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More Uptown shootings, cops ask to lockdown schools

Alderman promises community meeting in a 'few weeks'

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

A passenger suffered injuries from graze wounds or debris in Uptown's latest shooting incident around 6:30 p.m. May 4.

But it doesn't seem that the neighborhood's recently re-elected alderman is particularly concerned about the six-week old rise in gang shootings that has left five people injured in over a dozen incidents.

Ald. James Cappleman [46th] said after Saturday's incident that he "will be hosting a public safety meeting in the next few weeks."

One might expect that he would step up his game after winning re-election by just 25 votes last month, but apparently not.

Police found shell casings and a parked car with bullet holes in

Two shot Monday at Argyle Red Line station

One man is in critical condition, and another escaped with minor injuries in a double-shooting at the Argyle Red Line CTA station on Monday afternoon, police said.

The men are the sixth and seventh persons shot in Uptown since a gang war was re-kindled with a double shooting about a block from the CTA station on March 19.

A police department source said officers witnessed some or all of Monday's shooting via surveillance cameras.

Police said the men were

on the Argyle platform shortly after 4 p.m. when both were shot.

A 34-year-old man was struck in the back, stomach, buttocks, and groin, police said. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital in critical condition. The second victim, a 41-year-old man, suffered a graze wound and declined medical treatment. Eight shell casings were found on the Argyle station platform.

The critically-wounded man

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front of Uplift High School at 900 W. Wilson on Saturday. Another car with bullet holes drove up to an officer at a nearby fast-food restaurant where an ambulance was summoned for the passenger.

Police said the victim may have been grazed or injured by material from the car door.

Saturday's incident was just the latest in a string of recent shootings and "shots fired" incidents

across Uptown. On May 2, a 20-year-old man narrowly escaped being shot as a gunman chased him for several blocks while firing shots during the morning rush hour. No one was injured.

The target and his girlfriend were walking near the intersection of Lawrence and Kenmore when they crossed paths with the gunman just after 8 a.m. The offender began shooting and chased the victim northbound on Kenmore.

"Don't run," the gunman reportedly yelled as he squeezed off four more shots on Kenmore Ave. More rounds were fired as the men ran through a yard, down an alley, and back across Lawrence Ave.

A window was shot out at the Lawrence House Flats apartment building, 1020 W. Lawrence Ave., police said.

Cops found shell casings in sev-

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Michelle Rubino is the new 24th District Commander.

New commander at 24th District

Police Supt. Eddie Johnson announced changes to his command staff that will result in a new commander for the 24th Police District in Rogers Park.

Effective immediately, Michelle Rubino becomes the new 24th District Commander, replacing Roberto Nieves, who served as 24th District Commander since 2015.

Cmdr. Rubino has 23 years of experience in the Chicago Police Dept. She most recently served as a lieutenant in the 17th Police District and has extensive experience in tactical and operational assignments. Rubino was instrumental in developing data platforms that remain in use by the department. She also served in the Bureau of Organized Crime.

Construction to begin on Decatur and Rogers School additions

Contractors are ready to begin construction on the new annex additions at Rogers Elementary School, 7345 N. Washtenaw Ave., and Decatur Classical School, 7030 N. Sacramento Ave. The city says that residents can expect to see the work begin over the next few weeks.

Rogers is receiving a large addition that should ease the school's overcrowding. The annex will add new classrooms, a state-of-the-art kitchen, spaces for music, theater and the arts, science labs, and a new playground with a track.

Decatur will also be receiving an annex addition that will allow the school to expand to accommodate 7th and 8th grade students. The linked annex will add new classrooms, and include a kitchen, a new gymnasium, a library, and a brand new playlot and parking lot.

These projects are part of \$40 million in funding that is going to West Ridge schools.

A glimpse into Chicago's broken towing, booting, ticketing system

BY JIM VAIL

Did you ever wonder what happens when your car gets towed by the city and you have to pay \$200 to retrieve it; but don't have the money?

According to a recent investigative report by WBEZ, the city sells one in four towed vehicles, and it pays a contractor with the residents' cars, yet the city barely makes any money off the transaction.

This is a nightmare for many of the city's lower wage earners who can't pay the city's hefty fines, and it is a big reason why Chapter 13 bankruptcies are now skyrocketing in Chicago.

WBEZ has been hammering the city on its unfair "regressive" ticketing and towing policies that focus on making money off its lower-income residents. They have done extensive reporting on city tickets for parking and City Sticker violations, and how the excessive fines that get piled on top of the ticket and towing fees have forced some people to declare bankruptcy. The city has now agreed to form a task force to address the issue.

ProPublica recently released an

in-depth analysis of its study on racial patterns in individual bankruptcy filings and outcomes. The analysis focused on bankruptcy trends in the Western District of Tennessee, which includes Memphis, and the Northern District of Illinois, which includes Chicago.

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The analysis found that the Chicago area's black neighborhoods are driving the spike in Chapter 13 bankruptcy filings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Since 2009, the rate of Chapter 13 filings in black areas in the Northern District has doubled. In 2015, the Northern District saw more consumer filings than any other district in the nation, thanks to the massive increase in Chapter 13

bankruptcy cases.

The report found that black debtors in the Northern District of Illinois were around four times likelier than white debtors to choose Chapter 13 over Chapter 7 [in which debtors frequently see their debts discharged]. This occurred despite the fact that most of the people from predominantly black neighborhoods filing Chapter 13 did not have real estate holdings.

ProPublica says this trend is being driven by low-income black debtors who can't afford to pay Chicago traffic tickets. If a motorist doesn't pay their traffic tickets in Chicago, their driver's license can be suspended and their vehicle can be impounded, either of which can be a financial disaster for a low-income household.

If you were caught double parking, leaving your car parked too long on the same street or parked on the wrong side of the road during the winter, your car could have been towed and left in a walled-in island of seemingly endless cars off N. Sacramento Blvd. or four other city auto pounds.

Data now shows that one out of every four cars that is towed

in Chicago will be sold to a private company, some for as little as \$143. The city recently improperly towed a wheelchair lift van valued at \$15,000 and sold it to the private company for \$15. WBEZ analyzed Chicago's towing practice for over three years and examined hundreds of thousands of towing records to determine that the city's towing system is broken.

The private contractor that the city uses is paid in towed cars, and "the financial sustainability of Chicago's towing relies largely on squeezing huge sums of money from communities that have the least ability to pay." When people's cars are towed, many can't get to work.

The city has a winter parking ban on streets between 3 a.m. - 7 a.m., even if there's no snow. Many say that the Chicago ban shouldn't even exist, as it's been eliminated in other cities, WBEZ reported.

They stated that "the city likely loses money on enforcing the ban" and residents are more likely to be towed when it doesn't snow. The city removed portions of the

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Oh dear, bread and beer. If I were dead, I wouldn't be here.



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

It's the wee hours of the morning, 4 a.m., and I'm waiting for the snow to fall. Everyone is juiced up at the meteorological warnings for what seems a bazaar turn of events. Climatically. I have homemade chicken soup in the freezer, I am ready for anything.

My sister, Mary Regina and I, had most fortunate childhoods, growing up with our grandparents as essential people in our lives. Only now do I realize how that placed the experience of their cultivated lives as a measure of our own. What we aspired to. What we believed about life and responsibility.

Our maternal grandfather, Timothy O'Connor, was dead by the time we came along. But that still left us three grandparents to roam through our lives. We were grandparent-enriched. Our Grandmother Nora Ryan O'Connor lived with us. And just three houses away from ours, my O'Gorman grandparents held court. Pipe smoking there was, of course, essential. So was poetry and music, Arthur Godfrey, Carmel Quinn, Jack Eigen, the White Sox, homemade bread and apple tart. The kettle always on the boil. Conversation always in the air.

By today's standard our grandparents were mature, and all Irish through and through. Each one possessed of their own unique

brogue. The lilt of language that made their every phrase a song. When it wasn't a prayer. It may have been the times, but we were very religious, like Buddhist monks atop a Tibetan peak. We always considered the religious practices of our beloved Dominican nuns to pale in comparison to our grandparents. They practiced their devotion to the Catholic faith with both familiarity and authority.

We were praying along with them as soon as we could talk. As tiny tots we knew our way around all the religious rituals that gave us certitude and comfort. We were on board with sacrifice, penance, sanctifying grace, fish on Fridays and the responsibility of walking to Church with any grandmother who needed a companion. We may have been children of the Cold War, but we were warmed by the love and devotion of larger-than-life grandmothers who always smelled talc-sweet. And a grandfather, like the fragrance of burning turf, who inspired adventurous loyalties to the cause of Irish freedom. Amid all the commotion and song of childhood, we inhaled some essential elements of being not only good Catholics, but first rate Americans. After all, we had a teenage uncle who died fighting the Nazis in the snows at Bastogne.

Being the grandchildren of immigrants placed a special responsibility on each of us to live patriotic lives. Shaped by the lessons of American independence, we had to be fair and truthful like George Washington. Honest and uncomplicated like Abe Lincoln. And no nonsense like Harry Truman. The stars and stripes our faithful banner. Our everyday pledge of loyalty to it a commitment of daily honor.

We learned from our grandpar-



Grandma Nora Ryan O'Connor

ents' experiences of leaving their parents' homes as teens and sailing to America. Getting over their sadness by trading it for dreams of a new life in a special land.

Our Grandmother, Nora O'Connor, was a woman of thoughtful reflection. She lied about her age when catching the boat at 15. She lived in Chicago with family from her Irish village. And she was soon dusting the marble stairs and statues in the mansion of the Buckinghams who gave Chicago its emblematic fountain in Grant Park. And the gold statue of "Hamilton" in Lincoln Park. Her happy demeanor also led her to do nanny work for the young artist Norman Rockwell at his home in the Berkshires. Grandma Nora's long life of 97 years, five children, widowhood and the occasional Brandy Alexander, gave her a wide base for practical philosophy. My sister, her lady-in-waiting for many years, recalled recently for me some of her ripest wisdom. She would often quote these bon-mots in passing-on life's secrets, when she wasn't watching Fahey Flynn, TV newsmen, or quoting columnist Dorsey Connors' latest do-it-yourself household hints.

Grandma Nora was a firm believer in the effect patience had on opportunity. She did not believe in instant gratification. She always took the slow wait, the calm road, in which ideas, like her bread dough, would ripen and rise. "Keep a thing. It's use will come," she was fond of saying. You may not have need of some thing today, but in time you will discover its essential use.

Grandma was a gentle persuader. She drew few lines in the sand.

You changed nothing by force, you had to show people the right way, the better way. Give people an example of how to live and you changed them forever. "A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still," she'd say. She loved to challenge any brutes around her with it. She knew that to change someone's way of thinking, you have to change their hearts. Then the brain will always follow.

Grandma never weighed more than 87 pounds. But she loved her homemade scones with lots of butter, and cherished crisp bacon. She was a wonderful cook of cozy vittles, lavishing salt from every shaker. But she had learned the essentials of a slim figure in her youth, like Rose Kennedy. She often would tell a chubbier grandchild, "Thoroughbreds never run into flesh." She knew a trim jib made every sailing easier. Hers was the common sense of the paddock and track holding the wisdom that light flesh gives added speed.

We could always count on Nora to share some essential of life, a tidbit learned as a girl in a foreign land and as a mom with a house full of kids and a husband who worked for the Burlington and Ohio Railroad in the Chicago of Mayor Big Bill Thompson. That was in the 1920s when the family bathtub was essential for use in a small bootlegging operation. I'm sure she lifted her chin with pride as they stirred their homemade gin, convinced of the goodness of their concoction. Delighted the Irish could be so enterprising. "If you sewed on a Sunday, you'd rip the stitches out with your nose in heaven on a Monday." She always took a forgiving and loving tack when faced with the necessities of everyday life. Slight disregards of the moral order carrying little penance for the Lord who strung the stars. Without the essentials to round us out, she knew we'd walk a futile path. Or as she might say, "Such is life without a wife, and a home without a baby."

CONDOLAZIONI: This column mourns the passing of the gentlemanly **Dominic DiFrisco**, Gold Coast resident, Astor St. neighbor and champion of Italian culture. His elegance and comfortable friendship was his Chicago hallmark. A man of easy re-

naissance custom, he lifted many with courtly courage and strength. He helped fashion Chicago as a world-class city. We send love to his beloved wife and family.

