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— Mickey Hart

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Wealthy homeowners oppose building new school gym in Uptown

BY JIM VAIL

When Ivan Boyko gets ready near the end of the day to have his physical education class at McCutcheon Elementary School, 4865 N. Sheridan Rd., he has to bundle up and hope the weather is not too cold or rainy.

That's because his school does not have a gymnasium. Instead, he and his 4th grade classmates have to travel across an empty lot to the Boys and Girls Club building for his PE classes. That is, if the weather isn't too bad. If it is, gym class is cancelled.

That will change after the Chicago Public Schools [CPS] agreed to build a new gymnasium that will cost about $10 million.

But an affluent group of homeowners to the east of the school filed a lawsuit to prevent the Chicago Plan Commission from building the new gym because "if constructed the annex would block visibility at the west end of the street, drastically changing its appearance and character."

The tale of two cities plays out right here on this little stretch of Uptown. The Castlewood Terrace Homeowners Assoc., who filed the lawsuit, represents 32 single family homeowners on Castlewood Terrace which it claims was created in 1896 and was registered in the National Register of Historic Places. The homes are elegant miniature mansions on a leafy residential street surrounded by rough and tumble Uptown.

McCutcheon serves a diverse immigrant population of Vietnamese, African, Indian, Hispanic and other groups. More than a quarter of its students experience homelessness, one-third have cognitive disabilities, including autism, and three out of four students live in poverty, according to Ald. James Cappleman [46th], who touted building a new gym for McCutcheon as one of his success stories on his campaign trail. He defeated his challenger by less than 30 votes in a recent runoff.

"McCutcheon does an admirable job educating the most vulnerable students in our community," Cappleman wrote in a letter to the Chicago Tribune. "But now, the school finds itself with a new challenge: its affluent neighbors."

According to Cappleman, the Uptown elementary school is

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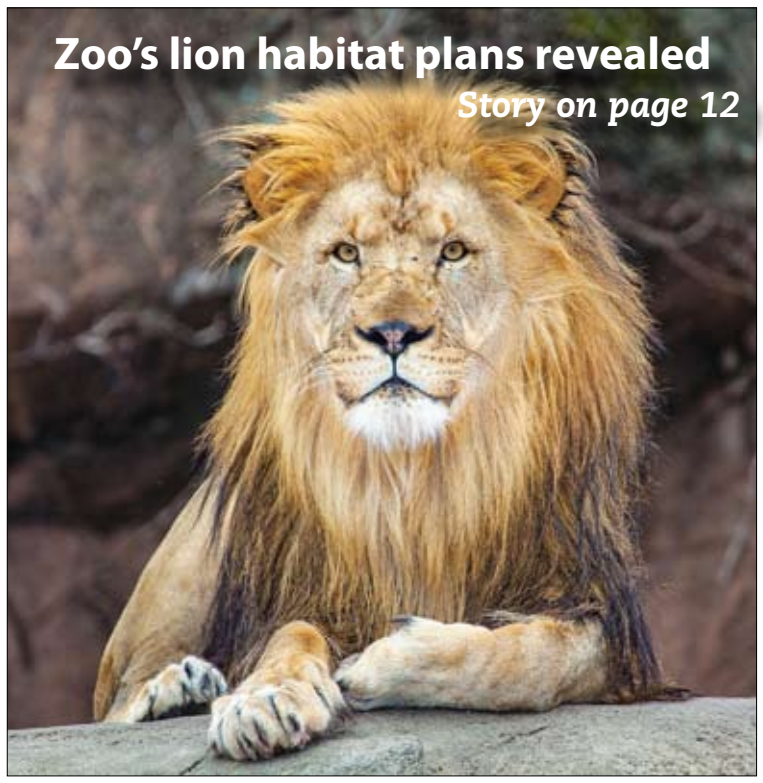

Will ethics reform come soon enough to tame the most corrupt city in America?

BY JIM VAIL

Newly elected Mayor Lori Lightfoot promised that ethics reform will come to the City of Chicago and the old corrupt way of doing business will stop.

Her election win came amidst the recent scandal of an FBI investigation into Ald. Ed Burke [14th] for shaking down a business owner who wanted to do business in his ward, and disgraced former Ald. Danny Solis [25th], who wore a wire to get the goods on his buddies.

Several City Council election upsets, including ousting long-time North Side Ald. Pat O'Connor [40th], also tied to dubious real estate deals with his wife, and Lighfoot's victory over political insider Toni Preckwinkle, showed voters are tired with the city's Democrat political machine.

According to federal records and several other sources, Chicago is the most corrupt city in America. Will that change?

"I'm sure there will be more changes coming as time moves on," Board of Ethics Chairman William Conlon told The Daily Line.

Those changes include expanding the inspector general's powers, and tightening the city's ethics ordinance, campaign finance regulations and City Council rules.

O'Connor watered down earlier proposals in the City Council to better police councilmen.

The Ethics Board to the City Council has proposed requiring all aldermanic disclosures to be sent to the Board of Ethics and published on its website. One of the jokes for the last few decades was Ald. Burke participating in Council hearings concerning businesses tied to his property tax law firm which he would then, at the last minute, recuse himself from voting on. He recused himself hundreds of times because the city's ethics law requires aldermen to disclose and abstain from voting on matters in which they have a financial interest.

While the ethics board has not proposed banning side jobs completely, it has proposed a ban on aldermen from representing clients with tax issues, bankruptcy or environmental proceedings affecting city revenue, or health, safety or welfare of Chicagoans, according to The Daily Line.

Many North Side aldermen told this newspaper that they only have one full-time job to represent their constituents as opposed to a councilman making over six figures. Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] was forced into a runoff with an opponent who raised the issue about having a side job that paid her $72,000 per year from her biggest donator. She said she no longer has the side job and returned the money.

While the ethics board has not proposed banning side jobs completely, it has proposed a ban on aldermen from representing clients with tax issues, bankruptcy or environmental proceedings affecting city revenue, or health, safety or welfare of Chicagoans, according to The Daily Line. One proposal would expand conflict of interest to include a lawmakers' spouse or domestic partner, and another proposal would ban lobbying during City Council meetings, in response to former councilmen becoming lobbyists. Several former aldermen like Uptown Ald. Helen Shiller work as 'consultants' based upon their experience in city government to get city business or laws passed favorable to their client.

According to a variety of sources, Chicago has one of the lowest fines for ethics violations in the country. New York can fine up to $25,000 per violation, while Chicago's maximum fine is $2,000 per violation.

The ethics board also recommends limiting labor unions and city subcontractors and their top officers and owners to the $1,500 per candidate/per calendar year political contribution limit. The unions as well as wealthy business people have traditionally heavily financed the aldermanic and mayoral elections.

The board also recommended regulating regular lobbying to influence aldermen via outside digital campaigns or robocalls to

CORRUPT *see p. 16*

Community meetings on gang violence in Uptown

With a gang shooting war underway in Uptown for the last two months, the city is hosting two safety seminars for residents in hopes of providing options for residents so as to not get caught in the crossfire.

Aldermen Harry Osterman [48th] and James Cappleman [46th] are co-hosting a meeting today, May 15, 6:30 p.m., at Furama, 4936 N. Broadway. Police Commanders from the 19th and 20th Districts will be in attendance to give updates on recent incidents in Uptown.

The aldermen will share their outline of new safety initiatives, as well as ways neighbors can get involved in our summer safety initiatives. A second meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, with the Commanders of the 20th and 24th Districts.

In recent years the city has put significant focus on increasing public safety efforts on Argyle and Thorndale. "Last week's incidents highlight that there is still a lot of work to be done, and I am evaluating ways to enhance and expand safety efforts for all in our community," said Ald. Osterman. "I'll be meeting with Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot and her safety team to look at ways to address safety in our community and throughout the city."

Chicago police charged a 14 year-old individual on May 9 with a felony count of attempted murder and a felony count of aggravated battery/discharging a firearm, in connection with the May 6 shooting on the Argyle CTA platform.

Pop-up stores coming to Water Tower Place?

In a sign of the digital and retail times, one of the nation's premiere retail centers is looking to add pop-up shops to their retailer mix. Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Ave., is seeking a Public Place of Amusement (PPA) license with the city which would allow certain tenants to have paid admission exhibits at two designated locations within the mall.

Water Tower Place intends to use this license for future temporary pop-up exhibits. Many retailers and other commercial ventures no longer want bricks and mortar storefronts 12 months a year, choosing to open and close their stores for special events or during high and low seasons for their particular offerings.

A community meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Water Tower Place, room 913E where neighbors and interested parties can learn more.

Applying for the license as a landlord alleviates the 4-6 month City approval process for potential tenants who may need the PPA in order to operate. The Public Place of Amusement license is not a liquor license, and no liquor license is being applied for in this application.

For more information, call 312-643-2299.

Look, save your tears, got years and years

By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Gail King pushes out Norah O'Donnell at CBS morning news? DeNiro won't act? Joe Biden is a hair smeller? Venezuela's going up in smoke? Fake news still continues to dominate American media and politics? President Trump just dismantled a United Nation's nuclear treaty? Kim Foxx is still playing the race card in the Smollett case?

Who can you trust?

Heartbreak and insecurity are all around us, it seems. The streets are rougher. The schools less forgiving. Filled with meaner students. Life is short in the public square. Dodging bullets, a childhood game. Where is the mellow mood of our youth? The sweet tunes insisting life would always get better. And the worst pains of broken love would heal and not swallow us up. Where are these harmonies when we need them?

Many of them are on YouTube. Close by. Still near and sweet as Garrett's Popcorn. The 1970s and 1980s just a click away. Tender words of human compassion and understanding abound.

Is it still possible to be revived and mended by the harmonic poetry from another era? Is healing not ageless? Even if the tune was the background music to your first break-up, prom catastrophe or cruel swirlies in the lavatory, they have to be more uplifting than the rhymes and rhythms that are all around us now.

Sorry, if your 14-year old banshee of a teenager doesn't know who Lennon and McCartney are. Although they might think it was the Soviet revolutionary and the Wisconsin Senator of blacklist fame.

Back in the 1970s British singer/music writer Chris Rea discovered that his 17-year old sister had been shattered by the end of her first relationship of love. He attempted to reassure her that no matter what brought her tender relationship to an end, she would find love again. His tune,"Fool, If You Think It's Over," was his way of letting her know that not only would she love again, she most likely would have more heartbreak as well. But the good news was that she would grow and become less devastated in the process. She would learn to survive her broken heart.

"Fool if you think it's over
'Cause you said goodbye, Fool
if you think it's over, I'll tell you why."

Chris shares a few life lessons for his sis for next time. He's a good bro. Seventies sensitive. A refinement all our eyes can use.

"Dyin' flame, you're free again
Who could love, do that to you
All dressed in black, he won't be comin' back,
So save your tears,
got years and years"

I stumbled upon all of this revisit to the 70's while browsing on Google. It led me to a YouTube site. Instantly, I was magically transported back 40 years to Britain's Top of the Pops 2. My first response was, "Corney!" But slowly as the song played I was finding myself being revived by the melodic harmonies of a past time and the wisdom of a real love song. How could I turn away, it actually made me feel better.

What else did I learn from Chris Rea?

Miss Teenage Dream,
such a tragic scene
He knocked your crown
and ran away
First wound of pride,
and how you cried and cried
But save your tears,
got years and years.

British singer/music writer Chris Rea.

He reminds me of my grandmother. She was great for telling people to be cautious with their tears. You never knew when you'd need them. You don't want to use them all up.

Look, save your tears
Got years and years
The pains of seventeen's
Unreal they're only dreams
Save your cryin' for the day.

The music was as hypnotic as his words. Etherial, but filled with fugal muscularity. It filled the room with the strength and courage of the Reagan Era. Suddenly I remembered long-gone pockets full of cash and Nancy Reagan dancing in a red dress. And no economic pinch. The tempo was reasoned and earthly. Rea's voice rich and touched by easy harmonies. They threw a web of calmness around me.

