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Condo deconversion waves are sweeping Chicago, next target: smaller walk-ups

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

Condominium “deconversions” are sweeping Chicago, as more investors and small developers are tapping a profitable market.

A survey by The Home Front column revealed that more than 2,500 condo units in more than 20 existing condo buildings have been “deconverted” and rehabbed into rental apartments over the past three years. Buyers include major landlords, out-of-state investors, and 1031 tax-deferred purchasers who are looking to acquire real estate to defer capital gains on recent property sales.

Under state law, an investor can acquire all the condos in a building if 75% of the unit owners vote to approve a sale. Even if some owners vote “no,” the dissenting



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owners are forced to sell. An arbitrator would handle disputes over the appraised prices and terms.

Experts say the deconversion trend started nearly a decade ago after the Great Recession created the condo bust. Developers snatched up unsold condos in

failed projects in bulk transactions and rented them out.

Over the past three years the trend has accelerated. The new wrinkle is investors are hunting for troubled older condo buildings

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Longtime Pastor of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church retires after 47 years at congregation

STORY AND PHOTO
BY PETER VON BUOL

Rev. David G. Abrahamson, 70, who for nearly half a century has served at St. Luke Lutheran Church at 1500 W. Belmont Ave., on June 30 gave his final sermon as pastor of the 135-year-old Lake View Church.

“Five years ago, I had told the congregation that when I turned 70, I was going to retire. I turned 70 in November, but I was asked to stay through the academic school year. That’s how we got to the June 30th date,” Abrahamson said during an interview in his church office.

While Abrahamson has retired as pastor, he will continue to serve as a consultant to the congregation as he gently eases into retirement. In the near future, the congregation will name an interim pastor and has been actively searching for a new full-time replacement.

Abrahamson said he expects the interim pastor will serve from 12-18 months.

As a 25-year-old recent graduate from Lutheran seminary, Abrahamson had arrived at St. Luke’s in 1972. For 10 years, Abrahamson served under long-



Rev. David Abrahamson

time pastor Rev. Adalbert Kretzmann. In 1982, Abrahamson became the church’s fifth pastor.

Ironically, Abrahamson, who had grown up close to New York City, in Teanack, NJ, had originally been told he would be going to a completely different congregation in another state. At the last minute, that assignment was canceled, and he was told there was another option, St. Luke Church in Chicago. However, there was a caveat. The church’s pastor, Rev. Kretzmann, was known as being someone who was difficult. Pastor since 1930, Kretzmann had been used to being in control.

“When I was dropped off, the church’s fieldwork person said to me, ‘If you have any trouble, just

give me a call. We will pick you up right away.’ That’s how I ended up here. Indeed, my predecessor had a big ego. He had done a lot of good in his earlier years, but he just did not know when to quit. I found a way to make it work. It is where God wanted me to be,” Abrahamson said.

Abrahamson credits the pastor of the church he attended while growing up with inspiring him to become a Lutheran minister. Ironically, neither of his parents had been raised Lutheran.

“My father was a Baptist from Brooklyn. My mother was an Anglican who went to a Lutheran Church because it was two blocks from home. I never liked going to church. My father said I had a choice on Sundays. I could go to church or spend the entire day inside the home. I did the math and chose to go to church,” Abrahamson said.

One of the ministers at the church encouraged Abrahamson to consider becoming a minister but at first, he was reluctant.

“I wanted [to be] an electronic engineer. However, he kept encouraging me to consider it. Then, in high school, while my language

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Dr. Dawn Dittman, a research ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, holds a Great Lakes Sturgeon.

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Iron reprieve on the North Branch

Alderman claims he was given ‘zero notice’

BY PATRICK BUTLER

A controversial scrap metal recycling yard got a parting gift from the exiting Rahm Emanuel administration – a move that infuriated local residents as well as Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd].

Instead of having to move its digs from the North Branch of the Chicago River at 1909 N. Clifton Ave. to a South Side site by the end of next year, General Iron got its permit extended through February, 2022.

According to General Iron spokesman Randy Sandborn, the company still wants to end its operations on the North Side and move to a South Side location by the end of 2020. But the neighborhood has its skeptics. In the meantime, Sandborn added, General Iron has a state permit for new pollution-control equipment it hopes to use at its North Side location by the end of July – and will take along to its new site.

And as far as some neighborhood residents are concerned, that move can’t happen soon enough. Even though the steel scrapper was in their location long before most of them moved to the community, neighbors have complained for years about noxious odors and shreds of waste emanating from the General Iron site.

The site generated no complaints when the area was strictly an industrial corridor, but as residential development encroached into the North Branch industrial corridor, the complaints followed along with them.

Two years ago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency investigated the company after a Univ. of Illinois/Chicago re-

searcher reported high levels of “lung-damaging particulate matter downwind” from the Lincoln Park location. Last year, the EPA ticketed General Iron for “multiple violations” of the Clean Air Act.

It was reportedly the third citation General Iron received from the feds since the 1990s.

In a July 2 newsletter to his constituents, a furious Ald. Hopkins, who represents the area including the General Iron site, said he was “surprised and dismayed” to learn the deadline for General Iron to shut down and move out had been given a waiver from City Hall allowing the recycling plant to continue operating between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. “with zero notice” to his office. But as someone who once worked for a member of the Daley clan, Hopkins should not have been so surprised over the double-cross by an outgoing mayor.

Despite the company’s claims they plan to leave Lincoln Park soon, “the renewal of their after-hours privilege and extension of their operating permit reveals their true intention is to continue operating on Clifton St. as long as they can,” Hopkins said.

And General Iron’s soon to be new neighbors on the South Side apparently aren’t exactly jumping for joy.

“We’re tired of being the city’s dumping ground. We want and deserve good things too,” said Ald. Sue Sadlowski-Garza [10th], who happens to be the daughter of hard-charging steelworkers union organizer Ed Sadlowski. She also ran as a pollution-fighter in her aldermanic race in 2015 against a Rahm Emanuel ally.



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Food settles us most as humans, opens up potential for civility



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Do you have any favorite foods that light up your palate in a warm and comforting way like turnips (rutabagas) and spinach?

I was raised licking my lips for Brussel sprouts, carrots, eggplant, pea pods, mushrooms, artichokes and zucchini. Doesn't everyone crave these things?

Little did I know there were battles royale at the dinner tables of reluctant, fussy diners all over town who had very small windows of delight for vegetables. I presumed every kid loved the funky taste of broccoli, or those briny tiny olives stuffed with sweet pimentos or the exotic, savory, sticky delight of dates.

Food has never puzzled me, I loved whatever was on my plate, a world more expansive than corn

and French fries.

Eating always seemed to be an experience of grace and adventure. Maybe it was an appreciation for the ways that flavors mixed or the fact none of it came from a can. Dinner plates should look like paint palettes with circles of colors surrounding the main event. That was true for a hot dog or a steak. Watching the preparation of food in our house opened little doors of curiosity and interest about what we were to eat and how that challenged our taste buds.

We loved it when our mother cooked a leg of lamb. No dish carried more ceremony or intelligent thought. She always roasted the leg on what today we call a bed of aromatic vegetables, a cooking lesson we've never forgotten. The leaves and stalk portions of celery, large slices of onions, peelings from two bunches of carrots, bay leaves, rosemary springs, garlic heads, parsley and thyme.

Once that was all placed in the oven, the aromas took over the kitchen and, over the next two hours, the whole house. Both my sister and I still cook legs of lamb in this way, pre-dating the hallowed era of our beloved Julia Child. I always thought that the recipe originated in the kitchen of Francois Pope who cooked on Chicago television in the early 1950s. He was a powerful encouragement to people who loved to cook. The Pope School of Cookery was a Chicago landmark. Though I suspect in that Cold War cloak and dagger era great recipes may have been suspect as foreign and un-American. It was the era of the American can-opener and deep freeze. TV dinners were popular.

Nothing like a great fragrant, pungent leg of lamb, the air always enticing and inviting on a Sunday for dinner to rearrange the aesthetics of the family's culinary week. Of course, we always had parsley buttered carrots with it and mashed potatoes to soak up the savory gravy that just about



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made itself in the pan. Caramelized onions were a natural by-product of the cooking and so flavorful a side dish it staggered the mind. Plus side sauces of pungent, fresh mint and red currant jelly. It really juiced the family up and loosened our tongues. Table talk was always glib and free. You had to be on your toes lest President Kennedy made a cabinet change or Supreme Court appointment. We were always expected to be up to date. Au current. My father's party piece was his ability to name every state capitol in alphabetical order.