ARTS GIANT: The grand dame of socialites, **Jayne Wrightsman**, who married Standard Oil heir, **Charles Bierer Wrightsman** (1944-1986), and was a mentor to **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**, has died at 99. She later sold her palatial Palm Beach home, 'Blythedune,' to **Donald Trump**. Wrightsman amassed an enormous collection of art: Vermeer, Monet, Renoir and Goya during her life, as well as the finest private collection in the US of the decorative arts of the Ancien Regime, ultimately donating many objects (comprising the Wrightsman Galleries) to the Metropolitan Museum of



Dominic DiFrisco

Art in New York. Her 'cultural friendship' with the first lady began while working on the White House restoration. An owner of one of the world's few Vermeer works, she would loan the paint-

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One hundred-years-old and still going strong

Not every nonprofit organization can boast that it is turning 100, but the Anixter Center now can. And it's celebrating its big birthday on May 15 in a way that's sure to be a huge hit, with a fundraiser, A Century of Service, at the 1914 Club at Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St.



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

The benefit will honor the Anixter family, whose vision and commitment to serving those with disabilities has impacted thousands of individuals, helping them grow and thrive within the community. It will be chaired by Dominick Mondì, CEO of Mesirow Financial.

"What a milestone for any agency!" exclaimed Anixter Center CEO Rebecca Clark. "We are incredibly excited to celebrate the 100th anniversary --representing all of the services Anixter has provided to the hundreds of thousands of people over time. We are humbled by all the work that has gotten us this far and energized to continue into the next century."

"Anixter's 100-year celebration at Wrigley is going to be an experience," added Clark. "There will be access to the brand new Catalina Club, the 1914 Club, and the stands behind home plate, as well as pictures with the World Series trophy."

Anixter, which has locations at 6610 N. Clark St. and 2032 N. Clybourn Ave.,

began as the Douglas Park Day and Night Nursery in 1919, serving children who had been orphaned due to the flu epidemic. In the 1950s when the need for orphanages declined, the agency looked to what the need in the community was, and services transitioned to supporting adults with disabilities. Since the '50s, Anixter has served people with a variety of needs through a multitude of programs in both day and residential programming.

Today, its services focus on three groups of people: people with disabilities, people with behavioral health needs and people who are deaf, blind, or hard of hearing. Anixter Center and its division - Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) - help nearly 8,000 children, teens and adults each year by providing a range of supports including employment assistance, residential opportunities, counseling and skill development, and other social services.

"Our clients are a diverse group of people who come to Anixter Center with a variety of needs," said Clark. "Most have at least one disability and many have more than one. While we serve people of all income levels, the vast majority of our clients have incomes significantly below the poverty level. We want to help as many people as we can, which is why our annual benefit is so important," added Clark.



Rebecca Clark, president/CEO of Anixter Center, which is celebrating its 100th birthday on May 15 with a fundraiser at Wrigley Field.

All money raised goes directly to support the programs and services offered at Anixter Center, especially Anixter's Disability Services line of work, said Clark.

"It is important for people to know that Illinois ranks 44th in the nation for supporting adults with disabilities," she said. "These funds will help us support more people to be in the community, help us improve our residential homes that people live in, and help us provide best in class care to those who rely on us at a time when state funding doesn't come close to covering the cost."

If you can't make it to the Wrigley bash yet would love to help this amazing organization, Anixter Center is searching for volunteers for its Jack Ehrlich Literacy Program, where there's a long list of people waiting to be matched with a tutor, Clark said.

The program provides adult learners with free, one-to-one tutoring based on individualized goals. Tutoring can be held on site in Lincoln Park at 2032 N. Clybourn Ave. or at a location best suited for the adult learner and tutor, such as a neighborhood library. From learning the alphabet and phonics to increasing reading levels, creative writing, and computer literacy, the adult literacy program supports adult learners of all abilities. Small group instruction

for computer literacy and creative writing is also available. (Interested? Contact the Anixter Center Literacy Coordinator at literacy@anixter.org.)

Clark said she's "very excited" to see where the next 100 years takes Anixter, as it continues its mission to enrich people's lives.

"Our commitment is to help people be as independent in their community as possible," she said.

Good golly Miss Molly!...

congrats to Rogers Park artist Molly Costello, who was recently chosen by the nonprofit Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) as the recipient of its commission to



Artist Molly Costello.

create a new mural at 6978 N. Clark St. this summer. The mural project is part of RPBA's Vision Clark Street Master Plan, a multi-year strategic plan for the Clark St. business corridor spanning Devon Ave. to Howard St., which includes new landscaping, storefront improvements and the addition of vibrant public art.

Costello is a 12-year Rogers Parker, who moved to the neighborhood from southern

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Luxury home bargain hunters should have many choices

With luxury-home sales softening in early 2019 due to economic factors, wealthy home buyers in Chicago should have many choices this spring, experts say.

Only 380 properties sold for \$1 million or more in the first quarter of 2019, according to the quarterly RE/MAX Premier Luxury Housing Report from RE/MAX Premier of Chicago.

That's a hefty decline of 22.3% in total luxury units compared with the first quarter of 2018. Luxury-home sales slumped 10.2% in the last quarter of 2018. However, luxury-home sales registered a gain of 1.4% for all of 2018.

Despite slower first-quarter sales, the median sales price gained 1.1%, rising to \$1.365 million and the time needed for one of those homes to sell slipped to an average of 190 days from 209 days one year earlier.

Despite those relatively weak numbers, there are some amazing new luxury properties on the market.

Take the 8,800-square-foot penthouse at 840 N. Lake Shore Dr. that recently hit the market at a listing price of \$13.5 million.

This pad, with an unobstructed view of Lake Michigan, pretty

much has everything. Six bedrooms, eight baths, several living and dining spaces, 1,135 square feet of terrace space, a wine cellar, game and media rooms, and an office, noted listing agent Tim Salm of Jameson Sotheby's International Realty.

"This condo is in an elite class, a custom build-out with the highest-end finishes," said Salm. "It is a private full-floor unit with more square feet of living area than most of the largest single-family homes in the Gold Coast or Lincoln Park."

Historically, fewer than 10 condos in the Windy City have sold for more than \$12 million.

The inventory of properties for sale at \$1 million or more in the Chicago area ended the quarter at 2,710 units, only 1.2% less than at the same time last year. All of the decrease occurred in the suburbs, where the inventory fell 2.5%, while the city's luxury inventory expanded by 1.1%.

In Chicago, first-quarter luxury sales were down a whopping 25% to 195 units, the lowest total for that quarter since 2016. However, the median sales price for city luxury homes climbed 7.8% to \$1.485 million, the highest quarterly median price since 2010.

Experts say the first-quarter median price declines likely were caused by the Polar Vortex in Chicago, a volatile stock market and the sharp rise in mortgage rates at the end of 2018.

"The luxury market activity has been slightly sluggish over the

last six months, but a real test will be in the current quarter when sales usually accelerate," said Janice Corley, broker/owner of RE/MAX Premier.

"Typically, we see an uptick in both inventory and buyer activity after the deadline passes for filing income taxes," Corley noted. "I'm encouraged by what we're seeing so far, but we'll have to see if that translates into stronger sales."

Corley noted that the positive news in the first-quarter results is that median prices were generally steady or up and the inventory of detached luxury homes continues to decline although it is still uncomfortably high in the suburbs.

"But in the city, we have just an 11-month supply of detached homes even when you measure it against the first-quarter sales pace," she said.

Luxury Detached Sales

First-quarter sales of luxury single-family homes in Chicago slumped by 11.7% to 106 units. However, the median sales price climbed a robust 9% to \$1,523,288. Average market time dipped to 188 days—17 days less than for the same period last year.

Three Chicago neighborhoods with the most luxury-detached home sales continued to be Lake View, Lincoln Park and North Center, which taken together accounted for 64.1% of first-quarter luxury-detached transactions. Sales climbed in Lake View, up 11.1% to 20 units, and in Lincoln Park, up 16% to 29 units, while sales in North Center fell by 32.1% to 19 units.

"Those results helped boost the median sales price," Corley explained, "because the luxury prices in Lake View and Lincoln Park typically are higher than in North Center," Corley said. The first-quarter median in Lake View was \$1,764,500, and in Lincoln Park it was \$1,621,500.

Elsewhere in the city, luxury detached sales were little changed compared to last year's results. Sales fell by five units in Logan Square, two units in Lincoln Square, one unit in the Near North Side and in West Town, were unchanged in Uptown and rose by two units in Edgewater.



"Even though fewer units are selling, the Near North market seems fairly healthy," noted Janice Corley, broker/owner of RE/MAX Premier.

Luxury Attached Sales

Sales of luxury attached homes in Chicago were especially sluggish during the first quarter, with 89 units changing hands, 36.4% less than in the same quarter last year.

The median sales price gained 4.7% to \$1.4 million, and average market time rose to 169 days from 132 days a year ago. The inventory of luxury units on the market at the end of March was 635 units,

an increase of 6.9%.

Each of the six city communities that lead the attached luxury market registered a sales decline in the first quarter compared to the same period last year, including the Near North Side, which traditionally dominates the attached luxury market and accounted for 49 sales, representing 55% of all city luxury attached sales during the first quarter.

"Even though fewer units are selling, the Near North market seems fairly healthy," noted Corley.

"What we're seeing are fewer sales of what might be called entry-level luxury properties, and more sales at the high-end, which explains why the median sales price there gained 18.6% for the quarter to \$1.845 million."

Elsewhere, attached luxury sales fell 42.1% in Lincoln Park to 11 units, a whopping decline of 68% in the Near West Side to 8 units, a drop of 36.4% in the Loop to 7 units, hefty slippage of 60% in the Near South Side to 6 units and a drop of 37.5% in Lake View to 5 units.

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Two-flats going, going... gone?



The fate of this greystone two-flat at 1436 W. Berwyn become a symbol of the fight to try and protect two-flats on the North Side.

Unique Chicago using stock being targeted by moneied-set for extinction

BY PATRICK BUTLER

According to more than one local real estate expert, the once omnipresent two-flat apartment building could be on the way out.

"In many Chicago neighborhoods with strong real estate markets, we've seen a growing demand for single-family homes" which are in short supply in many "hot" neighborhoods, according to Geoff Smith of DePaul University's Institute of Housing Studies [IHS].

In fact, DePaul's IHS, WBEZ radio, and Chicago Magazine have all done recent reports on how the disappearance of two-flats in many formerly working-class neighborhoods is part of what has been killing the supply of affordable housing on the North Side.

Like the bungalow, the once-ubiquitous two-flat had long been "Chicago's answer to the Brooklyn Brownstone and the Georgetown Row House," states Chicago Magazine. Since the early 20th century it has been "performing the duty to which it was first called – that is serving as both shelter and source of rental income for striving families."

But according to IHS' Smith, that future could be in question, at least in some "hot" North Side neighborhoods with a big demand for single-family housing and precious little vacant land.

compared to \$860 and up, urban planner Michael Babcock, who has been tracking housing trends since 2015, told the Curbed Chicago. That's meant a loss of at least 5,600 units, especially in neighborhoods like Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Lincoln Square and North Center where the impact has been "astronomical."

But at least some Edgewater residents aren't ready to lose their two-flats lying down, said Dan Luna, chief of staff at the 48th Ward aldermanic office.

"We recently more-or-less downzoned a community bounded by Foster, Glenwood, Bryn Mawr and Clark street from RT-4 to RS-3" to make it impossible to build much larger buildings, Luna explained.

"And we weren't the first," he said, noting that part of the adjoining 40th Ward did something similar about 10 years ago," adding that some of that area's residents came to several 48th Ward community meetings to show how it could be done.

Downzoning gave the community control over future development in the area and helped to prevent the future demolition of two-flats.

Indeed for many in Edgewater, a fight over a handsome and historic greystone two-flat at 1436 W. Berwyn become a symbol of East Andersonville's fight to control future developments in the area and draw a line of defense

in the sand. Ald. Harry Osterman was swayed to downzone the area based on the neighbors strong concerns. The downzoning change went into affect Sept. 20, 2018. "I agree with those in support of this rezoning and believe it is in the best interest of the community," Osterman said at the time.

DePaul's IHS, WBEZ radio, and Chicago Magazine have all done recent reports on how the disappearance of two-flats in many formerly working-class neighborhoods is part of what has been killing the supply of affordable housing on the North Side.

"We did it last year, but the process started about two years before. There was a lot of hard work and due diligence going on," Luna said, adding that while there was some resistance, there was a petition signed by 400 residents supporting the concept.

