was charged with reckless conduct and resisting police before being freed on a recognizance bond.

When the 46-year-old tried to take a photo of the thieves, one of them asked, "What are you taking a picture of?" One boy then displayed a gun while the second teen beat the man in his face and body, police said. The gun was later determined to be a replica. Before stealing from the homeless people and punching the man who saw them, the two are believed to have pointed their fake gun at least one other man in a separate incident. The teens were arrested at the Clinton Green Line CTA platform a short time later. No further information about the offenders is available because they are under 18-years-old.

Suspects sought after three robbed on Red Line Train near Fullerton



Police are asking for the public's help in identifying four men who robbed three separate victims onboard a CTA Red Line train early Friday. Around 12:45 a.m., the four men seen here approached passengers on a northbound train as it neared the Fullerton station. The men acted as if they were armed with a handgun as they took property by force, according to a police media alert. They were last seen walking eastbound from the CTA station at 945 W. Fullerton. Officers said they spoke with three separate robbery victims at the Fullerton station:

- A 22-year-old man who was punched in the face and robbed by the men as one of them held a hand inside their pocket as if he had a gun. He was treated by an ambulance crew for his injuries.
- A 19-year-old man who was approached by the same men who demanded his property. He was not injured.
- A 41-year-old man who was not injured as the men took his property with a threat of force.

Authorities said the men are aged 25 to 35, between 5'-7" and 6' tall, and 140 to 200 lbs. Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to call Area Central investigators at 312-747-8382.

Software exec was stabbed to death during River North robbery attempt

Chicago police have identified the man who was stabbed to death near a River North nightlife district. Miguel "Mike" Beedle of Park Ridge was a father of six and the CEO of Enterprise Scrum, a software company. Beedle was stabbed in the neck in an alley off the 400 block of N. State around 2:15 a.m. March 23. He walked to the nearby corner of State and Hubbard where he collapsed and died minutes later. Police said today that they suspect Beedle, 55, was killed in a robbery attempt by a man who appeared to be homeless on surveillance images. A police spokesman said a specific person is being sought, but the suspect was not named and no photos of the suspect have been released.



Mike Beedle

Image from GoFundMe

A 911 caller reported seeing a man with a knife at State and Hubbard shortly before Beedle was stabbed, according to police dispatch records. No one was found. And about 15 minutes after the stabbing, CTA workers at the nearby Grand Red Line CTA station reported that a man with a large knife was threatening another passenger on the platform. The man was gone when police arrived. It was not known if either incident is connected to Beedle's death. The first block of W. Hubbard where Beedle fell to the ground is lined with bars, clubs, and restaurants. A trail of blood led police to an alley at 444 N. State where a crime scene was found. Residents and people who work in the area's many restaurants and bars report that the 400 block of State St. transforms into an unusually dark and seedy stretch of road at night. Beedle's children range in age from 18 months to 19 years, according to a GoFundMe page that has been established to support Beedle's family.

Man beaten, robbed at gunpoint near Illinois Masonic Hospital early Sunday

A 23-year-old man was beaten and robbed by a group of four offenders near Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Lakeview early on Easter morning, police said. The victim said he was walking in the 2900 block of N. Mildred around 2:30 a.m. when a group of strangers yelled for him to stop. At the same time, an unknown person punched the victim in the face, causing him to fall to the ground. Another man then displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's property, police said. After getting the man's cell phone and credit cards, the offenders fled on foot. The victim offered these descriptions of three of the four assailants: male, black, 6'-3" tall, green jacket with fur around the hood, black pants, armed with a gun; male, black, 5'-11" tall, green jacket with fur around the hood, black pants; and male, black, 5'-9" tall, black bomber jacket with an unknown design, black pants. There was no description of the fourth offender.

