

Who in their infinite wisdom
decreed that Little League uniforms
be white?
Certainly not a mother.

— *Erma Bombeck*

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The Draken Harald Hårfagre two hours into its 38-day journey from Norway to Chicago.

Navy Pier-bound Viking ship departs Norway

BY BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

The world’s largest Viking ship built in modern times is on its way to Chicago. Draken Harald Hårfagre departed Haugesund, Norway, last Tuesday at 4 p.m. Haugesund time, following a Dragon’s Head Ceremony.

The ship is a recreation of a Viking ship based on archeology, Norse literature, and Norwegian boatbuilding tradition. It is 114’ long, 26’ wide, 78’ tall, and has an 853 square foot sail.

On its way to Iceland, the ship ran into rough sea and had to stop in the Shetland Islands of Scotland for repair to rigging that holds up the mast. Last Wednesday, the ship was in Lerwick, the main port of the Shetland Islands.

From Iceland, it sailed to Greenland, Canada, and on the the United States, following the same

route Vikings took a thousand years ago. Its 3,000-mile journey will take it to Navy Pier, where it will participate in the annual Tall Ships Festival scheduled for July 27-31.

The aim is to explore and relive one of the most mythological sea voyages – the first transatlantic crossing, and the Viking discovery of the New World, more than a thousand years ago. History tells us about the Viking explorer, Leif Eriksson, who discovered America over 500 years before Christopher Columbus.

According to Captain Björn Ahlander, the roughest part of the journey “is the area that should be respected more than anywhere else: the waters of Cape Farewell by the coast of Greenland, among the most dangerous waters of the world,” he said before departing

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First meeting of RogersEdge to be held on Tuesday

Loyola Univ. is working collaboratively with two North Side chambers of commerce and the offices of aldermen Harry Osterman [48th] and Joe Moore [49th] to increase support of the schools and businesses in the Edgewater and Rogers Park communities through the creation of the RogersEdge Business Improvement Initiative. To that end they are hosting two community meetings, the first is a noon Tuesday luncheon at Bar 63, 6341 N. Broadway. This meeting will focus on business improvements

A second dinner meeting will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday at Loyola’s McCormick Lounge, 1032 W. Sheridan (on Lake Michigan, just north of the Sheridan curve). The second meeting will focus

on schools in Rogers Park and Edgewater.

Space for the luncheon is limited and those who wish to attend must RSVP by Thursday to Cecilia Rodriguez at crodriguez8@luc.edu.

To attend the dinner, an RSVP is also required by Thursday to Jennifer Clark at jclark7@luc.edu. Again, space is limited.

The Chicago Community Trust, a private philanthropic foundation, is sponsoring these meeting titled On The Table. They hope to hold a series of gatherings in homes, restaurants and places of worship throughout Chicago, where individuals of diverse perspectives and backgrounds will come together over a meal to discuss the important issues facing Chicago.

Middle class seniors running out of places to rent on North Side

BY KEVIN HARMON

The majority of people in the U.S. who are renters are now older than 50, a fundamental shift over the past decade that reflects the lasting damage of the housing crash and an aging population.

In many Chicago neighborhoods, that number of renters is even higher. What makes this even more interesting are the high costs of rent in neighborhoods that older people want to live in: The Near North Side, Gold Coast, Lakeview, Edgewater, Andersonville and North Center to name several – and that has forced older renters, particularly non-wealthy, seniors out.

A recent finding in a report released by Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies overturns the assumption that the rental market is only the result of 20-somethings flocking to hip urban centers to get reunited with college friends who were also there. Single-family houses are a growing share of rentals. And affordability programs are mounting as apartment construction increasingly targets tenants with six-figure incomes.

All you have to do is look at apartments built in recent years

downtown and on the Near North Side, as well as in Lakeview and Lincoln Park, to back up this notion.

After a divorce, Patrick Saddler figured he could afford to stay in West Lakeview, so he could be near his son, and maintain his social connections. When the 60-something started pricing apartments, he was shocked at how much they had increased

decent neighborhood. Unless you make a pretty penny, it’s tough to afford to live alone for some.”

Nearly 51% of renters have celebrated their 50th birthday, according to the report’s analysis of Census Bureau data. That amounts to 22.4 million households. A decade ago, when the housing bubble peaked in 2006, 47% of renters, or 16.4 million, were older than 50.

“Meeting the housing needs of an aging population and finding housing that is safe and affordable, physically accessible, well-located and coordinates well with support and services is in too short a supply here,” says Cathy Binder.

since he and his wife moved to the area as a newly-married couple in the early 1990s. While the quality of the apartments doesn’t match the prices, Saddler knows he’s in a landlord’s market.

“What they are asking for a small, one-bedroom apartment is out of this world,” said Saddler, who works as a doorman at a high-rise luxury apartment building in River North. “I see why so many young people end up having roommates when they get right out of college and move to Chicago wanting to live in a

In cities like Chicago, demand has outpaced supply and driven rent prices up. Rents in Chicago have increased seven percent between 2001 and 2014 after adjustment for inflation, while incomes fell nine percent, reports indicate.

“It’s a good thing I’ve been at my current job since the building opened and it pays well, otherwise, I would have had to move somewhere where the rent was cheaper,” Saddler said. “There are

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Smart Meters coming to your house this Summer

Symptom of the changing energy industry

BY JAKE EKDAHL

A new technology will soon be sweeping across the North Side, and ultimately, the nation: smart meters.

Unlike traditional meters, which require manual readings by trained professionals, smart meters send automatic readings directly to energy suppliers. This allows consumers and suppliers to see energy use and by-the-hour cost, at any time.

This new ability to view accurate information in near real-time has interesting implications for the energy industry. Because the hourly price of electricity oscillates during the day, this new stream of information will allow consumers to schedule their energy-use cycles accordingly, and maximize savings.

“The data can be really revealing,” said Uzma Noormohamed, a program analyst at the Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation.

Noormohamed -- who has a

smart meter herself -- predicts that, with smart meters, consumers will begin to take a more active role in saving energy and money. Such as using the information to identify what devices need to be unplugged when not in use, or which appliances should be run on nights and weekends. “This is going to change the relationship between people and how they engage with electricity,” she said.

For some consumers, that relationship has already begun changing. Programs that offer customers hourly pricing are available now. ComEd claims participants in its hourly pricing program save, on average, 15% on their electricity supply costs. Participants who are more diligent at checking prices and more willing to adapt their schedules are likely to see greater savings.

In addition to hourly pricing, consumers can also receive alerts on their phone before a “peak event,” which is a time or day that is especially taxing on the energy grid. By receiving these alerts, consumers can choose to use less energy during the peak event, and consequently save money.

Lorena Lopez, who works as an outreach coordinator at the Faith in Place Organization, has been enrolled in such a program since the summer of 2014. “I get text messages and emails letting me know if today is a peak-time day... a day for saving,” Lopez said.

Lopez began to see patterns in her family’s energy habits; when her children came home from school, energy use spiked. Recently however, she has seen reassuring behaviors, “I’ve been noticing that my daughter is turning off lights,” Lopez said.

Being able to view and track her family’s energy usage, especially through a digital medium, has helped Lopez absorb the data. “I’m able to see exactly how much I use on a regular basis,” she said.

But opponents argue that the meters are also opening a Pandora’s box of privacy concerns.

Yes, the smart meters will enable a power company to collect detailed data on a particular home or building, but those readings also gather personal information

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501 fast facts, “We got him” just one of them



By Thomas J. O’Gorman

I have a great book I bought some months ago in the sale pile at Barnes and Noble. The cheap fun and curious information department.

Its called “501 Things YOU Should Have Learned About History.” Anne Rattle and Alex Wolfe are the authors. They did it in 2012 for Pulp Media.

I’ve done several books like this. You write for the publisher. They have already sold the book to some media group in America. The publisher pays the writers up front. No royalties. But you do get a fair check for the work when you start and finish the book.

My publisher was in London. They were very faithful and they liked me. Lunch in London when I would visit. Or a big drink up all day if I flew over from Dublin. All good chaps. Crazy. Fun. Haven’t heard from them in a while. Publishing’s a fickle business. All the work is really done at the Munich Book Fare in Autumn. That’s where all deals are made. Anyway I digress.

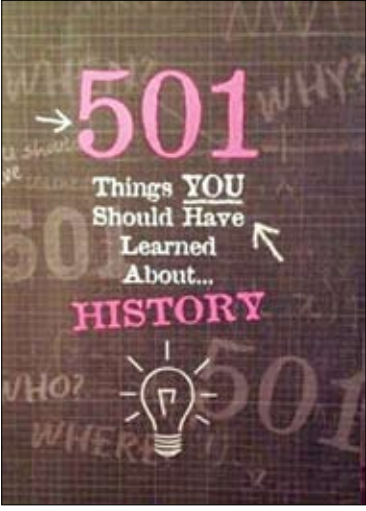
This ‘Things YOU Should Have Learned’ book is concise. It is cleverly laid out paragraphs, some long and some short. Lots of images. Some gnarly. So intensely interesting. Of course it’s made for people who are not regular readers, I would guess. But secretly this is the stuff academics and serious-minded people love, love, love. It’s 250 pages long and it has an index.

They had a good slant on things and were always trying to connect events and people as they went along. Maybe a big paragraph about Ancient Egypt, followed by six “fast facts.” Really cool bits of colorful information.

For instance 300 words on the

Great Pyramids at Giza. Followed by a couple of lines just 50 words a piece about how Egyptians shaved all their body hair. Or concocted some strange cure for blindness. Or how mummies were entombed with their mouths open so they could eat in the afterlife. Or how mummies had their brains pulled out through their nose.

You get the idea. It’s a great transfer of information in a format that is easy but knock-out. Read a few pages and you become an instance expert.



Well, not really. But I am convinced that if you have a larger general knowledge, then this type of work is a great way to sprinkle interesting info everywhere.

Did you know that in 2000 BC crocodile dung was used by Egyptians as a contraceptive? That’s Fast Fact 13.

Always looking for the Chicago connection, I found Fast Fact 172, the founding of the French Colony of Louisiana in 1699 by French explorer Rene-Robert Cavalier, Sieur de la Salle, who King Louis 14 commissioned to chart the Mississippi River. Anyway, before he founded NOLA, he was here on the Prairie in our 606 zip code eyeballing the great inland sea and claiming everything for France. N’est pas?

What was not mentioned was that with him was the Cavalier McCarthy, one of the noble Irish wild geese, who had fled Ireland and went into exile and King Louis’ service. I always tell people, he was the first Irishman to see what would be Chicago.

Not to be confused, however, with “Oleo” McCarthy who lived in my South Side neighborhood growing up and weighed well over 500 pounds. When Oleo died, they had to take him out the 2nd floor window with a block and tackle. I remember riding my bike over to watch. Sorry, I digress.

Fast Fact 209 recalled General Washington crossing the Delaware in 1776. Fast Fact 210, rather timely, noted that Martha Washington is the only woman whose portrait has appeared on a U.S. Bank note. But I am still glad that we will soon have Harriet Tubman, famed American heroine of the Underground Railroad, on the \$20 bill. High time.

I thought of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel while reading Fast Fact 215. In 1803, the U.S. bought Louisiana from France for four cents an acre. Rahm just can’t catch break.

I was dismayed by Fast Fact 243 that recounts how Spanish painter Francisco de Goya died in 1828, killed perhaps by his paint, which was heavy with lead and mercury. I always thought he had been shot.