"And I'm hearing others are interested in looking into this, trying to get all the facts," then make a decision, he added.

Best of Lincoln Park Awards will be June 20

North side residents can soon nominate their neighborhood favorites for this year's Best of Lincoln Park Awards, given by the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce. Nominations can be submitted beginning Wednesday, May 15 and winners will be announced during an awards ceremony on Thursday, June 20. For more information call 773-880-5200.

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Letter to the Editor

You are here because of your mother

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ship may have been with her is insignificant. You are here. Enjoy and make the most of the life she has given you.

Happy Mother's Day

Leon Hoffman
 Lakeview East



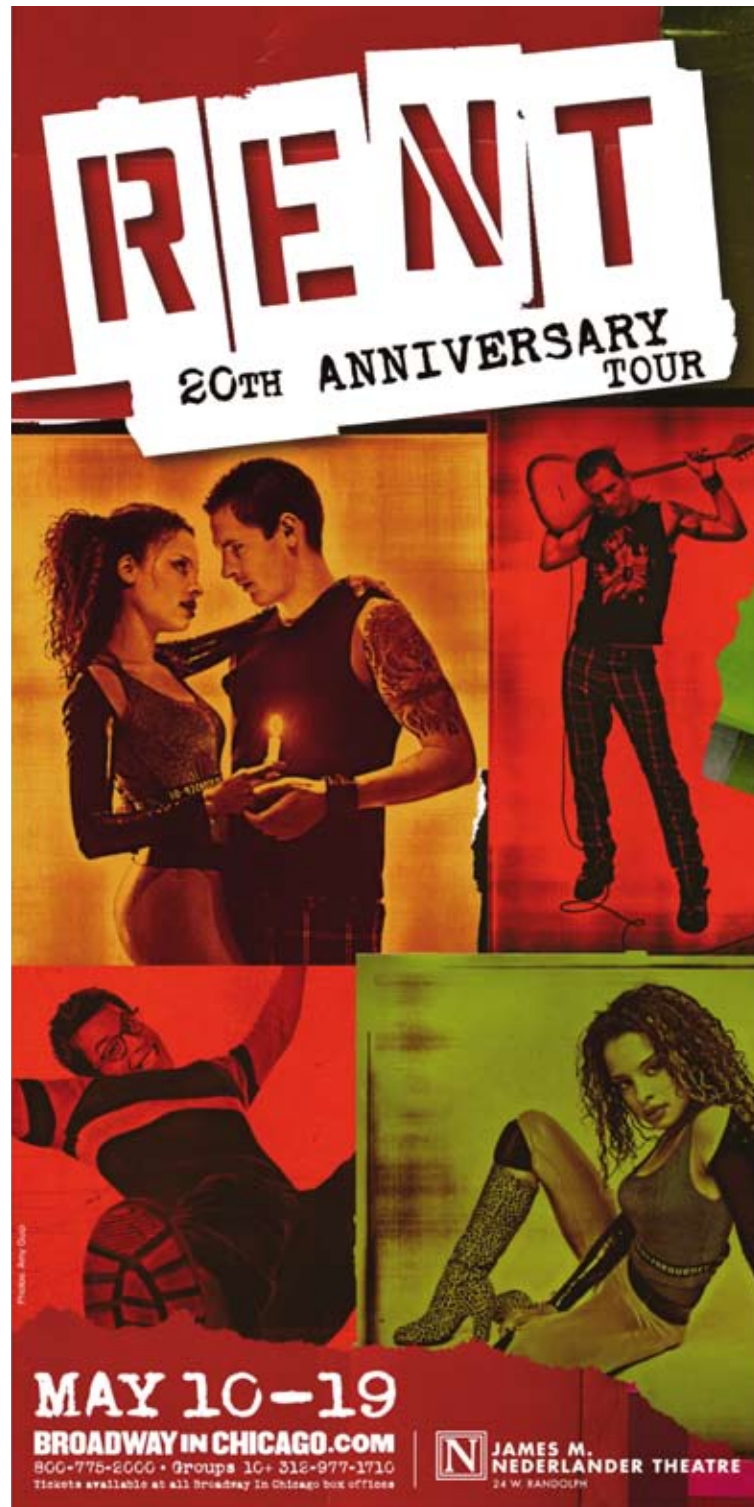
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It's not their fault, humans made pigeons this way

A history of how pigeons took over Chicago and what organizations are doing about it

**Think twice
before releasing doves
at your wedding**

BY STEPHANIE FOX
Medill News Service

After spending the day with family celebrating her husband's birthday, Chava Sonnier received a call that made her heart skip a beat.

"I don't think he's going to make it," her friend said on the other line.

Despite the call coming in at around 10:30 at night, Sonnier hopped in her car with the hope of saving a life.

When she encountered the wounded, he was paralyzed, crippled with his legs bowing out at right angles. Blood oozed from his chest and face. His eyes barely opened.

Despite Sonnier being a certified nurse, her patient that night wasn't human. He was a pigeon.

Sonnier spent two years as a volunteer for the Chicago Bird Collision Monitors [CBCM], an organization of over 200 volunteers working to protect, rescue and rehabilitate injured city birds.

On the night Sonnier saved



Before pigeons transformed into the city-savvy birds, they were called rock doves, a wild species native to Europe, Northern Africa and India.

the pigeon, who would later be named Jonah, a Chicago police officer had been on patrol when he noticed a small object moving slowly along an alleyway. Closer inspection revealed it to be Jonah. Paralysis left the bird no choice but to peck the ground and drag his body by the neck, lacerating his chest and stomach.

"[The officer] was compassionate enough to google 'bird rescue,' and call the hotline," said Sonnier. The CBCM have a 24/7 hotline dedicated to responding quickly when a bird is in danger.

Even with Sonnier's medical experience, she wasn't sure there was anything she could do to help the bird survive.

"When I picked him up my heart just broke for him. He was just a shell. I could feel every bone. He was just so skinny, and so weak, and so frail," Sonnier said. "At that point I was not sure if he would make it through the night. He was in such a debilitated state."

But he did survive, and his paralysis gradually subsided over the next few weeks. Even with his impressive recovery, Sonnier knew Jonah could never return to city-life, so she adopted a pigeon.

That may be counter-intuitive to most, but historically pigeons are a human-dependent species, and they've been that way since people decided to capture and breed them thousands of years ago.

Before pigeons transformed into the city-savvy birds, they were called rock doves, a wild species native to Europe, Northern Africa and India. For generations European civilizations captured and selectively bred the doves, eventually producing the larger, human-dependent rock pigeon. The now domesticated bird proved desirable, first for their meat, then for their compass-like ability to always find their way home.

This breed of pigeon (which has a bizarre organ called a "crop" that allows both female and male birds to produce a milky substance to feed their young) contains a unique tiny magnetic organ found in their beak. It allows them to sense the Earth's magnetic pull and is responsible for half of their strange navigational superpower, according to Cordula Mora, the Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship director at Bowling Green State Univ. During Mora's research published in 2004, she studied pigeon's connection to the Earth's magnetic field by attaching a magnet to their beaks to determine if the addition would throw off their navigational abilities during homing—and it did. There are a few theories about the

other half of pigeon's directional capabilities, but the most common are that the birds can either see and remember locations well, have a heightened sense of smell, or both.

"In order to navigate you have to have a map and a compass because the map only gives you in-

"You see [pigeons] out in urban areas and not in rural areas, because they are at heart and in reality, originally a domestic species. They're dependent upon humans. Whether it's picking up after whatever is left behind for them in the city, or whether it's living as someone's pet... You could catch a pigeon in the city tomorrow and bring it in your house and it would domesticate fairly quickly and probably consider itself the world's luckiest pigeon," said bird lover Chava Sonnier.

formation about your current position and the compass can only give you direction," Mora said. In this case, the map information is the pigeon's magnetic sense and their sense of smell, and the compass is the pigeon's connection to the Earth's magnetic pull as well as their ability to derive direction from the position of the sun. "When they're put together it allows you to navigate."

Though the Europeans didn't understand how the birds were able to navigate, they did recognize that the domesticated rock pigeon could be used as a tool to transport messages. But few suspected when the species was introduced into the eastern United States in the 1600's, that the bird's abilities could come in handy during war time.

Thirty-two pigeons were presented with the Dickin Medal, a European award created to cel-

brate the work done by animals used in World War II. Though the birds weren't honored with this award until the second world war, rock pigeons were used in both World War I and World War II to transport important messages across enemy lines.

The U.S. "Signal Corps in the army actually recruited people based on whether or not they had raised pigeons in their civilian life," explained Elizabeth Dahl, the director of The American Pigeon Museum, Oklahoma. The selected soldiers were sent to special camps where they were taught the most effective ways to train pigeons to return to portable lofts, the shelters domesticated pigeons view as their home.

During World War I, the U.S. Army Signal Corps, whose mission is to manage all aspects of communications and information systems support, used 600 pigeons in France alone.

But by 1957, the army officially suspended the use of pigeons in the military.

Over time, the once beloved war heroes were cast out and forced to fend for themselves. Though it may seem to some as though these pigeons were simply returning to the cageless lives of their ancestors, the reality is that after thousands of years of breeding the birds had changed into a species just as reliant on humans as any common house pet. Because of this, the proper term for the birds roaming the city isn't "wild," but "feral."

The birds that survived being released were forced to adapt. They did this by seeking out those they were bred to rely on: humans. Because even though people were done with pigeons, pigeons were not done with people.

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Today feral pigeons born in the wild may have developed the instincts needed to protect themselves from predators and the windshields of double-decker tour buses, but birds currently born domestically don't stand a chance if they find themselves lost in the urban terrain.

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Photographer David Yarrow directs the photo shoot on LaSalle St.



David Yarrow in front of his 2015 photograph, Wolf of Main Street, at Hilton-Asmus Contemporary in River North.

British fine art photographer captures wolf on LaSalle St.

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

If David Yarrow just wants to repopulate downtown Chicago with wild wolves, he is going about it in a slow and expensive way.

The fine art photographer from London, whose large prints of wildlife sell for tens of thousands of dollars, has created a second photograph featuring a wolf in downtown Chicago.

This time, the wolf is on LaSalle St. — not far from its first modeling assignment on the Chicago Riverwalk.

“I have always been drawn to Chicago,” said Yarrow recently. “It is urban beauty at its very best and offers visuals along the river and to the south of the river that Manhattan cannot match.”

After a few days of scouting locations, Yarrow picked LaSalle St., looking south from Washington St. The Chicago Board of Trade Building at the south end of LaSalle, he says, “offers opportunities that Manhattan simply does not give. The eye is grabbed and then led deep into the vortex of Gotham.”

A filming permit was issued for Yarrow by the Chicago Dept. of Transportation for the photo shoot on April 17 and 18. The



Photographer David Yarrow.

selected image was captured at 1:30 and Yarrow says they finished at about 4 a.m. on April 18.

The Board of Trade Building did present a challenge. According to Yarrow, LaSalle could only be closed after midnight, but by that time flood lights on the building were switched off.

“With some charm and a few dollars, the Board of Trade agreed to help us, and the lights went back on until 4 a.m.”

Yarrow says the budget for the photo shoot in the Loop was his biggest yet for a single location.

The image will be sold in sizes up to 90 inches wide at Hilton-Asmus Contempo-

rary, an art gallery on N. Wells St.

Yarrow calls the image “a big photograph of a big street in a big city” and “an iconic American urban view.”

On Nov. 29, 2017, a stealthy late-night photo shoot on the Chicago Riverwalk featured a fashion model and a gray wolf from Montana. Titled It Is Just a Matter of Time, the image shows the wolf on the Riverwalk east of Wabash Avenue and across from Trump International Hotel & Tower.

Yarrow, age 53, was born in Scotland and

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currently lives in London. He is also a financier, having founded the London-based hedge fund Clareville Capital in 1995.

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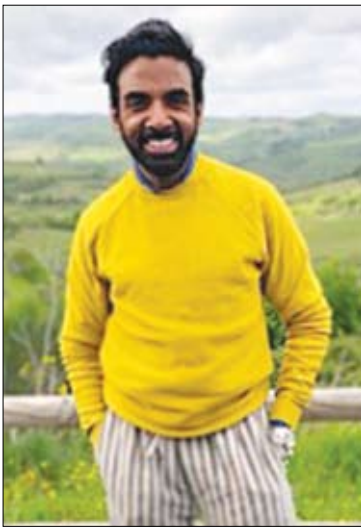
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Steve Lombardo, Kathy O'Malley Piccone, and Hugo Ralli Q & A Gibson's at 30.