You also had to be on your toes in case our Grandma had discovered any new words that might be challenges to our spelling powers. I rarely came to the table properly prepared for such spontaneous challenges. But my sister was always red hot and never missed her cue. Grandma's challenges (probably to shame my laziness) had more to do with making me a writer than any great book I read.

The civility of such grand dining gave us all a powerful awareness that we were truly at our best when conversing around those vittles.

Of course our table-talk had moments rich in larger family gossip. Grandma was a clearing-house for juicy news.

The details of what was going on among the aunts and uncles and sea of cousins. Often the smartest among them plucked out

invites for themselves to join us for dinner, after they announced they were coming to visit Grandma.

At Sunday dinners we also had our best words reserved to question the antics of Soviet Premier Khrushchev or Cuba's Fidel Castro or China's Chairman Mao to a lesser extent. We were all more aware of America's role in world affairs back then. Sainly Pope John XXIII also had something up his sleeve, so he was a frequent topic of conversation. The White Sox, the army of Dominican nuns who taught us everyday, Mayor Daley and local neighborhood characters were often mentioned at table by name.

No one was more colorful than Halsted St. tavern owner Bridie Godfrey. Bridie's large Irish Setter once jumped out her third floor apartment window in the Byrne's Building onto Halsted St. and was killed. She had local tongues wagging when she held a full-fledged Irish wake for the dog in her pub.

We cherished such dinners because they often triggered memories in our Grandmother's mind. She would spontaneously recall a dog she had back in Ireland in the 1880s. She still remembered feed-

ing him warm milk with melted butter and bread. Or what it was like to see the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor through the eyes of a 16-year old girl, or writing a letter to a village lad she knew in the British army serving in South Africa in the Field of Force in the Boer War.

Food really is what settles us most as humans and opens up our potential for civility. This discovery can inspire us and give us hope for the messes in which we often find ourselves.

Such meals are a divine revelation. The recipe for a civil Sunday dinner, ripe with talk, good manners, crisp napkins, no cell phones and memories galore to share.

HAT IN THE RING: Rumbles and rumors are ripe concerning young renaissance attorney **Dan Balanoff**, that he will be soon announcing his run for the opening



Dan Balanoff

in the 8th sub-circuit judgeship. That's good news in our present sea of shame. He comes from a family who have dedicated their lives to the law and its practical application in our courts. His grandmother, **Judge Miriam Balanoff**, was certainly a giant in the profession. His pop, **Judge**

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Activist claims Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards less transparent

BY JIM VAIL

The buzzword for any newly elected official is “transparency.” That word is easy to say but harder to practice in a town like Chicago.

When Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor eight years ago he said his office would be more transparent, and today our new Mayor Lori Lightfoot has stated her administration will be more transparent.

Then you look at the fine print once they’re in office.

Allan Mellis, a Lincoln Park community leader and activist for over 40 years, who has testified before the City Council Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building hundreds of times, said citizens will no longer be able to speak on a zoning item when it is presented, but rather will only be able to address the committee at the beginning of the meeting.

“I think this reduces transparency,” he said. “It dilutes citizen input and influence.”

He testified at the June 25 zoning committee meeting against this cut back on public participation by noting that it was standard practice to hear from the community after each specific zoning item, which allowed for the constituent to respond to details that were presented by the applicant that may not have been known prior to the hearing.

The new public comment procedure is for each person participating in the public comment up to four minutes to address all items on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Mellis said the public cannot adequately respond to the applicant’s presentation since they have not heard it, it does not allow the zoning committee members to hear relevant public testimony as each item is being discussed and if a committee member does not arrive prior to the public comment period, they may not hear the testimony at all.

Former zoning committee chairman Ald. James Cappleman [46th] has said that people who come to testify have already made up their minds before they made the decision to attend the meeting, to which Mellis responded that the purpose of public testimony is to provide input to zoning committee members to inform their decision.

Zoning officials also state that the meetings become too long

with the public participation format resulting in committee members having to leave for other meetings. But it should be pointed out that public officials are being paid to attend those meetings while the citizens who testify before them generally do it voluntarily. And in Chicago, zoning is a very important committee... Mellis suggests it should be scheduled so that any potential conflicts are avoided.

“Aldermen should listen to citizen’s comments on each item that could significantly impact their quality of life,” Mellis stated.

Mellis said Zoning Chairman Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] has stated that written testimony will be received any time for any zoning application. Mellis countered that all agendas are not published far enough in advance to allow citizens the time to provide written responses, applicant plans are not available online for citizen review, and there is no opportunity for a citizen to respond to a Zoning committee member’s questions or make further clarifications.

Illinois government at all levels has at times tried to limit citizen participation in public decision making. Statewide most important policy and tax decisions are

made in private by Speaker of the Illinois House Mike Madigan. The Chicago Board of Education holds its monthly board meetings on weekday mornings, which are

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not convenient to the public who may have day jobs. The meetings are held at the Chicago Public Schools headquarters downtown, also an inconvenient location for many parents who have to travel far from different parts of the city.

Mayor Lightfoot has vowed to hold future meetings in the neighborhoods at times that don’t conflict with work schedules.

CPS also limits public participation to two minutes for each speaker who has to sign in online for a limited number of speaker slots. Usually there are not enough seats and people who attend the meetings have to sit in the overflow rooms and watch the meeting on video. Critics note that the board will reserve a few rows of seats for its employees, some who

don’t even show up, thus limiting the public to be in the same room that the meeting is held. This was especially acute during contentious board meetings when an enraged public spoke out against school closings and other harmful privatization schemes.

In the case of the zoning committee meetings, the new chairman told Mellis they wanted to try something new. But what is convenient for elected officials, may be inconvenient for the public.

It also flies in the face of limiting aldermanic prerogative, Mellis stated, by making the local alderman’s letter of support the primary determination of the zoning committee’s vote without giving local residents the ability to express their concerns after hearing the applicant’s presentation.

“Mayor Lightfoot has called for increased transparency,” Mellis said. “This new procedure makes the process less transparent.”

“Offended” judge slaps “Bean” taggers with \$10K bail

Two men who allegedly tagged “The Bean” sculpture in Millennium Park early on July 2 were each ordered held on \$10,000 bail after Cook County Judge David Navarro said he “[takes] offense at these offenses, these crimes that were alleged.”

Neither Rey Ortega nor Tino Guzman, both 20, has a criminal record. And Guzman isn’t even charged with painting the sculpture. He’s accused of spray painting a nearby bench.

Five others, including one juvenile, were charged with criminal trespassing in connection with the incident.

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and attempting to buy out individual owners in such hot neighborhoods as the Gold Coast, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Lakeview, Wrigleyville, Logan Square and the South Loop. Now, the deconversion movement is spreading to Albany Park, Avondale, Lincoln Square, Uptown, Wrigleyville and South Shore.

The big players in the deconversion game include New Jersey-based Strategic Properties of North America, New York-based ESG Kullen, and Marc Realty Capital, a Chicago investment firm. Essex Realty Group is a major player in marketing the smaller walk-up buildings that generally are priced from \$3-million to about \$7-million for 18 to 41 units.

In 2016, Strategic Properties paid \$35 million for the 133-unit Clark Place high-rise at 2625 N. Clark St. in Lincoln Park, and \$51.5 million for Bel Harbor, a 207-unit tower at 420 W. Belmont Ave. in the Belmont Harbor section of Lakeview.

In 2018, Strategic Properties targeted the 268-unit Kennelly Square, a 22-story tower at 1749 N. Wells St. in Old Town, for deconversion. The company offered as much as \$78 million to buy the property, and 75.8% of the condo owners in the building voted to approve the sale.

ESG Kullen recently took over the 250-unit condo building at 1140 N. LaSalle, and is close to completing the deconversion of the 391-unit tower at 1400 N. Lake Shore Dr. in a \$112-million deal. Now the com-



The Home Front
By Don DeBat



Ironically many of the North Side buildings set for deconversion were originally built as rental properties, then converted to condominium ownership during the conversion boom of the 1970s. Now, dozens of condo boards have received offers from developers who want to “deconvert” their buildings by purchasing all of the individual units, upgrade them with new granite kitchens, fancy baths and wood floors, and turn them back into rental apartments.

pany is targeting the 309-unit 2 East Oak and offered \$92 million. However, only 69% of the owners voted for the sale.