I wasn't even sure I remembered who Chris Rea was, but his voice held me in a familiar perfect peace. Suddenly he was like my favorite older cousin. Passing out wise advice, substantiated by personal experience. It just seemed to flow to a good place.

I was also amazed and encouraged by the comments left by other people who had listened to the tune on YouTube. What people said rang true with me. Reinforced what I was hearing. Here's a sample:

Brenda says: "I have to look at these 70's videos to keep me going. I can't take this modern world much longer. I long for these days when life was good and people were kind to each other. I am sick of what the world has become."

Apparently, I wasn't the only one looking for the spirit of a better time.

Art says: "Best song writers, singers and bands in this era. We'll never get this level of talent again in my eyes. Wish I could travel back to the 70's."

People seemed hungry for peace. Ready to embrace a world of deeper harmony. Ready to connect to things more deeply.

Chico added: "As one looks around this world today, this music is dearly missed. Frankly we are a mess, trouble here trouble there, the war mongers are creating a world of suffering and turmoil, time to hold them accountable for their misdeeds."

We are excited that we shall have a new mayor in Chicago very soon. Like many Chicagoans, I am ready for a new strategy, a new approach to living together, creating an urban environment fit to inhabit. I want Mayor Lightfoot to succeed. I hope she can deliver helping us achieve a new stability. I'll keep the tunes of the past nearby in case things deteriorate. But I will also take hold of what is boldest and good in us, hoping that Chicago will be reborn in this remarkable place in time. Remember, "Save your cryin' for the day." We've got to make our own harmonies. If you think it's over, it's just begun.

Shaun Rajah becomes a citizen.

AMERICA'S MORE BEAUTIFUL: The news was big. **Shaun Rajah**, everyone's favorite hotelier, was officially sworn in as a U.S. citizen last week, with all the trimmings. It was a red, white and blue day for Shaun and all of us, his friends and admirers. He has become a true Chicagoan and he works overtime making sure that Chicago is at its best. Congratulations, Shaun.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Maestro **Stanley Paul** celebrated a wonderful evening honoring **Vonita Reescer** at the Stanley Paul-Raelene Mittelman Scholarship Benefit at the Casino. Beautiful tributes and fun evening for the very deserving recipient. Everyone cherishes the memory of Stanley's dear sister **Raelene Mittleman**. Also present, **Bobbi Panter, Sherry Lea Fox, Al Minnotti, Denise Tomasello** and **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and the charming **Dori Wilson** deftly emceeing.

UFOs: The U.S. Navy has drafted a procedure to investigate and catalogue reports of unidentified flying objects coming in from its pilots. But the service doesn't expect to make the information public, citing privileged and classified reporting that is typically included in such files.

MIRACULO: BJ Murray tells us that he was recently given the good news that he is 100% free of the Lyme Virus after seven years. All those prayers paid off. Needless to say Chicago is cheering.

WICKER PARK HOTEL: A 99-room Hyatt Hotel at 1555 N. Ashland in Wicker Park will replace a Shell gas station that was demolished last year. Plans recently saw the design change to look less suburban. Could open in 2020.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Columbia College Chicago students in **Jane Canepa's** events and promotions class hosted a special event May 5 at 10 Pin as their 'finals project.' Not only was it a test, but also a fundraiser benefit for Special Olympics Illinois. Bravo good students! Now keep doing that for another 50 years.

HEADACHES: Seymour Diamond, MD, at the age of 94, still actively serves as the Executive Chair of National Headache Foundation and will kick-off the 33rd annual gala to raise awareness for the disease on May 18. This year's gala, "The Enchanted Garden," will recognize and honor world-renowned physician, and recipient of a Nobel Prize in Medicine, **Eric Kandel**, with the National Headache Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. The evening will consist of cocktails, dinner, silent auction and live orchestra with dancing. Saturday, May 18, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. The Langham Chicago, 330 N. Wabash Ave. Call 312-274-2550.

PAX ET BONA: Alexandra Lyons Cooney's death last week was tragic. A bright young woman of Catholic bearing and sensitive woman of faith who took life seriously helping to empower the seniors and enliven friends with reason and wit. A well-traveled partner for the love of her life, **Tom Cooney**, who joined in her adventures from catechist at Holy Name Cathedral to the Irish Georgian Society. She was devoted to French culture and a board member of the Lyric Opera. She returns to God ennobled by her life.

ISIS NEWS: It was May Day last week and the Magdalen Col-

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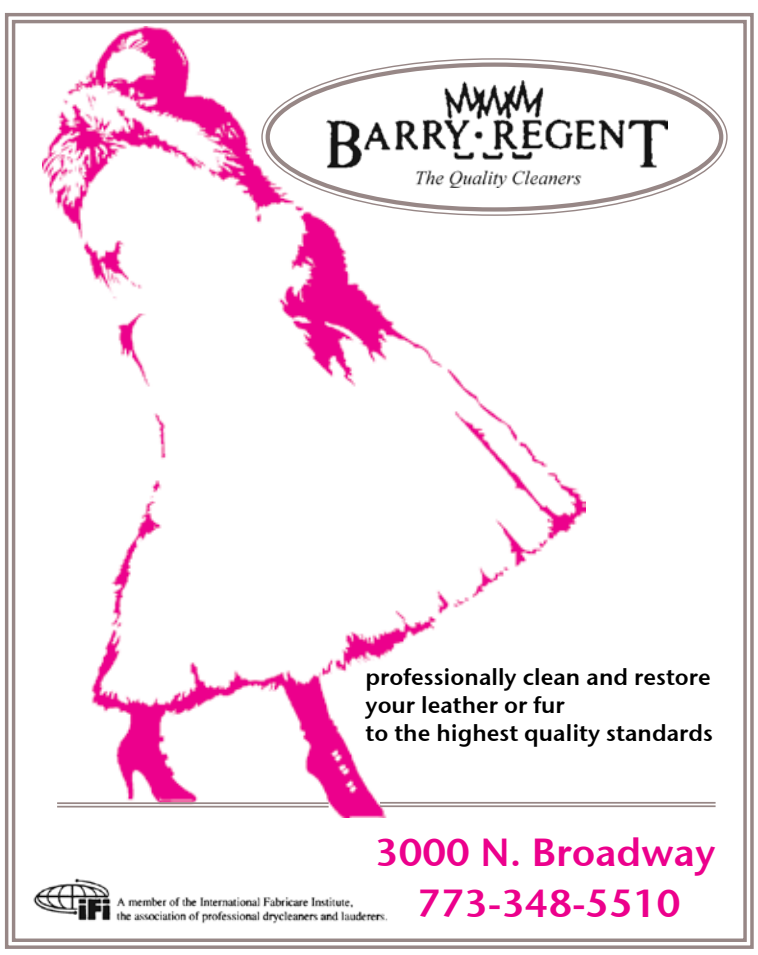

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Clarendon Park Fieldhouse saved

Kudos to all involved for saving the circa-1916 Clarendon Park Fieldhouse, which thankfully, will not see the wrecking ball and instead be renovated and remain in the Uptown community.

Heart of the 'Hood

By Felicia Dechter

Also called the Clarendon Community Center Park located at 4501 N. Clarendon Ave., the park sits on 12.64 acres of land and its fieldhouse contains a fitness center, a gymnasium, and several clubrooms. But it's more than just the park's physical assets that are imperative to its neighborhood.

You see, once upon a time, I was a Clarendon Park kid. I lived across the street, and it was a place where teens could go and hang and know we were safe. And there was a lot going on there… I remember the excitement when the rock 'n' roll band REO Speedwagon played softball on one of the fields.

But that isn't really why Clarendon Park means something to me.

It was Dec., 1972, and there I was, minding my own business, ice skating at Clarendon Park. It was back in the day when the parks froze water and created rinks. Clarendon's rink was huge, and living so near it was easy for me to throw on my skates and hit the ice.

I was busy skating around and in my own world, when suddenly someone yanked my stocking cap off. I look around and there were two very adorable guys, one of whom had my hat. The pair -- who were brothers -- started tossing the hat back and forth between them, laughing and smiling and teasing me. By the end of the day, one of them was walking me home.

The Clarendon Municipal Bathing Beach, 1916.

Chip Dennis became the first love of my life for the next four years, thanks to a chance Clarendon Park meeting. So I'll always cherish my memories from there.

Oops, I'm daydreaming. Back to the present.

There will be a limited renovation of the fieldhouse, which will bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A new lobby and elevator will be added and ongoing issues like water leakage will be addressed. There is supposed to be a community meeting in the future to show more detailed plans.

The projected cost for the renovation is $22 million and hopefully, the renovation will be completed in phases for as little impact as possible on park programming. And please give a hand to the Clarendon Park Advisory Council, which worked diligently on the project.

The fieldhouse/community center plays an integral role in providing much-needed services such as after school programs, summer camps, basketball, and it is home to the Garfield Clarendon Model Railroad Club. I know first hand what a safe haven it is for kids.

According to Preservation Chicago, the fieldhouse, originally called the Clarendon Municipal Bathing Beach, was designed by city architect C.W. Kallal in a Mediterranean Revival Style as a state-of-the-art facility once considered to be one of "the largest and best equipped of all of the beaches in the city." It could accommodate more than 9,000 swimmers and included a promenade for thousands of spectators. The building remained popular until the 1930s when landfill moved the shoreline further east and created Clarendon Park. It was further separated from the Lake Michigan shoreline by extensions of Lake Shore Dr. in the early 1950s.

Over time but especially during a 1972 "modernization" effort, the distinctive tall towers fronting Clarendon Ave. and the smaller towers fronting the beach, along with the entry colonnade, verandas, open-air loggias and tile roof were demolished and replaced with a massive flat roof. The modifications resulted in extensive water infiltration and roof issues.

At this time, full plans have not been shared, said Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago. Yet he assumes that code and water management issues would be the highest priority for the Chicago Park District and the community and this work would all be staged in phases, as to not interrupt programming.

Preservation Chicago is "very proud and pleased with the outcome and we've been working with the community and elected officials for more than five years towards this goal."

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Small 'Ma and Pa' apartment owners cheering Assessor's Kaegi's efforts

Small "Ma and Pa" apartment owners—the backbone of Chicago's affordable rental market—are hoping and praying for a level playing field from reformer Fritz Kaegi, Cook County's newly elected assessor.

In a bold move, Kaegi recently went to bat for the little guys—the 2-flat, 3-flat and 4-flat owners across the city's 77 neighborhoods.

The Home Front
By Don DeBat

Kaegi urged the Illinois Legislature to pass a bill that would require large commercial property owners—those fat cats who developed, own and manage tens of thousands of units in brand-new apartment towers and thousands of square feet of space in office skyscrapers downtown—to disclose income and expenses.

The assessor was hoping to use the information to calculate more accurate property tax assessments, which are largely based on the level of income an apartment or office building generates.

Although the measure passed the Illinois Senate in April, unfortunately the bill was torpedoed by lobbyists representing wealthy real estate interests, and some trade unions who benefit from the downtown construction and development business.

Small apartment building owners in the city are still trying to digest the whopping 2018 property-tax assessments handed out as a parting shot by the former Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios.

The bill was scheduled for a hearing at an Illinois House committee last week, but mysteriously was pulled from the agenda by Michael Madigan, the powerful Speaker of the House.

Ironically, Madigan also owns a property tax appeals law firm. Obviously, some of his wealthy clients likely would feel a financial pinch if the progressive Kaegi reform bill passed.

The Kaegi bill would require owners of big commercial properties each year to submit to the Cook County Assessor's office certain data, including federal tax returns, rent rolls and expenses for the prior year.

"Imagine if you were the Internal Revenue Service and you calculated people's taxes based on a guess of what they their income was," Kaegi said.

Under the Kaegi plan, owners of small apartments worth less than $400,000, rental properties with six or fewer units and residential rental buildings with seven or more units worth less than $1-million would be exempt from the new law if it introduced for a vote and passes the Illinois House.

After taking office, apparently Kaegi learned that former Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' crew used creative "multiple regression" computer models to assess many downtown commercial properties. Berrios bragged in press releases that he was "refining assessments" and completed his work on time for eight straight years.