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ing to the Met every Winter while in Palm Beach and retrieve it in Spring for the summer season, before eventually donating it to the museum permanently.

CLOSURE: Gamekeepers Tavern & Grill - one of America's first real sports bars, has closed at the corner of Lincoln, Sedgwick, and Armitage. Stanley's restaurant across the street closed last year. Both properties are available.

HALLELUJAH: What was the naughtiness uncovered at a Gold Coast club when doors opened like a **Moss Hart** stage play revealing the wrong spouse in the wrong room at the worst time? Let's just say that Easter lunch guests got an eyeful and something to talk about.

GIBSON'S AT THIRTY: The special Gibson's Anniversary Lunch with special Q and A by **Steve Lombardo, Johnny Colletti, Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and **Hugo Ralli** was a huge success. Even former **Mayor Richard M. Daley** dropped by, tipping his hat to the steakhouse that is a Chicago institution. With Gibson A-list loyal patrons over the de-

cade assembling for a taste walk down memory lane. The parade of desserts by the wait staff was a knock-out. Could a restaurant be any more reflective of the city it is home to? Among the swells attending **Sherry Lea Fox, Nikki Friar, Julie Barrish, Diane O'Connell, Lyn McKeaney, Tom and Ellen Byrne, Tony and Stephanie Lupo.**

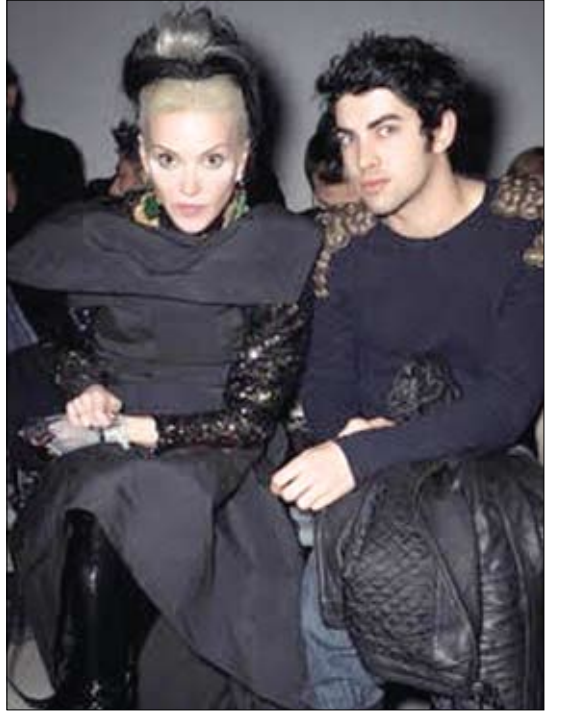
SPRING LIEDER: Operatic superstar soprano **Janai Brugger** will return to her hometown 7 p.m. May 8, as a featured artist of Collaborative Arts Institute of Chicago's Spring Lieder Lounge, alongside pianist **Martin Katz**, whom The New York Times has dubbed "the gold standard of accompanists." The pair will be performing in the magnificent new Gannon Concert Hall at her alma mater, DePaul Univ.

ENGAGING ART: **David Cook** is showing his latest work, Symphony #29 in A Major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in the Twin Cities.

HAMILTON: Young **Eleanor McGuire** greeted by **Lin-Manuel Miranda**, himself, at the Hamilton exhibition at the Museum Campus on Northerly Island, getting rave reviews.



Maestro Stanley Paul by Rosemary Fanti.



Daphne Guinness and Julien Landais.

THE ARTS: Reverend **Edward J. McKenna** (78), priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, social activist, musician, composer of the opera "The Magic Cup," by **Rev. Andrew Greeley**, student of the late **Nadia Boulanger** in Paris and confidant of **Princess Grace of Monaco** has died. A soul of renaissance proportion and kindness and wit.

WAC MEMORIAL: **Paul Malarik III** writes, "A Celebration of Life for **Dotti Pattishall**, who passed away at 98, was the nicest one I've ever attended! The event at the Women's Athletic Club in Chicago was so bittersweet. Everyone loved her and she loved everyone else! Dotti always spoke to a person directly as though they were the most important person in a room. I loved that about her. With the many friends, beautiful flowers, delicious food, and champagne, it felt as though she was there with us in the main dining room at the Women's Athletic Club."

ROMAN LAW OBSERVED: Staff at the Colosseum caught a 39-year-old tourist carving the initials of the names of her husband and children into an internal pillar of the ancient amphitheater on the afternoon of 25 April. Be warned.

WHO'S WHERE? **Denis John Healy** at Grand Hotel Oslo in Norway... **Blase Foria** sipping cocktails and eating dinner with **Melanie Martini** at Bourbon House in New Orleans, LA... **Shaun Rajah** is at Monterinaldo in the vineyards at Civitanova Marche, Italy... **Sarah Q. Crane** with **Nancy Patterson, Suzanne Smart Pollock** and **Billy Davies** for a cousins' weekend at cousins' **Billy and Megan's** wedding in

Charlottesville, VA... **Nikki Friar** with **Kathy O'Malley Piccone, Carol Gipson, Maylina Algarin** and **Lisa Weimer** for **Cheri James'** surprise birthday dinner at Victory Italian... Palm Beach's **John Emory Smyth** in town for a short visit amid the sloppy snow, lunching with this columnist at Luxbar... **Jolanta Ruege** made it through the snow to the Beach Bash at the Cabin in Old Irving, elegant in jungle print... actor/comedian **John T. O'Brien** appearing in very 'film noir' classic snaps... Fox 32 newsie **Bill Zwecker** sharing a cocktail at La Colonial with elegant **Sherry Lea Fox** and **Julie Barrish** before he running off to London for an interview... **Kathy Taylor, Michele Love, Diane O'Connell** with **Father Jack Clare** working the door at Quartino's for Misericordia's Candy Day gala... **Madeline Donovan** laughing with barman **Curt Rose** at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Anna Burns** cheering **Erin Boheme** at Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret with **Steve Price, Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and **Alicia Castillo**... **James Staples** in San Francisco checking out the fine art... Irish beauty **Daphne Guinness** and French director **Julien Landais** collaborating in Paris... **Rosemary Fanti's** portrait of the Pump Room maestro **Stanley Paul** is smashing and refined... well-liked **Matthew Thompson** has returned to bar duties at Luxbar... **Sheila O'Grady, Tracey Tarantino DiBuono** and **Frances Renk** at the Catering Executives Club of America's Scholarship Ball.

SERVICE CLUB LUNCHEON: Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 2019 Spring Luncheon on Friday, May

17 - A Royal Garden Party - the Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton. Special guest will be **Graham "Digger" Dillamore**, the Gardens and Estates Manager for Historic Royal Palaces.

ABEACH WEEKEND: **Sherill Bodine** says, "Let it snow, let it snow" outside, but it was sunny and sandy in The Cabin in Old Irving where she is the Queen of Hospitality. The Flamingo Races were on Sunday down Pulaski. A plan her saloon partner, **Harry**, creatively invented. Everyone had a blast.

SEAT TAKEN? Who was the museum staffer recently was caught inviting co-workers to a rambunctious orgy in local college housing? Didn't they have a parent recently elected to public office in the zip code?

ERIN BOEHME LIVE: **Tom MacDonald** reports, "**Erin Boheme** was decked out in a sleek red couture gown, the Nashville based singer looked absolutely stunning and blazed through a set of standards, backed by the brilliant pianist and musical director, **Mark Burnell**. Erin's phrasing was impeccable and she displayed her impressive vocal range on the standout song of the evening, an impassioned interpretation of the 1937 Rodgers and Hart gem, "My Funny Valentine." Produced and promoted by Erin's manager, **Barb Bailey**, Erin's performance had her audience on their feet and wanting more.

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City says state wrongly intercepting millions in state grant dollars over pensions

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

The city of Chicago has filed suit against the Illinois state Comptroller's office and pension boards for its police officers and other city workers, accusing the pension funds and the comptroller of wrongly intercepting state grant funds otherwise owed to the city because the pension funds say the city has shorted its pension contributions.

On May 1, lawyers for City Hall filed a complaint in Cook County Circuit Court, asking a judge to slap an injunction on the comptroller's office and order the state release the money.

"... The Comptroller's continued interception of these grant funds creates a significant threat that certain unallocated City funds intended for future risks and unanticipated shortfalls will be depleted and unavailable when needed," the city asserted in its complaint. "This could lead to cuts in services and a reduction in personnel if there are not enough unallocated funds to respond to an emergency or other unexpected budget shortfall."

The complaint centers on decisions made by the Office of Comptroller Susana Mendoza to intercept and hold grant money the city said it is due to receive from various state agencies.

The complaint does not specify how much money the city believes the comptroller's office has intercepted to date.

According to the lawsuit, the comptroller's actions followed notices of "final determination" submitted in March and April by three pension funds which manage retirement funds for Chicago city workers, including police officers. According to the complaint, city believes the pension funds have told the comptroller City Hall has shorted its contributions to the three pension funds by a total of about \$23.1 million, which could trigger an embargo on state funds to the city.

Under state law, the comptroller is required to intercept and hold any payments being made by the state to a municipality, if one of the municipality's pension funds reports the local government has failed to fund its pensions at the levels set by law.

Last year, the city of Harvey became the first Illinois municipal government to fall prey to the law, fighting in court for months over the comptroller's acquiescence to the request of a Harvey public worker pension fund to intercept the money. In that instance, the litigation surrounded Harvey's share of state sales tax money. That court fight eventually ended in a deal on how to divide the money.

In this instance, the city complaint said the "final determinations" by the pension funds are "false."

The city also asserts the comptroller has not given the city a hearing to dispute the pension funds' determinations, which the city said is contrary to the comptroller office's rules and regulations, and against state law.

"The Comptroller's interception of the grant funds without a final determination following a hearing before an impartial tribunal as to the City's obligation to pay the alleged debt is also a denial of due process," the city said.

A spokesman for the comptroller confirmed the comptroller's office had intercepted the funds at the request of the pension funds.

Spokesman Abdon Pallasch said the comptroller's office acted based on their understanding of the law. He noted the law had been written specifically to only allow the comptroller to intercept grant funds payable to the city, exempting the city of Chicago's share of state tax revenue.

Pallasch said the comptroller's office had been served the city's lawsuit and would respond in court.

He declined for now to estimate the value of the funds that had been intercepted, saying that was still being calculated.



Leon Hoffman visits with Itzhak Perlman.



Evgeny Kissin with Leon Hoffman.

Music back on at Symphony Hall

Lakeview resident Leon Hoffman visits with Itzhak Perlman and Evgeny Kissin after opening night of Symphony Hall May 1. The Hall had not celebrated music in seven weeks while the Chicago Symphony Orchestra was on strike. The CSO played their opening concert on the evening of May 2.

Known worldwide for his

singular talent, as well as his charm and humanity, Perlman partnered with Kissin, on the piano, to reopen the storied Michigan Ave. music hall. The collaboration of the two provides perhaps the foremost interpretation of violin and piano repertoire. Hoffman had first played on stage with Perlman 50 years earlier.

Spring Cleaning

Now that the last of the snow has fallen in Chicagoland (we hope) it's time to open the windows, dust off the lamps and shake out the rugs... it's time for Spring cleaning!

It's no secret that many people today try to do what they can individually on the local level to help the Earth and protect the environment and ourselves. According to the American Lung Association, "Chemicals released when using cleaning supplies contribute to chronic respiratory problems, allergic reactions and headaches."

With Spring cleaning now in full swing, here's how people can clean their homes with minimal impact on their health and the environment.

Utilize reusable cleaning supplies

Reusable cleaning supplies cut down on unnecessary waste and help save people money. Here are a few simple ways to reduce cleaning waste.

- Cut up old t-shirts to use as rags
- Invest in reusable sponges such as Scrubby's
- Replace dryer sheets with wool or silicone balls

Make cleaning solutions at home

By using household ingredients such as baking soda, lemon juice, water and vinegar (not to be mixed with baking soda) people can reduce the amount of chemicals and toxins that are in their homes as well as the environment. Traditional cleaning supplies not only contain chemicals,

but the production and shipping they require also takes its toll on the environment.