Owners at the 202-unit 1250 N. LaSalle have hired the firm of Avison Young to represent the condo association in an effort to market the 18-story building to an investor.

Another recent major deconversion was at River City, a 448-unit South Loop condo complex designed by famed architect Bertrand Goldberg. In late 2017, owners voted to sell the complex to Marc Realty Capital. The deal closed in early 2019.

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Ironically, many of the high-rises now in

demand for deconversion were originally built as rental properties, then converted to condominium ownership during the conversion boom of the 1970s.

Why would condo owners vote to dissolve their association? It is simple economics, experts say. Here are the facts:

- Condo resale values plummeted during the Great Recession, and prices have not fully recovered in most buildings. For example, a typical one-bedroom unit that originally sold for \$294,000 in 2005, resold for only \$170,000—a 42% resale price decline—a decade later, according to Cook County property records.

- Many of the lakefront buildings were built in the 1960s and converted to condos during the boom of the 1970s and 1980s. These aging properties are showing infrastructure wear and tear, and need new roofs, elevators, windows and mechanical systems. As a result, owners currently are being hit with hefty special assessments for repairs ranging from \$25,000 to \$75,000-plus per unit.

- Buildings with low owner-occupancy rates signify trouble as traditionally financed sales and refinancing grind to a halt.

“Deconversion of a financially troubled condominium building is one way for owners to recoup some cash and escape from condo jail,” said Chicago Realtor Sara E. Benson, co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail.”

“It is a national trend,” Benson said. “Tens of thousands of condominium units have been deconverted to rentals.”

As apartment rents continue to rise, the market value of rental buildings is soaring. So, investors are willing to pay top dollar for a building they can quickly deconvert, renovate, and start the flow of rental cash.

Regardless, apartment investors hoping to take advantage of the rental boom in Chicago still have hundreds of units from which to choose in large and small



Are they coming to your neighborhood?

Developers and investors are targeting smaller walk-up condominium buildings for deconversion to rental apartments.

Here is a list of recent deconversions grouped by neighborhood:

- ALBANY PARK
- 4954 N. Ridgeway—22-units
- AVONDALE
- 3507-3511 N. Elston Ave.—12 units
- EAST LAKE VIEW
- 659 W. Aldine Ave.—9 units
- GOLD COAST
- 159 W. Goethe St.—14 units
- LINCOLN PARK
- 915 W. Montana St.—18 units
- 2317 N. Cambridge St.—7 units
- 915-925 W. Schubert St.—29 units
- LINCOLN SQUARE
- 4459 N. Campbell Ave.—18 units
- LOGAN SQUARE
- 2601-2607 N. Hamlin Ave.—11 units
- NORTH CENTER
- 1946 W. Bradley Pl.—10 units
- SOUTH SHORE
- 7420 S. Colfax St.—27 units
- UPTOWN-SHERIDAN PARK
- 4630 N. Beacon St.—41 units
- WRIGLYVILLE
- 1050 W. Dakin St.—18 units
- 1244 W. Byron St.—21 units

condo buildings, and sellers are asking top dollar.

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The Death and Life of the Great Lakes

BY JIM VAIL

The gem that makes Chicago's North Side sparkle is our lake which many call a crystal clear blue inland sea. A vast sea of fresh water that wraps along our pristine shoreline.

But how many of us know about our lake and what makes it precious, what changes it has experienced or the challenges it faces. This is one of the five Great Lakes that we drink from, sail on, swim in and gaze in wonder whether we are driving, riding or walking along it.

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan is the perfect book to answer some those questions about the mystical aquatic wonder right under our noses. It is also the perfect book to take to the beach and enjoy this summer.

"A Great Lake can swallow freighters almost three times the length of a football field; the lakes' bottoms are littered with an estimated 6,000 shipwrecks, many of which have never been found," Egan writes. "This would never happen on a normal lake, because a normal lake is knowable. A Great Lake can hold all the mysteries of an ocean, and then some."

The Great Lakes are the largest source of fresh surface water in the world accounting for 20% of the world's fresh water, yet it has been under constant threat after it was opened up via the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic Ocean – where as well as becoming a bustling international seaport, invasive saltwater species invaded our Great Lakes like a virus destroying native fish and plant populations.

The zebra and quagga mussels from the Caspian Sea hitched a ride on the freighters, and with no worthy adversaries, turned our Great Lakes into some of the clearest freshwater on the planet. "This nearly vodka-clear water is not the sign of a healthy lake," Egan writes, "it's the sign of one in which the bottom of the food web is collapsing."

Egan is a reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and two-time Pulitzer

Prize finalist who worked over a decade on this book covering the Great Lakes for the newspaper and researching extensively on the subject. He is also a masterful storyteller who sucks you into the book, telling a series of tales about the wonders of our Great Lakes and the people on the firing line.

He begins with the story of the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway, a project that connected the Atlantic Ocean to the Midwest and allow giant freighters to steam from the East Coast into the five massive freshwater inland seas. Except, that dream project completed in 1959 "in some respects borders on a nightmare."

The locks were never wide enough to allow a constant flow of massive ships and today cargo typically accounts for about five percent or less of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway shipping industry. A congressman told Egan that they built the canal too small because the railroads didn't want to see larger-sized locks built that would compete with them and so they worked with the East Coast ports who also didn't need the competition to limit the size of the Seaway locks. Worse still, a single Seaway ship can hold up to six million gallons of vessel-steadying ballast water that gets discharged at a port in exchange for cargo. That water contains millions, if not billions, of living organisms that would contain invasive species detrimental to the Great Lakes ecology.

The Great Lakes is home to its own local species such as the giant sturgeon which can live more than 100 years and grow to seven feet, and giant trout that can grow to "wolf-sized 70 pounds." They had no natural predators and thus sustained a vibrant fishing industry. In the 1940s about 100 million pounds of Great Lakes fish were being harvested each year, but then suddenly the lake trout as well as white fish vanished due to an invasive specie called the lamprey that was like a vampire, attaching themselves to the fish and sucking the life out of them. The lamprey looks like a giant oversized tadpole and somehow managed to survive four of the earth's

five mass extinctions. Thanks to the newly constructed seaway this saltwater razor-toothed predator was like Columbus and his crew landing in American waters and feeding on the native population which had lived here for thousands of years. Suddenly those fish were threatened with extinction.

Egan's story about the lamprey and how it was finally destroyed was like reading an exciting mystery detective novel. He tells the story of biologist Vernon Applegate who should have a statue erected along the Great Lakes shores for the work he did to learn everything about this little-known creature and eventually help eradicate our precious freshwaters of this vile vampire and restore our beloved lake trout.

The next invasive Atlantic specie known as the Cockroach-of-the-Inland-Seas was the alewives which could only be turned into cat food or liquid fertilizer. In 1967 three of the five Great Lakes – Michigan, Huron, and Ontario – were overrun by the rapidly reproducing species. Egan tells the story of Howard Tanner, who introduced Coho and Chinook Salmon into the Great Lakes to feast on the alewives. This salmon, imported from the Pacific Northwest, would be declared off-limits to commercial fishermen and grocery shoppers but open to fishing sportsmen, "a program that would prove to be a boon for tourism but also, ultimately, an obstacle in efforts to restore some semblance of natural order to the lakes in the decades after the lamprey infestation." [Which explains why we don't see Lake Michigan catch on our fish fry menus!]

However, in the late 1980s and early 1990s the salmon crashed because they began breeding at unsustainable numbers and there were simply too many Chinook mouths and not enough alewife tails. Alewife numbers started to plummet around

2003. The alewives also ran out of food due to an unexpected plummet in plankton tied to the surge of yet another invasive species – the exotic mussels on the lake bottom. "People might think of Lake Michigan as an inland sea full of fish," Egan writes. "It's more accurate to think of it as an exotic mussel bed sprawling across thousands of square miles."