Unfortunately, under this system big commercial properties were undervalued and some of the real estate tax burden was unfairly shifted to bungalow owners, small apartment and small commercial properties, according to a Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois investigation.

The Kaegi reform pledges to publish formulas used to calculate residential assessments and use new calculations to assess big commercial properties.

The rental-apartment market is tough on the little guys who own small buildings and don't have a roof-top swimming pool, a fancy workout salon and a doorman, landlords say.

Meanwhile, small apartment building owners in the city are still trying to digest the whopping 2018 property-tax assessments handed out as a parting shot by Berrios.

In 2018, the entire City of Chicago was reassessed and a spot survey by The Home Front column found assessment increases of 40% to 112% on a group of small North Side and Northwest Side Ma and Pa apartment buildings.

The rental-apartment market is tough on the little guys who own small buildings and don't have a roof-top swimming pool, a fancy workout salon and a doorman, landlords say.

Often the rent is lower in the walk-up, and the privacy can be a bonus, especially if there is a nice deck with barbeque and a garden out back.

However, the small apartment owner still has to be competitive when it comes to amenities upscale renters expect, such as a fireplace, granite and stainless-steel kitchen, in-unit washer/dryer and good security.

Here are some examples of upgrades made and vacancy issues dealt with recently by four North Side landlords who are trying to keep up with the downtown high-rise apartment competition:

• **Old Town:** The owner of a vintage 3-flat invested more than $3,000 in improvements in one 2-bedroom-plus-den, 2-bath, 1,000-square-foot apartment and only raised the rent $55 a month.

Improvements included new under-cabinet kitchen lighting, two new ceiling fans, a dining room chandelier, new Levelor blinds, a deck barbeque and a complete repainting of the apartment. The owner currently is appealing an outrageous 93% assessment increase handed out by Berrios.

• **Lincoln Park:** The investment of $3,000 in improvements by a landlord in a 1-bedroom, 1-bath 700-square-foot apartment in a historic Lincoln Park 6-flat only generated a rent increase of $160 a month. Improvements include: wall-to-wall carpeting, a new appliance package, and Levelor blinds. The owner is appealing a 34% assessment increase she received from Berrios.

• **Logan Square:** The owner of a 4-flat near Logan Boulevard had a vacancy in a 1-bedroom-plus-den garden unit for 18 months and lost tens of thousands of dollars in rents. Part of the problem was competition from big commercial developers who built a batch of new apartment buildings on nearby Milwaukee Ave. in the super-hot Logan Square neighborhood.

Despite the financial hardship, Berrios jacked the owner's assessment up 72.8%. The owner is appealing the hefty assessment hike.

• **North Lincoln Square:** This year the 1920s era 4-flat building was battered with water infiltration issues caused by the record spring rains. The landlord fixed the water problem at a cost of about $1,000, replaced two roof-top furnace and air condition units for $8,600 and now is planning porch improvements and other investments.

The owner says he is holding the line on rents, but passing on modest rent increases to keep occupancy at 100%. The owner is appealing Berrios' 40.6% assessment hike.

The Kaegi bill is opposed in the Illinois Legislature by the Building Managers Assoc. of Chicago, the Illinois Retail Merchants Assoc., the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, and the Chicagoland Apartment Assoc.

Other opponents include some trade unions that have strong alliances with the office and apartment construction industry, and the Civic Federation, a budget watchdog group backed by corporate interests.

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Is intoxication lying in the weeds?

BY STEPHEN HOFFMAN

Marijuana is legal to some extent in over 30 states and counting — some for medicinal purposes, some fully decriminalized.

What are the implications for driving (including getting a DUI for marijuana intoxication), operating machinery, and driving through states where this herbaceous substance is not legal?

Most importantly, how can you tell when you are intoxicated?

Some states have decriminalized marijuana use for all purposes, or have made it illegal only to the extent of a minor municipal violation. Others allow medicinal use. Many allow both.

Meanwhile, the other states still hold marijuana to be illegal, for both recreational use and medicinal purposes.

To cast an even larger cloud over the room, the federal government still classifies marijuana as an illegal drug.

So it may be allowable to ingest marijuana in a state but not legal to operate a boat, motorcycle, or car while under its influence. It may be legal to ingest it in a state like Colorado, but illegal to take it from Colorado to a state where it is illegal, even if it was legal in the state from which it came. And if you drive with it into a state where it is illegal, it may get you in trouble in multiple ways.

If you think being stoned makes it hard to make sense of things, how about the fact that there is no uniformly accepted test for determining intoxication for marijuana use. In Illinois, it is illegal to drive while intoxicated, but it is very difficult without a contemporaneous medical test to even determine what level of pot use yields intoxication. Nor is there a standard for how to test this.

Saliva tests are invasive and costly, while breath tests are being developed but are not yet reliable.

There is no scientific consensus on what constitutes intoxication or impairment due to marijuana.

There are plenty of people who are able to use marijuana or medical products mimicking its effects and benefits who can still drive without impairment. Yet others cannot.

Making matters even foggier is that pot stays in your system in the fat cells for around 30 days, meaning you could test positive for marijuana and its active ingredient, THC, yet not be remotely impaired.

Workers' compensation in Illinois makes things even more difficult. An employer can claim that an employee who was injured was intoxicated and thus is not entitled to workers' comp benefits. But the employer has to prove actual impairment at the time of the injury, meaning they would have to test the employee contemporaneously and have someone trained to testify about levels of intoxication.

What if your car insurance company ask if you use marijuana? Auto insurers already ask insureds to voluntarily exchange personal information in exchange for lower rates. This comes in the form of personal tracking devices placed in vehicles.

It is certainly conceivable that insurers will ask people to volunteer information about legal drug use when applying for a policy of insurance, such as:

- Do you or a member of your household currently hold a valid medical marijuana card?
- Do you currently use marijuana regularly (defined as daily? Weekly? Monthly?)?
- Do you drive within (x # hours/days) after using marijuana?

Whether you live in a state where marijuana is legal could also be analyzed algorithmically to adjust auto insurance rates.

Where does data collection, ostensibly for public safety purposes, intersect with rights of privacy? You can expect these companies will be checking social media posts and sharing information with other insurance companies too.

Responsible people can indulge in a few beers, glasses of wine, or sips of whiskey and drive later on that day without any legal or medical impairment. There are also plenty of people able to use marijuana or medical products mimicking its effects and benefits who can still drive without impairment. Yet others cannot.

In short, the effect of marijuana and its companion substances can differ widely upon different people.

How the law should handle this is still open for debate whether you are a user for medical reasons or a stoner who just wants to embrace the hash pipe?

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Meeting on preserving dwindling supply of two-flats, three-flats May 30 at Sulzer

How to preserve Chicago's dwindling supply of two-flat and three-flat apartment buildings will be the topic of a public forum from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 30 at the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

Two-flat and three-flat apartment buildings built between 1880 and 1970 have been identified as key sources of affordable housing in Chicago, but thousands of rental units in these buildings have been lost in the last 30 years due to a variety of factors, including neglect and abandonment, conversion to condominiums or single-family homes, or demolition for redevelopment.

Event organizers say that the idea behind this forum is to explore alternative approaches to preserving those rental units. The forum hopes to consider a range of ideas for how to achieve that goal, either through incentives or restrictions. The public meeting will feature a panel that includes: Ald. Matt Martin [47th]; Sarah Duda, Deputy Director of the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul Univ.; Paul Shadle, of DLA Piper, with a law practice focusing on development, land use and government affairs; Steven Vance, CEO of Chicago Cityscape, a website offering detailed information about development in Chicago, and John Zachar, a Northside architect with experience in two-flat renovation and conversion.

"The importance of preserving two-flats and three-flats received considerable attention during the recent citywide elections," said Lynsey Sorrell, an architect who is one of the meeting organizers. "We want to maintain the focus on that topic and give our neighbors an opportunity to learn more about various approaches to preserving those units and the challenges involved in achieving that goal. It touches on so many important topics, such as zoning, building codes, historic preservation, sustainability and affordability. It's a citywide issue, but one with special relevance" on the North Side.

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The forum will include brief presentations by the panelists, a discussion of issues and a question and answer session during which panelists will respond to written questions from audience members.

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Celebration in promotion of organ donations

Meeting in front of a kidney-bean-shaped piece of art holds additional symbolism for Kate Griggs. She came to Millennium Park to pose for a photo in front of Cloud Gate — an iconic sculpture better known to Chicagoans as "The Bean" — with others who have donated a kidney or other organ to a person needing a transplant.

Griggs became a living donor in 2016 when she donated one of her kidneys to a stranger. Soon after, she started this gathering of fellow donors, to raise awareness about organ donation and to encourage others to register as living donors.

Now, the group meets in Chicago every April for National Donate Life month. Last year, 410 donors met up in front of the sculpture, setting the Guinness World record for largest-ever gathering of living organ donors.

Uptown Vintage Garage moves to Evanston

The popular vintage flea market in Edgewater has had to move due to construction going on at it's former Uptown location. Their new location will be at 1800 Maple, Evanston, 5th floor.

Sale dates for 2019 are are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19, July 21 and Sept. 15. Fans can use the Red and Purple line OR UPN Metra. The Davis station is adjacent to the site.

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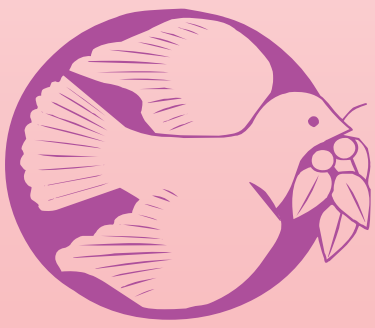

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FIELDHOUSE *from p. 3*

"The Clarendon Park Advisory Council, Uptown United, Uptown Historical Society and other groups, together with Preservation Chicago and Ald. Cappleman all deserve credit for this marvelous outcome," said Miller. "Katherine Boyda, a longtime advocate and Melanie Eckner deserve kudos!"

More details will be forthcoming in the near future. And as for the far future, well, it's good to know that so many other teens like myself will continue to use this historic, much-needed community facility.

Cherilyn Murer

Congrats to… Gold Coast resident and business owner Cherilyn Murer, who will receive the prestigious Top Women in Healthcare Legacy Award from PR News at an upcoming ceremony at the Yale Club in New York City. Murer was also just elected a member of the Board of Governors of the School of the Art Institute. And last week, she was installed as president of Luminarts Cultural Foundation, formed by the Union League Club of Chicago, where she is a board member.

Murer also holds a corporate board position at Surgical Solutions, a healthcare portfolio company. She is the first female vice-chair of the 24-member Board of Trustees of the Lebanese American Univ. and as a former member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education she served two consecutive six-year terms on the board of trustees of Northern Illinois Univ. (NIU).

For 32 years, Murer ran a company that she sold in 2017, but as you can see, she hasn't slowed down. Like the Energizer Bunny, this woman who has "always had exciting things going on in my life," seems to keep going and going.

"I'm smiling right now," said Murer, when asked how it felt being honored. " It makes me smile. It's a marvelous recognition of more than three decades of trying to make a difference, trying to make a change," she added. "It's a wonderful award and I'm very appreciative of the recognition."

Neli Vasquez Rowland with Lin-Manuel Miranda.

She attended law school -- and graduated with honors -- at NIU while raising two small children. Murer started her career at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and rather than going into the hospital's legal department, she went into consulting, eventually becoming Director of Rehabilitative Medicine. "I really looked at things in a holistic way," said Murer. "I really looked at being an expert in how to address the healthcare delivery system."

Murer says there have been three majors in her life: health care, the arts and higher education, and these days she divides her time between those areas. She gave some excellent advice for anyone in a position of leadership.

"Lead with your knowledge, your integrity," said Murer. "You don't lead with bravado. You lead quietly with the knowledge and expertise that you have. And always be true to your word, say what you mean and mean what you say."

Rose Marie Gumiran DiStasio and her husband,Joe, at the Kentucky Derby.