Vinegar and baking soda can be used to clean almost anything. Mix in a little warm water with either of these and you've got yourself an all-purpose cleaner.

- All-purpose cleaner: Mix ½ tsp washing soda, two cups hot water, and a small squeeze of liquid soap; shake until dissolved

- Grout Cleaner: Mix ½ a cup of baking soda and two gallons of water

- Air freshener: keep a box of baking soda in areas of your home that start to smell like your fridge or trash can

Many people think that antibacterial and antimicrobial 'cleaners' are necessary, especially dur-

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Police Beat....

Loop robbery brings long prison term



Antonio Dorsey Demarcus Moore

Two men who were on parole when they robbed a woman at gunpoint in her car near Wacker and La Salle in Feb. 2018 have reached plea deals.

Antonio Dorsey of Chicago Lawn and Demarcus Moore of Auburn Gresham have each pleaded guilty to one count of armed robbery with a firearm in the case. Prosecutors dropped charges of vehicular invasion and unlawful restraint. Judge Ursula Walowski sentenced each man to seven years.

Around 2:15 p.m. Feb. 28, 2018, Dorsey, Moore, and a third man opened the passenger side door of a woman's car and demanded her valuables while holding her at gunpoint, police said. The robbers ran away with the woman's necklace and phone, but police soon spotted the men running on the Riverwalk, and a foot pursuit ensued. Moore and Dorsey were found hiding under vehicles near Lower Wacker Dr. and Michigan Ave. The victim was not injured.

Court records show Dorsey, 21, was paroled 26 days before the robbery after serving less than one year of a two-year sentence for trying to mug a 53-year-old man in the Loop.

Meanwhile, Moore, 21, had been paroled about four months before the robbery after serving half of a two-year sentence for possessing a defaced 14-inch sawed-off shotgun.

With 50% sentence reductions and credits for time served, Dorsey and Moore will be released early on Aug. 23, 2021.

The third offender, Terry Brewer, 21, pleaded guilty to felony theft last summer in exchange for a three-year sentence for his role in the robbery. At the time of the hold-up, he was on probation for forcing his way into a man's Kia in the Loop on July 6, 2016.

Probation for robbing man that helped her

A woman who tried to rob a man after he gave her \$2 for train fare near the Sheridan Red Line CTA station on Aug. 16 has received two-years "drug probation" in exchange for her guilty plea. Tara Moore, 51, was also fined \$529 by Judge Aleksandra Gillespie.

Prosecutors said the victim gave Moore a couple of bucks to get on the train, but when he turned to walk away, Moore grabbed him by the shirt, repeatedly punched the man, and ripped his pants pocket as she tried to gain control of his wallet. Four bystanders pulled Moore off of the 34-year-old victim and held her for police in the 900 block of W. Irving Park Rd., according to a report. Moore was arrested near the Sheridan Red Line station.



Tara Moore

Fifteen-time convicted felon goes back to prison for 16th time

A 15-time convicted felon is going back to prison after pleading guilty to mugging a man in Rogers Park last October while on parole.

Dewitt Brown, 50, was arrested after a police sergeant on patrol saw him rob a man on the street in the 1700 block of W. Greenleaf around 10:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

When the sergeant intervened in the robbery, Brown allegedly said: "I ain't going down like this!" Brown then turned around, ran a few steps, collided with a wall and fell to the ground, the sergeant reported. As Brown was lying on the ground, he began to take items out of his jacket pocket, including a pay stub, a Ventra card, and an LG phone, all of which belonged to the 50-year-old robbery victim, police said.

Brown received a six-year sentence for his latest mugging in a plea deal approved by Judge Earl Hoffenberg. With 158 days credit for time served while awaiting trial and Illinois' standard 50% sentence reduction, Brown will be released early on Oct. 22, 2021.

Police records show that Brown's 2018 robbery took place less than 100 yards from a 2016 robbery that sent him to jail for three years in 2016.

Robbery in South Loop grocery store brings prison sentence

Six years is the sentence for Shavone Gunby, 25, who has pleaded guilty to the attempted robbery of a senior citizen in a South Loop grocery store men's room.

Around 4 p.m. Nov. 24, 2018, a 60-year-old man was using the restroom at Jewel-Osco, 1340 S. Canal, when he was approached from behind, placed



Shavone Gunby

into a chokehold, and ordered to hand over his money, wallet, and cell-phone by a robbery offender, police said. The victim fought off his assailant and ran from the bathroom screaming for help.

Police said a Jewel-Osco security agent chased Gunby into the parking lot where Gunby pulled out a knife and charged at the guard, causing the guard to retreat. The guard gave police a description of the offender and cops quickly located the suspect at the Roosevelt CTA station, 30 E. Roosevelt Rd.

A plea deal with prosecutors had Gunby plead guilty to attempted robbery while the state dropped two attempted robbery charges along with counts of aggravated battery, unlawful restraint, and aggravated assault. Judge Timothy Joyce approved the plea deal. Gunby is scheduled to be released early from prison Nov. 24, 2021.

Man charged with armed robbery on DePaul campus; Second hold-up remains unsolved

Charges are filed in one armed robbery on DePaul University's Lincoln Park campus last week while a second hold-up on the same block remains unsolved, according to Chicago police.

Jesus Cabrera Monje, 21, has been charged with robbing a 19-year-old man at gunpoint in the 2300 block of N. Kenmore around 11:35 p.m. Thursday, May 2.

The victim told police that he noticed another man following him as he walked home. The stranger ap-



Nathaniel Goodwin, De'Ovenonna Thomas, Alija Olds.

Three charged with armed robbery in Loop, given a sweet deal

Arthur Willis, one of the newly-assigned judges on Cook County's bond court bench, took a whack at setting bail recently and...WOW! He's going to be something to watch.

In one of the first cases before Willis last week, three people were charged with Class X felony armed robbery after they allegedly held up and battered a man on a CTA train in the Loop. Class X is the second most serious level of crime in Illinois behind murder.

A 39-year-old man told police that two men, a woman, and a female juvenile robbed him on a train at the State-Lake CTA station late last Tuesday. The victim said Alija Olds, 26 of the Gold Coast pointed a gun to his head and then to his stomach as Olds took valuables from the victim's pockets. Two females and Nathaniel Goodwin, 19, who were with Olds, battered the man and a 17-year-old boy who was also on the train, prosecutors said.

Police found Olds, Goodwin, De'Ovenonna Thomas, 20, and the juvenile at a nearby convenience store where the victims subsequently identified them as the offenders, according to court records. The robbery victim suffered bruising and swelling of his

proached the victim, displayed a handgun, and demanded the man's valuables as he tried to enter DePaul's Sanctuary Hall Townhomes, according to police, who said the offender fled with the victim's phone and earbuds.

Monje was arrested a short time later near the Armitage Brown Line CTA station. Officers found the victim's cell phone in his possession and a handgun was recovered.

Prosecutors charged Monje with felony armed robbery with a firearm and felony unlawful use of a weapon. He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Just a few hours later, a female student told DePaul Public Safety officers that she was robbed while walking out of the Richards Library at 2350 N. Kenmore around 7 a.m. Friday, May 3.

The woman told police that she was approached by an unknown man who displayed a knife and demanded her laptop. The robber then fled northbound on Kenmore to Fullerton. DePaul said the victim was not injured.

Teen charged with knocking Cubs guard unconscious over candy sales dispute

A 14-year-old boy is facing felony charges after he knocked a Chicago Cubs security guard unconscious outside Wrigley Field on Friday afternoon, police said. The incident was the second in 10 days that involved "candy kids" who flood the neighborhood on game days and frequently unleash violence on passersby, patrons, and employees of nearby businesses.

The Cubs security officer was found unconscious outside of the left field gate around 3:50 p.m. May 3, according to a source. An investigation found that the boy "sucker punched" the guard after being asked not to sell

head, face, and body, police said. The teen's left arm was reportedly swollen.

Olds and Goodwin were charged with Class X felony armed robbery and two counts of battery. Thomas was charged with Class X felony armed robbery and one count of battery. Details of the juvenile's charges were not immediately available.

In court, Willis set bail for Thomas and Goodwin at \$2,000, meaning that they can go free by paying a deposit bond of just \$200. For a Class X felony allegation, Willis said the two will have to go on electronic monitoring when they post bail.

Olds was already free on bail awaiting trial for burglary to auto in Lincoln Park. Willis revoked that bail and set bail in the robbery at \$5,000.

That's quite a debut for Willis. We haven't seen bails that low for Class X defendants since Judge Stephanie Miller repeatedly released Class X robbers on recognizance bonds. Thankfully, she stopped doing that after realizing that higher bails are appropriate in violent Class X cases. Let's hope Willis catches on before too many people get hurt.

candy on stadium property, a source said. The Cubs security officer blacked out from the punch, went limp, and fell to the ground.

Chicago police said the security officer was transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment. The teen has been charged with aggravated battery of a peace officer.

The Cubs did not respond to a request for comment.

Around 4:10 p.m. April 25, a group of "candy kids" punched several adults outside of Sports World, 3555 N. Clark. Two juveniles were detained in that incident.

"They are all back," a local restaurant manager said on Saturday. "Sometimes four or five kids will surround a few intoxicated patrons. It's all a matter of time before something happened. A lot more kids this year," the manager continued. "Some older guys are walking the block giving the kids direction. They don't work alone. Tough kids, they won't listen."

Last August, 10 juveniles between 13- and 16-years-old were arrested for mob action, retail theft, assault, and similar charges for a series of attacks along Clark St. Video showed teens charging at local doormen, climbing through patio windows, and throwing objects into crowds.

Man sentenced for robbery, strangulation in Gold Coast

A man who was charged with choking a robbery victim into unconsciousness during a robbery in the Gold Coast last summer has pleaded guilty to one count of robbery in a plea deal. Judge Catherine Haberkorn sentenced Darius Moses, 30, to eight years in prison with credit for 290 days time served. Five felony counts including aggravated battery and unlawful restraint were dropped in the deal.

The robbery victim said he was rendered unconscious and robbed as he walked through the Gold Coast on his way home from an after-work social function on July 20, 2018.

"It was a nice night, and I elected

to walk back home, which I've easily done at least 50 times in the past 12 years or so," the victim said. The 41-year-old, who works in healthcare, asked not to be identified by name.

Police said that just after midnight, the man was walking in the 1400 block of N. State Pkwy. when two offenders grabbed him from behind, placed him into a chokehold, and knocked him to the ground.

"I was choked, dragged down and beaten up," he said, adding that he doesn't remember the attack because he was knocked unconscious. "I woke up in Northwestern with a broken nose, fractured orbit, a black eye, and a chipped tooth. They stole my phone, laptop bag with a laptop, and the cash out of my wallet."

Luckily, a witness saw the robbery unfold, and he gave detailed descriptions of the offenders to police. About 20 minutes later, cops stopped Moses in the 100 block of W. Division because he matched one of the offender's descriptions. Moses, police said, was carrying the victim's phone.

Moses previously served three years for another robbery in 2007. After receiving a 50% discount on his current sentence and being given credit for time served awaiting trial, he is expected to be paroled on July 15, 2022.

Tourist describes brutal hotel room attack, but lack of cooperation yields only misdemeanors

A South Side man is only facing misdemeanor charges after allegedly carrying out a brutal attack on a tourist in a downtown hotel room because the 20-year-old victim did



Darius Sanford

not cooperate with detectives who were investigating allegations of multiple felonies. Police responded after the Oklahoma woman reported being beaten and robbed in her room at the Doubletree Magnificent Mile, 300 E. Ohio, around 6:45 a.m. April 12.

The woman told police that she agreed to meet 29-year-old Darius Sanford in her hotel room via a dating app. Once Sanford arrived, he engaged in "solo activity" on the woman's bed, washed up, then grabbed the woman by the back of her hair and demanded to know where her money was hidden, the woman said.

The woman said she refused to give Sanford money, prompting Sanford to break a glass bottle over her head, causing lacerations to her head, ear, arm, and shoulder, according to a police report.

Sanford let the woman go when she told him that she had cash hidden in a drawer, according to allegations in police records. The woman said Sanford took the money and left the room. He was still in the hotel lobby when the police arrived.

Cops said they found blood on both beds in the woman's room, shattered glass, and more blood in her bathroom. The woman was treated at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for cuts, and a rape kit was collected, police said.

But detectives said the woman refused to fully cooperate with their investigation and only misdemeanor charges of battery and theft would be pursued "at this time."