Sam Patch, just 23, was the first person to survive a jump off Niagara Falls in 1829 (Fast Fact 244).

When Cornelius Vanderbilt complained that his French fries were too thick, his chef cut the next ones so thin that he inadvertently invented the potato chip (Fast Fact 276). The only survivor of the Battle of the Little Big Horn was a horse named Comanche (Fast Fact 314). In the 1890s, Ethiopian emperor Menelek bought three electric chairs from the USA. The only problem was that Ethiopia had no electricity (Fast Fact 328). Vital to the lives of soldiers in the trenches of World War I was having cats with them. They kept down the rat population (Fast Fact 369). And the first Allied air raid on Germany in World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo (Fast fact 408).

Anyway, while this might not be a serious and concise synthesis of the history of humanity, it is really interesting. And it’s fun. I remember finding similar books when I was growing up. I read a lot. But this was really the kind of quenching of curiosity that you need to develop an expansive sense of how life unfolds. It isn’t always a Cuban Missile Crisis or the building of the Berlin Wall. Sometimes it is a frog in the King’s soup. Or like that plane crash in the Andes in 1972 that had people still surviving after some 70 days because they had eaten those who had died before them.

History is at times happenstance, small acts seemingly inconsequential. Its

significance lies in the manner in which other things can be affected or influenced or changed by the forces of life that surround it.

If you stumble upon “501 Things” grab it. You’ll have many hours of delight away from your phone. It will shuffle some interesting facts into your decks of history. And it will demonstrate the manner in which little things trigger big things. And the response to the everyday may be more complicated and fragile than it seemed at first glance.

The last entry (Fast Fact 501) is actually a quote from President Barack Obama upon hearing the news that Osama bin Laden had been killed in a CIA operation on May 2, 2011 - “We Got him.”



Senator Dick Durbin at Irish Easter Rising 100th

IRISH CENTENNIAL: Thanks to U.S. Senator **Dick Durbin** for coming out to the talk on the Easter Rising at 100 at the Gage ... and IL State Senate President **John Cullerton** and IL House Speaker **Michael Madigan** ... huge attentive crowd ... that included Irish Consul General **Orla McBrean**.

Also on hand **Joe Murphy, Fiona McEntee, Connor Kelly, Ann Lawless, Donna Fitz, John Walsher, Austin and Lonnie Kelly, Patrick Lynch, Brian Ralph, Brian Conlon, Breandan McGee, Jim Corboy, Edward Corboy, Ferdia Doherty, Kevin Conlon** and **Mark McNabola**.

We were also delighted to see our friend **Jesus “Chuy” Garcia** in the audience. He was a real crowd pleaser among the Irish.

DINE AND DASH RALPH LAUREN STYLE: What trust funder under 80 (not by much) was spotted by a trust funder over 80 sneaking out of RL on one of those warm days last week? Without missing a beat the older had the waiter put both lunch checks together on their tab. Truly heart-warming.

I’m alerting **Pope Francis**. **WHAT CEO** was lead off the stage by family at a major social function when he lost his train of thought?

WHO IS THE NORTH SIDE beauty who married a career criminal and con man, not for happiness but because he paid her bills, and is now miserable and

hooking up online when a bad streak and felony charge stopped the cash flow?

HALL OF FAME: You know you’re in good company with the likes of **Spencer Tracey, Brian Dennehy** and **Frank McCourt** ... but the late Father **Andrew Greeley** would have taken particular delight in having the Archbishop of Chicago present at a gala honoring his contributions ... and congratulations to the many members of the **Edward Fitzsimmons Dunne Family**, descendants of the only person to be both Mayor of Chicago #38 and Governor of Illinois #24, a man of fortitude and courage, he stood up to President **Woodrow Wilson** at the Versailles Peace Conference in defense of Irish freedom, with the result Wilson punished Dunne by keeping him off the U.S. Supreme Court. And the Irish here helped elect **Warren G. Harding** president in 1920.

ORTHODOX EASTER: Happy Easter to all our Ukrainian, Russian and Greek friends who are celebrating Easter in the Orthodox Churches. Nothing is more beautiful than the sound that rises in the Ukrainian Village of all those Eastern bells lifting in ancient sounds.

PNEUMONIA: I can barely remember how to spell it, but in the past 10 days three people I know who were not feeling very well, but who were relentless with their doctors, discovered that they actually had pneumonia. Difficult breathing, exhaustion, troubled sleep, irritated respiratory system

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Heart of the 'Hood

By Felicia Dechter

young ladies have been hard at work rehearsing for their roles in one of the most memorable musicals that ever was, "The King and I."

From 3 to 7 p.m. on weekdays after school and for four hours each week on Saturday, this trio of adorable girls (who are part of a larger ensemble of kids) have put their hearts and souls into this wonderful spectacle of a show, which runs through May 22.

"The Lyric is a really great opportunity and they're really professional and they're really fun and the people are really nice," said 12-year-old Ana Joy Rowley-Mathews, a sixth grader at Oscar Mayer Elementary School who is making her professional debut in the production playing one of the King of Siam's children.

Currently a member of the DePaul Neighborhood Choir division of the Chicago Children's Choir, Ana Joy has trained in theater in the summer camps of the Emerald City Theater and at Louisa May Alcott School. Singing is her passion, and the show, she said, "is definitely more lively than the regular operas they put on."

"It's a great show and anyone who comes will have a great time," said Ana Joy, who lives in Lincoln Park.

Also making her debut as a theater pro is North Center resident Sophie Mieko Ackerman. Even though Sophie has been acting for less than a year, she has already been cast in commercials for T. Rowe Price and Mondelez International. When she's not prepping for her "King and I," role, Sophie spends her days singing, playing the piano, looking for unicorns, and getting into trouble with her sister, Isabel.

"I'm very excited... I like that I get to sing different songs and I get to act more than just in shows and commercials," said eight-year-old Sophie, a second grader at Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School. "I like meeting the new people and seeing all the costumes and knowing more about how people act and sing."

Already an experienced acting and singing pro at the age of nine is downtown resident Rika Nishikawa, who portrayed Princess Ying Yaowalak in "The King and I," at The Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire. Rika has also appeared at Griffin Theatre, the Ruth Page Civic Ballet, and with the DePaul Prelude Choir,

Compass Creative Dramatics, and Urban National Academy. Her work in print advertising includes projects with the YMCA and The Second City.

"I'm having a fun time here," said nine-year-old Rika, who is home schooled.

She said her favorite parts are singing "Getting to Know You," and being a royal child and, "Having fun with my friends and getting experience in more shows."

People will definitely have a good time if they come to see this musical, said Rika.

"It's really good and all the songs are not sad," said Rika, whose favorite singer/actress is

Pacific."

Krance called the girls, "lovely and smart and just ridiculously talented." She said good tix are still available for Mother's Day week.

"It's a great Mother's Day gift or outing," said Krance.

Endless love... Belated 50th wedding anniversary wishes to our queen of gossip, Ann Gerber, and her beloved husband Bernie Kaplan, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 23. Last week, 12th District State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz presented the pair with a resolution which recognized their spending a half-century together and also expressed congratulations to the happy couple.

Ann and Bernie met at the Edgewater Beach Cabana Club and shortly thereafter, they tied the knot. "I sauntered over in a black bikini and hooker heels and he didn't have a chance," Ann has told me.

Just an FYI, Bernie is the oldest living Harvard Business School graduate in Chicago, and he served as the head of a candy company while also working in real estate. Ann has worked as a Chicago journalist for more than 65 years, and she recently retired from her post in this newspaper as the city's longest continual gossip columnist.

What's amazing is that she started her career while in high school, and worked while attending college at Wright Junior College, Mundelein College, and, smarty that she is, at Northwestern University.

"Ann and Bernard's story is



Ann Gerber and her husband, Bernie, celebrated 50 years of marriage on April 23. State rep Sara Feigenholtz, right, presented the loving couple with a resolution honoring their half century of wedded bliss.

that of the quintessential Chicago couple. They met at the Edgewater Beach Cabana Club," said Feigenholtz. "They have both, individually and collectively, contributed to our community."

Here's wishing Ann and Bernie many more years of wedded bliss!

Good thymes... Please help the "Gardens of Edith" senior gardeners get the tools they need to tend their gardens at the Edith Spurlock Sampson senior apartments, 2460 and 2720 N. Sheffield Ave. Drop off gently used rakes, shovels and spades at the 43rd Ward office, 2523 N. Halsted St., through May 31.

Here's to Mom... for all of you lucky enough to still have your mom around, here are a few fun to-do ways to celebrate. Wishing you all a healthy, Happy Mother's Day!

• The French-inspired patisserie, Vanille, is celebrating mom with a cool photo contest. Through Mother's Day, moms and kids of all ages who stop by one of Vanille's three locations (3243 N. Broadway, 131 N. Clinton St. and 2108 N. Clark St.) can snap a pic of themselves enjoying any of Vanille's specialties for the chance to win an afternoon tea party for 10 people at Vanille Salon in Lincoln Park at the Clark St. location. To enter the Mom, Me & Vanille Photo Contest, post your photo on Facebook or Instagram using #MomMeVanille and also

tag Vanille at @VanilleChicago on Instagram or "Vanille Patisserie" on Facebook. The picture that receives the most "likes" wins!

• The oh-so talented Apollo Chorus, will perform "Apollo on Broadway," featuring arrangements from Gershwin, Rodgers, Porter, Bernstein, and Sondheim for the first time ever 7:30 p.m. Friday at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St. For tix call 312-427-5620 or visit www.apollochorus.org.

Pick up some plants for mom ...

at a Spring Plant Sale benefiting the Rogers Park-based Westwood Manor Nursing Home's greenhouse and garden education programs. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 7, 8, 14 and 15, you can pick up veggie seedlings of tomato, cucumber, broccoli, kale, cabbage, eggplant, peppers and more, plus flowers and sunflowers at Westwood, 2444 W. Touhy Ave. On May 8 and 15, the sale will also be happening at the Heartland Cafe, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave. It's a great cause so hope you can head on over!



Left to right: Sophie Mieko Ackerman, Ana Joy Rowley-Mathews, and Rika Nishikawa are sure to wow the audience with their performances in "The King and I," running through May 22 at the Lyric Opera. Photo by Andrew Cioffi

Selena Gomez. "They're more of a high tone -- like 'Shall We Dance.'"

"The King and I," is the fourth musical in a series launched by the Lyric Opera four years ago, when Lyric decided to do renditions of classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals. Since then, they've had stars with "major Broadway chops," appearing and a lot of wonderful local people as well, said Magda Krance, manager of media relations. A popular musical closes each season, and after this year, next comes "My Fair Lady," and following that will be "South



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that some critics argue is too intrusive.

The information gathered includes unencrypted data that can, among other things, reveal when a homeowner is away from their residence for long periods of time. The wattage readings can even decipher what type of activities a customer is engaged in, such as watching TV, using a computer or even how long someone spends cooking. One need only look at smart phones. The benefits of having one are clear to almost everyone, but it has also become the world’s best tracking device.

Indeed, according to a U.S. Dept. of Energy study, smart meter information “could reveal personal details about the lives of consumers, such as their daily schedules (including times when they are at or away from home or asleep), whether their homes are equipped with alarm systems, whether they own expensive electronic equipment such as plasma TVs, and whether they use certain types of medical equipment.”

With mobile phones becoming increasingly important to keep track of energy use, third party mobile apps are being developed to optimize the smart energy experience. One such app is Chai Energy, which gives consumers suggestions based on how they are using their energy. Much like the Mint app or Chase Mobile app, Chai Energy monitors consumer behavior and presents the data in a way that is easy to understand, and learn from.