Hats off... When Rose Marie Gumiran DiStasio needed a new and exciting hat for the recent Kentucky Derby, she called her old and dear friend, milliner Sonia Caceres of Graceful Butterfly Millinery. The pair has been buddies since they were kids at LeMoyne Elementary School in Lakeview, and DiStasio knew that Caceres' would create a beautiful chapeaux for the occasion, which she did. I tip my hat to these long-time friends and to Caceres, who, as usual, came up with a perfect, striking design.

In the room where it happened… Lucky Neli Vasquez Rowland, president of A Safe Haven Foundation, a nonprofit located at 2750 W. Roosevelt Rd. that helps people transition from homelessness.

Vasquez Rowland recently had the pleasure of being in the room with and meeting Lin-Manuel Miranda, who was in town for the Hamilton exhibit opening at Northerly Island. Rowland attended a private event held at the home of her friend, Jose Sanchez, which was hosted by Miranda and his dad, Luis A. Miranda, Jr., for Latino leaders in Chicago.

"When I met Lin he seemed genuinely interested in the topic of giving back and making a difference and seemed especially moved about our work and dedication to helping the homeless at A Safe Haven Foundation," said Rowland. "He made us all laugh when he was asked what he thinks he inherited from his father and he quipped it was not his fashion sense." Lin's father, apparently showed up at the brunch fashionably-dressed and sporting tuxedo shoes, while Lin wore jeans, a t-shirt, gym shoes and a baseball cap, reported Rowland.

But I guess when you have a smash hit like "Hamilton" under your belt, you can pretty much show up naked if you like.

Freebie alert!... Through Sunday families can enjoy free children's admission aboard Mercury Cruises' Urban Adventure Cruise as part of the 2019 Riverwalk Summer Kick-Off event. Other admission specials include two free cruises aboard Mercury's Canine Cruise and a free cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises' Sunset Stretch Yoga Cruise. More info at mercurycruises.com.

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Quigley on same page as president over China tariffs

BY PATRICK BUTLER

China is a threat for several reasons the U.S. can no longer afford to ignore, U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley [5th] warned a May 13 standing-room-only luncheon at the Chicago City Club, 111 W. Grand Ave.

And President Donald Trump'srecently-imposed tariff hike isn't going to help anyone – including local businesses like the Northwest Side industrial plant in Quigley's district that will have to go hunting for other, perhaps more expensive raw materials.

Nobody is really sure what the impact may be short and long term but most recognize that if this challenge was ever to be undertaken, now - with the U.S. economy booming - is the right time.

Ultimately, the cost of the tariff hike will be passed on to that plant, and eventually its' American customers, Quigley pointed out, unless alternate vendors and suppliers can be found outside of China.

On Monday, the day after that tariff was imposed, the Dow Jones Industrial Average did a 611 point nosedive. Still the S&P 500 up over 13% year to date and the DOW Jones 9.4%. So it is no time for jumping off buildings.

The question now, he added, is which country is going to be hurt more – China or the U.S.

Right now most economists think the U.S. has more leverage, and China more to lose.

Once an isolated, impoverished country considered fair game for all the bigger countries, China is now the world's second largest economy next to the United States, said Quigley, noting that "when I was in high school, 90% of the Chinese population lived in abject poverty. Today it's about two percent."

Their GDP has grown by 24 times since then, he added, noting that China has been funneling much of the proceeds into an extremely powerful military machine that could someday challenge even the United States.

China's goal, Quigley added, is to have a world class military establishment by mid-century.

But that's only part of the problem, Quigley warned, adding that China's enrichment came at least partly from "aggressively" stealing civilian patents from the West as well as American military secrets.

Chinese law, in fact, requires that country's businesses to steal whatever they can from foreign companies, some American business people familiar with Chinese ways claim. And as 70% of the nations economy is owned or controlled by the Chinese government, or communist party political players, that seems understandable. After all, who benefits, and who would arrest them?

Security concerns about Chinese business practices are already so serious that the Pentagon reportedly doesn't want Chinese-made railroad cars bought by local transit companies to travel anywhere near the Pentagon because some of those railroad cars have been fitted with highly sophisticated eavesdropping equipment, Quigley said.

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"Computer chips are already in many of the products the Chinese export to the U.S. and other Western Countries, he said. Plus, Chinese telecom giant Huawei is banned from doing business in the U.S. since late last year, with the main rationale being fears over Chinese state spying. Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei once worked as a tech researcher for the People's Liberation Army. Huawei denies it poses any such risk.

So what do we do?

"We need a 'moon shot' strategy, a focused program as intense as the one that eventually got the United States on the Moon," said Quigley.

And that means involving as many allies as we can, he added, noting that America's security problem is never going to be solved by going it alone.

"We're always stronger as a country with allies. We're in much greater danger of being isolationists," Quigley said.

Unfortunately, he added, "America has been fighting with everyone, even Canada, which has been an ally for more than a century. How many of you think our NATO allies trust us on anything anymore?"

FDR said it best some 85 years ago, when he noted that "to have a friend you have to be a friend," Quigley said.

It's time to start mending fences, he added.

Summer camp 2019

The Chicago Park District's Summer park programming helps keep more than 40,000 local youth active, engaged and safe throughout the Summer. Traditional day camp will run June 24 - Aug. 2. The standard six-week camp is for children ages six through 12.

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lege Choir at Oxford was singing 'Hymnus Eucharisticus' from the top of the College's Great Tower. At dawn. In Chicago a small group of Old Oxfordians sang in front of Rockefeller Chapel and went out for breakfast after.

MONDAY NIGHT LIVE: Petterino's on Dearborn and Randolph is a first rate restaurant, but did you know that on Monday evenings it becomes one of Chicago's top live performance stages? That's all thanks to **Denise McGowan Tracey** who's been singing since the old days at Byfield's. Denise is the creator and co-producer of the music-rich evening that recently celebrated their 500th Monday. Chicago is well on its way to reclaiming its musical heritage from the past. Stop by Petterino's and ride the wave.

OUTSTANDING CHEF: Seen lunching at Ralph Lauren's Bar & Grill, **Ashley Christensen** of Poole's Diner, Raleigh, NC, awarded the 2019 James Beard Outstanding Chef Award.

LE CINEMA: French film director **Julien Landais** having Sunday brunch Parisian style with his friend, French actor **Alain Fabien Delon** in Paris.

LET THEM EAT CAKE: Have you eaten the best cake in town? That would be 'Nothin' Bundt Cake,' available at locations across the city. I went to their place at 1953 N.Clybourn. Most elegant, flavorfully topped with a homemade buttercream/cream cheese frosting. Look up their funny name online to find a place near you. Love the Lemon Bundt and the Chocolate Bundt, too.

WTF? Diners were doing a double take when a prominent attorney, his wife and guests were at a popular steakhouse when after many cocktails the lawyer started loudly using foul language, forcing some families nearby to request the waiter do something. Many patrons were embarrassed. Finally from three tables away another well-known jurist led him to a back corner where he told him he had really crossed the line. Thankfully that seemed to calm him. He left soon after. There was some talk of notifying ARDC, the legal disciplinary commission.

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DJ Madrid and Niki Friar.

Stanley Paul honors Vonita Reescer at Mittleman Scholarship Foundation.

Mamie Walton and Sean Eshaghy.

\Rose O'Neill and Cynthia Olson.

Rosemary Fanti

RAVINIA: When music icon **Tony Bennett** headlines his 40th Ravinia Concert on June 21, not only will the legendary singer be welcoming the first day of Summer, but he and his beautiful wife, **Susan Benedetto**, will also be celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary. Publicist **Debbie Krolik Silverman** says it's true that Tony Bennett is the sweetest man in show business.

BOTANICALS: My newest series of paintings are botanicals. And they are deliberately overdone. That's the whole point of 18th century proportions. It has to be too much. Too many flowers. Too many varieties. All cascading out of the jar. Creating an overpowering fragrance of excess.

PRINCETON ROWERS: The No. 7 Princeton Tigers regained the Content Cup with an impressive 3.4-second victory over the No. 5 Brown Bears at Lake Carnegie on May 4. It was a banner day for Princeton as the home squad took the V8, 3V and 4V contests. Brown's only victory came at 2V.

WHO'S WHERE? Veteran blood-stocker **Rose O'Neill** joined her racing family and traveled to Louisville for the Derby where she helped her nephews handicap the races… also in the pews at Churchill Downs were **Chris** and **Frances Renk**… **Kristina Farrar** down cheering in Bloomington, IN at son, **Jad Farra's**, graduation in the rain from Indiana U… Chicago architects **Scott Rapp** and **Grace Kuklinski** applauding their son, **Matthew Rapp**, at graduation at Michigan State where he set academic honors… Writer/Chef **Marc J. Sievers** saying goodbye to Paris where he's been filming for his cooking and design business… CBS newbie **Jim Williams** emceed the 5th annual Westinghouse High School Scholarship Gala… **Dame Charlene** and **Scott Seaman** are London bound… **Jack** and **Ann Goggin** with **Megan Ennessy Goggin** at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Lake Geneva, WI, proud of grandson, **Ryder Pierce** on his First Holy Communion… meanwhile in Beverly, cousins **Ella Gainer, Aonghus Doherty** and **Jack Reilly** made their First Holy Communion a triple header at St. Barnabas with a full troop of their parents' Gainer siblings in attendance… **Susie Foresmann Kealy** at Shore Acres Club for a Colonial Dames and Warriors meet, with **Edmund Lester** and **James Staples** also in attendance… Gorgeous **Rosemary Fanti** at her step-son's wedding with father of the groom, **Richard Koranda**, at Mesón Sabika… **Bobbi Panter** with **Corey Powell** at Cecconi's West Hollywood, CA**…DJ Madrid** and **Niki Friar** spinning tunes at Marsh. **Mamie Walton** dining with **Sean Eshaghy** at RL.

LE BOUCHON: Hadn't been here in years, but I was glad to dash in and be ambushed by the exquisite French Food a la Lyon. A true gastronomique centre. Scrumptious sparkling Rose with my rich and velvety Cheese Puff. Then a Lamb Tartar laced with mint and green garlic. With the main course a crunchy, buttery filet of Sting Ray Schnitzel with peas and white asparagus, served with a lovely Gigondas. A fresh rhubarb and strawberry trifle was the very taste of spring for dessert. At 1958 N. Damen. Ate at the bar and **Josh** the bar man was a gent. **Liz** the server couldn't have been cooler. A true taste of France.

CABARET QUEEN: Songstress **Denise Tomasello** will be Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret on Milwaukee Ave. Saturday, May 18. She's a star.

NOT A DRY EYE: When a very popular server was sung "Happy Birthday" by patrons of a popular posh restaurant everyone, including the birthday boy, was caught off guard by a well-regarded busboy, considered a Chi-town beauty, came up from behind and handed the waiter a huge bouquet of roses and said in Spanish, "Te quiero, me gustas." I really love you, my love. A huge roar of approval shook the rafters. There was a kiss. Then applause. No one knew they were dating.

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 at 140 E. Walton. Special guest will be **Graham "Digger" Dillamore**, the Gardens & Estates Manager for Historic Royal Palaces.

MURDER SHE WROTE: **Karen Levine** (former Honeybear) says she has survived a true crime book, "The Levine Project" that she and husband, **Myles Levine**, produced with writer **Dan Baldwin**. It's available now at both Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

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One time Lerner writer Pat Pastin dead at 81

Newspaper reporter Pat Pastin.

BY PAT BUTLER

Services were held last week for longtime Rogers Park resident Pat Pastin, 86, Lerner Newspapers political reporter and theater critic, cartoon and haiku creator, freelance political consultant, Korean War veteran, chess master, and karate black belt.

Born in Canada, he had originally planned on following in the footsteps of his father, Anchel Pastinky, a prominent rabbi. He eventually emigrated to the United States, and got the name "Pat" by accident during his service in Korea when – not wanting to run out of ammunition – he carried extra bandoliers, which got him nicknamed "Pancho" after Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa, who also took care never to run dry.

"Pancho" soon became "Pat." The name stuck on his return stateside, where he became a newspaper reporter in Texas. There he covered statewide politics and made the acquaintance of then-rising figures including Lyndon Johnson, then a U.S. Congressman.