Sanford was released on a recognizance bond.

Boystown menace gets 8 years for armed robbery near Belmont L

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

A neighborhood menace who got probation for burning down a Boystown home during a year of asinine behavior around Boystown has been handed serious prison time for her latest stunt: robbing a man at knifepoint near the Belmont Red Line CTA station.

Ryan Handzel, 24, was sentenced to seven years for Class X felony armed robbery by Judge Timothy Chambers in a plea deal that called for prosecutors to drop an additional felony aggravated battery charge. With 369 days credit for time served while awaiting trial and Illinois' automatic 50% sentence reduction, Handzel is expected to be released on Oct. 15, 2021.

Prosecutors said that Handzel and then-24-year-old Dionte Smith flagged down cops near the 800 block of W. Fletcher at 3:30 a.m. April 21, 2018, and reported that a man had just robbed them. Cops spoke with the alleged robber who said Handzel and Smith had it twisted: They had just punched him in the face and robbed him at knifepoint, according to prosecutors.

A search of Handzel and Smith by police revealed that they were carrying the real victim's property. Both were charged with felony armed robbery. Smith's case con-



Ryan Handzel

tinues to work its way through the court system.

In Oct. 2016, Handzel was accused of punching a 24-year-old man in the face two times during an argument in the 800 block of W. Waveland. When the victim dropped his cell phone after being hit, Handzel picked it up and handed it to another offender who fled the scene.

Police said Handzel told them, "I hit [the victim] in the head twice, but I didn't intend to steal [the] phone." She was charged with battery and theft, but the charges were dropped when the victim failed to appear in court.

Most infamously, Handzel is one of two people convicted of "accidentally" burning down a 126-year-old Boystown home in April 2016.

No sure bets yet among plans for legalizing sports gambling

Odds look good for mobile betting; but \$10M fee a gamble

BY GRANT MORGAN
Capitol News Illinois

With five plans being considered, it's anyone's guess what legalized sports gambling will look like in Illinois if the Legislature approves a bill this spring.

One element of several of those plans might not yet be a safe bet. The wisdom of having a \$10 million one-time licensing fee was questioned during a second hearing on sports gambling by the House Revenue and Finance subcommittee April 25 in Chicago.

Testimony from the hearings will be used to reconcile the plans proposed in State Rep. Michael Zalewski's holder bill, House Bill 3308.

The proposed licensing fee would be paid by sports betting operators, such as casinos, race

tracks or online platforms.

"If the licensing fee is too high, it's going to prohibit people from entering the market," said Robert Davidman, a marketing professional who has helped launch several online gaming businesses in New Jersey, widely considered to have the most comprehensive sports betting system of any state.

Davidman said fees that other states are considering, \$100,000 in Indiana and \$45,000 in Iowa, are better.

Pennsylvania, where the fee is \$10 million, has not sold all of its available licenses, Davidman said.

In his proposed fiscal year 2020 budget, Gov. J.B. Pritzker uses the sale of 20 licenses as a source of more than \$200 million in new revenue.

A safer bet among the proposals might be the allowance of mobile betting.

"Mobile sports wagering is not only the future, it's the now," said Jake Williams of iDEA Growth, a not-for-profit sports betting association.

He said mobile betting accounts for roughly 80 percent of New Jersey sports wagers.

Zalewski, who is the subcommittee chairman, agreed.

"We've become aware that states that don't have a mobile piece don't fare very well," he said.

That is bad news for one of the state's proposed plans, which would have sports betting overseen by the Illinois Lottery without any online component.

Then, there is the question of which sports to include.

Larry Lyons, athletics director at Illinois State University, spoke on behalf of most of the state's 13 schools with Division I athletics.

"We are in agreement that we oppose legalized gambling on college sports," he said, because it brings bettors too close to young athletes who are still maturing.

But others said there still would be illegal gambling on college

sports if they are not included in the bill.

One emerging sport that could be included is electronic gaming, or eSports competitions for games like DOTA II, League of Legends and Fortnite.

Bob Greenlee of eSports company Tusk Strategies argued that eSports are more popular and professional than many people think.

Arguably the nation's best Fortnite player, Illinois resident "Ninja" Blevins, made as much as \$10 million in sponsorships last year.

A 2018 League of Legends tournament, meanwhile, attracted 205 million live viewers, compared to just more than 100 million viewers of the Super Bowl that year.

"eSports is a real thing," said Margo McDermid (R-Mokena), adding that she learned about it recently while on Netflix.

"I hadn't really considered it as something Illinois should include in our future gaming, but perhaps we should," she said.

Greenlee said a company analysis puts state tax revenue from eSports betting alone at \$18 million a year.

Also at Thursday's hearing, Grace Hou, head of the state's Department of Human Services, said next year the department needs almost double its historical budget of \$1 million for gambling addiction services, but not because of sports betting.

"People often struggle with turning themselves in, so we need more marketing and outreach," Hou said.

But Anita Bedell, executive director of Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction problems, said legalizing sports betting will only increase addiction.

"Rather than address the problem, you want to make it worse by putting it on phones," Bedell told lawmakers.

No date has been set for the subcommittee's next hearing on sports gambling.

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ing cold season, but they don't clean hands any better than soap and water, and also add to the risk of breeding "super germs," bacteria that survive the chemical onslaught and have resistant offspring. The FDA has found that antibacterial soaps and hand cleansers do not work better than regular soap and water, and should be avoided.

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PIGEONS from p. 6

pigeons found themselves in this situation on Nov. 28, 2017 after being dumped in a Ravenswood parking lot. An unknown man pulled into the lot and began scooping dozens of birds out of his van and onto the gravel, according to Ravenswood residents. When asked for an explanation for his odd behavior, the man told the residents he was giving his birds a chance to exercise. But when his car was empty, he drove away, leaving the birds on the street to fall prey to hawks and owls.

Domesticated pigeons often wear an ankle band, which specifies their age and hatching location. When the CBCM arrived on the scene they found that most of the pigeons were wearing bands. Despite this, they were unable to contact the man responsible for the abandonment of the birds.

The pigeons “were banded, but we tried to get in touch with the group of pigeon folks associated with their particular band number and we weren’t able to get a response,” said Katie-Anne O’Neil, a volunteer for the CBCM.

A couple of days later, the monitors had caught about 60 of the pigeons. Without knowing how to obtain food or water because of their domesticated upbringing, many were famished and dehydrated. Others were diseased and needed immediate medical assistance. Birds identified as rock pigeons were either too malnourished or hadn’t received the training needed to find their way back home.

“It’s just like if you or I were suddenly placed in the wilderness. We wouldn’t necessarily know how to forage and find food for ourselves. And we wouldn’t necessarily have the instinct to hide from things that want to eat us,” Sonnier said.

Fox Valley Wildlife Center, a wildlife refuge in Kane County, which often cares for the injured birds the monitors find, took in the rescued pigeons.

Others weren’t so lucky.

For the next week, Ravenswood’s streets and alleys were littered with the corpses of pigeons that had been picked off by predators. Splattered blood marked the spot of the original dumping. Residents were shocked, but members of the CBCM knew events like the one in Ravenswood are



According to animal rescue organizations, most birds used in the dove/pigeon release business are all-white pigeons. Many of the birds used for this purpose are not trained to return to their loft, and are easy-pickings for predators.

fairly common.

A few months after the incident in Ravenswood, another dumping of more than 30 pigeons occurred in Margaret Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr., on Aug. 28, 2018. And on March 21, 11 domestic pigeons were dumped in an Andersonville driveway.

With the dumping of domestic pigeon appearing to be on the rise, a group of monitors recognized a need for a separate organization dedicated to healing, fostering and adopting out rescued pigeons.

The CBCM “gets called for domestic birds all the time,” said Sonnier. She noted the abundance of well-established rescue organizations in place to take in birds such as parakeets and parrots—the species most commonly thought of as domesticated birds. “But there was not a rescue in place for pigeons.”

Ten monitors, including O’Neil and Sonnier, decided to start a sub-organization, The Chicago Pigeon Pets Rescue [CPPR], on Sept. 6, 2018 to combat this problem. Still a fledgling organization, the members share responsibilities, which include responding to calls involving pigeons made into the 24/7 monitor hotline, retrieving and transporting pigeons, fundraising to pay for pigeon’s vet visits, fostering the pigeons in Chicago suburbs (a livestock ordinance prevents Chicago residents from owning pigeons within city limits), and adopting out rescued domesticated and non-releasable feral pigeons.

“The team formed in response to a huge glut of rescue pigeons and nowhere to put them,” said O’Neil. Being a new organization means that the CPPR doesn’t currently have enough fosters to take in the pigeons they save. Because of this, they currently rely on members of the CBCM who volunteer their homes. Once fostered to full health the birds become available for adoption. That process includes an application and a \$40 adoption fee.

The “two [Chicago] dumps in particular really hit us hard,”

O’Neil said.

The amount of pigeon dumpings may surprise those outside the world of feathers and beaks, but it’s not the most common call the CPPR receives involving pigeons. More often, the organization responds to calls about racing pigeons and wedding/funeral “doves.”

The same navigational instincts that turned rock pigeons into war

“If you’re downtown and you see spotted pigeons... some that have white on them, they’re probably the offspring of a dumped wedding pigeon who was able to survive and married a city pigeon.”

heroes, also make them desirable for competitive racing. The sport, which gained popularity among industrial working men in the early-1900s, involves training rock pigeons to fly hundreds, or even thousands, of miles from a designated releasing point to a finishing destination—demonstrating which trainer reared the fastest and most intelligent bird.

The sport continues to maintain popularity around the world in the 21st century. From the Iranian pigeon race that racked up over 14,000 participants this February to the weekly club races that take place each year between April and September in the United Kingdom (with around 42,000 fanciers, or pigeon enthusiast, involved), pigeon racing sustains its global appeal.

Despite the astounding number of participants in the sport, the CPPR has a less favorable view of pigeon racing.

“The biggest contributor to feral pigeons is pigeon racing,” said Sonnier. The pigeons most often picked to race are “married” birds, or pigeons that have chosen a life-long spouse. Specifically, female pigeons, which Sonnier said don’t like to be separated from their mates, are shipped to a releasing point because fanciers know the birds will fly as fast as possible back to their partners.

But many of the birds chosen for longer races never make it home, according to information gathered during a 2012 undercover investigation conducted by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

“More than 60% of the birds get lost or die as a result of extreme weather, predators, electrical lines, hunters, or exhaustion,”

explained a PETA article. PETA is an extremist animal rights organization dedicated to fighting for the welfare of all species.

Fanciers “raise large quantities of [pigeons] because they are intended to be expendable resources,” Sonnier continued. Those blown off course either adapt to life in the wild (usually by marrying a city pigeon) or die. The combination of so many racing pigeons marrying city pigeons and their fast reproductive cycle lends to the huge quantity of feral pigeons in urban settings. Female pigeons reach sexual maturity at seven months old. They produce around two eggs each mating cycle, which they lay about 10 days after mating. The eggs hatch about 18 days later.

And the birds that do make it home but aren’t fast enough for their owner’s liking are either dumped or killed [culled] according to Sonnier. She also mentioned that fanciers who decide “they’re not going to race pigeons anymore usually wind up doing a massive dump.”

This may be the case for some pigeon racing organizations, but

Deone Roberts, the Sports Development Manager at the American Racing Pigeon Union [ARPU], says she’s never witnessed mistreatments of any birds during her 20 years with the organization.

“There’s misinformation about treatment of the birds. I don’t know what to say to that when I see what is required to participate in the hobby,” Roberts said. “It’s an animal-lover organization.”

Roberts also says the members of the ARPU take extra precautions to ensure the health of their birds.

We look “for hawk migration because hawks are a natural predator. Another precautions [we take is] watching the weather. You don’t deliberately put an animal in a difficult situation,” said Roberts.

But she also admits that she cannot speak to pigeon racing on a larger scale.

“There might be something for profit. That is different from what we do,” she said. For-profit races, such as the 2012 Diamond Elite Race in China awarded the first prize winner 10 million yuan—an equivalent of \$1.5 million—for the pigeon that could cross 300 miles the fastest. Those interested in entering had to pay \$8,000 upfront. “[The ARPU] does family backyard hobby [racing] for diplomas and trophies and the camaraderie and friendly competition.”