Smart meters are being adopted abroad as well; by 2020, every home in Britain will have one.

Though the U.S. is likely to follow in that direction, programs will be implemented at the state

level, rather than the federal level. Consequently, states will adopt this new technology at different paces.

Illinois is among the first states to begin adapting to the changing energy industry, which is evident in the various projects that have sprouted up in Chicago and the surrounding area. The North Side should be getting theirs this Summer.

ComEd has received \$4 million in federal funding to build a microgrid in Bronzeville, that will potentially keep the Chicago Police Dept. Headquarters and other vital buildings running during a blackout.

These independent microgrids are becoming more common. The Illinois Institute of Technology has been running a fully functioning microgrid since 2013. Which not only reduces the school’s carbon emissions by seven percent, but also saves about \$1 million per year. The microgrid is capable of powering every building on the school’s campus, and has a control unit that determines optimal times to use certain types of energy.

Communities have also come together to pour funds into their own energy projects, from which

they all benefit. The Citizens Utility Board and Environmental Defense Fund announced a proposal in March that would allow neighbors to come together and invest in local solar projects. A large building in the area usually

they can take root is sometimes called “leapfrogging,” and it is especially evident in regions where development is taking place at different rates, like Africa and India. Huge swaths of Africa don’t have landlines, because mobile phones made them obsolete before they could get established; and solar energy is revolutionizing rural India by delivering electric lighting where traditional methods failed.

“I’m from Pakistan, where there are a lot of rolling blackouts. Leapfrogging energy systems could work well there,” Noormohamed said. “I think distributed energy systems -- which can work at a neighborhood or community level -- would work in these places.”

In October of last year, director of CleanTechnica Zachary Shahan wrote an article on the Economist Group’s GE Look Ahead website exploring the potential of distributed energy grids. Shahan notes that instead of a traditional supplier-consumer relationship, these new grids would see consumers also producing power rather than just using it.

Shahan also recognizes that the climates of certain areas makes them naturally suited to certain types of energy production: “Regions will end up with quite different grid systems. Sunny places in the developing world that currently lack electricity could very likely end up centered around microgrids and self-reliant solar-plus-storage systems, skipping the development of large, centrally controlled grid networks altogether ... even developed countries like Australia, where this more decentralized approach is quickly becoming cost competitive and grid defection is growing, the end result could be a large number of off-grid homes and business, numerous micrograms, and much smaller grid networks than exist today.”

The growing use of smart meters and microgrids is increasingly subverting traditional methods of producing and distributing energy. In rich countries and poor countries alike, people are beginning to think about energy differently, and sweeping changes are looming.

Still the U.S. Dept. of Energy report recommended that states should consider a condition in which customers can authorize third parties access to smart meter information and that there should be a prohibition on disclosure of customer data to third parties.

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nicer areas that are up and coming where the rent isn’t quite as bad, neighborhoods like Edgewater and Rogers Park, but that would add to my commute time. I guess I’m lucky that I don’t have a car or a lot of stuff and need a lot of space in an apartment.”

The result of those recent numbers means that many area residents must devote more than 30% of their income to rent, a level that local government considers to be financially burdensome. Over the past decade, that number has jumped from 14.8 million to 21.3 million nationally, or 49% of all renters.

The median rent on a one bedroom apartment in Lakeview was nearly \$1,000 in 2015. A little less the farther north you go and a little more the farther south you go downtown.

Housing concerns for older adults of average means is a big deal in Chicago, as well as nationally. Chicago’s older

population is in the midst of unprecedented growth, but the city is not prepared to meet the housing needs of this aging group, says Cathy Binder, a local community activist who works to help provide affordable housing for older middle class adults.

“Meeting the housing needs of an aging population and finding housing that is safe and affordable, physically accessible, well-located and coordinates well with support and services is in too short a supply here,” she said. “Recognizing the implications of this profound demographic shift and taking immediate steps to address these issues is vital to our local and even national standard of living.”

The number of adults in the U.S. aged 50 and older is expected to grow to 132 million by 2030, an increase of more than 70% since 2000. Saddler said he has a friend, a retired teacher who worked in Ravenswood and still lives there, who tried to get by on her pension and a small social security award and is struggling as the Wilson Ave. building she lives in has steadily increased its rent over the years

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amidst building renovations.

“She might have to move to a place that’s more affordable and that hardly seems fair in her case as she is in her 60s and has worked hard all her life and shouldn’t have to worry about things like this,” he said.

But with property taxes projected to spiral out of control over the next decade due to the city’s dire finances and large sums of unfounded government pension liabilities, locals in her situation should not expect relief any time soon. Landlords have only one way to earn the extra money they need to pay rising costs: raise rents.

For many landlords, property taxes are now their largest expense and have become a second mortgage they can never pay off.

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by global real-estate services company CoreLogic shows Illinoisans face the highest median property-tax rate in the nation, one that’s double the national median. For North Side landlords, it is like they are renting their properties too, only from the government.

The pace and scale of property-tax growth over the last few decades in Chicago is overwhelming. Since 1990, residential property taxes have grown 3.3 times faster than the state’s median household income. Simply put, property taxes are going up while salaries for aging middle class baby boomers are stagnant at best.

Wanda Ritchey says she’s contemplated moving to a senior community in Elmhurst, near a close friend, because the rent at that complex was more stable and the apartments were more spacious.

“But I would miss my local grocery store, the coffee shop I frequent, the walks I take on the lake with my neighbors,” she said. “My rent has gone from just over \$600 to just about \$1,000 and I realize that I live in a good building on a good block in a good neighborhood, but that is too much. What makes moving to a place like Elmhurst harder for me is the fact that I don’t have a car.”

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Hefty rent hikes coming to cover property and garbage taxes



The Home Front

By Don DeBat

Hefty spring rent hikes are on the horizon for Chicago's apartment dwellers—especially for renters in neighborhoods outside downtown, analysts say.

Tens of thousands of beleaguered “Ma and Pa” landlords are preparing to be walloped with extraordinary real estate tax hikes reflecting 30%-plus assessment increases when second installment bills arrive in early August.

Experts say the 2015 increases handed out last year by Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios reflect the reassessment of the entire City of Chicago. Tens of thousands of properties were slapped with large assessment increases ranging from 30% to 55%, according to a spot survey by The Home Front column.

“If the 33% assessment increase we received translates into a 33% tax hike, we will need to bump our rents more than \$2,000 a year,” said the owner of a Logan Square 4-flat. “That means a \$75-a-month increase on a typical three-bedroom apartment.”

Mayor Rahm Emanuel says the city needs to raise \$588 million in new revenue to pay for pensions of teachers, police and firefighters. Chicagoans can expect to hear that again for next years budget too. And the year after that, and

the year after that, and, and, and... It's going to be a rough decade for taxpayers friends.

The Chicago property tax wallop comes at a time when Illinois already is recognized for the dubious achievement of posting the highest median property tax rate in the nation, not to mention the highest sale-tax rate in America.

A new coast-to-coast analysis of property taxes by Core Logic revealed that various Illinois agencies and governmental entities now take a combined 2.67% real estate tax bite.

That means that an Illinois homeowner with a residence

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valued at \$200,000 will, on average, pay annual property taxes of \$5,320. In contrast, the national median property tax rate is 1.31%. So, an owner of a \$200,000 home in Indiana, Missouri or Iowa likely pays a property tax bill of only \$2,620.

As if the real estate tax bite were not enough, homeowners and landlords of small rental properties should beware of the new “Garbage Fees of Rahm,” because starting in May Chicago's new refuse charges also will kick in.

Single-family homeowners will pay a garbage tax of \$19 every other month, or a total of \$114 a year retroactive to January of 2016. Two-flat owners will pay a \$38 garbage tax every other

month, or a total of \$228 from January through December this year.

Three-flat owners will pay a garbage tax \$57 on alternate months, or \$342 for the year. The garbage tax for four-unit buildings will be \$76 every other month, or \$456 per year.

Garbage taxes will be included in the city's first unified utility bill, which will reflect two months of water, sewer and garbage charges.

The May water/sewer/garbage bill from the City of Chicago Dept. of Finance's new “Utility Billing and Customer Service” unit will include an invoice for March and April water and sewer service charges and two months of garbage service charges.

The May bill will also include two months of “catch-up” billing for garbage services received in January and February of 2016.

Therefore, in May the owner of a typical North Side four-flat, who currently pays \$198 every two months for water and sewer charges, will be billed an additional \$304 for garbage taxes covering January, February, March and April. That's a total of \$502 in one bill!

With garbage-tax shock like that blowing in the wind, it is not surprising that the city of Chicago—in a rare act of kindness—is waving all late-payment penalties for the garbage tax in 2016. Landlords and homeowners can space out their catch-up garbage tax charges over multiple utility bills without any late additional fees, the city says.

There also are multiple utility-bill payment plan options available to property owners. A 50% discount rate (\$4.75 per month per home or apartment unit) is available to low-income seniors who are enrolled in the Cook

County Assessor's Senior Freeze Exemption program. Visit: www.cookcountyassessor.com.

For more information on the Chicago garbage tax, call the Utility Billing Call Center at 312-744-4426, or visit: www.cityofchicago.org/garbagefee. Or you can call Mayor Emanuel's office -- or your alderman if they were one of the 35 who voted for

approving the mayor's last budget which stuck Chicagoans with \$755 million in new taxes.

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.

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Overtime cuts come to home-care providers

BRANDON CAMPBELL
Illinois News Connection

Starting this week, thousands of people with disabilities and the home healthcare workers who assist them could be affected by Illinois' new overtime-pay policy.

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services is instituting a 40-hour cap to overtime in response to new federal rules by the Dept. of Labor that expanded overtime last year to home healthcare providers.

On Sunday, the state begins enforcing a strict 40-hour workweek limit on home-care providers. Gov. Bruce Rauner said that due to the state's dire finances Illinois can't afford to pay overtime as the new federal law requires. The Associate Press estimates that the move could save Illinois nearly \$14 million each year.

Advocacy groups in Illinois argue the move bypasses new federal rules that extend overtime protections to these workers.

Adam Ballard, organizing and policy manager for Access Living, says the policy essentially allows the state to avoid paying overtime, which has consequences not only

for caregivers, but for the people who rely on those services.

“For people who have live-in personal attendants, those kind of workers often go over 40 hours a week,” says Ballard. “It becomes a huge problem for families in that situation, where there's actually a live-in attendant who's often, but not always, a family member of some kind.”

But Illinois Dept. of Human Services says overtime cuts are needed, as the state can't afford any extra payments due to their dire finances and the months-long budget impasse.

Ballard says he sympathizes with the state's need to rein in spending on some services or create more revenue to balance the budget. But he also believes scaling back on home-care for some of Illinois' most vulnerable residents isn't the way to go.

“The bigger picture is, our state, in order to have a just budget that works for everyone,” says Ballard. “Especially in this program, is to find real revenue solutions, where people who can afford to pay more in taxes are paying more in taxes.”

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Special Series on buying and selling bungalows

The Historic Chicago Bungalow Association (HCBA) has been experiencing a significant increase in requests for information about buying and selling bungalows. Alongside a strong Spring housing market, HCBA has noticed more and more young couples and families recognizing the value of not only the materials and craftsmanship of Chicago bungalows, but the unparalleled opportunities to adapt, maintain, and grow into Chicago’s signature family-home—finishing basements and attics can potentially triple the living space.