Pastin eventually made his way to Chicago where he joined the Lerner Newspapers, then reportedly the country's largest chain of community newspapers.

During his years at Lerner, Pastin not only racked up numerous awards and honors of his own, but served as a mentor to numerous reporters who were just starting out and eventually married one of them, Sue, his wife of more than 45 years.

He is survived by his wife Sue Pastin and son Joshua. Three brothers, Alex, Max and Benny preceded him in death.

Pastin's burial was at Waldheim Cemetery, Forest Park.

Donations in his name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, American Civil Liberty Association, or the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation.

Newspaper staffer dead at 56

Those who may have visited this newspaper's offices over the last decade likely met Inside Publications office manager Karen Sonnefeldt. She died suddenly on May 1, at age 56, while on the job.

Sonnefeldt had worked for the newspapers for 12 years and helped to guide the business through some rough years, including the 2009-10 crash and more recently during the Internet age which saw many advertisers abandon their local newspapers.

An informal remembrance was held May 4 in Ravenswood Manor, not far from where she lived. She is survived by her brother Steve.

Letters to the Editor

2-Flats not gone…

The caption, "Two-flats going, going... gone?" [May 8] greatly overstates what is happening.

There has been considerable confusion on this issue, a confusion between loss of affordable units and the physical loss of the units themselves. For two-flats, the majority are owner-occupied, so when we are talking about affordable rental units, we are talking about just one unit per two-flat. And for those units, they can be lost as affordable units if the rent rises above the annual amount that is calculated as not more than a certain percentage of gross income (currently 30%) for those households whose gross income is below a certain amount. In certain North Side neighborhoods, this is the principal reason for the loss.

The other situation is the physical loss of the units themselves. This can occur when the two-flat is abandoned, demolished, or converted to single-family units. Abandonment is something that is extremely rare on the North Side, but does occur on the South and West Sides. A two-flat can be demolished for construction of a single- family home or for the construction of a larger building. The former is very rare for most North Side neighborhoods. Most demolitions are for the construction of buildings with more units, and these occur only if the zoning is RT-4 or higher. In Edgewater there have been only six two-flats demolished for this reason. The other way rental units (affordable and not affordable) can be lost is through the conversion of the two-flat to a single-family unit. In Edgewater, since 1999, there have been 55 conversions. This represents not more than 6% of the two-flats in Edgewater. Twenty-seven of those two-flat conversions have been in the Lakewood Balmoral neighborhood.

LeRoy Blommaert

Making our judge elections meaningless

In your article on the Bond court shakeup (May 1 - 7), Judge Stephanie Miller and Judge Charles Beach were appointed to the bench to fill vacancies between election cycles but both lost when they came up for election in March 2018. Then they were reappointed to new vacancies. I voted against Miller because I thought she was too lenient regarding repeat offenders and gun-related crimes. I was happy to see her lose but upset to learn that she was re-appointed. I was wondering why her name kept popping up in the "Police Beat." Nothing like thwarting the will of the electorate. It makes the election meaningless.

Mario Caruso, Lincoln Square

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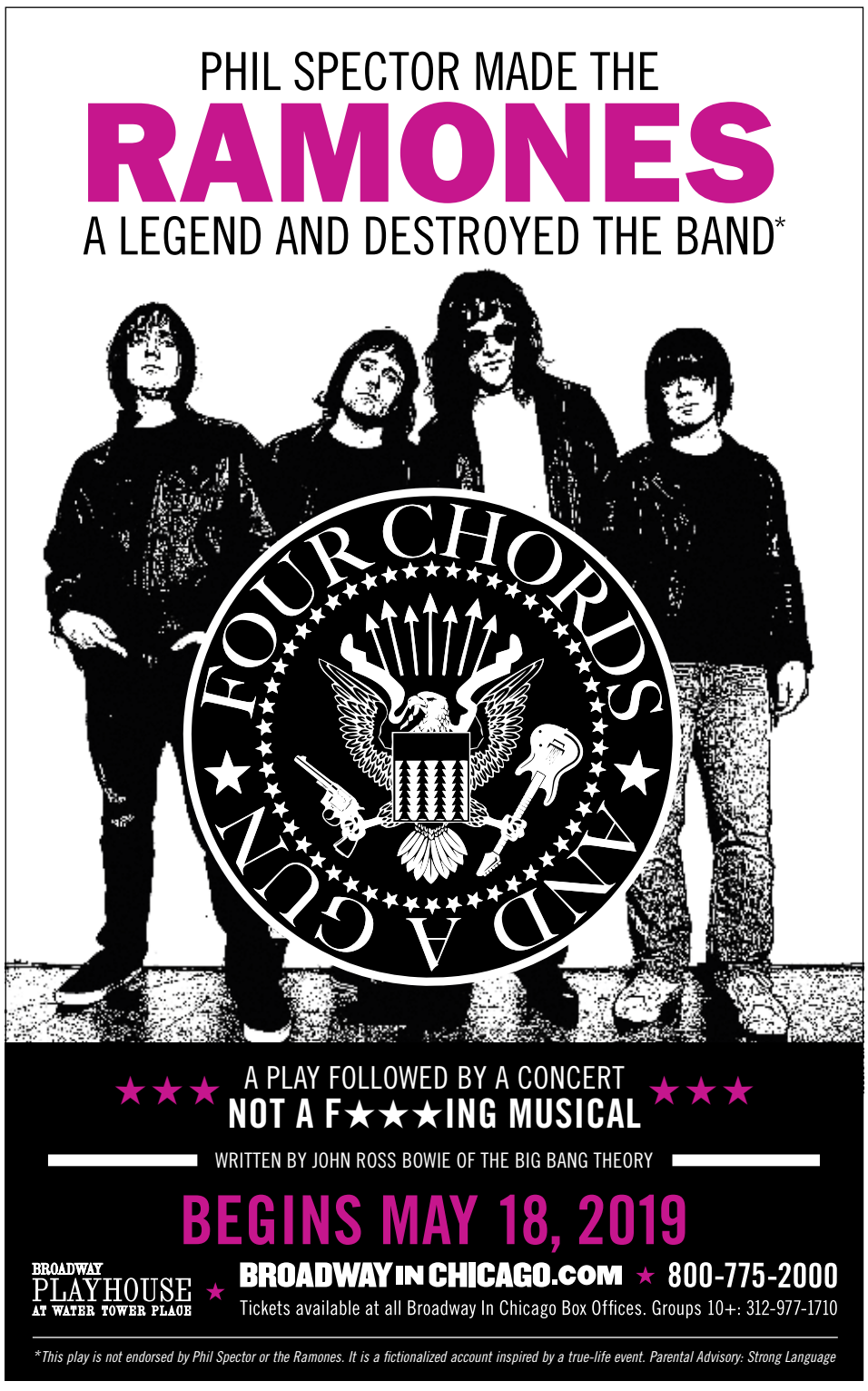

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Police Beat....

Robbers force women to ground, pistol-whip each in the face

Two women were forced to the ground, pistol-whipped in their faces, and robbed May 12 in the Lakeview neighborhood, according to Chicago police. No one is in custody.

The victims, both 26, said they were walking in the 1200 block of W. Roscoe around midnight Sunday when two men wearing ski masks ran toward them and ordered them to lie down while threatening them with a handgun.

Both women were then struck in the face with the gun—one strike was so powerful, it broke the barrel off of the weapon, according to a police officer who was at the scene.

The robbers then took a phone and a purse from the women before running from the area, police said.

Police described the offenders as men wearing black hoodies, blue jeans, and ski masks. They both stood about 5'-8" tall and were last seen running westbound on Roscoe and possibly northbound from there, according to witnesses.

One of the victims was transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment.

Police recovered a spring and a gun barrel from the 1200 block of W. Roscoe.

Medical Examiner: Loyola student's death was suicide

The Loyola Univ. graduate student who was found dead in his dorm room on the school's downtown campus this month committed suicide, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner.

Police launched a death investigation after the 26-year-old man was found with multiple lacerations on his neck in the 22nd-floor room of Baumhart Hall, 26 E. Pearson, around 4:15 p.m. May 1.

The medical examiner has ruled that the man died of self-inflicted stab wounds, according to newly-released information.

A CPD spokesperson said at the time of the man's discovery that 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.

Burglary alert issued for multi-unit storage rooms

Storage areas of two apartment buildings in southeast Lakeview have been targeted by burglars over the past month, according to a community alert issued by Chicago police.

Investigators typically issue alerts when they believe a series of crimes have been committed by the same person or group.

Police said the offenders in the Lakeview pattern entered two multi-unit buildings through front or side doors and then targeted residential storage areas.

The offenders struck sometime after 7 p.m. April 14 in the 300 block of W. Barry and again at 1:13 a.m. in the 400 block of W. Barry on May 3.

Police are advising residents to tell family and friends about the pattern and to ensure that their doors are secure at all times.

Anyone with information about the break-ins may contact Area North detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding cases JC-255032 and JC-248417.

Woman fends off sexual assault on Lakefront Trail

A woman was targeted in an attempted criminal sexual assault on the Lakefront Trail near Grant Park late Friday night, police said.

The 27-year-old victim was walking just south of Balbo Dr. when an unknown man approached her from behind. Police said she struggled with the man and tried to fight him off with pepper spray. An approaching cyclist scared the attacker, and the assailant fled the scene, allowing the woman to escape and flag down passing patrol officers, CPD said.

The victim described the offender as a black male in his late 20's with a medium complexion and no facial hair. He stands 5'-10" to 6-feet tall, has a thin, athletic build, and was wearing a black jacket with black pants.

Police are advising the public to avoid traveling alone during late night hours and to report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity in parks.

Anyone with information about Friday's incident may contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8380 about case # JC-258411.

Teen freed without supervision, 14-year-old charged with Argyle Red Line shooting

A 14-year-old boy charged with the May 6 double-shooting at the Argyle Red Line station was released without supervision by a judge after an initial hearing in juvenile court.

A spokesperson for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx told this newspaper on Friday afternoon that "we requested the minor be held in custody [but] Court made the finding that under the law, the minor must be released because he was held in custody for 42 hours by the Chicago Police Dept. and was not brought before a judicial officer within 24 hours."

14-year-old boy charged with the double-shooting at the Argyle Red Line station.

Prosecutors asked Judge Linda Pauel to put the teen on electronic monitoring if he was going to be released, but she denied the request.

"Over our objections, the minor was released to the custody of a parent," Foxx's office said.

Felony attempted first-degree murder and felony aggravated battery charges remain in place against the teen, whose next court date was May 13, Foxx's spokesperson said.

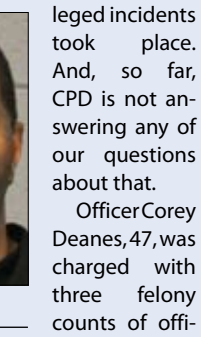
The spokesman for Chief Judge Timothy Evans was unable to comment on the case because it is pending. A CPD spokesperson was not immediately available.

Seven people have been shot in Uptown since a local gang war was reignited by a double-shooting in the 1000 block of W. Argyle on March 19. At least a dozen "shots fired" incidents that did not result in injuries have also been reported during that time.

Two charged in connection with shoot-out in River North

Two men have been charged in connection with a shots fired incident that saw more than 40 rounds unloaded outside of a River North nightclub early May 8. The charges stem from the individuals' alleged conduct against investigating officers and not with the shooting itself.

Arriving police officers tried to stop a white Rolls-Royce driven by Antione Davis, 36, of Hanover Park. But Davis "continued to drive and disregarded officers' verbal orders to stop," according to a CPD statement.



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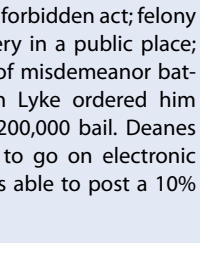

Levertise Hewing

Video of the incident appears to show the white vehicle pulling out of a parking lot while officers approach and lean on the moving car. One officer is seen leaning on the hood of the car directly in front of the driver.