Egan writes that governmental regulation of our waters is crucial. In the early 1970s two-thirds of America's lakes, rivers and coastal waters were unsafe for fishing or swimming, but in 2014 that number had been slashed in half thanks to the Clean Water Act. The overall cost to cities and industry trying to keep pipes mussel-free over the last 25 years is \$1.5 billion, while ballast invasions damage to fisheries and other recreational activities is about \$200 million annually. In 2008 the US Seaway operators began requiring all Great Lakes-bound overseas vessels to flush their ballast tanks with mid-ocean saltwater and no new exotic organisms have been found in the Great Lakes since.

In Part II of the book entitled "Back Door" Egan writes how Lake Michigan was opened up to the Gulf of Mexico via construction of the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal, which allows Chicago's sewage to run west away from the lake and down the Mississippi River. The canal opened the door to the feared Asian carp which has decimated the southern United States, and sent the zebra and quagga mussels out into the vast network of American's tributaries, unleashing ecological havoc. So far the battle to keep the carp out of Lake Michigan via an electric barrier has been successful, but this feared invasive fish has been sighted on the Chicago River only

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INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

Postcards, paper featured at market

The Grayslake Antique Flea Market will host the annual "Postcard & Paper" show this Saturday and Sunday at the Lake County Fairgrounds Expo Center. Vendors and collectors from around the country will be showcasing their finest in antique and vintage postcards, photos, paper, lithographs, and ephemera.

Did you know the study and collecting of postcards is called "deltiology?" Postcards were first printed in the 19th century, but it took some time for them to gain in popularity; many people did not like the idea of writing notes which anyone could read. The value of old postcards is dependent on a number of factors, including their condition, rarity, age, and subject matter.

Also featured will be items such as country furniture, primitives, vintage clothing, mid century modern, serving pieces, estate jewelry, antiques, collectibles, coins, garden decor, advertising collectibles, military, fine artwork, and more.

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Edgewater Glen Garden Walk this Sunday

The EGA 46th Annual Garden Walk will be held 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14.

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The starting point is at 1420 W. Glenlake, and admission is \$5 per adult with children free for this

easily-walkable event with plenty of street parking.

Admission also includes a raffle ticket chance to win Gethsemane Garden Center Gift Certificates.

The Edgewater Glen Assoc. is also seeking residents interested in serving on its 11 member Board which will be elected at the EGA Garden Walk on July 14. For more information visit www.edgeglen.com.

Great Fire fiction July 20

In the first author speaker program series, "A Writer's Journey: From Genealogical Roots to Award-Winning Novel" by Geryl Hesslau Magrady will be presented 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Edgewater Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

Magrady is the 2016 winner of the Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project for her novel, Lines. The Project is a collaboration with the Illinois Library Assoc. and other library organizations. Authors must be nominated by an Illinois library, and works must be self-published in the adult fiction genre.

The novel, which is set in Chicago prior to and after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, is a work of



Geryl Hesslau Magrady, winner of the 2016 Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project.

historical fiction. The story portrays a glimpse of the times with class struggles, the woman's suffrage movement and the rebirth of the city.

Magrady discovered her main character, Livia Haas, while researching her own genealogy. Livia is based on her great-great grandmother; her great-great grandfather owned a cigar store in Chicago.

"I wrote her character as someone who did not have much of a voice during a tumultuous time period when the movers and shakers had all the attention," Magrady said. "I wanted to show the average citizen's strife and courage."

An English teacher at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Magrady said she spent her summers researching and writing the book for 10 years. She was diligent in conducting research that was used in the novel.

"I enjoy finding the little bits of history that readers might not even see," she said. For example, one scene in the story takes place at the Opera House; Magrady learned that the orchestra stayed at the Sherman House the night of the fire and used that information in the story. She also was meticulous in researching details for a dress the main character wore to the opera.

Magrady will offer a short reading of her book and a discussion about the story's inspiration. Autographed copies of the novel will be available for sale.

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Nursing homes see new regulations, \$240 million in added funding

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

Funding for nursing homes serving the state's most vulnerable elderly populations will increase by \$240 million next fiscal year as part of the state's recently-passed budget.

Of that \$240 million, which will be split between the state and federal government, \$70 million will be directly appropriated to help nursing homes meet minimum staffing requirements. Another \$170 million will update the reimbursement formula for support costs such as food, utilities, maintenance and equipment.

Advocates for the nursing home industry say the added funding will help stem a tide of 20-plus skilled- and intermediate-care facility closures that occurred over the past five

years due to crippling budget cuts and decades-old Medicaid reimbursement rates.

"This money means survival," said Pat Comstock, executive director of the nursing home advocacy group Health Care Council of Illinois. "Our members are thrilled, but they're also relieved because these dollars are going to provide some much needed relief from the struggles to survive that members are experiencing."

The legislation also creates fines for nursing homes that fail to meet staffing minimums, and provides safeguards against the use of psychotropic drugs. Labor and senior care advocates say this will help hold nursing homes accountable and make life better for workers and patients.

"Nursing home workers deserve a safe and secure work environment where caregivers are not constantly overburdened,

exhausted, and stressed trying to care for sometimes up to 30 or 40 residents, if not more, at a single time," Greg Kelley, president of the SEIU Healthcare Illinois union, said in a statement. "This victory to stop short staffing in Illinois is nothing short of historic for our state's nursing home workforce."

Accounting firm Plante Moran conducted a study last year that showed Illinois' Medicaid reimbursement rate ranked 49th in the nation, and nursing homes lost approximately \$15,000 per year – or an average of \$41 per day – for each Medicaid-funded patient. The added \$240 million will help fill a \$649 million single-year funding shortfall as estimated by that study.

The \$70 million for nurse staffing will be distributed by a funding formula to be decided by the Department of Healthcare and

Family Services. That formula will drive greater funding to the nursing homes with more Medicaid bed days.

Nursing homes will be required to develop and submit an individualized staffing plan to DHFS, and must submit quarterly reports to demonstrate the funding is used satisfactorily. Those that do not use the money according to approved plans risk losing funding in the future.

"So a facility that may be struggling to meet the current staffing ratios will first put money in to bring that facility up to or exceed the staffing ratios," Comstock said.

Once staffing minimums are met, leftover funds can be used for other staffing matters, such as increasing wages or benefits to increase retention or hiring more staff to lighten workloads.

The \$170 million for support costs would update reimburse-

ment rates currently determined by costs dating back to 2004. The distribution formula is still to be determined, but \$37 million of that sum will be used to ensure facilities will not lose funding as a result of the new formula.

The senior advocacy group AARP advocated for greater regulation on the use of psychotropic drugs, releasing a study last year which showed Illinois has the second-worst rate in the nation for giving antipsychotic drugs without a psychiatric diagnosis.

At a Capitol news conference earlier this year, AARP and nursing home workers said these drugs are often administered at homes that are understaffed in an effort to keep patients sedated so they are more manageable for staff.

The budget implementation plan is Senate Bill 1814.



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Clare's Chef Hagop receives national recognition for culinary competitions



Clare Executive Chef Hagop Hagopian.

In less than a month, Clare Executive Chef Hagop Hagopian will travel to Houston to compete for the coveted title of Life Care Services [LCS] Chef of the Year.

Chef Hagop is one of five finalists in the first-ever Chef of the Year competition sponsored by LCS, The Clare's management company. All contestants serve as chefs at various LCS-affiliated senior living communities.

But this is just the latest in a recent string of American Culinary Federation competitions in which Chef Hagop has participated. For him, the ultimate goal is to reach Certified Master Chef status and eventually travel to Luxemburg for

the Culinary World Cup in 2020.

Undergoing serious back surgery in 2017 spurred him to take on his current storm of competitions. These events proves physically challenging, and Chef Hagop wanted to take advantage of his health to be able to compete. He also received tremendous encouragement from Francesco Tardio, The Clare's Director of Dining Services.

"I thought there was no better time than now," Chef Hagop says.

He started in October with a trip to Columbus, OH, where he took part in a mystery basket challenge. This entails a basket of random ingredients (Swiss chard, broccoli and sauerkraut, in Chef Hagop's case) and an hour to create a tasty, visually pleasing dish. Here, he won a bronze medal, and he says it's rare for first-time competitors to place.

From there, he moved on to pastry and contemporary cuisine competitions in Detroit, where he earned gold and silver, respectively.

"It's nice when you place silver and bronze – when they say your work is great, but they have some feedback on what you could have done to take it to the next level," he says.