While younger generations are moving in, some of HCBA’s baby boomer members are ready to downsize, and asking for advice and assistance in selling their bungalows.

To fill these multigenerational needs, HCBA has partnered with Realtor Ellen Baren to create a series on buying and selling bungalows in Chicago.

Topics include adding value through home sale interior prep

A little to the right, a little to the left, a framed mirror and why would I do that!? Baren will share the basic ins and outs of easy-to-do staging your home for the photo shoot, the WOW(!) factor and the marketing of your property. This seminar will be



Ellen Baren

held Monday, June 6, 6:30 p.m., and the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

All seminars are free of charge and open to the public. Limited space is available. RSVP is required to reserve a seat.

The HCBA was created to celebrate and ensure the longevity of Chicago’s bungalow neighborhoods. By offering owners and potential buyers financial and technical resources to aid in the preservation and acquisition of Chicago bungalows, this program has helped more than 20,000 homeowners throughout the City to purchase, restore, and modernize bungalows for today’s lifestyles and energy needs.

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Swedish Museum begins schedule of concerts

The Chicago Swedish Male Chorus will make its annual appearance in the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St., 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, with a concert of songs in Swedish and English. The Male Chorus, affiliated with the 124-year-old American Union of Swedish Singers, recalls memories of beloved songs from the homeland.

The Merula Choir, founded in 2011, will present its spring concert, “Våren Flyr!” (Spring Flies), in the Museum at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 5. The theme is the journey of Syrian refugees who have fled their homes in search

of opportunities in Sweden.

The Swedish, Syrian and Greek folk songs result from collaboration with violinist Mariela Shaker, a Syrian who is a graduate student at the DePaul Univ. School of Music. Pieces by Bach, Stravinsky and Lina Sandell are included in the program.

Also on the Museum’s spring schedule is the annual Jenny Lind Concert, which will feature performances of classic arias at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, by mezzo-soprano Karin Osbeck, with piano accompaniment by Matilda Lindholm.

The Jenny Lind Concert will

be preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations at \$15 per person must be made in advance at www.SwedishAmericanMuseum.org. There is no charge to attend the concert.

Big drinkers event May 12

On Thursday, May 12, 6 p.m., “City of the Big Drinkers: Chicago’s Swedish-American Community in the Age of Temperance and Prohibition,” a talk by historian-bartender Jim Seaver; the program is followed by a “Sip and See” tour of Simon’s Tavern across the street.

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were some of the symptoms. What about you?

PAWS: Jasper Nowells and



Shaun Rajah, Melissa Meuller

Shaun Rajah are savvy men about town with all the right moves for putting together a successful fundraiser for PAWS Chicago. Devoted doggy parents themselves, they attracted the socially beautiful and the beautifully social to their drinks night at Le Colonial on Rush Street ... A triumph ... I know I saw **Jennifer Sutton Brieve**, **Nina Mariano**, **Michelle Love**, **Niki Farr**, **Muffy Snyder Sanfillipo**, **Gena Venni**, **Bruce Haas**, **Stephen Boisat**, **Bill Rairigh** and **Amanda Puck** ... the Lychee Martini and the Tropical Mango Cocktail were so Shaun and Jasper.

VAN GOGH’S BEDROOMS: Hard to believe that May 10th is almost here. That means that the stunning exhibit of Van Gogh’s bedroom paintings plus 30 other works will be closing at the Art Institute of Chicago. Do not miss the splendid exhibit that features three versions of the artist’s bedroom in Arles in Southern France.

JALISCO ... JALISCO ... Is bus-boy cuddling the newest Gold Coast fad (though it’s been around for ages)? If a survey of one steakhouse and two fancy bistros is any indication, it is. Apparently the management at one de-lux saloon had to request a frequent patron to not be so frisky with the

employees. Turns out the same request was made across the street to the same character.

WHO’S WHERE: MEG & ANTELO DEVEREUX at Magnolia Plantation in Charleston, SC with the camera shuttering ... superb Chicago artist **Adam Holzrichter** has returned from Larvick, Norway where he lived for six months with famed Norwegian painter **Odd Nerdrum**, painting and learning from one of Europe’s most successful and esteemed master painters ... **Emmett Whealan** returned from winter warming in Florida to good health news ... Chicago mystery writer **Sara Paretsky** off to NYC for the “Edgars” the Oscars of crime fiction ... **Sean Eshaghy** in town briefly from NOLA to toast **Dennis Healy** as he was



“Mamma” Emma Scaldo surrounded by her family at Via Carducci birthday bash and looking fab at 93

admitted to the Irish American Hall of Fame and sitting nearby Archbishop **Blase Cupich**, no less. Goodman’s **Robert Falls** spoke from the stage about also being seated near Archbishop. Seems he could not tell any of his best stories on award recipient **Brian Dennehy** fearing several sins might be exposed.

Newly weds **Erin Rigik** and **Adam del Conte** (M.D. now) are thrilled they have found an apartment so they can honeymoon and return in time to start a residency at Northwestern ... back in Dublin after their London marriage this week **J William Curran** and **Peter Rooney**

American bougainvillea, **Michael Kerrigan** in Savannah ... and the wonderful **Dori Wilson** revving things up in Traverse City at a women’s leadership conference.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ZIA: Giovanni Scaldo the hands-on proprietor of Via Carducci on Division and Winchester streets hosted a superb Sunday afternoon birthday party for his 93 year old Mamma, **Emma Scaldo**, with plenty of family and friends, classic Calabrian foods and excessive cakes ... something for everyone ... Mamma enjoyed all the love and the commotion and chilled bubbly on a warm Spring day ... (her classic Lasagna is a popular feature on the menu) ... mange, mange tutti a tavola.

BIRTHDAYS: Vlad Vago, Christie Webber, Mary Jo McGuire, Bridget Flanagan and J William Curran.

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Letter to the Editor

Embrace motherhood

Mother's Day offers everyone a chance to celebrate mothers. Whether one is a mother or not is irrelevant. The fact that you exist means that you made someone a mother.

Loving, effective, committed mothers have never been more needed, especially in our beleaguered communities with the myriad challenges they face in our contemporary world. It is primarily through the reflected gaze of an adoring mother that one develops a wholesome self-esteem and the feeling that one is beautiful. Such a nourishing attachment is not only crucial but paramount for a fulfilling life.

I was fortunate to have had a mother who was as optimal as one could imagine. Some people may not have known their mothers; others may have had mothers who too often behaved in ways that were less than optimal. Such lamentable situations are not only unfortunate but perhaps

even cruel.

Regardless, whenever possible, please consider making Mother's Day special for your mother by honoring her with your individual attention. For one day focus on her. Look at her and keep it human. Minimize using electronic forms of communication if you can. Doing so will pay dividends in ways you may not imagine.

The concept of motherhood—and the possibilities that the life we have been given offers us—should be revered.

The dying Beethoven's last reported words, as his publisher brought him 12 bottles of wine, were, "Pity, pity—too late."

Life is ephemeral. Don't miss your chance to show your mother that you love her. Find a way to value, celebrate, and embrace motherhood.

Happy Mother's Day.

Leon J. Hoffman, Lakeview East

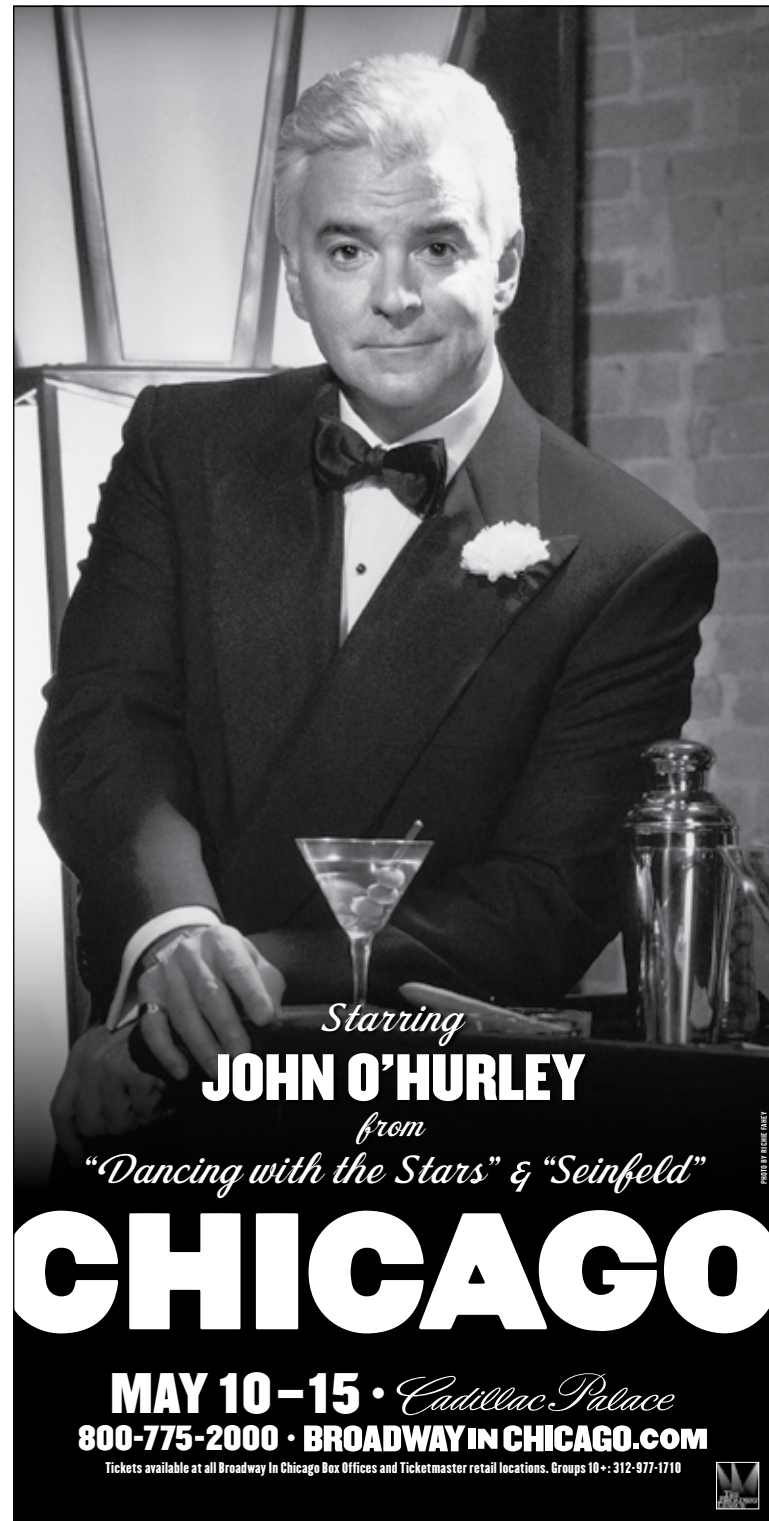
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The 22nd annual Edgewater Neighborhood Yard Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4. The sale boundaries are Foster to Devon, Clark to Sheridan. A record number of eight block clubs are participating this year. In addition, some businesses will hold sidewalk sales and group selling sites will be available. To register to sell, e-mail edgewateryardsale@gmail.com.

Original show written and performed by students at West Ridge Elementary free to community Tuesday

Mudlark Theater and SodexoMAGIC will be hosting the upcoming performance of Mudpie: American Dreams 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, an original show written, interpreted, and performed by students from West Ridge Elementary, 6700 N. Whipple St. Directed by Mudlark's Executive Director Michael Miro, tickets are free to the general public.