Davis was taken into custody a few minutes after the video was made when the Rolls-Royce crashed on the Ontario feeder ramp.

He is charged with felony aggravated assault of a police officer and misdemeanor counts of driving on a suspended license and reckless conduct.

Also arrested that evening was Levertise Hewing, 32. Police said overnight that Hewing struck a police sergeant who responded to the incident. Hewing is charged with felony aggravated battery of a police officer and misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and reckless conduct.

Judge Susana Ortiz ordered Davis held without bail and set bail for Hewing at $5,000. So far, police have announced no arrests in connection with the actual shooting.

Cop faces felonies for "inappropriate physical contact" with women while on-duty

A 14-year veteran Chicago cop assigned to the 19th (Town Hall) District in Lakeview is facing multiple felony charges after three women accused him of inappropriate physical contact in separate incidents while he was on duty. Now, this reporter has reviewed police dispatch records that indicate the accused officer was working with a partner when at least two of the alleged incidents took place. And, so far, CPD is not answering any of our questions about that.

Corey Deanes

Officer Corey Deanes, 47, was charged with three felony counts of official misconduct - forbidden act; felony aggravated battery in a public place; and two counts of misdemeanor battery. Judge John Lyke ordered him held in lieu of $200,000 bail. Deanes will be required to go on electronic monitoring if he's able to post a 10% deposit bond.

Deanes was identified in photo arrays as the offending officer, prosecutors said. But questions remain unanswered about what role Deanes' partners played—or did not play—in exposing his alleged behavior.

Around 11:30 p.m. Aug. 28, 2017, Deanes pulled over a 23-year-old woman for a traffic violation in the 2500 block of N. Clark St. Prosecutors said Deanes directed the woman to a less busy location and began hugging and touching her back and buttocks, prosecutors said. Deanes told the woman that he would write her a traffic ticket if she did not give him her phone number, according to allegations.

CPD records show that Deanes did not follow standard traffic stop procedures, such as checking the woman's license number against a database. And police dispatch records show that Deanes did not announce the traffic stop via radio. It is not clear if Deanes was working with a partner on the night in question.

Then, dispatch records show that another woman asked for police assistance after she returned home and found a homeless man sleeping on her porch in the 600 block of W. Barry around 3:30 a.m. July 1, 2018. Deanes accepted the assignment about 12 minutes later with a radio code that officers use to indicate that they are working with a partner.

During a conversation with the 29-year-old woman, Deanes complimented her clothing and grabbed her by the wrist to expose shorts and a tank top that she was wearing under an outer layer, prosecutors said. The woman told Deanes that she was out late working to pay her rent, which prompted Deanes to begin searching her for money, "putting his finger in the front right pocket of her shorts and pulling it open," according to allegations.

Exactly where Deanes' partner was during his alleged behavior is not clear. And Chicago police today did not respond to inquiries about the matter.

Finally, around 12:15 a.m. July 13, 2018, Deanes allegedly rolled up in his squad car as a 22-year-old woman was walking near Clark and Fullerton, about a block from where the first incident had been reported.

Deanes called the woman a "pretty little thing," then got out of his police vehicle to hug her and ask her out on a date, according to prosecutors.

Police dispatch records indicate that Deanes worked with a partner that night. Again, a CPD spokesman did not respond to our inquiries about what action, if any, Deanes partner took during or after the alleged incident.

Prosecutors said all three women reported their allegations to authorities promptly and private video footage corroborated at least one of the victims' claims. Deanes was pulled from the 19th District eleven days after the third incident, stripped of his police powers, and assigned to a unit that takes police reports over the phone. The city will suspend Deanes' pay effective immediately because he is now facing felony charges, the department said. Deanes was regularly assigned to the overnight shift on beat 1934, which encompasses the area from Belmont to Diversey and Halsted to Lake Michigan.

UPDATE: A CPD spokesperson said in an email that the department "wouldn't comment" on what actions Deanes' partners took "as it speaks to what could be classified as witness information." Nonetheless, the department also did not say if any of Deanes' partners on the night of reported incidents were being investigated for failure to report his alleged conduct.

Ouch!

Sierra Copeland looks nice enough. But she's heading to prison for a while after pleading guilty to beating a Bloomingdale's security guard with a tire iron on the Magnificent Mile at Christmastime 2017. She has also pleaded guilty to pepper-spraying a TJ Maxx security guard during a robbery earlier that year.

Sierra Copeland

In a plea bargain with prosecutors, Copeland pleaded guilty to aggravated battery with a deadly weapon in exchange for a five-year prison sentence. Judge William O'Brien approved the deal. Several additional felonies were dropped in the agreement.

A Bloomingdale's security guard told police that he saw then-21-year-old Washington Park resident slip a $365 purse into a shopping bag and head for the exit at 900 N. Michigan around 4:30 p.m. Dec. 22, 2017.

When the guard stopped Copeland and started walking her back toward the loss prevention office, the pint-sized perp unleashed a nasty surprise: She pulled a tire iron from her sleeve and repeatedly cracked the guard in the head with it, police said.

The security guard received stitches for his wounds, police said.

Police also determined that Copeland pepper-sprayed a security guard who tried to detain her at TJ Maxx's Loop location, 1 N. State St., in Jan. 2017.

4 charged after man carjacked in Uptown

Two juveniles and two adults have been charged after a suburban man reported being carjacked at gunpoint in the Uptown neighborhood on May 6.

The victim, 25, told police that a young male offender displayed a handgun and ordered him out of his 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee in the 900 block of W. Agatite at 6:57 p.m., police said.

Officers in the South Side's Chatham neighborhood located the vehicle about two hours later in the 300 block of West 79th Street with assistance from CPD's license plate reading technology, according to a police spokesperson and a department source.

Four people who were in the stolen SUV have been charged:

- A 15-year-old male juvenile is charged with vehicular hijacking
- A 17-year-old female juvenile is charged with vehicular hijacking
- 19-year-old Liliana Murillo is charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle
- 19-year-old Tiara Moore is charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle

No further information was available about the juveniles.

Man pleads guilty to attempted murder outside Boystown nightclub

A Calumet City man has pleaded guilty to attempted murder for severely beating a man with a metal baseball bat outside a Boystown nightclub two summers ago.

Cory Fulton-Miles was sentenced to 10 years in prison by Judge Earl Hoffenberg. State law requires Fulton-Miles to serve at least 85% of his sentence. Three felony aggravated battery charges were dropped as part of Fulton-Miles' deal with prosecutors.

Around 3:45 a.m. June 13, 2017, police officers on routine patrol saw Fulton-Miles carrying a 28-inch bat outside of Hydrate Nightclub, 3458 N. Halsted, which was preparing to close for the night.

The officers intervened after seeing Fulton-Miles strike a 28-year-old man in the head several times, causing the victim to fall to the ground with "massive head trauma," according to prosecutors.

A bystander sprayed Fulton-Miles with pepper-spray as he ran from the scene and dumped the bat Cornelia Ave., police said. He was quickly caught and arrested nearby.

The victim suffered blunt force trauma, a depressed skull fracture, brain hemorrhage, and a lacerated forehead. He was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in critical condition.

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Senate proposes raising gas tax to fund transportation infrastructure

BY JIM VAIL

More than 200 government and business leaders met at the Union League Club this month to discuss Illinois transportation investments of over $20 billion in infrastructure over the next 10 years.

The panel discussed topics such as O'Hare Airport, Illinois Tollway's Capital Program, and CTA's Red Purple Modernization projects.

State Sens. Martin A. Sandoval and Don DeWitte were recently joined by leaders from commerce, organized labor and the construction industry as they advocated for a 25¢ increase to the state's gasoline tax, which they say is needed to address years of neglect.

The bill calls for raising the motor fuel tax from 19¢ to 44¢, which would generate an estimated $1.2 billion in revenue. The bill would also hike the tax on special fuels, which includes diesel and biodiesel, from 21.5¢ to 52¢, bringing in an estimated $478 million. Those increases would be indexed to increase with the rate of inflation.

Sandoval also proposed in HB 3233 to double the driver's license fee to $60 and raise the registration fee to $148 in order to help pay for repairs to crumbling bridges and roads that have been neglected for decades due to the state's dire finances, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Today a driver's license costs $30 and vehicle registration is $98.

The proposal would also increase electric vehicle registration from $17.50 to $1,000. Take that, you green people!

While DeWitte spoke in favor of a gas tax increase, he said he would advocate for a removal of the sales tax the state levies on motor fuel. Thanks to a 2016 "lock box" amendment to the Illinois Constitution, motor fuel taxes are mandated for use on road and bridge safety, while sales taxes are not.

"These funding increases currently being debated in this Legislature will provide a steady stream of funding for years to come," DeWitte said. "And they're guaranteed, most importantly for taxpayers, they are guaranteed to go where promised as they are strictly dedicated to transportation-related issues."

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"Greater fuel efficiency and an increasing number of electric vehicles on the road has cut into the revenue available to the state to fix transportation infrastructure," many statehouse politicians report.

Sandoval said his plan would raise about $2.4 billion in yearly transportation funding for the state.

The state has had various plans to fund aging infrastructure, including a proposal to tax vehicles on the number of miles driven, but nothing has passed so far.

"We have fallen behind. Our continued investment in our Illinois infrastructure is key in creating jobs, promoting full economic recovery," Sandoval said. "Investment will boost productivity, support business growth, create jobs, provide a healthier environment and improve opportunity for Illinoisans. It is about time. Doing nothing is not a solution."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has expressed support to fund transportation infrastructure but hasn't said how to fund it. He's also asking legislators to legalize and tax sports betting and recreational marijuana, increase taxes on cigarettes and plastic bags and implement a graduated income tax that would tax wealthier people at higher rates if voters approve an amendment in the Nov. 2020 ballot. Yes, many tax increases are now in play in Springfield.

ADL First Amendment Essay/Art contest

BY GREG HARRIS

I would like to announce an opportunity for students from across the Chicagoland area. The Anti-Defamation League [ADL] is inviting all 6 – 12 graders to participate in the "2019 Our First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest."

Entrants must submit either a work of art or an essay based on this suggestion:

"Using a personal example or experience, describe or portray how one or more of the five freedoms in the First Amendment (freedoms of religion, speech, the press, assembly, and to petition the government) affects your daily life."

The ADL will provide scholarships to eight student contestants. First Place winners in each grade category will receive a $5,000 scholarship. Second Place winners will receive a $1,000 scholarship. Plus, the teacher with the most entries will receive $1,000. Winners, along with their teacher and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be invited to attend ADL's 2019 Freedom Award Dinner and present their work.

Essays must be typed in 12-point font, double-spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper, and should not exceed two pages. Art submissions may be in one or more of the following media: painting (choice of watercolor, acrylic, ink, oil, and other), drawing, collage, print (including silk-screens, lithographs, etc), and photography. Entrants submitting artwork should also include a one-paragraph explanation of what their art represents.

All entries must be postmarked or submitted digitally by May 30.

If educators are interested, ADL also offers a number of free lesson plans on this topic and more. For more information, including an online entry form, visit chicago.adl.org/fivefreedoms, call 312-533-3939 or email midwest@adl.org.

Zoo's lion habitat plans revealed

Kovler Lion House due to be renovated this Fall

The Lincoln Park Zoo is bringing back the "roaring '20s" with an updated lion habitat opening in the 2020s. Construction is slated to begin by fall 2019 with an opening date to be determined.

The zoo shared its renovation plans on May 9 for the iconic Kovler Lion House. The building, originally opened in 1912, is a historic landmark and the last project of The Pride of Chicago, the zoo's $135 million capital campaign.

The $35 million renovation includes a state-of-the-art habitat for a pride of lions, including potential future offspring. For the last few years, the zoo's animal welfare scientists have been monitoring the current lion prides' behavior, habitat use, and preferences. Data collected has been used to design and create a scientifically-driven habitat with animal welfare at the forefront.