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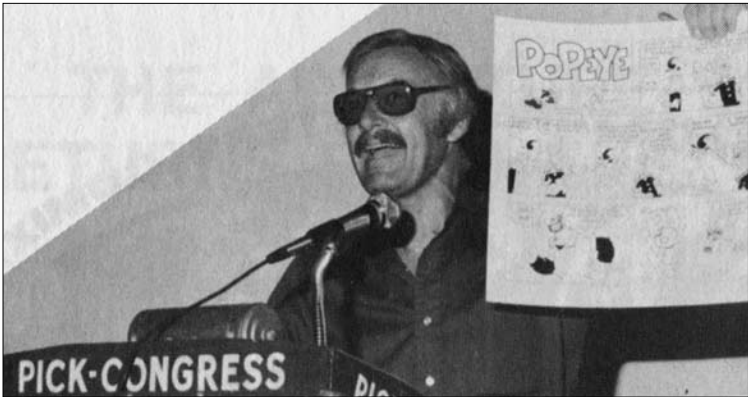
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Stan Lee auctioning Popeye artwork.

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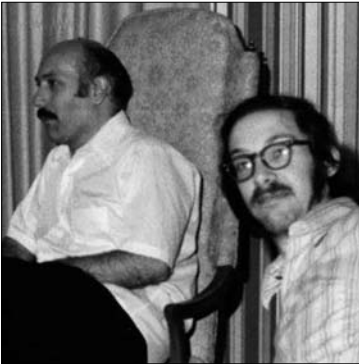
back in the 60’s, they were an old book store and they got into used comics, especially when the Batman TV show came. Comics were the rage.”

Business at Charet’s store, however, seemed quiet. “Nothing took off. I was doing okay but I was kind of bored. Because I went to the New York convention this guy named Phil Seuling made a deal with DC and then with Marvel to distribute comic books to stores directly. They would order them and get them two to three weeks before the other stores would have them,” says Charet, as he searched other book stores himself to find what he wanted. “You had them before anyone had them and [that store] was a great thing. That’s what turned the business around.”

As the comic business grew, the first Comicon in 1976 had big names with special guests including Marvel Comics figure-head Stan Lee, DC Comics president Jenette Kahn, and Playboy and Mad Magazine artist Harvey Kurtzman. Charet says, “The idea was to make it a real good (convention) so that people would want to come back.” This time the event was promoted better and drew over 2,000 attendees. “Dealer tables were only \$50... everybody liked it, everybody had a good time, and we had a lot of people... It was an artistic suc-

cess. Even though we lost money we decided to do it a second year.”

In 1977, the Chicago Comicon moved back to its original location on Michigan Ave. where it remained until 1983. Business continued to flourish and the show moved to a larger venue in Rosemont near O’Hare. Comic sales rose to new heights in 1992 with The Death of Superman which



Joe Sarno and Larry Charet.
Courtesy of Comic UniverseThe
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“probably was the biggest thing to ever happen to comics. After that is was a slow decline. In ‘94 we made record profits... in ‘96 we lost money,” recalls Charet. The market became over-saturated in the 90s, especially with special covers thought to someday be collectible. “People come into my store and they want to invest,” said Charet, thinking that buyers thought that they could put their kids through college with comics,

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which wasn’t the case. “Collectibles can’t be manufactured.”

As sales started to slump, Wizard Entertainment purchased the Chicago Comicon in 1997 to expand from its core publishing business into trade/consumer conventions.

Wizard World Chicago attendance grew to over 58,000 people by 2006, and the show had expanded to a four-day weekend. In the years to follow attendance started to grow but neither DC Comics nor Marvel Comics had an official presence at the show. By 2010, C2E2 debuted at McCormick Place with its mission statement directed towards comic books rather than Wizard World’s pop culture focus. “When C2E2 came to Chicago, everybody said ‘that’s the end of Wizard World.’ DC and Marvel are supporting C2E2... and they’re not going to set up there anymore. But Wizard, to their credit I would say, started this celebrity thing. They managed to survive by turning a Comicon into a Celebritycon. And more power to ‘em. I thought Wizard was going to be dead too.”

Attendance has consistently been growing every spring for C2E2 with its original attendance over 20,000 to last year’s crowd of 80,000. Wizard World, still being held every summer, had its last available recorded attendance in 2009 at 70,000. Charet still gets a booth to sell old comics at Wizard World and also sells on ebay.