Members of the CPPR also blame the population of city pigeons on wedding/funeral “dove” releases. According to the rescue, most birds used in the dove release business are all-white pigeons. Birds used for this purpose that are not trained to return to their loft, are easy-pickings for

predators.

“Because they’re white there is no camouflaging themselves. So, often if they are not rescued first, they just get eaten by predators,” Sonnier said. Like the racing pigeons that find themselves lost in the wild, their only chance of survival is to marry a city pigeon. “If you’re downtown and you see spotted pigeons... some that have white on them, they’re probably the offspring of a dumped wedding pigeon who was able to survive and married a city pigeon.”

Debra Hayes, who owns White Water Doves, a business of over 60 all-white rock pigeons, says the training she has picked up over her 10 years in the wedding/funeral dove release business prevents her from losing birds.

“I personally take them out... within the yard where the loft is at and make sure that they’re trained to go back when they’re called. And then after they get good at that, I gradually take them out farther,” said Hayes. No matter the distance, whether it be two miles or 200 miles, she said she only rents out her birds after they prove they can confidentially return to the loft. “I am not training for speed but for accuracy so occasionally a bird does not make it home the day of the release but does return in the next few days.”

However, she does recognize that there are dove releases just trying to make a quick buck, without bothering to train their birds, or buy pigeons bred for navigation.

“The year that I started doing this, I got criticized because people thought that I had let my doves go. [Doves] were all over the place, [but they were] not mine,” Hayes said. Someone had released ringed-neck doves in her area, she explained. This species of mostly-white pigeon, which is decorated with a black line behind its neck, is a breed of fancy pigeon, bred for its looks rather than its navigational abilities.

Though, the CPPR does not support any dove release businesses, they are most concerned about scenarios such as the one Hayes described.

“If you google fancy pigeons, you’ll see a whole gamut of unusual looking pigeons that would never be able to survive in the wild because of their coloring,” Sonnier said. “A lot of fancy pigeons are white, and a white bird can’t survive in the wild because Chicago only has snow part of the year. They can’t camouflage in with the buildings.”

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Polynesian dance will follow talk by social worker

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Community Coffee is described as a casual event where attendees can meet their neighbors. Coffee and snacks will be served.

The event will be followed at 11 a.m. by a Polynesian dance performance by Isla Pacifica in celebration of Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The Chicago-based group's mission is to share the art and heritage of Polynesia. They will share dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, Guam and Samoa.

The truth is, of course, that there is no journey. We are arriving and departing all at the same time.

— **David Bowie**

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Thefts at construction sites

Chicago police are warning about thefts from construction sites downtown. The unknown offender(s) are prying open office doors at construction sites and taking copper pipe, iPads and power tools. These incidents have occurred during overnight hours in the 300 block of E. Wacker Dr. on April 26, between 12 a.m. – 7 a.m., and again on the 400 block of Lower Wacker Dr. between April 29, 2:30 p.m. and April 30, 5:30 a.m.

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Another downtown carjacking under investigation

A woman told police that she was pushed by a man who stole her car as she prepared to fill it with gas at the BP service station, 1221 S. Wabash, near the Roosevelt Red Line CTA station. The incident is at least the third carjacking or carjacking attempt in the downtown area since April 29.

The victim was getting ready to fill up her car when a man in his late teens pushed the woman, then jumped into the driver's seat and sped away with her black Kia around 1:45 p.m. April 30.

Minutes later, the car was found abandoned with its engine running in the northbound lanes of Michigan Ave. near Balboa. Witnesses told police that two men in their late teens jumped from the car with a woman's purse and climbed into a nearby silver Toyota that fled the scene with a third person driving.

The two primary offenders were described as black males in their late teens. One was wearing a black hoodie. The Toyota, which has significant

damage to its passenger side, was last seen westbound on Harrison from Michigan, according to a witness.

Tuesday's carjacking bears some resemblances to a pair of attempted auto thefts that were reported in River North and Streeterville on April 29.

- A would-be thief jumped into the driver's seat of a man's car as he was putting items in the vehicle's trunk in the 1100 block of N. State St. shortly after 2 p.m., police said. A bystander yelled out to the car's owner, who managed to pull the offender out of his car before the thief could drive away
- About 15 minutes later, a woman was elbowed in the face by a man who tried to steal her car from a valet stand in the 300 block of E. Erie. Bystanders intervened, and the offender escaped in a waiting vehicle.

Police said the thieves were getting around in a silver 2013 Chevrolet, possibly a Malibu, with darkened windows and a license plate that begins with AE266. The passenger-side brake light does not work. The driver and the man who tried to take the vehicles are both black men in their late teens, or early 20's who stood about 5'-6" tall and wore plain black jackets, accord-

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ing to witnesses.

Grad student found dead in Loyola dorm

Chicago police have launched a death investigation after a 26-year-old Loyola Univ. graduate student was found dead in his Water Tower campus dorm room May 1.

EMS and police were called to student's 22nd-floor unit at Baumhart Hall, 26 E. Pearson, after he was found unconscious in his dorm bathroom around 4:15 p.m. An ambulance crew pronounced the man dead at the scene.

Police said the man was found with lacerations to his neck, but foul play was not immediately suspected. A CPD spokesperson said the department did not believe that there was any threat to the community.

The man was pursuing a master's degree in social work, according to a university source.

Cops are watching as 60-year-old is mugged

Two plainclothes Chicago cops were watching as a 60-year-old man was knocked to the ground and robbed near his West Loop home April 29, according to prosecutors. Now, the alleged robber is facing felony charges.

The cops were in an unmarked car in the 600 block of W. Adams around 8:30 p.m. when they saw what they believed was a fight between two men on a nearby sidewalk. One man—now identified as Juan Borges, 42,—pushed the older man to the ground and then ran up the middle of Adams St., walking right past the officers' vehicle, police said. As Borges got close to the

police car, he dropped something on the street.

The officers detained Borges and spoke with the other man who reported that Borges had just knocked him to the ground and robbed him while saying, "Give it to me! I have a gun."



Juan Borges

The object that Borges allegedly dropped near the police car turned out to be the victim's wallet, police said, complete with his ID, credit cards and cash. No gun was found.

Police said the victim was taken to Rush Hospital where he received stitches for a head wound and was admitted for treatment and observation.

Prosecutors charged Borges with aggravated robbery, and Judge Susana Ortiz ordered him held without bail.

Gunman forces victim to lie on ground during robbery

A Lakeview man told police that he was robbed at gunpoint near Boystown early Saturday morning. No one is in custody.

The victim was walking in the 500 block of W. Stratford around 2:10 a.m. when he was approached by a gunman who forced him to lie on the ground, police said. The offender ran toward Lake Shore Dr. after collecting the man's valuables, including an Apple Watch, iPhone, and wallet, according to a police report.

The offender was described as a

black male in his 30's who wore a red puffy jacket. He stands about 6'-1" tall, weighs 200 lbs, and was last seen southbound on inner Lake Shore Dr.

Wrigleyville and Boystown this year recorded their second-best first quarter robbery stats since at least 2001, according to statistics from the city's data portal. Only 12 robberies were reported in the area during the first three months of the year. That compares to 20 during Q1 last year; 25 during Q1 2017; and 40 during Q1 2016.

But there has been a definite uptick in muggings around the area since mid-April.

Also lending to uncertainty about what summer holds: Local police Commander Marc Buslik, whose strategies and management style have driven street crime to new lows, is retiring.

Thefts of catalytic converters

There has been a recent rash of thefts of catalytic converters. New incidents include those on the 5600 block of N. Kenmore Ave. on April 12-14, between 8 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; the 5800 block of N. Kenmore Ave. on April 12-14, between 9 p.m. – 10 a.m.; 900 block of W Carmen Ave. on April 12-16, between 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; 5100 block of N Marine Dr. on April 13-20, between 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 5000 block of N Marine Dr. on April 14, at 12 p.m., and the 1300 block of W Thorndale Ave. on April 23-24, between 11 p.m. – 9 a.m.

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VICTORIA MACCARTHY A/K/A VICTORIA W MACCARTHY, A/K/A VICTORIA WELLS-MACCARTHY, A/K/A VICTORIA MAC CARTHY, ANSON STREET LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

2016 CH 10419
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Property Index No. 14-18-419-007-0000.
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT, 55 W. Monroe, Suite 2445, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 880-1224. Please refer to file number CSIX059/61033. 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.

Thomas M. Olson KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT 175 N. Archer Avenue Mundelein, IL 60060 (847)537-0500
E-Mail: tolson@ksnlaw.com
Attorney File No. CSIX059/61033
Attorney Code. 38862
Case Number: 18 CH 10505
TJSC#: 39-2644

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18 CH 10505

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH PAWLUCZEK AKA JOSEPH A. PAWLUCZEK; THE GRANVILLE BEACH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 17 CH 13753
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered

in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-05-211-023-1132.
Commonly known as 6171 North Sheridan Road, Unit 1401, Chicago, IL 60660.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. F170100042 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BYLINE BANK F/K/A NORTH COMMUNITY BANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR-BY- MERGER WITH METROBANK SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER WITH CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK OF ILLINOIS; Plaintiff, vs.

RICHARD M. SMITH; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2008 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 8002351188; STATE OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; IMPERIAL TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

18 CH 1458
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 30, 2019, 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:

P.I.N. 14-16-301-041-1317.
Commonly known as 4250 N. Marine Drive, Unit 2212, Chicago, Illinois 60613.
The mortgaged real estate is 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: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Scott H. Kenig at Plaintiff's Attorney, Randall & Kenig LLP, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611. (312) 822-0800. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

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16 CH 9337

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NA, SUCCESSOR TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NA, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE CHASE MORTGAGE FINANCE TRUST MULTI-CLASS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-A2 Plaintiff, vs.

JOHN T. MCMAHAN, LYNN L. MCMAHAN, BMO HARRIS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 16 CH 9337
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 17-04-217-005-0000, 17-04-217-139-0000. Commonly known as 59 W. Schiller, Chicago, IL 60610.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385. SP5F.2542 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff, -v-

NINA TERZIAN A/K/A NINA TCHELAK, HAROUTIOUN TERZIAN, FAULKNER HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, LAW OFFICES OF JOSHUA E STERN, HARRISON & HELD, LLP, NATIONAL CITY BANK N/A PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendants

2018 CH 13640
70 WEST BURTON PLACE, UNIT 1908F CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 7, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 70 WEST BURTON PLACE, UNIT 1908F, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-208-031-1211.
The real estate is improved with a condominium with an attached garage.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff, -v-

NINA TERZIAN A/K/A NINA TCHELAK, HAROUTIOUN TERZIAN, FAULKNER HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, SANDBURG VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, LAW OFFICES OF JOSHUA E STERN, HARRISON & HELD, LLP, NATIONAL CITY BANK N/A PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendants

Real Estate For Sale

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/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.

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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 267987. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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Attorney File No. 267987
Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 2018 CH 13640
TJSC#: 39-1142

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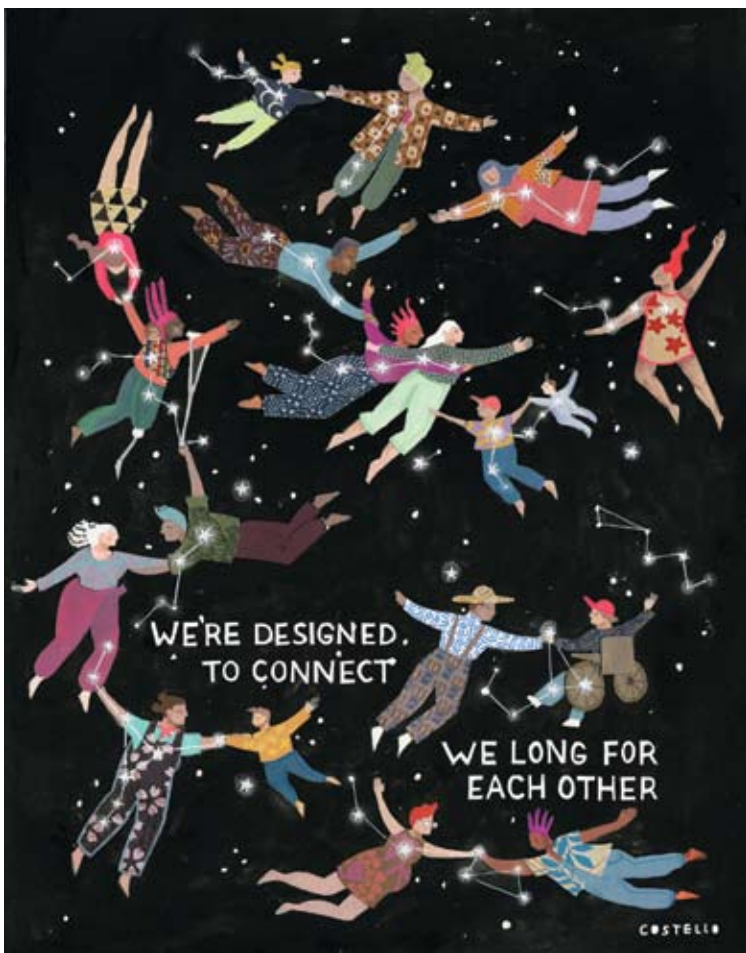
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California in 2007 to attend Loyola Univ., where she studied Visual Communication and Peace Studies. After graduation, she co-ran a small non-profit in the neighborhood for five years that focused on community-based solutions to some of the environmental, social, and economic issues facing her generation. She also worked at a local nursing home, running a greenhouse and garden program for the residents. Costello has slowly moved more into art full-time, “which is how I thrive now,” she said.