During another pastry competition in Iowa City, for example, Chef Hagop scored the highest among his opponents. However, the judges didn't award anything higher than a bronze medal. During a contemporary cuisine contest, he finished 20 minutes early, and had points deducted as a result. No two judges are the same, he says, but all judges are highly critical.

"To have someone comment on how you

work, you learn a lot about yourself," he says. "But you can also bring it here and apply what you learned to your everyday kitchen and cook evaluations."

"You learn what it is to be a chef or a cook," says Chef Hagopian.

"You can't just put the tag on your jacket that says you're a chef. In these competitions, you have to earn it."

Now, Chef Hagop has been preparing for the upcoming LCS Chef of the Year contest, as well as another chocolate competition taking place immediately afterward in Orlando. He takes time in The Clare kitchens after dinner service to practice,

concocting original dishes and perfecting his pastry setups. He also has been more innovative in menu offerings for the residents.

"We take such pride in our dining program, and Chef Hagop leads that for us," Executive Director Kyle Exline says. "For him to be recognized on a national level reaffirms everything we already knew about him and his talents."

Clare residents, too, are proud of all that Chef Hagop has accomplished thus far. But what it all comes down to for him is continued improvement and education.

"You learn what it is to be a chef or a cook," he says. "You can't just put the tag on your jacket that says you're a chef. In these competitions, you have to earn it."

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Police Beat...

Shoplifting mob has struck Mag Mile at least eight times since June 5

Shoplifting mobs have targeted Magnificent Mile stores at least eight times since June 5, according to an alert issued to businesses on the famed retail strip.

All of the incidents listed on the CPD alert occurred on the 400 block of N. Michigan Ave., usually in the afternoon or evening hours. Reports of shoplifting groups are a daily occurrence along Boul Mich, but Sunday's alert from detectives is an indication that investigators believe the listed crimes were committed by a specific group of people.

Teams of men and women are entering stores, loading merchandise into bags, and running out the door, police said. The mobs pulled off thefts on June 5, 12, 14, 15, and 17. And twice on the 18. They returned last Monday evening, police said.

Detectives said the groups consist of between one and six black men and between one and three black women, all of whom are between 18- and 25-years-old.

Anyone with information about the crimes or the offenders may contact Area Central investigators at 312-747-8380.

Old Town: Man beaten, robbed

A 24-year-old man was beaten with brass knuckles and robbed in the Old Town neighborhood early Saturday morning, police said. No one is in custody.

The victim was in the 1900 block of N. Lincoln when a man approached him, demanded his property, and punched him in the face with knuckle-dusters at 3:25 a.m. The offender took the man's wallet and phone, then fled westbound on Wisconsin Ave. in a four-door silver vehicle, possibly a Nissan.

Police said the robber was a black man with dreadlocks who's about 20-years-old and stands about 5'-11" tall. He wore a red shirt.

Overnight burglary at Diversey Harbor ends with 9-person brawl

A fistfight broke out at Diversey Harbor when a boat owner and his friends confronted a group that was seen on his vessel without permission early Saturday, police said. Two offenders are in custody.

Three men and a woman intercepted a group of four men and one woman who reportedly stole property from the boat, which was moored at "A" dock on the north end of the harbor around midnight. An argument broke out, followed by a physical altercation, police said. One 23-year-old woman was reportedly struck in the mouth with a bottle.

Police came upon the brawling group outside of AMITA St. Joseph Medical Center, 2900 N. Lake Shore Dr. One person was treated at the hospital and released.

The two offenders were taken into custody after being identified by the boat owner. Charges are pending.

Guns found along Mag Mile, Rogers Park

Police said they arrested Tavontee Fox, 18, after finding him in possession of a loaded .357 magnum near the intersection of Michigan and Chicago avenues around 11

p.m. July 1. He's charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon. Judge David Navarro gave Fox a recognizance bond.

John Rodes, 60, of South Bend was allegedly found carrying an open bottle of Jack Daniel's and a loaded handgun in the 1200 block of W. Lunt at 8:30 p.m. on July 1. Rodes, who has a concealed carry license in Indiana, but not for Illinois, is charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon and having alcohol on the public way. Navarro also released Rodes on a recognizance bond.

Paroled phone bandit accused of burglarizing another cell store

In less than 48 hours during Sept. 2016, Terrell Bommon burglarized a cellular store and pulled off two separate robberies in which he took phones from women under threat of violence.

He pled guilty last November to two counts of robbery and one count of burglary. Judge Joseph Clapps sentenced him to three concurrent terms of four years. Bommon walked out of prison 16 days later after receiving the state's 50% "good behavior" sentence reduction and getting credit for time spent in jail awaiting trial.

Now, he's facing a fresh burglary charge. Bommon, 32, stole a \$100 flip phone and twelve phone cases after kicking out the glass door of Cricket Wireless, 168 N. State on June 9, prosecutors said. Store employees identified him in a photo line-up, according to police.

Judge Arthur Willis handed down a recognizance bond for the burglary charge, but Bommon's being held in jail on a warrant from the Illinois Dept. of Corrections. He will go back to prison until Sept. 5 of next year if the state revokes his parole.

Bommon mugged a woman on the 100 block of S. State on Sept. 22, 2016. The next day, burglarized a Sprint store on the first block of E. Randolph and then mugged another woman on the 1100 block of S. State.

Police who arrested Bommon after the second robbery said he was carrying an iPad Pro, an iPhone 6s, and a Samsung Chrome laptop.

State records show Bommon was given a six-year sentence for manufacture-delivery of cocaine in 2007.

Two stabbed in dispute with motorist who offered ride

Two people were stabbed in the Loop late Saturday when a dispute broke out between a group of people who were waiting for a ride-hailing car and the occupants of a vehicle that offered them an unsolicited ride, police said. No one is in custody.

Six people were waiting for their ride near the northeast corner of Wabash and Washington when another car drove up with a man and woman inside. An argument broke out after the couple offered the group a ride, police said, and the couple stepped out of their car to engage the group in a fight.

Police said the male offender pulled out a knife and stabbed a 27-year-old female member of the group in the stomach. Police said she is three months pregnant. A 26-year-old man in the group was stabbed twice in the abdomen. The offenders returned to their car and drove away eastbound on Washington, police said.

An unknown motorist picked up the two stabbing victims and drove them a short distance to the first block of W. Randolph, where a passing police officer was flagged down for help. The driver of the car that transported



It's 'him' again: Loop heist is man's third bank robbery in a week

The man being sought for robbing two Chicago banks last week racked up his third heist on July 2 in the Loop, according to the FBI. But, this time his efforts were hampered by an exploding dye pack that was hidden in the bank's stolen money.

Police and the FBI said the man presented a note demanding cash from a teller at Burling Bank, 141 W. Jackson, shortly before 2 p.m. A dye pack secreted in the cash exploded as the man fled the scene.

Cops scoured nearby buildings looking for the offender who is now likely to have a distinctive red skin tone, thanks to the dye pack.

Investigators think the same man

them from the original crime scene was gone when police arrived.

Witnesses said the attacker is a black man in his early- to mid-20's who had short twists in his hair and wore a red shirt with blue jeans. He was reportedly with a black female who wore a red coat.

Both victims were transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where the woman is in critical condition. The man is listed in serious condition.

Felon busted with gun in River North now charged with threatening to kill his public defender

A twice-convicted robbery offender who was charged with being an armed habitual criminal after police reportedly found him with a handgun during a narcotics operation in River North is now accused of threatening to kill his public defender.

Making matters worse for Levonta Nesbitt, authorities have decided to slap him with federal gun charges.

Cops were dispersing loiterers from a narcotics hot spot in the 1100 block of N. Clark St. on the afternoon

of Dec. 18, 2018, when they came in contact with the 25-year-old.

While completing paperwork related to the dispersal, police discovered an arrest warrant had been issued for Nesbitt because he failed to appear in court on charges of having a stolen Divvy bike last summer.

When police detained Nesbitt for the warrant, he announced, "I have a gun on me," police said. An officer allegedly recovered a 9-millimeter handgun from Nesbitt's jacket pocket.

Officers quoted Nesbitt as saying, "I had a gun on me because people are trying to kill me." He went on to say that he "won" the gun in a dice game, police said.

State records show Nesbitt was convicted of armed robbery with a firearm in 2010 and robbery in 2014. He was paroled in April 2018 after serving half of a three-year sentence for aggravated fleeing that caused bodily injury.