Charet reflected on his favorite moments. One in particular was meeting, Golden Age comic book artist of Batman and convention guest, Dick Sprang. “He was a favorite of mine when I was a kid... I knew a guy (at the hotel) who was good friends with him who said, ‘Come on up to our room.’ So we had an hour and a half talking to Dick Sprang. It was a very friendly thing. We also had (Dick Tracy creator) Chester Gould. It

Relative eyed in robbery of 69-year-old Lincoln Parker

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A robbery and possible home invasion near the Lincoln Park-Lakeview border is believed to be family-related, police said March 28.

Around 10:45, a 69-year-old man reported that two people rang his doorbell and then pushed their way into his home when he answered the door in the 2600 block of N. Hampden Ct. The victim was punched in the head repeatedly and robbed of about \$800, according to a report.

Police said the primary offender had a scarf wrapped around her head. She is female, black, and about 40-years-old. The other robber was described only as male. Investigators are following a lead that she may be related to the victim.

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go-area housing market remains quite vigorous,” observed Jeff LaGrange, vice president of RE/MAX Northern Illinois.

“Buyers must be proactive in this market,” advised Rebecca Thomson, president of the Chicago Association of Realtors. “With inventory tightening, buyers may need to account for a longer home search.”

Fewer homes listed for sale this spring make this a “Catch-22” market, Thomson said.

“When the right opportunity arises, buyers will need to act quickly,” she said.

“Consumers seem to be appre-

Another Downtown robbery

Police said a cab driver was robbed in the heart of River North during the bustling afternoon hours March 30.

An unknown offender jumped into the victim’s cab near State and Illinois around 3:30 p.m. and put the driver into a bear hug, according to a report. The robber then took money, a wallet, and a phone from the victim’s pockets before running eastbound on Illinois.

The suspect is described as male, black, 6’-tall, and skinny with long dreadlocks. He was wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans, according to the victim.

hensive about future increases in interest rates and some uncertainties about the impact of the tax reform legislation,” noted University of Illinois economist Geoffrey J.D. Hewings. “With shrinking inventory and concerns about affordability at the lower end of the price scale, 2018’s year-over-year sales numbers are forecast to be lower than 2017.”

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

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-15-12117. 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. 14-15-12117 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 15 CH 012622 TJSC#: 38-2259 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. 13081087 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2 ASSET BACKED NOTES Plaintiff, -v- MARTHA AVALOS A/K/A MARTHA L. AVALOS, CITY OF CHICAGO, CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT Defendants 2124 NORTH AVERS AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60647 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 26, 2014, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 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 2124 NORTH AVERS AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60647 Property Index No. 13-35-117-032-0000. The real estate is improved with a multi unit building containing two to six apartments. 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). 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Tel No. (312) 416-5500. Please refer to file number 250514. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650	(312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 416-5500 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 250514 Attorney Code. 61256 Case Number: 13 CH 25442 TJSC#: 38-2204 13080703 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-4; ASSET- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4; Plaintiff, vs. RAQUEL SANCHEZ-VALENZUELA; THE 623-625 WEST STRATFORD CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-4; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 17 CH 3533 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2018, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 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. 14-21-306-045-1014. Commonly known as 625 W. Stratford Place, #G, Chicago, IL 60657. 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 Plaintiffs 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 13080780 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC; Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH A. COLLINS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; METROPOLITAN FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION; THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; 3110 NORTH SHERIDAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR HARTLAND MORTGAGE CENTERS, INC.; Defendants, 17 ch 660 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, April 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. 14-28-105-089-1039. Commonly known as 3110 North Sheridan Road, 1001, Chicago, IL 60657. 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 Plaintiffs Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 16-033974 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13080786 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, IL-	INOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT Plaintiff, -v- MICHAEL T. MEYERS AKA MICHAEL MEYERS, 3516 NORTH ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 17 CH 3199 3516 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE UNIT 4N AND G-6 Chicago, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 30, 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 3516 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE UNIT 4N AND G-6, Chicago, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-19-408-048-1006 (new); 14-19-408-048-1013 (new); 14-19-408-037-0000 (old); 14-19-408-038-0000 (old). The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$428,932.99. 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, or a unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale,	other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-(i), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com . Please refer to file number F17020258. 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. Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120 NAPERVILLE, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 E-Mail: foreclosurenotice@anselmolindberg.com Attorney File No. F17020258 Attorney ARDC No. 3126232 Attorney Code. 58852 Case Number: 17 CH 3199 TJSC#: 38-1140 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. 17 CH 3199 212121

North Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK) AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2001-4 Plaintiff,

-v.-
JACQUELINE SMITH, YVONNE FINCH FKA YVONNE SMITH, AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, THE CITY OF CHICAGO, CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE, FSB, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. FKA CAPITAL ONE BANK, 111 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DISCOVER BANK Defendants

10 CH 00492
111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G CHICAGO, IL 60611

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 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 111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G, CHICAGO, IL 60611

Property Index No. 17-03-225-078-1333.
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$441,712.80.
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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 53129.
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

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CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 53129
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 10 CH 00492
TJSC#: 37-11083
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III Plaintiff,

-v.-
STEPHEN A. DOZIER, CARL SANDBURG VILAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 2 Defendants
13 CH 03208
1460 NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE UNIT 1403A CHICAGO, IL 60610

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 16, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 17, 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 1460 NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE UNIT 1403A, CHICAGO, IL 60610

Property Index No. 17-04-207-086-1064.
The real estate is improved with a high-rise condominium with parking garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance 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).

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For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5pm. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 416-5500. Please refer to file number 8025.

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Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 13 CH 03208
TJSC#: 38-1599

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,

-v.-
TED J. MULLER, GRACE MULLER A/K/A GRAZYNA MULLER, RLF MORTGAGE CORPORATION, THE 910 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MICHIGAN AVENUE LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
17 CH 6771
910 S. MICHIGAN AVE., APT 1612 Chicago, IL 60605

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 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 910 S. MICHIGAN AVE., APT 1612, Chicago, IL 60605

Property Index No. 17-15-307-036-1216.
The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$199,655.43.
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, 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 17-5015.

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E-Mail: ipleadings@johnsonblumberg.com

Attorney File No. 17-5015

Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 17 CH 6771
TJSC#: 38-2129

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

-v.-
OLATUNDE W OMOSEBI, PARKSIDE OF OLD TOWN MIDRISE LEASEHOLD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
11 CH 23527
437 WEST DIVISION STREET UNIT 1-316 CHICAGO, IL 60610

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 8, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 23, 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 437 WEST DIVISION STREET UNIT 1-316, CHICAGO, IL 60610

Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4022, 17-04-307-054-4224.
The real estate is improved with a condominium, brick with a detached one car garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance 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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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Specialized Loan 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 # 180074
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 May 17th, 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
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17 CH 2144

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Natarstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,

-vs.
Sanimir Stojnic; Emsuda Music; Tiara Home Owners Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants,
Case #16CH11449
Sheriff's # 180046
F16050011 NSTR

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 May 17th, 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: 6147 North Sheridan Road, Unit 19A, Chicago, Illinois 60660

P.I.N: 14-05-211-016-1053

Improvements: This property consist of a Residential Condo

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.
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16 CH 11449

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Fifth Third Mortgage Company Plaintiff,

-vs.
Vanessa P. Keenan aka Vanessa Keenan aka Vanessa Philomena Keenan; Mark B. Keenan aka Mark Keenan; PNC Bank, N.A. s/bm to National City Bank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants,
Case #17CH12842
Sheriff's # 180018
F17090076 FITH

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 May 8th, 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: 5415 West Warwick Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60641

P.I.N: 13-21-121-015-0000
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.