Mudpie: American Dreams was created through a four-month arts residency program offered by Mudlark Theater. A group of West Ridge students engaged in a series of creative writing exercises that empowered them to see writing as a fun and compelling tool for self-expression. By the end of the workshops, each writer compiled

a portfolio of original writing pieces that included short stories, fairy tales, poems, and personal reflections.

A selection of these pieces were then adapted for the stage, rehearsed by an ensemble of students, and will now be performed for the school and community at large.

"Mudpie is really a celebration of creativity and writing," says Miro. "None of these kids who came to the workshops thought of themselves as writers... but now they are. Their words are going to be appreciated by hundreds of people, and they will have a lasting memory of having created something of artistic value."

Mudpie offers an assortment of pieces diverse in tone, style and subject matter just like the students who populate the West Ridge community. West Ridge draws first generation children from all over the world, including countries as far-reaching as Israel, Iraq, Nepal, Lebanon, India, Guatemala, and

Bosnia. West Ridge students speak 44 different languages at home, and it is this blend of ethnic and cultural backgrounds that makes West Ridge an extraordinarily unique school.

Miro explains that this diversity is apparent in both the students who are performing and the creative diversity in the Mudpie script, which comes directly from the student's own imaginations and real life experiences. "Part of what makes Mudpie special is the way that it blends together all different kinds of writing. There are pieces where kids reflect on the immigrant experiences of their parents and pieces that explore strange encounters with werewolves and ninjas."

Other topics that get explored include bullying, language peculiarities, and teen crushes. There's also a magical octopus.

For more information about Mudlark Theater, visit www.mudlarktheater.org.

SHIP from p. 1

April 26. "It's extremely windswept and there will probably be a lot of ice."

A multi-national crew of 32 men and women were selected from 4,000 applicants. Captain Ahlander expects them to be in "great physical and mental condition."

"The work onboard is heavy, wet, and cold," he says. "They will be exposed to rain and cold weather with only short breaks to sleep" in a tent that shelters 16 sailors at the time.

The crew sleeps in watches, four hours work, four hours rest. The tent is actually the only shelter there is for the crew besides the ship's two toilets, and the small nook for navigation instruments. There is no "under deck," Draken Harald Hårfagre is so shallow there is only room for ballast and food storage under deck.

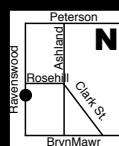
Vikings were Scandinavians who conducted raids into Europe and elsewhere from the eighth to eleventh centuries. The Dragon's Head Ceremony they performed mounts the dragon-shaped head to the front of the ship. It will protect the ship and crew from perils such as bad weather, unforeseen raids, and sea monsters.

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Plenty of speakers, demonstrations available at Science Fest May 13-14

TED Talks creator Chris Anderson will kick off the event with a presentation Friday

The Illinois Science Council [ISC] has announced the lineup of speakers and subjects for the second annual Chicago Science Festival May 13-14.

During the opening event “Systematic Serendipity: How to Engineer a Scientific Breakthrough” 3:30-6 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the 1871 Auditorium on the 12th floor of Chicago Merchandise Mart, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, a series of speakers will discuss research that is helping to address intellectual and societal challenges.

Presentations include: “Big Ideas Generator” by Elena Zinchenko, the University of Chicago’s director of research innovation; “Brain and Learning” by Sarah London and Marc Berman; “Neural Computation” by Stephanie Palmer and Jason MacLean; and “Design by Disorder” by Heinrich Jaeger and Sid Nagel.

Monika Bickert, head of global policy for Facebook, will discuss how collaborations with research universities are crucial for solving pressing social issues during her keynote address “Social Media Data for Social Good.”

A discussion and reception will follow the program, which is free and open to the public. Space is limited, however, and registration is required.

The second day of the festival features 12 different sessions and several demonstrations, all at the 1871 Tech Incubator and MATTER healthcare incubator in the Merchandise Mart.

Martha Hotz Vitaterna of Northwestern University [NU] will talk about the latest

discoveries on the importance of circadian rhythms and sleep for health 10-11 a.m. during “Circadian Rhythms, Sleep, and Your Health - What? How? and When?” Circadian “clocks” are ticking throughout the human body, influencing virtually everything it does, from eating and sleeping to expressing genes in cells. The speaker will discuss how these clocks work, also touching on the impact of the modern, 24-hour society.

During the same timeframe, Liza Lehrer of Lincoln Park Zoo will talk about research that monitors Chicago’s wildlife with camera traps and acoustic detectors. “Chicago’s Urban Wildlife - What you might encounter in your neighborhood” will touch on the biodiversity and unique ecology of large cities while also informing people about ways to get involved in work as citizen scientists.

Doug Turon of the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum will discuss how the Midwest is crucial to saving monarchs butterflies 11 a.m. to noon during “Saving Monarchs and More - Trials, tribulations, and citizen science of tracking and saving species of all kinds.” Attendees will get insight into the complexities of the Endangered Species Act and find out how - and why - average citizens are involved in animal protection.

Neutrinos are the topic of a presentation by Anne Schukraft of Fermilab scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon. The tiny, invisible, neutral neutrinos zip through people and the Earth barely interacting with gravity, light or humans. How does one study such a thing, and why? Schukraft will talk about the challenging research during “The How & Why of Tracking the Invisible, Elusive Neutrino - from the sun, distant galaxies, and particle accelerators.”

Attendees will learn about the cultural and scientific history of psychotropic drugs during a talk 12-1 p.m. by Richard J. Miller of NU. “Your Brain on Psychotropic Drugs” covers the effects hallucinogens including coffee, marijuana, chocolate, LSD, mushrooms and alcohol have on the synapses.

During “The End of Water As We Know It” 1-2 p.m., Seth Darling of Argonne National Laboratory [ANL] will tell his audience that the golden age of abundant, clean and cheap freshwater is coming to an end. Much like oil conflicts influenced the 20th century, Darling says water technology, access and management figure to shape the 21st century, affecting everything from food production to economic function. He will talk about how this point was reached, what lies ahead, and what can be done now to respond and adapt.

Shane Larson of the Adler Planetarium and NU will explain why massive galactic occurrences require super-precise detection 1-2 p.m. during a presentation about black holes and gravitational waves.

“Microscopy and the Mystery of Pablo Picasso’s Paints” by Volker Rose of ANL is 2-3 p.m. Art aficionados wondered for decades about Picasso’s use of paints. Did he or didn’t he? The answer came not from art historians but from the technology of Argonne’s Advanced Photon Source, which produces the brightest, most intense X-rays in the Western Hemisphere. It’s a story about the benefits of looking at things at a molecular level for answers and insights, and a lesson in how both artists and scientists can come to view their work in entirely new ways.

“Deep Ocean Research Adventure - Discovering life waaaaay down under” with Janet Voight of The Field Museum is 2-3 p.m. The planet is covered nearly 70 percent by oceans, but people know more about the surface of Mars than about the bottom of the sea. Scientists do know that, despite the crushing weight of the water and the lack of sunlight, there is life down below. Attendees will learn about the diversity of that life, the technological developments allowing scientists to probe the depths, and the adventure of traveling in the deep submarine ALVIN.

“3-D Printing & Science Research - How tiny things can be made more real and understandable” is 3-4 p.m. with Allan Drummond of the University of Chicago. In recent years 3-D printing has benefited many areas, from manufacturing to medicine. Participants will hear how a yeast researcher’s hobby of 3-D printing fossils as art objects became a viral phenomenon.

“Science and Art of Risk Taking - Courage, Caution, and Chance” is 3-4 p.m. with author Kayt Sukel and Moran Cerf of NU. Popular culture often discusses risk-

taking behavior from billion dollar business deals to sports hobbies in extremes, but neuroscientists are learning that risk-taking is an integral part of learning and skill building. How much control do people really have over the risks they take in life,

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and whether or not those risks pan out? The award-winning science writer and hacker-turned-neuroscientist will discuss smart decision-making and the illusion of free will under uncertain conditions.

Becky Thompson of the American Physical Society will explain how dragon fire matures, how ice walls keep white walkers out, and how summer can last for 10 years in the television show “Game of Thrones.” Her presentation is 4-5 p.m.

Also throughout the day, free hands-on demonstrations stations will be available, offering attendees a chance to experience virtual reality from the world of physics, engineer of a vertical record player, complete neuroscience experiments to mess with the brain, manipulate internal human organs digitally, watch 3-D printing up close, eat insects, and explore the zoo-niverse and prosthetic limbs.

Tickets are \$10 per talk in advance or \$30 for an all-access Saturday pass. On the day of the event tickets for individual talks are \$10-15 and \$40 for an all-day pass.

If all-day passes sell out, no individual tickets will be sold.

Festival precursor

As a precursor to the festival, TED Talks creator Chris Anderson will discuss his new book, “TED TALKS: The Official TED Guide to Public Speaking” at 6 p.m. Friday at the 1871 Tech Incubator.

Since taking over TED in the early 2000s, Anderson has shown how carefully crafted, short talks can be the key to unlocking empathy, stirring excitement, sharing knowledge and insights, and promoting a shared dream.

Anderson has worked behind the scenes with the most-effective TED speakers, and in his book he shares insights from some favorites. The book covers everything from how to craft a talk’s content to how to be most effective on stage.

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Art Center creates dreams on Sedgwick corridor



Founder Charlie Branda in front of part of the Sentrock mural.



"Before I Die" blackboards have been created in over 70 countries.

Interactive public art project invites locals to share aspirations

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY JIM MATUSIK

There's a lot happening on Old Town's Sedgwick Corridor these days thanks to the ambitious vision of Charlie Branda and the art center that she has created.

Art on Sedgwick, 1429 N. Sedgwick, is a not-for-profit organization designed to enliven the neighborhood and provide a creative open environment for all to enjoy.

"We believe that everyone here matters," says Branda. "That diversity is an asset that connects people with the best part of themselves."

The art center is in a temporary space now, but will soon occupy two storefronts in the historic Marshall Field Garden Apartments across the street, purchased last year by Related Midwest and currently going through

"There are many forces in society that create divisions between people and drive them apart," says Branda. "We want to use art to draw our neighborhood together."

different stages of renovation. The property, built in 1929, consists of 10 buildings that take up two entire city blocks. Now families are excited about having a safe space for their kids in the form of an innovative art center and are giving their feedback about what sort of art classes would be exciting for their kids.

The center had its third annual Faces and Places art exhibit entitled "You Make This Place Beautiful" last Friday and the crowded opening showcased the artwork of many of its members. "This powerful exhibit draws together students, family and community members under a single dialogue to encourage a shared imagination for beauty and hope in our neighborhood," says Branda.

The Center has wasted no time making its mark on the street. Passersby are first greeted by a giant chalkboard entitled "Before I

Die" that was created on a boarded up storefront originally plastered with Iron Maiden posters.

The original concept is from artist Candy Chang who envisioned it as an interactive public art project that invites people to share their personal aspirations in public.

She created the first blackboard on an abandoned building in her neighborhood after losing someone very close to her.

The project has since gained global attention and one thousand "Before I Die" blackboards have been created in over 70 countries.

The idea for Art on Sedgwick was also inspired by a death.

There was a shooting in front of Branda's house on Evergreen and Sedgwick where a young man was killed. Revealed later to be a gang shooting between local Mickey Cobras and their rivals the Gangster Disciples, the irony was that the victim wasn't a gang member at all, but just caught in the crossfire while going for milk.