Now, state prosecutors have charged him with felony threatening of a public official after he allegedly left a voicemail message threatening to kill his public defender "and anyone else."

And the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago has elected to charge Nesbitt with being a felon in possession of a

hauled a taxi cab to escape after he robbed the Citibank at 180 N. Michigan around 2:15 p.m. June 26. They suspect he used a taxi to get away after today's heist, too.

The FBI said the suspect is also responsible for the July 2 hold-up of a US Bank in Chinatown.

The robber is 35- to 45-years-old, stands 5'-2" to 5'-6", and weighs 110 to 120 lbs. He has brown hair and a tribal ring or barbed wire tattoo on his right bicep.

A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered by the FBI for information that leads directly to the man's arrest. Tips may be called in to the bureau's Chicago Field Office at 312-421-6700.

handgun that traveled in interstate commerce.

Meanwhile, Nesbitt's public defender asked the court to allow her to withdraw as his lawyer and the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender asked the court to assign someone from outside of its office to work on Nesbitt's behalf.

State gun charges were dropped after the federal case was filed.

Woman attacked, sexually assaulted by homeless man on Divvy bike

Police said a woman received serious injuries from a man who sexually assaulted under a West Loop viaduct Saturday after approaching her at the nearby Greyhound Bus terminal. The man lured the woman to the attack site around 7:45 a.m. with an offer to help her find shelter.

The woman was standing at the bus station, 630 W. Harrison, when the man rode up on a Divvy bike and offered his assistance. Police said the man led the woman to a homeless camp under the Eisenhower Expy. on Des Plaines St. and sexually assaulted her. The offender battered the woman, causing injuries that required her to undergo surgery, according to police.

In a community alert issued Saturday night, police said the attacker is a homeless black man in his 20's who has a slim build, short hair, a mustache, and a beard. He was last seen wearing a black t-shirt with white lettering, black pants, a black baseball hat, and gray shoes with orange soles. Police said he may live in the homeless camp.

Anyone with information about the attacker or the crime may contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8380 regarding case JC-337085.

Old Town man shot on Division St. Saturday

An Old Town resident who was recently paroled is recovering after being shot Saturday afternoon in the 400 block of W. Division, according to police and state records. No one is in custody.

The 22-year-old was on the street when a man approached him on foot and opened fire, police said. Witnesses reported that the gunman, a black male wearing a red hoodie, got into a white Genesis that drove southbound from the scene. Police were later seen inspecting vehicle matching that description in the 500 block of W. Delaware.

The victim literally ran out of his shoes before collapsing in the 1200 block of N. Cleveland, a witness said. Photos from the scene show the front window of a nearby Chase bank shot

out. A pair of sandals lie in the middle of Division St. between ribbons of crime scene tape.

Police said the victim suffered a gunshot wound to the lower left side of his back. He is listed in serious condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

State records show the victim was paroled in March after serving part of a four-year sentence that he received for dealing narcotics in the 1300 block of N. Hudson.

Officers on the scene said he was not cooperating with their investigation.

Rogers Park man shot dead

A 42-year-old man died after being shot on a Rogers Park street corner on the evening of July 1. No one is in custody.

Police said the department is familiar with the victim, who was standing outside of 7575 N. Rogers when someone fired shots from inside a white BMW at 9:17 p.m. The man transported to St. Francis Hospital with gunshot wounds to his left thigh, abdomen, and left buttock, according to police.

The BMW was last seen heading eastbound on Rogers, then turning north onto Greenview.

Last Monday's incident was the second shooting in four days for the Far North Side neighborhood. Quintin Brown, 17, was shot to death at 2:15 p.m. last Thursday in the 6900 block of N. Glenwood.

But year-to-date murders and shootings in Rogers Park are at 10-year lows, according to city data. Five people were murdered or shot in the neighborhood through July 1 this year. That ties 2017 for the lowest count since at least 2010. By comparison, 10 people were killed or shot in Rogers Park during the same time last year and 13 cases were recorded in 2016.

Pride Parade and its afterparty sparks 23 arrests

Only one person is known to have been arrested during the 50th annual Chicago Pride Parade on June 30, but an estimated 22 more were taken into custody during the hours-long afterparty that overtook stretches of Halsted St. and Belmont Ave. until early the next morning.

The estimated 23 arrests are an increase from 16 last year and 19 in 2017. Still, the number of people taken into custody by police is significantly lower than the 52 arrested in 2015 and 46 detained in both 2013 and 2014.

While most of the arrests were for battery and battery of police officers, a Wisconsin woman is facing weapons charges after police allegedly saw a handgun in her waistband when she lifted her shirt to take a selfie.

Jada Ross, 20, was showing off



Jada Ross

stood near Belmont and Sheffield around 7:45 p.m., police said. Officers reportedly recovered the loaded pistol and took Ross into custody.

Ross, who is charged with felony aggravated use of a weapon, posted a \$300 bond to go free to await trial.

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Man sent to prison after threatening shooting in Boystown; hate crime, terroristic threat charges dropped in deal

BY CWBCHICAGO

The man accused of making terroristic threats against a Boystown bar while invoking the Pulse Nightclub shooting and harassing other victims has been sentenced to seven concurrent 42-month terms in prison.

Shane Sleeper received the sentence after pleading guilty to nine felonies before Judge William Raines.

About a dozen additional charges were dropped in the plea deal.

Manhunt

Sleeper's sentencing brings an end to a winding saga in which he stood accused of threatening to unleash a mass shooting on a popular Boystown bar and later became the focus of an intense manhunt after he was mistakenly released from the Cook County Jail.

Sheriff's deputies found Sleeper two days later in Uptown.

In his court appearances, Sleeper's behavior was so erratic at times, a judge ordered him out of a courtroom, and one of his attorneys directly accused him of lying during a hearing.

The 32-year-old pleaded guilty to four counts of harassment-threatening to kill; three counts of telephone harassment-threatening

to kill; impersonating an attorney; and impersonating police.

Prosecutors dropped a long list of additional felonies, including making false terroristic threats, hate crime and assault.

Sidetrack

Sleeper was arrested Feb. 20, 2018, after he allegedly made a series of threats against Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St., as well as a former co-worker and an ex-roommate. Prosecutors alleged that Sleeper "continually" made threats to shoot various individuals, making references to shootings via text, social media, phone and email.

The alleged threats included repeated references to the 2016 murder of 49 people at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando.

As his apparent anger with Sidetrack escalated, Sleeper sent a Facebook message to the general manager of neighboring Roscoe's Tavern: "I hope you're ready for Orlando. I'm not kidding. Be careful or just stay in until this gets resolved."

The Threats

Last December, prosecutors filed a motion to admit evidence of other crimes in which they detailed specific threats that they claim Sleeper made over several months. The filing included the contents of messages that Sleeper

was accused of sending to a parole officer, a former roommate, a former co-worker, and, ultimately, the general managers of two Boystown bars.

The allegations that resulted in charges against Sleeper "did not occur in a vacuum but were rather the culmination of escalating, persistent and disturbing behavior... which placed his victims in great fear for their safety," prosecutors wrote.

According to one of the allegations, Sleeper punched an off-duty Sidetrack employee in January 2018 while the two were at Little Jim's, a gay bar at 3501 N. Halsted St. In emails to Sidetrack later that night, he is alleged to have written, "If you ignore me don't act like you care the next mass shooting happens."

Sidetrack's general manager emailed Sleeper the next morning to tell him that police had been notified and to ask Sleeper to avoid contacting anyone connected with the bar. He also warned Sleeper to not attempt to enter the bar. After Sleeper responded several times, the manager filed a police report of harassment by electronic means.

Later that month, Sleeper went to the entrance of Sidetrack and tapped on a window where the bar's doormen could see him. He made gun and shooting gestures with his hands toward the security staff both times.

Sidetrack filed an assault report, and the bar's general manager emailed Sleeper to inform him of the police report and to say that

bar employees had been advised to call 911 and have Sleeper arrested if he approached the business or made gestures at doormen.

In his court appearances, Sleeper's behavior was so erratic at times, a judge ordered him out of a courtroom, and one of his attorneys directly accused him of lying during a hearing.

In an email response, Sleeper said, "Your (sic) lucky I don't have guns. Because if I did people would already be dead."

A few days later, Sleeper sent a text to a former co-worker at a bar promotion company, saying, "You should not feel safe, nor should anyone who works for your company. Shootings happen for a reason."