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17 CH 12842

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OCWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff,

-vs.
JUAN J. ROMO; DIANE ROMO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JUAN J. ROMO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DIANE ROMO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

17 CH 12842

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION OCWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff,

-vs.
JUAN J. ROMO; DIANE ROMO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JUAN J. ROMO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DIANE ROMO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

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15 CH 16311
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 24, 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. 13-36-317-020-0000.
Commonly known as 1707 North Troy Street, 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 W15-1633.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v.-
OSON J. CHIN AKA OSON CHIN, JENNIE Y. CHIN Defendants
17 CH 11069

5631 N MAPLEWOOD ST. (COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE SHOWS: 5631 N MAPLEWOOD AVE.), CHICAGO, IL 60659

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 2, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 3, 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 5631 N MAPLEWOOD ST. (COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE SHOWS: 5631 N MAPLEWOOD AVE.), CHICAGO, IL 60659

Property Index No. 13-01-430-009-0000.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$114,816.09.
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

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no less writing letters to the Old Country. She certainly isn't making a home with the grandchildren. They are not much interested in that generation who more likely live somewhere far away. And when was the last time anyone was asked to go up to church and get some Holy Water for the house?

Supermarket magazines are filled with stories about how families no longer eat together in any civilized capacity. Cloth napkins are a thing of the past. They don't fit in with micro-waved dinners. A hatred of vegetables. An intolerance of dairy. And an infatuation with the vegan life.

I am reluctant to sigh over the incredible value that running errands meant to families and individuals decades ago growing up. We might as well try to bring back the Divine Right of Kings or the Druids than bring back inventive American children running errands for the family in the neighborhoods in which they live. It always seemed like the sun was shining brighter and the breezes were fresher when errands were at hand. Little danger lurked on the streets in those days when everyone knew who you were.

Thanks to everyone who ever entrusted me with an errand. Thanks to my grandmothers who never felt conditions were not ripe for such adventure. Thanks to my mother who I suspect knew that shopkeepers and I would get along. That I would scrutinize their service and learn from them the civil nobility of life. Thanks for the chance to purchase those beautiful air mail stamps, and your goodness in letting me lick them on the envelope.

SOUPISOUPIPOUP: Skyline wants to know. Who had the best Matzo ball soup this Passover? Let us know. Send us an e-mail.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR: They say it's true that former Chicago Mayor **Richard M. Daley** (now a Carlisle resident) and his lovely physician girlfriend have reconnected and are hearing songbirds. Nice.

WELL EARNED: Realtor **Janet Owen** honored with Berkshire Hathaway's "Best of the Best" and "Diamond Chairman's Circle Award" at last week's annual companywide Awards event. She must not have any wall space left! You make us proud.

"FIRE" DEATH: Popular Chicago actress **DuShon Monique Brown**, 49, of the NBC hit "Chicago Fire," has died following a cardiac episode. Her friends and fans are devastated. She was generous, a giving person all her life. Peace.

BYE-BYE TOWER: The long goodbye has begun. **Colonel Robert McCormick**, the long-time Tribune boss, and his grandfather, Chicago Mayor **Joseph Medill**, Tribune founder, were no nonsense individuals. But the exodus underway of the newspaper from its legendary Michigan Avenue home summons historic sadness for all. The development of this tower back in 1922, began with an International design competition of some 260 entries. The Roaring Twenties set in motion a new commercial stretch north of the river that created Boul Mich, and displayed architecture equal to its newspaper's world class journalism. Shifting finances, dubious ownership and shifting regard for the printed word have complicated the Tribune's fortunes. The staff of journalists, editors, publishers and union activists now relocate to the Prudential Building soon. Though regrettably

anti-Irish, anti-Jew and unwelcoming of immigrants in the past, the Tribune learned to get along with its non-Wasp readership. After 80 years in the tower and some 90 years around town before that, the Tribune remains indispensable, even if they did not welcome our grandparents to town.

BEST BISTRO: Had a spectacular dinner in a hot spot, in my 'hood, Boeufhaus, at 1012 N. Western Ave. on the edge of Ukrainian Village, high-end bistro, serious about food, great steaks, of course, and oysters, plentiful fish, but classic onion soup and the appetizer special, "beignet" filled with the meat of the short rib. Owned by Chefs **Brian Ahern** and **Jamie Finnegan**. Check it out. Look it up. Amazing.