At that same time Branda was reading a book called "Make The Impossible Possible" by Bill Strickland. Bill had an epiphany in a ceramics class when he saw how he could create something beautiful out of a lump of dirt and it made him realize that life held more possibilities than he had previously imagined. Later, he created a world-class art center in his neighborhood in Pittsburgh.

Branda had been a commercial banker for 16 years and spent part of that time in a specialized division responsible for banking not-for-profit organizations.

The shooting, the message in the book, and her own NPO experience stirred a conviction within her. "I decided then to create a non-profit art center to inject creative energy and a shared imagination for hope into the neighborhood," she says.

If you are in the area, you are invited to add your own dream to the Sedgwick blackboard.

Just down the street a massive mural by popular local street artist Joseph "Sentrock" Perez explodes off the wall of another abandoned storefront in a blaze of colors.

"Students had input into



Student artwork at the opening.

what they wanted to say to the neighborhood and how the mural should communicate the message," says Branda. "Students from Walter Payton College Prep worked on the project along with Sentrock to complete the vision."

Sentrock migrated to Chicago from Phoenix three years ago and his vibrant and striking style quickly captured the local art eye. He has evolved from a graffiti artist into a muralist and gallery artist and his "Birdboy" character can be seen in other murals around the city.

"Growing up in the 'hood it was like I was surrounded by gangs," says Sentrock, "and it was like, if I just keep focused on art, that's all I care about, and as long as I'm not on drugs and I am not in prison, I was like man, I'm doing good with my life."

His mural is painted on what is the back of the Noble Horse theater one street east on Orleans. The stable was built in 1871 but is

now in poor condition after being set on fire by radical animal rights activists. It now has a future date with the wrecking ball. It, like the old Tiptre Hardware building on North Ave., will be replaced by multiple stories of gleaming glass and steel that seem to make little sense in this historic Old Town neighborhood.

Creativity is the opposite of destruction and at least creative consciousness will prevail and thrive in two brand new storefronts on the Sedgwick Corridor.

"There are many forces in society that create divisions between people and drive them apart," says Branda. "We want to use art to draw our neighborhood together."

You can visit Art on Sedgwick's informative website at artonsedgwick.org. There you can learn about the different classes, upcoming events, or information about becoming a part of this thriving art community.



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Police Beat.....

Break in, robbery and arson alerts issued by police for North Side

The Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] has issued a series of warnings about criminal activity patterns on the North Side.

• Two CTA passengers were robbed in separate incidents that detectives say may be connected. In both cases, a robber targeted victims who were sitting alone in train cars during overnight hours. The suspect is described as a male black in his 30's who stands about 6'-2" tall and weighs about 195 lbs.

Police say attacks took place on Red Line trains near Fullerton on April 12 and near North Ave. and Clybourn on April 21.

CTA surveillance cameras captured images of the suspect at the Fullerton CTA station.

• Residential burglaries were committed on the Near North during April when unknown offender(s) made entry to a residence and remove the victim's property. These incidents have occurred on the 200 block of W. Hill on April 19 in the evening; on the 1300 block of N. Dearborn on April 20 in the early afternoon; and on 1400 block of N. Dearborn on April 25 in the afternoon hours.

• Police are warning about a series of burglaries in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, but detectives have not yet determined if the cases are related, according to another community alert.

Investigators are hoping to collect tips or security footage of the break-ins that took place in these locations: the 2100 block of N. Sheffield on April 4, during the morning hours; the 700 block of W. Webster on April 10, 2016 in the early morning; the 1900 block of N. Sheffield on April 16, in the evening; the 900 block of W. Webster on April 18, in the evening; the 1800 block of N. Sedgwick on April 20, in the afternoon; the 2000 block of N. Magnolia on April 21, in the early morning; and the 2000 block of N. Seminary on April 22, in the afternoon.

Some of the burglaries involved defective locks and unlocked doors, CPD said. Citizens with information or images are being asked to contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8382.

• Arson investigators have issued an alert after six fires were set in Lakeview and Lincoln Park alleys.

Police say someone set fire to garbage cans in a half dozen locations between 4:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. on April 25. Some of the fires spread to nearby garages.

Fires were reported in the 2800 block of N. Cambridge, the 1100 block of W. Oakdale, the 2900 block of N. Seminary, the 700 block of W. Oakdale, the 1100 block of W. Wolfram, and the 2700 block of N. Racine.

Police are asking neighbors to secure the lids to their garbage cans. Large items should not be placed in alleys until pick up days, the alert says.

Anyone with video or information about these incidents are asked to call investigators at 312-746-7618. Refer to case HZ239011 or pattern P16-N-088.

Robberies continue record-setting pace

Muggings in Lincoln Park, Lakeview and other North Side neighborhoods are being reported at a record-setting pace, according to CPD data. Among the most recent cases:

• A Lakeview man told police that he was attacked from behind by an offender who jumped him, punched him in the face and fled with his phone around 3:20 a.m. April 30 in the 1000 block of W. Grace.

The suspect is described as a 6'2" tall male Hispanic who's about 29 years old.

• A woman told police that she was chased by four men in a black sedan who attacked and robbed her around 10 p.m. April 26 in the 3800 block of N. Lakewood.

The woman said one of the men jumped out of the rear passenger-side door, assaulted her and took her purse. He got back into the vehicle, which fled southbound on Lakewood, westbound on Grace, and then north on Southport, according to a witness.

The offenders were described only as three male blacks with a driver who may have been female.

Two charged in fire that gutted 126-year-old Lakeview home

A man and a transgender woman have been charged in connection with a fire that gutted the second floor of a 126-year-old Lakeview East home. Both are free on bond.

Witnesses told police that they saw Keith L. Williams, 23, and Ryan Handzel, 20, walk out of the abandoned home at 651 W. Aldine moments before flames appeared from its second floor around 6 p.m. on April 24, according to court records.

Both admitted to being inside the building before the fire was discovered, police said.



Ryan Handzel



Keith L. Williams

Williams and Handzel were arrested on the scene and each has been charged with three counts of criminal damage to property and one count of criminal trespass.

Molten tar fell from the burning home onto nearby cars, leading to two of the criminal damage counts, according to witnesses and a police report.

The third damage charge alleges that the duo "recklessly by means of fire" damaged the home itself.

Handzel, who did not list a home address but hails from Crystal Lake, has no previous arrests in Cook County, records show.

Man running with cash register faces burglary charge

A convicted burglar who is currently on parole for theft is charged with breaking into a Lincoln Park store and running off with its cash register on April 24.

Police say they saw Kenneth King sprinting down a side street with a cash register on his shoulder around 12:30 a.m. as they responded to a burglar alarm at Lush Cosmetics, 859 W. Armitage.

CPD says King's initial response to his arrest was asking, "did somebody see me do it? Is it on video?"

King, 36, is a Black P-Stone gang member who was given three concurrent two-year sentences for Lincoln Park and Lakeview theft cases in in 2014. He was released after serving only six months in prison, according to state records. His bail is set at \$200,000.

Just four hours after King was taken into custody, front doors were smashed in at two Lakeview businesses. The cash box was taken from Clark Street Sports, 3465 N. Clark, around 4:40 a.m. Moments later, a cash register was stolen from Salad House, 3176 N. Broadway.

Also reporting similar break-ins are Tolotzin Mexican Cuisine, 4431 N. Broadway, and Gramophone Records, 2843 N. Clark.

Man brought gun to work at American Girl Store, say CPD

An employee of the flagship American Girl Store at Water Tower Place faces a felony weapons charge after bringing a loaded handgun to work, according to court records.

Store managers told police that Jamell Jackson, 24, was seen placing a silver handgun in his locker before work on April 16. Officers



Police still looking for Blue Line assailants

Chicago police are still looking for a female and male offender [above] who approached a DePaul student who was sitting on a CTA Blue Line train around 10:50 a.m. April 28 and attempted to take her cell phone by punching and beating her. One offender also bit the victim in the hand attempting to take her cell phone.

The first offender is described as a male

black approximately 25-35 years old; 6' tall and 180 lbs. with black hair wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. The other was a female black approximately 18-25 years old; 5'-6" tall and 120 lbs. wearing a dark colored 'Aero Postle' sweatshirt and black pants.

Anyone with information on the suspects is asked to call the Bureau of Detectives – Area North at 312-744-8263.

say they went to Jackson's locker, which has a clear front panel, and a silver Cobra semi-automatic handgun containing five live rounds was lying in plain sight.

Jackson told officers that he obtained the gun from a friend "for protection" after his brother got robbed on 78th St., police said.

The Grand Crossing resident is charged with aggravated unlawful use of a loaded weapon.

Woman murdered in traffic at Peterson and Ridge

Chicago police are searching for the killer of a 21-year-old woman who was shot dead 12:55 a.m. Monday while idling in her SUV at a red light at the intersection of Ridge and Peterson avenues.

Police now say that Karina Soria-Bautista, of the 4900 block of N. Rockwell, was driving with her boyfriend in an SUV when she was shot. Police believe the shooting was intended for the boyfriend, a known gang member, who was seated in the passenger seat.

While stopped at the light, a gray car pulled up alongside them and a man inside that car opened fire. After being shot, the woman drove northwest on Ridge one block before finally pulling up alongside Patch Landscaping, 6107 N. Ridge Ave., where the SUV was found.

The woman, whose name has not yet been released, was shot in her head and rushed to St. Francis Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. No arrests have been made.

Store owner says he's being harassed and robbed

Ownership at N Sabah Connection in West Ridge has reported being harassed and on one occasion robbed by a small group of males who often loiter outside their shop.

Three clerks filed a report April 28 with at the 24th Police District in Rogers Park. According to the complaint, between three and four males have been loading and unloading from either a Honda Civic or Toyota Camry in front of the store between midnight and 4 a.m.

The men, who were described as "Middle Eastern" and in their 20s by the owner, step inside the shop and handle merchandise or ask for cigarettes. On one occasion the men took packages of cigarettes from the counter and ran out the door, according to the owner.

The case was referred to Area North detectives and surveillance footage reportedly was being collected by the store's manager, police said.

Man briefly hospitalized after strong-arm robbery

A West Ridge man was hospitalized briefly with minor injuries after he was punched multiple times and robbed while walking home with several bags of groceries.

Officers responding to a robbery call found the 28-year-old about 1 a.m. in the 2200 block of W. Devon Ave., according to a Chicago Police report of the incident.

The victim said he was walking home when an unidentified man appeared "out of nowhere" and clobbered him in the face with a punch before dropping down and hammering at his

ribs with several more shots.

When the victim dropped to the ground, his attacker fished through his pockets and took a wallet with around \$100 cash inside, according to police. He ran, leaving the victim on the ground, and escaped.

When police arrived the victim said he had been in a panic during the attack and could not make a detailed description. He was taken to Swedish Covenant Hospital and treated for bruising to the ribs and face before being released, police said.

Teen conned after posting resumé on babysitting websites

A 19-year-old woman who had posted her name on several babysitting job websites was conned out of \$2,550 by a foreign woman who had approached her claiming to be in need of her services during a vacation. After the fraud the victim told police her bank balance had plummeted to negative \$760.

The scammed woman made a report April 23 with CPD.

In her statement she claimed that a woman who presented herself as a Puerto Rican with plans to make an extended stay in Chicago contacted her by email about locking down her services for a small child.

After discussing the job, the Puerto Rican woman sent a check via certified mail for \$2,850 that she said was to be used to purchase car seats and several toys for her child to use during the stay. The babysitter was told to deposit the check and, when it cleared, to send \$2,550 back through Bank of America to an account number given her by the Puerto Rican woman, according to police.