The new design will accommodate various needs and preferences determined by the lions themselves. With these new features, the lion habitat will span the full northern side of Kovler Lion House. The savanna-style habitat will include intricate rockwork to increase vertical complexity and environmental options to the lions while providing embedded heating and cooling elements for a climate controlled habitat. Tree structures and deadfall will be made from Forest Stewardship Council-certified trees and a food zipline, simulating prey, will be installed for lion feeding as an enrichment opportunity.

Guests will have viewing opportunities from both inside and outside the lion house with a unique design enabling guests to be in the center of the habitat. The theme of the building's interpretive will focus on the zoo's ongoing conservation efforts in the Serengeti ecosystem. The habitat will also be built to include a demonstration training wall where guests can view the lions participating in their own healthcare.

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In preparation for the building renovation, the current pride of lions, including 9-year-old male Sahar and 5-year-old female littermates Kamali and Zalika, will be leaving Lincoln Park Zoo in the coming weeks.

Goettsch Partners is the design architect and PJA is the exhibit designer for Kovler Lion House.

Dozens of tires slashed, leaving Lakeview residents frustrated

At least 10 vehicles—and likely many, many more—had their tires punctured by a man who wandered the streets and alleys of Lakeview East early May 5, according to police and neighbors. Now, video of the perpetrator has been sent to this reporter.

Surveillance video shows a man walking through a Boystown alley at 3:34 a.m. He approaches a vehicle on a home's carport and swiftly punctures the rear driver's side tire.

He then moves to the front tire and does it again before casually walking away, letting off a whistling sound of his own to mock the wheezing tires.

Chicago police on May 7 did not have a final tally on the number of vehicles and tires that were struck. Local social media group posts indicate that at least three residents counted 10 or more cars with tires slashed on different blocks in the area. Many of the vehicles had multiple flats, according to commenters.

"This guy slashed 3 tires on my neighbor's car," said one Boystown resident.

Another asks, "Anyone else on N. Wilton between Belmont and School wake up yesterday to slashed tires? I noticed this morning that many cars are still sitting with flats."

The video shows a slender man wearing distinctive jeans that have bleach stains on the front and back of the legs. He's wearing boots and what appears to be a green jacket with a wide white or cream-colored stripe on its sleeves.

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In 2012, Fulton-Miles received a three-year prison term for committing an armed robbery in the Loop.

With credit for 694 days time served while awaiting trial and his anticipated 15% sentence reduction, Fulton-Miles will be released from prison in about 6-1/2 years.

Two men, including troubled ex-cop, charged with beating outside Andersonville gay bar

Two men, including a now-resigned Chicago police sergeant with a checkered past, have been charged in connection with beating three men after an argument at an Andersonville gay bar in September.

Former cop Eric Elkins, 45, was charged May 6 with two felony counts of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm. And Giovanni Rodriguez, 34, is charged with two felony counts aggravated battery causing great bodily harm and one count felony aggravated battery in a public place. Both men are due in bond court today.

Eric Elkins

Police said the pair were involved in an argument with three other men inside Atmosphere, 5355 N. Clark, around 11:25 p.m. on Sept. 29. The altercation continued outside the bar, and a fight broke out on the sidewalk that resulted in the three other men being transported to hospitals for injuries that were not life-threatening, according to a police statement.

Edgewater resident Rodriguez and Elkins, who lists a home in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, turned themselves in at Area North police headquarters on Monday.

A civil lawsuit filed last year alleges that Elkins, Rodriguez, and two other defendants caused one victim to suffer a compound fracture of his leg while another was treated for a perforated trachea and broken facial bones.

Giovanni Rodriguez

The victims claim that the argument began when members of Elkin's group threw limes at them.

Police records show that Elkins was already under investigation at the time of the Andersonville attack for allegedly sexually abusing a teenage boy at a party in Michigan in 2015. He pleaded guilty to battery in the criminal case and received probation. Separately, Elkins was acquitted of charges that he sexually abused a male student while working security at a city high school in 2003.

Elkins "resigned under investigation" from the Chicago Police Dept. in February after nearly 20 years on the job, according to a police spokesperson. He had been relegated to desk duty for three years at a salary of over $100,000 due to an on-going disciplinary investigation of the Michigan incident.

Records collected by the Chicago Police Data Project show 35 complaints filed against Elkins during his career—more claims than 96% of other officers. None of the complaints was sustained, according to CPDP.

Judge John Lyke set bail for Elkins at $250,000 with electronic monitoring and a prohibition on travel, including to Florida. Gonzalez's bail was set at $50,000.

Woman attacked by group of teens Monday night; Cubs' violent "candy kids" eyed

Police are investigating after a Boystown woman was attacked by a group of teenagers May 6. Some of the offenders may have been as young as 13, police said. Now, authorities are facing the very real prospect that the "candy kids" who have been raising havoc during Chicago Cubs' home games may be launching violent attacks on neighborhood side streets.

A motorist called 911 at 11:15 p.m. after seeing a woman trying to get away from four males near the intersection of Halsted St. and Waveland Ave. The caller said it "looked like something bad was about to happen." A few moments later, the victim also called for help, saying that she had been attacked by four or five juveniles in an apparent robbery attempt.

Police said the 21-year-old victim was walking westbound on Waveland from Halsted after visiting a nearby convenience store when four offenders approached her, and one began striking her in the face with his fist. Three others jumped and beat the woman from behind, a police spokesman said. Officers requested EMS to look at the woman's injuries.

The group did not take any of the woman's property, but her clothes were ripped and she was struck repeatedly in the head, according to one of several local residents who chased the teens away.

The offenders were four black males between 13- and 18-years-old who stand about 5'-5" tall, police said. The leader of the group was taller than the others, and he wore a red hoodie with a backpack. All of the teens were last seen heading west on Waveland after the attack.

It is not yet clear if the offenders are related to the Wrigley Field "candy kids," a violent group of teens and pre-teens who have attacked people near the stadium over the past two years. The "candy kids" have already attacked at least four people on home game days this season, including a Cubs security guard who was knocked unconscious by one of the kids last Friday. That night's Cubs' home game ended around 10:40 p.m., roughly 35 minutes before the woman was attacked.

Sarong Gonzalez

Man found with gun after "shots fired" call Sunday, police say

A Humboldt Park man is facing weapons charges after beach-goers reported seeing a man firing a gun at Montrose Harbor on Sunday evening, police said.

Officers were called to the lakefront around 7:50 p.m. by several witnesses who reported that a man was firing a gun on the pier, possibly as part of a video shoot.

Arriving officers were directed toward two men who were walking away from the beach, one of whom was Sarong Gonzalez, 26. A handgun was recovered, police said.

Gonzalez is charged with one felony count of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. He is currently being held in lieu of $2,000 bail.

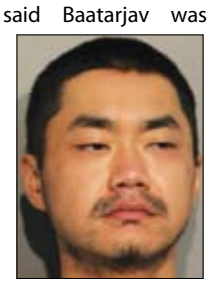
Man gets probation for burglarizing apartment building while on probation for stealing car

Most logical folks probably think that if you violate felony probation by committing another felony, you're probably heading to jail. But this is Chicago, you can leave your logic at the city limits.

A Lincoln Park man who burglarized a bike storage room just two weeks after being given probation for possessing a stolen motor vehicle has pleaded guilty to the bike thefts—and he's been sentenced to probation. Again.

On Aug. 15 2018, Munkhnasan Baatarjav, 29, was given two year's probation for possessing a stolen motor vehicle. Two weeks later, on Sept. 2, police arrested Baatarjav in Lincoln Square for burglarizing an apartment building's bike storage room.

Prosecutors said Baatarjav was seen on video removing two bikes from a secured storage area in the 1800 block of W. Argyle. He placed one bike in a car and rode away on the second one, according to allegations in court records. He was arrested when he returned for his car and the second bike.



Munkhnasan Baatarjav

Police said they found some items inside his vehicle, too: a Visa card belonging to another man; another credit card that belongs to yet a different man; a debit card belonging to a woman; and, conveniently, Baatarjav's Cook County probation card.

Baatarjav was charged with two felony counts of residential burglary.

Baatarjav pleaded guilty May 8 to one count of theft in a plea deal that required prosecutors to drop burglary charges. Judge Earl Hoffenberg, who approved the plea deal, sentenced Baatarjav to another two years of probation.

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This free event will feature lectures by the Hon. Judith Rice and the Hon. Jeanne Wrenn of the Cook County Circuit Court and Jewell D. Wilson of the Dept. of Family and Support Services.

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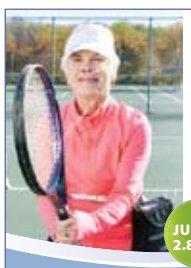
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The group will set out to attract a startup community in the neighborhood through development programs, partnerships as well as run projects that provide entrepreneurs with the tools they need to build successful, sustainable businesses.

In 2018, the WRCC won funding from the City of Chicago, Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, in order to establish this center. They were awarded a $25,000 contract to provide seed money to launch the NBOC. While an innovation center can mean many things, the backers say that "NBOC will be a co-working space with programming to support aspiring entrepreneurs in all business segments. The WRCC firmly believes that this center will help spur economic growth in the West Ridge Community. We will promote and grow the startup community in Chicago through development programs, partnerships, and help run projects that provide entrepreneurs with the tools they need to build successful, sustainable businesses."

They hope to establish at least one new business per year and reach 8 members by the end of 2019. The NBOC is located at 6445 N. Western Ave., in the Devon Bank Building Suite 304. All interested parties should to apply by visiting westridgechamber.org.

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Two new plans in play, debate over sports gambling continues

Lawmakers now must pick winner from 7 options

BY GRANT MORGAN
Capitol News Illinois

There are now almost as many different plans to legalize sports betting in Illinois as there are states that have legalized it in any fashion.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signed a sports betting bill on May 8 – making it the ninth state to do so since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year allowed the practice. Lawmakers in Illinois unleashed two more plans for people to consider, bringing the total number of plans in Illinois to seven.

The two plans were filed just hours before a House subcommittee MET to discuss sports gambling in Illinois, leaving testifiers the difficult task of deciding their stance on the new plans without having had much time to review them.

The industry is expected to boom in Chicago, and fantasy sports giant FanDuel has already told Illinois lawmakers that if they legalize sports betting, they plan to bring hundreds of jobs to Chicago, their first expansion in the Midwest.

State Rep. Michael Zalewski, who has taken the charge on legalizing sports betting in Illinois, filed the two amendments to House Bill 1260 on May 8.

Each amendment outlines yet another system by which lawmakers hope to support Gov. J.B. Pritzker's goal of bringing more than $200 million in sports wagering revenues to Illinois in the next fiscal year, much of it coming from Chicago-area residents.

According to Crain's, in New Jersey bettors have wagered more than $2.3 billion on sports through the end of March—less than a year after the state legalized the practice—and around 80% of those bets have been made on smartphones or online, according to online betting advocacy site PlayNJ.com. Some gambling industry experts estimate that about $10 billion is already illegally being wagered on sports annually in Illinois.

So the industry is expected to boom in Chicago, and fantasy sports giant FanDuel has already told Illinois lawmakers that if they legalize sports betting, they plan to bring hundreds of jobs to Chicago, their first expansion in the Midwest.

The first plan would allow both online sports gambling and brick-and-mortar betting at the state's casinos, race tracks, betting parlors and video gambling terminals. Licensing fees would range from $5 million to $10 million, while wagering would be taxed at 25%.

Under that plan, the Illinois Lottery could also allow wagering in 2,500 retail locations, with a $30 million initial license fee and a 100% tax.

The second plan limits the number of licenses to seven for brick-and-mortar locations and three for online operators. Licensing fees in this plan range from $5 million to $20 million, but the 25% tax on wagering stays the same.

Also under the second plan, professional sports leagues would be paid a 0.2% royalty in exchange for official league data. Representatives from Major League Baseball and the National Basketball Assoc. said their data is the speediest and most accurate available, and that they could boost the sports betting industry in Illinois if they were the sole providers of data.

"If we are being compensated by the casinos, we have a financial incentive to drive up the amount of money bet in Illinois," said Bryan Seeley of MLB.