O POPPI: Did a very popular Oak Street hairdresser recently find himself in a legal jam when he was stopped for a broken tail light and the CPD discovered a handgun in his trunk? Seems he received the gun from a cousin when a boyfriend was making life hell for him. But he put it in the trunk and forgot about it. Still must go to court with a client defending him.

BIG SPLIT: Word is that newsy **Anderson Cooper** and NYC bar owner **Benjamin Maisani**, his partner of nine years, have decided to split up. They still want to be friends. They say they will remain family. Friends are sad. Mamma **Gloria Vanderbilt** is silent.

SPREAD OUT: A most popular watering hole in the Gold Coast is hoping to secure the sidewalks of their next door neighbor so that they can expand their very popular veranda service.

LITERARY LAUNCH: "The Stendhal Summer," Chicago writer **Laurie Levy's** first novel, will be introduced at the Alliance Francaise, 810 North Dearborn, on Friday, April 20. The event will be held at 12:30 p.m., and there is a fee of \$5. The program will be held in English.

CHICAGO OPERA THEATER: presents "Il Pigmaliote & Rita," a double-bill that spans the life and career of one of opera's premier bel canto composers, **Gaetano Donizetti**. The two works will be woven together to create a cohesive theatrical production featuring the talents of **Javier Abreu** (Pigmaliote/Beppe), **Angela Mortellaro** (Galatea/Rita) and **Keith Phares** (Gasparo). Donizetti's first work and one of his last are presented together as an exploration of love, fantasy and the blurry lines between them. The double bill is conducted by **Francesco Milioto**, directed by **Amy Hutchison** with movement by physical theater expert **Adrian Danzig**. The opening night and main press performance will take place on Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Studebaker Theater (410 S. Michigan). Additional performances will take place on Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m.

WHO'S WHERE? Cardinal **Blase Cupich** was MIA for St. Patrick's Day which means one thing, he's inside the Vatican and helping reset the clocks for the 21st century, bienvenudos!... **Cynthia Olson** has returned from the Mountains of San Miguel, bienvenudos!...Congrats to newly knighted **Sir Richard Starkey**, nee Beatles **Ringo Starr**, as **Prince William**, Duke of Cambridge, transformed him with the wave of a sword... Actor/comedian **Steve Carell** at Farmhouse, naturally howling... **JB Pritzker** (Dem. for Gov.) and **Fritz Kaegi** (Dem. for Assessor) at Gene & Georgetti's pressing the flesh and saying

"thanks"... **Rose O'Neill** and Christie's **Steve Zick** lunching at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill...painter **Peter Axelsen** getting ready with new works for the Old Town Art Fair 2018...politico **Ted Brunsvold** holding court at the bar at Erie Cafe...and I finally made it to the fabulous Marchesa where the grey leather bar is under the genius of **Nikki Friar**, a Chicago staple... and also caught a peek of **Denise Tomasello**, looking fab in the stunning Marchesa dining room...Savvy veteran political journalist **Laura Washington** catching lunch at Milk&Honey looking energized... Judge **Jeanne Wrenn** and attorney **Brendan O'Connor**, celebrating her success at the ballot box and Loyola U's electrifying bball season at Theater/Restaurant on the Lake...and **Jolanta Ruege** looking fine. ...**Joanne Ryan** off for a Paris rendezvous with daughter **Kate Ryan** who has been studying in Prague and showing her the sights of her own collegiate days in the City of Lights...and caught up with young actor **Nate Buescher** (5th grader) breakfasting at Milk&Honey on his way to the first day of shooting his new TV series (untitled) based on "Gone Baby Gone."