After seeing the check had cleared online, the teenager transferred the funds through Bank of America and waited to hear back. After several days she checked her bank balance and saw it had gone well into the red, according to the report. When she called her bank she was told the check's routing numbers had been invalid and that the funds had been removed from her account.

Student robbed

A student at Loyola Univ. in Rogers Park claimed he was robbed at gunpoint around 1:30 p.m. April 26 near the school's campus.

Officers spoke with the 19-year-old near the 1300 block of W. North Shore Ave., according to police. The student said a vehicle had approached him swiftly, slammed on the brakes while a man in the backseat rolled down the window and pointed a gun at him.

One of the men exited the vehicle and took the victim's backpack and i-Phone. Lost in the bag were a Ventra card and around \$200 cash, police said. Officers toured the area but did not make any arrests.

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Weird car hijacking story doesn’t check out, police say

Police on April 25 arrested a man accused of hijacking a vehicle at gunpoint in Rogers Park but reduced the charges to receiving stolen property after doubts surfaced about the original hijacking claim, according to a report of the incident. Officers responding to an 11:30 p.m. armed hijacking call outside the Shell gas station at 7138 N. Sheridan Rd. found a 37-year-old man claiming his vehicle had been taken at gunpoint.

According to the victim’s statement, he had gone inside the gas station and returned to find a man sitting in the driver’s seat of his vehicle. After jumping in the passenger side, the man behind the wheel hit the gas and began driving out of the parking lot with the passenger-side door still swung open.

As the vehicle approached the street, the driver allegedly pulled a handgun and struck the vehicle owner in the face, knocking him out of the black, 1997 Mercedes and onto the pavement where he skinned his knees and hands, according to the report.

The hijacker then drove off, but the victim’s cell-phone remained inside the vehicle. The victim’s girlfriend, who was the vehicle’s true owner, began tracking the phone via GPS and reporting its location to her boyfriend, who relayed it to police officers at the scene.

The Mercedes was stopped approximately five blocks north in the 7600 block of N. Sheridan and the driver, a 62-year-old man, was arrested. But rather than being charged with armed hijacking, police charged him with receiving a stolen vehicle, driving on a revoked license, failing to keep in lanes while driving and multiple charges of disobeying stop signs and lights, according to the arrest records.

No reason was given behind the reduced charges.

Man’s vehicle hit in crossfire

A man’s vehicle was damaged when it was caught in the crossfire of two men shooting at each other across N. Western Ave. in West Ridge.

The 23-year-old told police he was on Rosemont Ave. at Western Ave. when two men on opposing corners began firing at one another. His vehicle, which had emerged from an alley as he attempted to turn onto Western, was hit multiple times by indiscriminately fired rounds, according to a shooting report.

He fled the scene to a nearby Dunkin Donuts and called 911. Officers met him near the shooting scene and canvassed the area but did not make any arrests. A second witness described the two vehicles the shooters arrived in and said there had been shouting back and forth before the shots went off, according to the report.

Police catch two of three teen robbers, but not the gunman

Police arrested two teenagers while a third escaped from an April 22 armed robbery in Rogers Park near the CTA Red Line stop at Howard St.

Two 15-year-olds were handcuffed in the parking lot of the Payless Shoes, 1751 W. Howard St., after running west following the robbery. The third robber ran from police out of the parking lot headed further west and was not caught, according to a report of the incident.

The 49-year-old victim said he got off the “L” and walked to a Currency Exchange around 12:50 a.m., believing it was open all night.

When he found it closed, he began walking east toward a bus stop at Sheridan Rd. when he encountered the teenagers, police said.

The teen who eventually escaped had pulled a black revolver and said, “You know what time it is.” One of the other boys stepped forward and went through his pockets, taking \$140 cash, while the third acted as a lookout, police said.

Afterwards, the robbers took off west while the victim called 911 before flagging down a passing patrol car and showing police the direction the teens had run. Officers caught them one block west of the crime scene. The alleged weapon used during the robbery was in possession of the teen who escaped, police said.

Teen shot in the leg in West Ridge

A 15-year-old was shot in the leg in West Ridge April 25 but was expected to survive the injury.

According to the victim, he was walking with two friends in the 2300 block of W. Granville Ave. when two men across the street in the alley began shouting “What’s up?” at their group.

Then, without warning, one of the men raised a gun and began firing at them. He said he felt a pain in his leg and dropped, knowing he’d been shot, the victim told police. Officers recovered six bullet casings at the scene.

A witness told police the shooters appeared to be one male and one female dressed in black. They were seen running east on Granville Ave. after the shooting, the report states.

The victim was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston with a serious but not life threatening injury to his lower right leg.

Armed robbery of pizza man

Two armed robbers took a delivery driver’s cash and pizza April 13 during an armed stick-up in West Ridge.

The 54-year-old Villa Palermo driver met with officers at the restaurant about 11:45 p.m., police said. According to the report of the interview, two black males in their late teens or early 20s pointed a handgun at him in the 6300 block of N. Claremont Ave. and demanded his valuables.

The driver, who surrendered \$200 cash along with his cell-phone, house keys and the delivery order, said a neighbor at the apartment he was attempting to make the delivery for believed the unit was empty. Police have the phone number the order was made from and are investigating the incident.

Taxi driver runs bicyclist off road

Police were looking for a combination Blue Ribbon taxi and Uber driver who allegedly attempted to hit a bicyclist with his vehicle April 6 in Rogers Park.

According to the 35-year-old victim, the driver made several attempts to side-swipe her with his vehicle while headed south on Glenwood Ave. around 5 p.m.

Two separate witnesses, one of whom was inside the cab at the time of the attempted attacks, told police the victim was telling the truth. The passenger said she ended the ride immediately and got out. Officers recovered the driver’s information from her but multiple attempts to contact him were unsuccessful, according to police.

The woman said the confrontation started while she was pedaling east on Albion Ave. toward the intersection with Glenwood, where she was turning south. The cab attempted to rip around her to the left and nearly struck her she said.

She encountered the cab a second

time at Glenwood and W. Devon Ave., where the driver had a blinker on as if he would be turning west. He allegedly switched off the blinker after seeing her and began following her down Glenwood, where he twice attempted to run her off the road.

Man threatens to shoot victim in the face during robbery

An unidentified robber stuck a handgun in a man’s face April 11 and threatened to murder him if he didn’t hand over his cell-phone, according to police.

The incident happened about 12:40 a.m. in the 1700 block of W. Lunt Ave., according to police. The 44-year-old victim said he was walking west on Lunt Ave. when a black male in his middle-20s approached and pointed the gun at the center of his face.

“Give me your cell-phone or I’ll f—ing kill you!” screamed the gunman into his victim’s face, according to the report.

The victim had given over his iPhone when the gunman told him not to do “anything stupid” and keep walking west, which he did. Officers toured the area but did not make any arrests. Afterwards, they drove the victim home.

Bicycle theft leads to gunplay

A man who attempted to get back his stolen bicycle April 8 was threatened by a 15-year-old with a handgun in Rogers Park.

The victim, 16, told police that an acquaintance had, along with two accomplices, stolen the bike on April 1. Several days later the victim had found the bicycle for sale on the internet and made a plan to get it back by posing as a buyer, according to his statement to police.

The victim, alongside four friends, arranged to buy the bike back from the thief at a meeting place in the 2000 block of W. Fargo Ave. When they arrived as a group around 7:50 p.m. and the bicycle thief saw the victim approaching, he allegedly lifted up his shirt to reveal the handle of a semi-automatic weapon. All of the witnesses corroborated the victim’s version of events to police. Officers toured the area but did not make any arrests.

Man beaten in parking lot, police arrest culprits

Three men who allegedly pummeled and robbed a man April 8 in Rogers Park were arrested by police during a tour of the area after the incident. One of the alleged attackers later would attempt to lick the victim’s blood from his hands after asking to use the bathroom at the 24th District police station, police said.

The 51-year-old victim said he was walking through a parking lot in the 1700 block of W. Morse Ave. around midnight when the three men approached him demanding money. One of the attackers grabbed his arm and demanded \$100 dollars before punching him in the face, according to the report.

After the first man had swung, the remaining pair jumped in and began battering him, with one shot breaking the victim’s nose and the rest knocking him to the ground. The men took a cell-phone from his pocket and smashed it on the ground before leaving without any money.

Officers responding to the robbery call spotted three men matching the victim’s description while touring the area afterwards. The men were handcuffed and returned to the scene where the victim identified them as his attackers, according to police.

The victim was treated at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston for

serious but not life threatening injuries.

Burglary with man at home

Police officers visited a West Ridge man who said three men invaded his home April 7 during an apparent burglary attempt.

The 51-year-old said he was napping about 4 p.m. when three men entered his house and walked into his bedroom. He was dragged to the living room and monitored by one man while the other two searched the house, according to police.

After several minutes the men left without taking anything, according to the report. The victim said one of the men appeared to be a former tenant of the building. No arrests were made that day, according to police.

Woman says she was robbed at gunpoint in building’s lobby

A West Ridge woman told police she was attacked from behind and robbed in her building’s lobby April 8 by a man carrying a handgun.

The 32-year-old said she arrived home around 9:40 p.m. but had not noticed anyone following her into the building in the 2700 block of W. Rosemont Ave. She felt a presence behind her and turned around to find a man pointing a handgun at her, according to her police statement.

The gunman told her if she moved he would shoot her. She gave the man a \$400 Samsung cell-phone and \$150 cash. He ran from the building and escaped headed an unknown direction. Police toured the area but did not make any arrests.

Man wanted for child luring

At 6 p.m. April 26 a female juvenile was walking home from school and as the juvenile reached the 4500 block of N. St. Louis Ave., the driver of a white Jeep vehicle pulled up alongside the curb next to the juvenile. The unknown male driver honked his horn and through the passenger side motioned for the

juvenile to come over to the car. The juvenile ignored the unknown males request and kept walking away which angered the unknown male who kept blowing his horn at the juvenile.

The unknown male continued to follow the juvenile another block placing the juvenile in fear for her safety. The juvenile stopped into a store in the 3500 block of W. Montrose where 911 was called. The unknown driver waited outside the store for a few minutes then fled westbound on Montrose.

the offender is a male white Hispanic, approximate 40-45 years old, with a bald head. Police are asking anyone with information on this suspect call 312-744-8200 and refer to RD#241336.

Woman wanted for child luring

At 6:35 p.m. April 20 two juveniles walked past the 6700 block of N. Whipple near Chippewa Park to retrieve a dodge ball when an unknown female in the passenger seat of a black SUV vehicle rolled down her window and said “hi kids, come over here, I have some candy.” This alarmed the juveniles who walked away quickly.

The unknown woman was in the company of a young man who was the driver. After retrieving there ball, the juveniles returned past the playlot and upon seeing the vehicle and its occupants still parked, ran home to their residence and alerted the parents.

The unknown passengers are a white female white, approximate 20-30 years old, wearing a dark scarf covering over her head. The unknown driver was a white male, approximately 17-20 years old, wearing a baseball cap with a straight brim and a t-shirt.

Police are asking anyone with information on these suspects call the Area North Bureau of Detective at 312-744-8200 and refer to RD#233827.

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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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 239-3432 Please refer to file number 14IL00165-1.