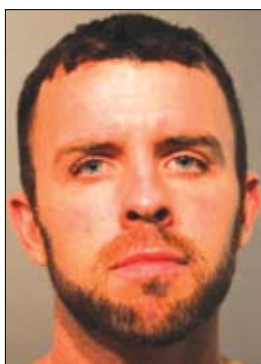
Sleeper recorded his first Chicago arrest later that day when police took him into custody for "making a shooting gesture" at Sidetrack's manager. He was charged with assault and released on a recognizance bond.

On Valentine's Day, he wrote to an unidentified person on Facebook, saying, "It's unfortunate the

wrong ones always end up getting shot."

Police arrested Sleeper again six days later. Prosecutors charged him with four counts of misdemeanor electronic harassment, misdemeanor resisting police, misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor phone harassment. Except for his brief taste of freedom after being mistakenly released, Sleeper has been behind bars since.

Sleeper's 42-month sentence will be automatically reduced by 50 percent in anticipation of good behavior. With 484 days credit for time spent in jail awaiting trial, he can expect to be paroled in November of this year.



Shane Sleeper

Letter to the Editor

We need fathers in the home

Mayor Lori Lightfoot needs to recognize that the primary cause of our beleaguered, shameful violence has little to do with guns. The primary cause, unlikely to be dealt with soon, is the breakup of the intact family (meaning two effective on-duty parents in the home).

Decades ago, myriad immigrants came to America. Seldom was a single-parent family observed. Typically people came here in three-generational groups, and often lived in the same 3-story walkups as did all their relatives.

The Black Community, sadly, has enormous absent fatherhoods. And many that are there are hardly model citizens. Does anyone have a plan to get black men back into the family? I'd love to see and read about that.

So let's quit blaming everyone else, police, politicians, etc. Virtually no known black leaders are addressing this obvious, pathetic, but changeable situation. We can and must do better. Being civilized is the goal.

Leon Hoffman, Lakeview East

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Robert Balanoff, too.

BEAN TOWN: It's been great watching artist **Anish Kapoor's** silver bean, aka "Cloud Gate," in Grant Park become a staple of Chicago's artistic stable. What pleasure such public art brings to all. But this past week saw it vandalized and, worse, treated like trash. An unforgivable crime, a heinous act of cultural sabotage by seven selfish 35th Street Crew gang-bangers. Chicago police have the gang members in custody. I bet their embarrassed parents are ashamed by their behavior.

RALPH LAUREN BAR BEAT: Famed Chicagon/Polish sculptor **Jerzy Kenar** and wife, **Dorota** (my East Village neighbors) dining with good-guy about town **Paul R Iacono...** also **Linda Johnson Rice** looking fab and having some Sunday supper... **Lionel Richie** was in for some of his favorite things... and during their historic Chicago appearance recently some of the **Rolling Stones** stopped in, not en masse, but in small groups led by **Brian May**, first **Charlie Watts**, and then, **Ron Woods**. Along with regular diners they may have noticed the new, expanded height of the patio hedges on Chicago Ave., which the continuing violence

of the streets nearby is exacerbating... but the new expansive canvas umbrellas are a welcomed addition along with the handsome brass lamps, now at each table. Of course it's perfectly safe to eat in the RL 'hood but we cannot deny the "wildings" that have already plagued the area this Summer.



The Rolling Stones.



The cows are back in town.

But if you need a reason to get to RL, how about the return of their world class clam chowder, now on the menu everyday, and the indescribable strawberry-rhubarb pie. **MOO-VE OVER:** They're back. The Chicago cows became a landmark of art and history

years ago when they were unveiled across the city telling our unique American tale of being the livestock center of the nation. Thanks, **Mrs. Kate O'Leary**. The cows' return marks an important reunion between Chicago and some of our most famous bovines.

Check out **Jane Byrne** Plaza near the Water Tower.

PARIS PRIDE 2019:

Kevin Anthony with **Paul Christopher**, **Robert Michael** and **Adam Miel Zebelian**, dancing in the Champ Elysees for Paris Pride before making it to Greece to catch up with **Dan Kirk** on the island of Mykonos.

GREEN POWER: We hear that once again, the ladies of Lincoln Park are all misty-eyed over the neighborhood lawn and garden business run by beefy college lads that aims to give customers just what they want. Mowing. Edging. Hedge trimming.

CABARET QUEEN: **Barb Bailey** with **Mary Ann Goering** and **Kim Duda** joining the **Drake's Shaun Rajah** at **Drew's** on Halsted, catching the the **Denise Tomasello** Show there with rave reviews. Congrats to you and **Russ Goeltenbodt** for bringing back live music in this neighborhood. Great location, sumptuous food and now we have the icing on the cake - cabaret at its finest.

FREUD PORTRAIT: The late Duchess of Devonshire, **Debo Mitford**, was the youngest girl in that brilliant, but troubled family. She was young enough to be spared the instability of her older sisters. One fell in love with **Adolph Hitler** and attempted to blow her brains out when war came. Another was a famous communist. Another a famous fascist imprisoned in World War



Kevin Anthony with Paul Christopher, Robert Michael and Adam Miel Zebelian.

II on her father's insistence. The artist **Lucien Freud** was married to their cousin **Lady Caroline Blackwood**. Debo was my pal and **Desmond Guinness'** aunt. Freud painted Debo in her youth. A slightly larger portrait than the one of their Guinness cousins, **Gaerch Browne**. Recall in this column his smaller portrait (only 6" square) sold earlier this year for €7 million Euros. This image is from Debo's famed Chatsworth House, one of England's grandest estates, that she helped to save in her more than 50 years as Duchess, has not yet come up for sale.

WHO'S WHERE? **Brian White** and **James Kinney** on the island of Nantucket guests of **Peter Mark...** **Cynthia Olson** is Thames-side in London after a stop at Rue de Buci, the heart of the Left Bank in Paris... **Christie's Steven Zick** in Vancouver, BC... **Rhonda J. Pennington Liesenfelt** is at Burlock coast Fort Lauderdale... **Sean Eshaghy** checked in to Hotel Banyan Tree Cabo Marques in Acapulco... **Frances Renk** with birthday gal **Sherry Lea Fox** at The Ritz-Carlton of Naples... **Laurie Sullivan** is with **Abby Heinz** and

Kathryn Sullivan Alvera more than surviving a crazy hot, but beautiful, day in Paris where the Aperol Spritzers really helped... **Blase Foria** is feeling fantastic with **Melanie Martini** at Rippy's Bar & Grill in Nashville.

BOOZE AND BULL-FIGHTS: In case you are missing it this year, the bulls are running in Pamplona, Spain, through July 14. In honor of Saint Fermin. Pamplona was just a dusty little Spanish town until Oak Parker, **Ernest Hemingway**, measured the dust in the streets in his yarn, "The Sun also Rises." To the lost generation of disillusioned youth of the post



Late Duchess of Devonshire, Debo Mitford.

war 1920s, places like Pamplona were where you went to disappear in your despair. The romance of the bull run and the cheapness of the good Spanish wine caught on. Now millennial's put on their white shirts and trousers with red scarfs and berets and run through the streets, like they were hopped up on lactose and gluten. Every day of the festival, six bulls run 974 yards with two groups of oxen through the town to the bullring. The average run is just three minutes. Everyday at 8 a.m. It is all terribly romantic. Hemingway's observations about the scenery and the broken humanity of his characters was revolutionary in its day. Anyway, go eat some Spanish food this week. Have your own bull run.

The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons.

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Bloomingtondale Trail/ 606 to be closed July 27 for run

On Saturday, July 27, the second annual Bloomingtondale Trail Run will force the closer of the trail to the general public. The run is a timed event that offers 5k and 8k options for new and expert runners alike. Runners will begin and finish at Walsh Park, 1722 N. Ashland, where they and their families will be treated to light breakfast treats. The Trail will be closed to all other users while the run is being conducted.