State Rep. Jonathan Carroll questioned whether third-party data providers don't already supply speedy data to operators, and wondered what the leagues would do to increase betting in the state.

"If our state is looking to generate revenue, … what is the return on investment," Carroll asked, referring to the league royalty fees.

Representatives from the state's race tracks and horsemen's associations were also present, and made arguments that sports betting should be coupled with expanded gambling at race tracks to bring back business.

Josh Whitman, the director of athletics at the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, spoke on behalf of 12 of the state's 13 Division I schools – all except Chicago State Univ. – when he opposed allowing sports betting on collegiate athletics.

Both plans introduced Wednesday include restrictions on betting on Illinois collegiate teams.

Zalewski, the amendments' sponsor, encouraged stakeholders at the end of the hearing to figure out exactly what parts of each plan they support, and how many votes the provisions would garner in the General Assembly.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUIFIRST LOAN SECURITIZATION TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1
Plaintiff,
-v.-
CATHY M. DARDANO A/K/A CATHY DARDANO, THE RIVER PLAZA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Defendants
2018 CH 14098
405 NORTH WABASH AVENUE UNIT# 715
CHICAGO, IL 60611
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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 NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,
16 CH 9337
NOTICE OF SALE
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P.I.N. 17-04-217-005-0000, 17-04-217-139-0000.
Commonly known as 59 W. Schiller, Chicago, IL 60610.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ARVEST CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MAZEL TANGALIN; MARINUS BOTTERMAN; SHERIDAN POINT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 8002366085; ALEXANDRA JEAN SKINNER; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
18 CH 10478
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P.I.N. 14-05-203-012-1045.
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Plaintiff,

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-v.-
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
1833 WEST BELLE PLAINE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60613
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Property Index No. 14-18-419-007-0000.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 6300 SHERIDAN BUILDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANTHONY F. MAROSCIA, JULIE E. FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ANTHONY F. MAROSCIA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTHONY F. MAROSCIA LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 18, 2002, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
18 CH 10505
6300 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 216
Chicago, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE FOR A JUDGMENT LIEN
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 25, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 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 6300 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 216, Chicago, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-202-019-1028.
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was $34,536.70.
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.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, 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.
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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.
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Last year, Make Music Chicago featured over 200 events and performances across 64 locations in neighborhoods throughout Chicago.

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Registration for Make Music Chicago [MMC] presented by the International Music Foundation is open now through June 1. To register to organize/host an event or to perform visit MakeMusicChicago.org.

The citywide event will take place on June 21, and all events will be free and open to all ages. MMC is a free day-long DIY event filled with opportunities to create and perform as well as enjoy live music throughout the city.

MMC is inspired by and coincides with France's Fête de la Musique, which takes place every year on the summer solstice. Led by Artistic Director Kuang-Hao Huang, MMC is open to everyone and anyone who wants to participate. Musicians of all calibers from seasoned professionals to those with no music experience are encouraged to participate in events such as sing-alongs, play-alongs, lessons, and performances.

Last year, MMC featured over 200 participatory events and performances across 64 locations in neighborhoods throughout Chicago. This year MMC hopes to increase the number of events and even more so the number of participants.

"We want to encourage anyone and everyone who loves music to join us in celebrating this day of music," said Kuang-Hao Huang, MMC Artistic Director. "Whether you are young or old, professional or amateur, we want you to come out and make music along with thousands of people across the city and many, many more around the globe. In order to create this unique musical celebration, we need musicians and performers to organize sing-alongs, jam sessions and performances, as well as venues to host these events. We want all Chicagoans to share in the joys of making music together, and to experience its ability to bring people and communities together."

MMC is part of the Make Music Alliance and joins over 800 cities in 120 countries across the globe in celebration, making it the world's largest single-day music celebration.

For more information, visit imfchicago.org/programs/make-music-chicago, call 312-670-6888 or write to mmc@imfchicago.org.

North Center software developer sentenced to prison for Federal grant scam

A North Center software developer has been sentenced to three months in federal prison for fraudulently obtaining $200,000 in grant funds from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA] and the National Science Foundation [NSF].

Miroslav Velev, a mathematician with a doctorate in electrical and computer engineering, operated the software development and consulting company Aries Design Automation LLC, 2705 W. Byron St., which developed methods to solve electronic design automation problems.

Velev sought and obtained federal grant funds for his company through the Small Business Innovation Research program, which provides opportunities for small businesses to participate in federally-sponsored research and development.

Aries was awarded a total of $200,000 in grants from NASA and the NSF after Velev made materially false representations about the company's financial condition.

Velev, 50, pleaded guilty last year to one count of conversion of government funds, a misdemeanor. U.S. District Judge Gary Feinerman sentenced Velev to three months in federal prison on May 8. Velev previously paid restitution of $150,000 to NASA and $50,000 to the NSF.

The SBIR program required applicant companies to show independent, third-party investments or commitments of investments in their projects. Velev admitted in a plea agreement that he falsely represented to NASA and the NSF that Aries had received the required independent investment from an individual investor. Velev fraudulently submitted in his grant proposals a screenshot of his company's bank account that reflected a funds transfer from the purported investor. In reality, the investor did not exist, and Velev had routed his own money into the account to support the false appearance of an investment.

Velev sought and obtained federal grant funds for his company through the Small Business Innovation Research program, which provides opportunities for small businesses to participate in federally-sponsored research and development.

Velev also submitted in his grant proposals an "investment letter" that identified a Chief Financial Officer for the purported investor. The alleged CFO turned out to be an acquaintance of Velev's wife and had no connection with an investment in Aries.

Cell phone thefts in Lincoln Park

Police are warning Lincoln Park area businesses of reported retail thefts. In each incident, the offenders enter the business and take cellular phones that are offered for sale. The offenders then flee the store on foot making good their escape.

Incident include five on the same 800 block of W. North Ave., the first on Wednesday, April 27, in the afternoon hours; Tuesday, April 30, in the afternoon hours; Thursday, May 2, in the morning hours; Sunday, May 5, in the afternoon hours, and again on Sunday, May 5, in the afternoon hours.

The offenders are described as one to three male, African Americans, 5'-7"-6' tall, 155-200 lbs, and 15-25 years of age.

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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 Intercounty 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. SPSF.2436
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY

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DIVISION FORMAN REAL PROPERTY, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
2001 FARGO INC., AN ILLINOIS CORP., RAVA CO., AN ILLINOIS CORP., BUILDEX CORP., AN ILLINOIS CORP., DAMEN FARGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, JOHN TOMSIA, MAREK LOZA, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, 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: Commonly known as UNIT 7400-3, 2001 W. FARGO AVENUE AND 7400 N. DAMEN AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60645
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/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

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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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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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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
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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 Judi-

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cial 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.
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Edgewater Art Walk this weekend

The second annual neighborhood collaboration, Art Walk, will take place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, along four blocks of Sheridan Rd.

This free event has grown and will provide art lovers with the opportunity to visit six buildings.

There will be a mix of approximately 50 artists displaying and selling their work at these locations. A percentage of the proceeds from art sales will be donated to Care for Real, an Edgewater social welfare agency and food pantry. Last year they raised $1,600 from art sales and donations.

The buildings are:

Edgewater Presbyterian Church: 1020 W. Bryn Mawr
Edgewater Beach Apartments: 5555 N. Sheridan Rd.
5455 Edgewater Condominiums: 5455 N. Sheridan Rd.
Park Tower Condominiums: 5415 N. Sheridan Rd.
The Breakers at Edgewater Beach: 5333 N. Sheridan Rd.
The Admiral at the Lake: 929 Foster Ave.

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Everyone out of the pool and into the river

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

From Ping Tom Park to Clark Street Bridge, as many as 100 brave, vaccinated souls will swim the Chicago River in September in the first organized swim in the river in more than 100 years.

Sept. 15, 7 a.m., is the tentative start time for the Chicago River Open. The 2.4-mile swim on a Sunday morning will take experienced open water swimmers past River City on the south branch, turn at Wolf Point onto the main branch, and end in front of River Theatre, where wide concrete steps could accommodate a large crowd.

Don Macdonald, a management consultant, and Doug McConnell, an investment banker, have been working with city, state, and federal officials and agencies for at least two years, including Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], Chicago Park District, and U.S. Coast Guard. McConnell says there are some approvals they still need to get.

Both men live in the Chicago area and are open water swimmers themselves. Between them, they have swum around the island of Manhattan, across the English Channel, and 27 miles from one Hawaiian island to another.

Between Ping Tom Memorial Park in Chinatown and the Clark Street Bridge in the Loop, swimmers in the Chicago River Open will take up the east half of the south branch and the south half of the main branch. There will be buoys every 500 meters and observers in kayaks will watch for hazards. The river will not be closed for the event.

The Chicago event will raise money for research into ALS, the neurodegenerative disease also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Their organization, A Long Swim, has through similar events raised $500,000.

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one of only five schools in Chicago's 500-school district without its own gymnasium. He said he fought hard for the new gym with McCutcheon's former principal Gwyneth Kram.

"A new gym will be a godsend for McCutcheon, which has been leasing a gym at the neighboring Boys and Girls Club," he wrote.

A new elevator planned for the gym (linked to the main school) will help teachers to bring kids in wheelchairs upstairs in the school, instead of physically carrying them, as they currently do, he said. And the school will no longer have to spend valuable instructional time bundling up its students — many with cognitive disabilities — to take them down the block for physical education class.

But the Castlewood neighbors who filed the lawsuit to try to stop construction of the new gym say it will have a negative impact on their neighborhood's image and think the gym should be relocated to another site.

One Castlewood resident wrote a letter to the Tribune also in which he claimed that spending $10 million on the new gym was not a "prudent expenditure of limited resources" because the school is old and filled with temporary structures and it's going to be closed anyway since it has a declining student population.

A former CPS principal and aldermanic candidate in Rogers Park told this newspaper that he believes CPS decided to close Stewart Elementary School at Broadway and Sunnyside in Uptown rather than McCutcheon because developers wanted the building. Today Stewart School, where Harrison Ford once attended, is home to luxury apartments that rent for up to $4,000 per month.

Robert R. Watson, who wrote the letter defending his group's opposition to building a new gym, said the parents are just fine with bundling up their little ones and braving harsh the weather climate to get to their gym classes. (He didn't ask Ivan Boyko, whose mother said her son does not like it all.)

"The alderman should acknowledge the folly in spending $10 million on a gym and devote his attention to finding the resources needed to deal with the homelessness and poverty in the ward," Watson wrote in his rebuttal letter to the Tribune.

Cappleman stated that he worked hard with architects and the CPS to make sure the Castlewood cul-de-sac would still have proper access to Sheridan Rd. The Castlewood group contended it would not have access if the annex is built.

"Having a dedicated gym is a matter of equity for McCutcheon's deserving students, 85% of whom are children of color. It's time for neighbors to support this amazing school serving some of the highest-need students in our community," said Ald. Cappleman.

The school currently leases the gym at the adjacent Boys and Girls Club but cannot use it if it is 32 degrees or below outside or raining hard, so the kids have to skip having PE class. The school has to hold all of its after-school programs in a cramped cafeteria and it has no dedicated performance space at all, according to the alderman's office.

Boyko's mother said her son has gotten sick after finishing his PE class, sweating and then going outside in the cold and back to his classroom.

"A new gym will provide a safe gathering space after school and on weekends — which is especially important since the neighboring Boys and Girls Club is not open on weekends," Cappleman stated. "Having a dedicated gym is a matter of equity for McCutcheon's deserving students, 85% of whom are children of color. It's time for neighbors to support this amazing school serving some of the highest-need students in our community."

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encourage people to contact their aldermen about an issue.

The board said the city should consider public financing of campaigns. Many legislators have supported this idea, but so far no real effort has been made to stop the heavy influence of money in election campaigns. Like water, money always seems to find its own level.

Earlier this year the board fined home-sharing Airbnb $2,000 for ethics violation of employing lobbyists who failed to register. Former Ald. Will Burns turned Airbnb lobbyist was fined $5,000 for violations for lobbying aldermen on changes to the city's rental regulations in 2016. He was supposed to wait one year.