Her mural will illustrate the eclectic, authentic and inclusive aspects of the multicultural Clark St. commercial corridor, as well as the vivid colors and designs that make up the recently unveiled Clark St. brand—an aspect of Vision Clark Street that will be used by RPBA and local businesses in the future.

Her upcoming mural is “quite literal and will be full of figures in action cooking, serving, building etc.,” said Costello, 30.

“It references and celebrates the many people and diverse food offerings that Clark Street provides,” she said. “I also like to weave in a lot of stars and constellations into my work, frequently depicting people with their own



“Longing” a past work by Molly Costello.

constellations in their body. It’s a symbol for each of our unique offerings and light in this world.”

“We celebrate these ancient figures in the sky and I think it’s important to celebrate and honor

each other in a similar fashion, lifting each other up,” said Costello. “I also like to connect the constellations between people in an effort to say ‘the light in me is connected to the light in you.’”

“Our lives are connected. We are bound up in each other’s joy and suffering and it is our calling to show up for our neighbors and community, to break down illusions of our separateness, and to build a more just world together. There will be hints of this theme in the mural.”

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Costello has been creating art for as long as she can remember. “I can recall bringing books about how to draw animals to my school’s ‘reading days’ in first grade,” she said. “My mother and grandfather were both painters so I feel lucky that my family supported me from a young age.”

While she was doing community organizing work in the neigh-

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borhood after graduation, she and her colleagues were sitting with a lot of the “direct and indirect traumas of this world” and she was in need of an outlet to escape to for calm and healing, said Costello.

“Art became a place for me to envision the world we were working toward... to have faith that our small projects were a part of a larger transformation that was unfolding,” she said. “It allowed me to be in love with the world again in the face of so much violence and environmental uncertainty.”

She said she’s thrilled that her first mural is in her neighborhood. “I have been wanting to get into public art for many years and this feels like the best place to start, celebrating a neighborhood that I love and know well,” said Costello. “I feel like it is allowing me to build a deeper relationship with this place as well. I’m excited to get started.”



Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Plaintiff,

vs. WANDA R. YOUNG, GARRY P. YOUNG, GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SHEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON MORTGAGE CORPORATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants,

16 CH 1804
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 11-30-401-005-0000.
Commonly known as 7535 North Winchester Avenue, Chicago, IL 60626.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385. SPFSF-2436
INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FORMAN REAL PROPERTY, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.-
2001 FARGO INC., AN ILLINOIS CORP., RAVA CO., AN ILLINOIS CORP., BUILDDEX CORP., AN ILLINOIS CORP., DAMEN FARGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, JOHN TOMSIA, MAREK LOZA, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, ROBERT MOLEDA AND NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC Defendants
09 CH 50847
UNIT 7400-3, 2001 W. FARGO AVENUE AND 7400 N. DAMEN AVENUE
Chicago, IL 60645
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, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 17, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Property Index No. 11-30-316-021-1003.
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$3,988,105.36.

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

No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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For information, contact WILLIAM M. SMITH, WILLIAM M. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, 1038 N. LASALLE STREET, UNIT A, Chicago, IL 60610, (708) 923-0007

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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1038 N. LASALLE STREET, UNIT A
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Attorney Code. 50013
Case Number: 09 CH 50847
TJSC#: 39-1847

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09 CH 50847

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR REO TRUST 2017-RPL1 Plaintiff,

-v.-
RITA J. HUSSEY, CHASE MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
18 CH 12698
2060 W. CHASE AVE Chicago, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in

the above cause on March 13, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 14, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2060 W. CHASE AVE, Chicago, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-30-317-046-1004.

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$134,910.82.
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 the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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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.

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number 116211.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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(312) 263-0003
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Attorney Code. 43932
Case Number: 18 CH 12698
TJSC#: 39-1581

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

-v.-
PRINCE FREDERICK NWAKEE A/K/A PRINCE FREDERICK ANTHONY, HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA, INC., 6969 N. ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants
2018 CH 07841
6969 NORTH ASHLAND BLVD #304
CHICAGO, IL 60626

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 1, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 4, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6969 NORTH ASHLAND BLVD #304, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-112-025-1018.
The real estate is improved with a 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 the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium

Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, 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 14-18-06667.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff,

-v.-
IVAN SCHIFF, BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 6442 MOZART CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
13 CH 26750
6442 N. MOZART ST., UNIT 1
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 19, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 24, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6442 N. MOZART ST., UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-36-326-046-1001.
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$311,546.18.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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out 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.

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is a known gang member who has been frequently arrested along Argyle St., most recently in January for gang loitering about 30' from the train station, according to police records.

A police officer who was monitoring nearby surveillance cameras at the time of the shooting said he saw a suspect running from the scene with a gun in his hand. The man is described as black and "very young," possibly 18-years-old. He was wearing dark track pants and a dark jogging jacket or shirt with three white stripes down the sleeves, according to police. He was last seen running east on Argyle after the shooting. At least two other men were seen running northbound in the east alley along the train tracks following the shooting.

A powerful surge in gun violence has ripped Uptown since two people were shot in front of a Chinese restaurant in the 1000 block of W. Argyle on March 19.

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eral locations, and a gun was found near St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 4800 block of N. Kenmore.

Patrol officers called out for nearby schools to be placed on lockdown until the situation could be resolved. A police spokesman was unable to confirm if any schools carried out lockdown procedures.

Witnesses said the gunman was a black man who wore a gray sweatshirt with a red hood with red gym shoes. He may have shed a camouflage coat as he chased the victim, according to reports.

The month-long increase in shooting incidents around the Uptown neighborhood apparently spread into Lakeview on April 18.

A 30-year-old Calumet Park woman was reported in good condition after being shot by a known offender in 5000 block of N. Winthrop on Sunday evening.

More gunfire rang out on Easter Sunday when at least nine shots were fired just before 5 p.m. near Racine and Sunnyside. No one was injured, but the relentless paces of the shooting attempts made it clear that a rival gang is not giving up on their efforts to draw blood.

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ban from some North Lakefront neighborhoods in the 1990's where wealthier people live.

While the city and its vulnerable residents lose, the private contractor United Road Towing wins - the winter months are its most profitable period to tow cars. While most people pay the \$150 tow fee to reclaim their car, 142 cars were never reclaimed and sold as scrap in 2017, WBEZ reported.

United Road Towing got a city contract of \$60 million in 2016 and has held towing contracts for the last 30 years. The company defrauded the city for \$1 million, was investigated by the FBI for an interstate auto-theft ring and once declared bankruptcy to avoid paying a \$5 million settlement after the company was found to be illegally towing cars in another state.

The city chose this company over others that had cheaper bids.

Like the crazy ticket writing that hurts

reported hearing and seeing shots fired between two vehicles in the 4100 and 4200 blocks of N. Ashland around 6:30 p.m. Responding officers found shell casings spread across the two city blocks.

About 15 minutes later, witnesses reported seeing three young men park a bullet-ridden car in the 4100 block of N. Hermitage and then walk away from the scene. Police caught up with two men who they believe were in the car. One of them is an 18-year-old gangbanger from the Uptown neighborhood. No weapons were recovered from the men, who were later released.

Police believe the car was shot up by rival gang members from the Rogers Park neighborhood who have been engaged in a month-long battle since two persons were shot in the 1000 block of W. Argyle on March 19, according to a source.

On April 16, two persons were detained, and two guns were recovered after shots rang out in the 4400 block of N. Racine around 5:45 p.m. Officers found several parked cars with bullet holes and shattered windows nearby.

A search of an apartment building stairwell resulted in two arrests and the recovery of a firearm in the 4400 block of N. Racine. Another handgun was found about an hour later on the same block.

Shortly after 5 p.m. April 6, witnesses reported hearing 10-15 shots fired near a discount store's parking lot in the 900 block of W. Agatite. A lone gunman opened fire on a black Infinity or BMW that crashed into

Chicago's poor the hardest, the towing gig is based upon 'the more cars you tow, the more money the city makes to pay its towing costs.' WBEZ estimated that of the 24,000 cars sold for scrap, the value was likely five times higher. For instance a towed 2011 Mercedes was sold for \$143.33.

To boot, Chicago makes little money from its towing and booting programs. In 2017 despite making \$27 million from tow fees, the city made a profit of only \$4.6 million, which is less than the city collects from their plastic bag tax.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot will negotiate a new 2021 towing contract and appoint commissioners who decide how and when to tow cars. One alderman proposed capping late fees and cutting impound fees.

Then there are Chicago's red-light camera tickets. From 2007 to 2014, Chicago issued more than 4 million tickets from red-light cameras. What's worse, many of those red-light camera tickets were issued illegally. Jacie Zolna, a lawyer who forced

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the city to pay out \$38.5 million for red-light camera tickets, also run by a corrupt contractor, said the cameras and tickets were big money earners for the city.

City Hall "will stop at nothing to collect that money even from our most vulnerable citizens and even when its actions by any objective measure are morally reprehensible," he told WBEZ. "Somewhere along the way the city lost its soul."

three parked cars before speeding from the scene, bystanders said. Shell casings were recovered from the parking lot at Dollar Tree, 4443 N. Sheridan Rd.

On March 26, a 24-year-old woman was shot in her right leg as she walked in the 800 block of W. Agatite, about a block from where May 4's gunfire rang out.

On March 24, several people were shaken up, but none were injured after shots were fired in the 900 block of W. Eastwood. In that incident, witnesses reported that two men drove a Jeep Cherokee into an alley around 10:25 a.m. The men emerged from the Jeep and opened fire with a silver handgun. They then returned to the vehicle and sped away westbound.

Chicago police have made two recent arrests as they try to tamp down all the shooting in Uptown neighborhood.

Around 8 p.m. April 17, police saw a black Jeep SUV that matched the description of a vehicle used in a recent shooting operating without a license plate in the 4400 block of N. Clarendon. Officers pulled the SUV over and reportedly found two handguns inside.

Tanden O. Daniel, 25, was taken into custody and charged with two felony counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and four felony counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Judge David Navarro set bail at \$5,000. Daniel subsequently went free to await trial by posting a \$500 deposit bond.

Court records show that Daniel was charged with several felonies, including being a felon in possession of a weapon after police alleged that he was seen running near a "shots fired" call and dumping a gun on Lawrence Ave. in March 2014. He was found not guilty of all charges in a bench trial conducted by Judge James Obbish one year later.

Police responded to a call of three "gang bangers" flashing guns and harassing people near Sunnyside and Racine April 23, where several "shots fired" incidents had recently been reported. Officers said they saw Josue Vazquez, 19, "speaking with a known Black P Stone" who has "multiple" weapons arrests.

Vazquez ran from the scene when officers approached, sprinted through area streets, and caused a responding squad car to crash, police alleged in their report. He was eventually taken into custody. Police said they found a loaded ammunition magazine and three loose bullets as they retraced the steps of the foot pursuit. Vazquez admitted that the magazine and ammunition were his, police said.

Prosecutors charged Vazquez with felony obstruction of police; two misdemeanor counts of reckless conduct; misdemeanor possession of ammunition without a firearm owner ID card; and possession of a deadly weapon for allegedly carrying a pocketknife with a blade longer than city law allows. Judge Susana Ortiz released Vazquez on a recognizance bond.



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