BIRTHDAY BASH: Impish **Sean Eshaghy** celebrating his birthday and his Zoroastrian heritage at a traditional Persian New Year (Spring) celebration thrown by the Arts Club of Chicago with an exotic gala lunch from a Persian buffet, with friends and family and a fabulous belly dancer, the incomparable **Vanessa Oliveira**. Appropriately Sean received a portrait of himself, immortalized for the ages, cheered on by Bond Girl **Diane O'Connell**, Turtle Wax's **Dennis John**

Healy, Winston and Strawn's **Tommy Weber**, and gal pal, **Tara**, the Lodge's **Lynn McKeeney** and daughter, **Lauren**, **Lynn Graham**, Col. **Paul Malarik III**, Toomey auctioneer **John P. Walcher**, **Courtney Kennedy**, **Eileen Howard-Weinberg**, **Scott Martin** and **David Williams** among others. Many thanks to Sean's lovely parents, **Dr. Behrooz Eshaghy** and **Carol Blaney Eshaghy** and his bros, **Brendan** and **Brian**.

VAROOOOM: Was a well-known Lake Shore Drive social lady recently encouraged by her condo board (on the QT) to seek garage service elsewhere? And to keep her hands off their garage man who dedicates most of his time to her?

HOW MANY BAGS? Did a successful Chicago real estate mogul make it to O'Hare with his family for a get-a-way only to discover that the luggage was still at home? Glad he has a sense of humor.

BLUE PRINT GALA: SOAR, the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents is hosting the 2018 Blueprint Gala, Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6 to 10 p.m. at the ArtsClub, 201 East Ontario St. Its "Vision Into Reality" Honoree the late **John Vinci**.

EAT LIKE A GREEK: Double cut loin lamb chops at Greek Islands are still the very best in town. They're not cheap. But thick, rich and rare. Skip the starch and have the Green Greek String Beans. Some Malatis Red (wine) rounds out the flavors. Really tops. Ask for "Pete" the waiter.

Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best. -- *St. Jerome*

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violence escalated, ending with the stabbing death of 12-year-old Alexis Stubbs in Uptown.

Town Hall ranked 9th out of 22 districts for most RAPS last year. Other districts in our coverage area include District 24 Rogers Park (with 64 incidents of RAP in 2017); District 20 Lincoln (with 12 incidents of RAP in 2017), and District 18 Near North (with 203 incidents of RAP in 2017).

As recently as 2015, Town Hall ranked toward the bottom of the RAP list, according to a 2015 report by the Chicago Sun-Times.

The newspaper's report found that between Jan. 2011 and Aug. 2015, Town Hall recorded 234 backlogs. Compare that to 239 last year alone. Breaking it down, Town Hall averaged just over four RAPs per month during the Sun-Times study. Last year, the district averaged almost 20.

By comparison, the Calumet District, which ranked #1 for RAPs in the Sun-Times story, had fallen to just 190 backlogs in 2017. Calumet's average RAPs per month fell from about 35 in the paper's study to about 16 last year.

Going hand-in-hand with the scarcity of police is a decline in the percentage of 19th District crimes that are resulting in arrests, according to city data. Since the spring of 2014, the rate of crimes with an arrest has fallen from the mid-20's to the low teens, according to information from the City of Chicago Data Portal.

After failing to fulfill a promise to maintain a manpower level of at least 376 cops in the 19th District, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is now saying that he will return the district to manpower levels seen in 2011. Doing that will require the addition

of 98 officers to the district with more officers brought in to replace every current cop who retires, quits, or transfers. It's a tall order for a mayor who has broken a much easier manpower promise.

This year, our editors identified 24 RAPs in the 19th District through March 22. That's up exactly 100% compared to the same time last year.

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'Oh, this is really important.' When they hear it in their own native language, there's a comfort level that comes with it. They feel more relaxed, they are more attuned and they just understand it better," Nagi said.

Other than language differences, the immigrant population also struggles with taking medicine and eating right, said Dr Rambha Radhakrishnan, medical director at the clinic, adding that most patients were immigrants.

"They may not be recent immigrants. They might be here some time, but they have never assimilated to the mainstream United States culture, so they have their own thinking, and it is our job to slowly, slowly change the thinking and the culture and say, 'You know what, you can do it differently. You do not have to eat this or you have to take your medicine this way,' things like that," she said.

The clinic, which is run mainly by volunteers except for three staff members, ultimately hopes to provide services more days of the week, Zala said.

"People can't afford to choose when they get sick. We want to be able to provide services here, if we can, seven days a week," he said.

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