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14 CH 13890

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION URBAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. Plaintiff, -v-

GERALD P. NORDGREN SOLELY AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SHERMON REDMOND (DECEASED), LINDELL LYONS, THERESA LYONS-HOTSTHEIM, JACKIE LYONS-COOK, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHERMON REDMOND (DECEASED), UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 14 CH 681

1334 N CENTRAL AVENUE Chicago, IL 60651 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 16, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 7, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: The North Half of the North Half of lot 78 in Todd's subdivision of the North Half of the South Half of the East Half of the North East Quarter of Section 5, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the third principal meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 1334 N CENTRAL AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60651 Property Index No. 16-05-223-026-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$157,491.28.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 239-3432 Please refer to file number 13IL00450-1.

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RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 239-3432 E-Mail: il pleadings@rsmalaw.com Attorney File No. 13IL00450-1 Attorney Code. 46689 Case Number: 14 CH 681 TJSC#: 36-5215

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14 CH 681

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. Plaintiff, -v-

DOROTHY HARRIS Defendants 15 CH 9813 941 N. LAWDALE AVE. Chicago, IL 60651 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 7, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Lot 41 and the South 1/2 feet of Lot 42 in Block 2 in Diven's Subdivision of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 941 N. LAWDALE AVE., Chicago, IL 60651

Property Index No. 16-02-323-007-0000. The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The judgment amount was \$148,754.95.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 239-3432 Please refer to file number 15IL00303-1.

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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.

15 CH 9813

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. Plaintiff, -v-

LOREAN HARDWICK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 15 CH 8074 1024 N. LAVERGNE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60651

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NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 1024 N. LAVERGNE AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60651

Property Index No. 16-04-410-032-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$118,724.54.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 239-3432 Please refer to file number 15IL00307-1.

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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.

15 CH 8074

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R6 Plaintiff, -v-

DIANE M. KRUEGER, LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1993 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 118255 Defendants 14 CH 19065 4112 N. KOLMAR AVENUE Chicago, IL 60641 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 16, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 20 (EXCEPT THE NORTH 12.50 FEET) AND THE NORTH 18.75 FEET OF LOT 21 IN BLOCK 2 IN CRANDALL'S BOULEVARD ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 4112 N. KOLMAR AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60641

Property Index No. 13-15-317-046-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$202,173.75.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESITVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C14-96403.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESITVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C14-07018.

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POTESITVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago, IL 60

Results of 2016 participatory budgeting election announced after another record voter turnout

BY ALD. JOE MOORE
Special to News Star

Over 2,100 residents of our community cast ballots in the “PB49” election, which represents a 16% increase over last year’s turnout and constitutes the largest voter turnout in the seven-year history of participatory budgeting in the 49th Ward.

The voters this year decided that 65% of the \$1 million allocated for participatory budgeting should be devoted to street and alley resurfacing and sidewalk repairs. As a result, four blocks of streets and six alleys will be resurfaced and approximately two blocks of sidewalks will be repaired.

For the remaining portion of the budget, the voters selected the following:

- One hundred more trees planted on City parkways in Rogers Park, replacing some of those lost in last August’s “super cell”

- storm;
- New streetlights and alley lights adjacent to Sullivan High School and Kilmer Elementary School;
 - Improvements to Dubkin, Paschen and Loyola Parks, including a concrete entryway at Dubkin Park (Ashland and Fargo), a 15-foot fence around the Paschen Park basketball courts (Lunt and Damen), and two chess tables in Loyola Park (along Lake Michigan); and
 - New streetlights on Greenview from Greenleaf to Touhy.

When we launched the 49th Ward PB budgeting process seven years ago, we had high expectations for our neighborhood. The 49th Ward has a proud history of civic engagement, and we knew that our constituents would embrace this process.

But the participatory budgeting elections have exceeded even our wildest dreams. They are more than elections. They are community celebrations and an

affirmation that people will participate in the civic affairs of their community if given real power to make real decisions.

We are proud to report that our participatory budgeting model continues to spread across Chicago and the entire nation. Seven other Chicago aldermen have adopted participatory budgeting in their wards and cities as diverse as Long Beach, CA; St Louis, MO; and Greensboro, NC, have joined New York City; Boston, Massachusetts; and Vallejo, CA in adopting “PB.”

This is a people-powered process from beginning to end. From the initial planning stages to its final implementation, the process is driven by scores of community volunteers. My staff and I extend our deepest gratitude to the members of the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Leadership Committee and the 49th Ward residents who volunteered countless hours as “Community Representatives.” We especially want to acknowledge 49th Ward residents Roberta “Bobbie” Patzold and Gwen Smuda who co-chaired the Leadership Committee and devoted countless volunteer hours to ensuring the success of our initiative.

And kudos to my 49th Ward Service Office

staff—especially Cecilia Salinas, who is my lead staff coordinator for the Participatory Budgeting process, Kevin O’Neil, my chief-of-staff, and Wayne Frazier, who oversees ward infrastructure projects. Bob Fuller, Michael Land, and Ann Hinterman of my staff also pitched in to support the work of the Leadership Committee and community representatives.

For the first time this year, PB49 voters were able to cast their ballots online thanks to the able assistance of Stanford Univ., Professor Ashish Goel and his Crowdsourced Democracy Team. We hope to use Stanford’s expertise in digital technology to expand voter participation even more in future elections.

We also wish to extend my gratitude to Josh Lerner and Maria Hadden of the Participatory Budgeting Project and Thea Crum of the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago Great Cities Institute for their ongoing guidance and support.

Finally, and most importantly, my thanks to the residents of the 49th Ward who voted in this historic election and took democracy into their own hands. My staff, our volunteers and I are all proud to represent this community.

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL ILLINOIS INC. Plaintiff, -v.- LEONILLO A. LAUDE, ROMANA C. LAUDE, EDILBERTO C. RAZOTE, CONSTANTINA V. RAZOTE A/K/A TINA V. RAZOTE, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, TARGET NATIONAL BANK, DEPARTMENT STORES NATIONAL BANK, DISCOVER BANK, BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 14 CH 014839 1444 W. WINONA STREET CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 27, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1444 W. WINONA STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-301-032. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-14-13826. 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@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-14-13826 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 14 CH 014839 TJSC#: 36-5146 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. I691882

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff, -v.- SLAWOMIR ZMIJOWSKI, MALIBU EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 14 CH 13351 6033 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 43K Chicago, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales

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Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 13, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: UNIT 43-K IN MALIBU EAST CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED ON SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCR- Commonly known as 6033 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 43K, Chicago, IL, 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-215-017-1473 VOL. 472. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$266,677.82. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 14-0542. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 14-0542 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 14 CH 13351 TJSC#: 36-2952 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. I691020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION T R U S T Plaintiff, -v.- ALBA LETICIA RAMIREZ A/K/A LETICIA RAMIREZ, MARCOTULIO AGUILAR Defendants 15 CH 3566 6303 NORTH FAIRFIELD AVENUE 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 March 14, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 15, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6303 NORTH FAIRFIELD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60659 Property Index No. 13-01-201-021-0000. The real estate is improved with a 2 unit home; no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee

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acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1500659. 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. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 E-Mail: pleadings@pierceservices.com Attorney File No. PA1500659 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 15 CH 3566 TJSC#: 36-3367 I690389

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSETBACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007 -AMC4; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE; Plaintiff, vs. SOPHELIAN K. BELCHER; AARON GRAY, JR.; ONEMAIN FINANCIAL, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE WESTERIA LODGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 15 CH 13058 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 18, 2016, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 20, 2016, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 1311 W. LUNT AVENUE, UNIT 201, CHICAGO, IL 60626. P.L.N. 11-32-114-032-1004.. 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 within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. Ref. No. 15 - 0 1 8 3 6 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I690559 2020202020

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plants. He also helped out in the public display areas and fed the Koi fish that live one of the conservatory’s indoor ponds.

“Working with the horticulturalists today showed the tremendous commitment the Lincoln Park Conservatory has to the diversification and maintenance of its wide array of plant species. I would like to thank the Lincoln Park Conservatory for allowing me to work with their staff today, and educating Chicagoans and visitors alike on the role of plant life in our ecosystem,”

Quigley said.

Designed by Chicago architect Joseph Lyman Silsbee, in collaboration with architect M.E. Bell, the conservatory was built in stages between 1890 and 1895. It was built to capitalize on the 19th century public’s interest in the natural world. In

the 1890s, many sought relief from urban living through outdoor hobbies, such as the study and classification of plants and

animals. Silsbee’s design evoked an exotic style and the structure featured a palm room, a fern room, an orchid room, and show houses.

The conservatory has always had a dual purpose. It has always been meant as a place to display beautiful flowers and plants but also to grow the thousands of flowers needed for use in city parks.

In addition to the Sago Palm, the conservatory has had a long track record of being able to grow rare and exotic plants. Behind the scenes, Amo and his colleagues are growing such rare plants as Corpse Flowers (which take more than a decade to bloom and have a disgustingly pungent smell) and Brown Spiderwort (Siderasis fuscata).



Brown spiderwort

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Chicago's Lincoln Park Conservatory meant to be antidote to rapid industrialization



U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley had chosen Earth Day as a way to raise awareness about the conservatory and to also learn firsthand about the conservation work being done at the historic Chicago institution. Behind the scenes, Quigley helped move around some of the larger plants.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PETER VON BUOL

Since first opening in 1890, Chicago's Lincoln Park Conservatory has been among the city's top visitor attractions. Operated by the Chicago Park District [CPD], it is open 365 days a year and is one of the few remaining civic attractions which does not charge an admission fee. Each day, thousands of visitors, including many school children, visit Lincoln Park's tropical oasis.

To keep its many flowers, trees, shrubs and ferns in top condition, the CPD employs a team of expert horticulturists to care for them. Interestingly, many of these plants are not even on display. Some are grown for other facilities, such as the Garfield Park Conservatory. Other plants are grown for display outside during the warm months. Plants displayed in seasonal shows are carefully tended behind-the-scenes the rest of the year.

At the time of its construction, the Lincoln Park Conservatory, located at the corner of Fullerton and Stockton Dr., was meant to be an antidote to Chicago's rapid industrialization. From its earliest



Hanging lobster claw (*Heliconia rostrata*)

days, the conservatory was meant to bring to Chicago a bit of a tropical paradise.

Among its original collection was a century-old tree known Sago Palm. Not actually a palm, this tree today is on display in the conservatory's fern room. The



Sago Palm

historic tree is actually a Cycad (*Cycas circinalis*), an ancient form of seed plant.

The tree was considered such a significant attraction that many who attended the World's Fair of 1893 journeyed up north to see the tree.

Floriculturist Victor Amo is among those who care for the conservatory's many tropical plants. For him, working at the Lincoln Park Conservatory is a matter of stewardship. He cares deeply about the plants entrusted to his care and for those who

choose to visit.

“We have so many visitors who come to the conservatory looking for the plants from their homeland. They come from places as far away as India, China, Japan and Latin America to see the plants from their childhood,” Amo said.

Amo said he also appreciates being able to work on the conservatories seasonal flower shows. To him, it is more than simply displaying pretty flowers and plants.

“For me, it is important we are helping to create memories. People come here for the big holidays and special occasions. We are open 365 days a year. The flower shows are a part of that,” he added.

On April 22, Amo was joined for a day by U.S. Rep. Michael Quigley (5th). The congressman worked alongside Amo and others at the conservatory. Quigley had chosen Earth Day as a way to raise awareness about the conservatory and to also learn firsthand about the conservation work being done at the historic Chicago institution. Behind the scenes, Quigley helped move around some of the larger

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