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blocks away from the lake. “The problem is Bighead and Silver Carp don’t just invade ecosystems. They conquer them. They don’t gobble up their competition. They starve it out by stripping away the plankton upon which every other fish species directly or indirectly depends. Bighead carp can grow larger than 100 pounds and each day consume up to 20 pounds of plankton. Bighead and Silver Carp have so squeezed aside native species that the Asian carp biomass in some stretches of rivers in the Mississippi basin is thought to be more than 90% – the same dire situation that an alewife-plagued Lake

Michigan suffered in the 1960s.” Egan then details the mussel infestation in the West via the super-highway - the Sanitary and Ship Canal - Chicago accidentally built for the invasive species to fan out across North America, which will cost the West hundreds of millions of dollars. Some Western states even made it illegal to transport these exotic mussels across state lines. “In many ways Midwesterners have learned to live with the scourge,” Egan writes. “They’ve grown accustomed to higher utility bills and to wearing shoes while swimming. They’ve become numb to buying exotic farm-raised tilapia and salmon instead of local lake fish at grocery stores and restaurants.”

Those who fish can still enjoy fresh fish, but the fish around Chicagoland cannot be sold commercially. Those harvested further north near upper Wisconsin can still be sold. The last part of the book is focused on the nitty gritty water business where states battle over demarcation lines for access to the fresh lakes water, what needs to be done to prevent the massive outbreaks of toxic algae stemming from the over-application of farm fertilizer and the increasing fluctuations in water levels. The end of the book isn’t as exciting at the beginning and middle, but it is filled with important information people living in Chicago and anywhere near

the Great Lakes should know. Only three percent of the water on our planet is fresh water, and of that, most is locked up in polar ice caps or trapped too far underground. Our Great Lakes which were carved up during the last ice age constantly drain out to the Atlantic, and constantly refill with precipitation and runoff from the rivers that feed them. Surveys show three-quarters of Americans don’t know where their water comes from. Chicago draws about two billion gallons of water from Lake Michigan every day. Is there hope for the future of our Great Lakes? Much to biologists’ amazement, the lake’s native fish species surged immediately after the alewives disappeared. And to-

day lake trout are again successfully breeding in the wild. Mother Nature does indeed find a way. Egan writes that the “front door” to Great Lakes invasions can be shut by forcing ships sailing up the Seaway to transfer their cargo to local ships or railroad lines. Only 455 overseas ships sailed in into the Great Lakes in 2015. The question of should our Great Lakes be managed to maximize sport fishing, commercial fishing or just resuscitate any and all native species is perhaps best answered by Wisconsin naturalist Aldo Leopold who wrote in 1949: “A thing is right when it tends to promote the integrity, beauty and stability of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 561 WEST ALDINE AVENUE UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-21-312-048-1019. The real estate is improved with a condominium within low-rise with no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for 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). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-

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0988. Please refer to file number 267327. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 267327 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Attorney Code: 61256 Case Number: 2018 CH 10528 TJS# #: 39-3141 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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03030303 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MCCORMICK 110, LLC A MARYLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ASSIGNEE OF WATERFALL OLYMPIC MASTER FUND GRANTOR TRUST, SERIES II, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, ASSIGNEE TO BYLINE BANK, F/K/A NORTH COMMUNITY BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EDENS BANK Plaintiff, -v- Chicago, IL 60620 VINCENT C. ONYEMA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 00986 8535-39 S. ASHLAND AVE., Chicago, IL 60620 and 8556 S. ASHLAND AVE. NOTICE OF SALE FOR COUNTS I AND II PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 18, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 23, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOTS 33 AND 34 IN BLOCK 2 IN ROY AND NOURSE'S 6TH ADDITION TO SOUTH ENGLEWOOD, A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 8535-39 S. ASHLAND AVE., Chicago, IL 60620 (Count I) Property Index No. 20-32-315-013-0000 and 20-32-315-014-0000 The real estate is improved with a commercial property. LOTS 20, 21, 22, AND 23 IN BLOCK 1 IN FRANK N. GAGE'S ADDITION TO ENGLEWOOD HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 (EXCEPT THE WEST 20 ACRES THEREOF) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 8556 S. ASHLAND AVE., Chicago, IL 60620 (Count II) Property Index No. 20-31-422-039-0000; 20-31-422-040-0000; 20-31-422-041-0000; 20-31-422-042-0000. The real estate is improved with a commercial property. The judgment amount was \$161,187.55. 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

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E-Mail: miranda@bclawpartners.com Attorney Code. 63548 Case Number: 12 CH 00986 TJS# #: 39-3802 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff, -v- DARIUSZ GLAB MARCHAJ, 555 WEST ALDINE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2018 CH 10528 561 WEST ALDINE AVENUE UNIT 2 CHICAGO, IL 60657 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 7, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 8, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 561 WEST ALDINE AVENUE UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-21-312-048-1019. The real estate is improved with a condominium within low-rise with no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CIT; Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH GRODMAN; CITY OF CHICAGO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; BANK OF AMERICA (NA), ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 15 CH 16304 Calendar 58 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-04-442-020-0000. Commonly known as 855 N DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Kimberly S. Reid at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinocsi Law Group, PC, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (312) 940-8580. 16-17027 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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03030303 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-1 Plaintiff, -v- SUZANNE GRANET, AS CO-SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 24, 1987, NAMED AND DESIGNATED AS RHONA GRANET REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, KAREN DAVIS, AS CO-SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JULY 24, 1987, NAMED AND DESIGNATED AS RHONA GRANET REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, 777 N MICHIGAN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GILBERT GRANET, SUZANNE GRANET, RUSSELL GRANET, CRAIG GRANET, SCOTT GRANET, KEITH GRANET, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GILBERT GRANET (DECEASED) Defendants 11 CH 30309 777 N MICHIGAN AVE APT 3702 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 14, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 16, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 777 N MICHIGAN AVE APT 3702, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-200-065-1312. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. 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

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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). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts

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foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-18-03262. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-18-03262 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 11 CH 30309 TJS# #: 39-3149 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I3124298 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- MAUREEN M. KEANE, THE HERMITAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 18 CH 13363 70 W. HURON, UNITS 1901 AND 1903 CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 12, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 12, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell

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at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 70 W. HURON, UNITS 1901 AND 1903, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-09-212-027-1160; 17-09-212-027-1162. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$245,685.60. 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). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),

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Lakeview woman attacked by robber free on “affordable bail”

A man who posted an “affordable bail” bond of \$3,000 to go free after he was charged with robbing three women in under 30 minutes on a Sunday morning last September is now charged with aggravated battery for allegedly grabbing a Lakeview woman on the street June 27.

Edgewater resident Dajuan Oliver allegedly robbed three women in three separate

muggings around Lincoln Park and nearby Lakeview between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. last Sept. 2.

Judge Michael Clancy set bail for Oliver at \$50,000. Four days later, now-retired Judge Marvin Luckman reduced his bail to \$30,000. Oliver’s father put down a 10% deposit of \$3,000 to set his son free the next day.

Just before midnight last Thursday, Oliver approached a 32-year-old Lakeview woman from behind in the 2900 block of N. Mildred and grabbed her buttocks, police said. When the woman jumped away, Oliver “began approaching [her] in an aggressive manner until [she] screamed,” officers said in a report, “at which time he fled southbound on Mildred.”

Patrol officers detained Oliver a few minutes later. The victim and a 38-year-old man who saw the incident identified him as the offender, according to police.

Prosecutors charged Oliver with felony aggravated battery in a public place and Judge Sandra Ortiz ordered him held without bail. His bail in the three robbery cases has been revoked.

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skills were very good, my math and chemistry were not. That still didn’t convince me,” Abrahamson said.

Reluctant to attend a seminary, Abrahamson was convinced to attend Valparaiso Univ., a Lutheran university in Indiana.

“They had just started a ministry program. At the time, I thought, it was not an automatic one-track slide into ministry. It was a university and that meant I had other options. Like it, or not, the more I tried to talk myself out of it, the more I got myself into it. I’m not a touchy-feely guy. Finally, I have to say, it was a vocational call of God that made me do this. It’s something I have loved to do every day since those days,” Abrahamson said.

At the time of Abrahamson’s arrival in 1972, the neighborhood was completely different than it is today. Back then, the Lincoln, Belmont, Ashland shopping district was still considered one of the city’s top shopping areas and corner-stores and taverns were commonplace.

“Wieboldt’s Department Store was a shopping destination on Lincoln Ave. Within 10 minutes from the church, you



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could buy everything from fine china at Wieboldt’s to an automobile at Bert Weinman Ford,” Abrahamson said.

For Abrahamson, having a home two block away from the church allowed him to spend less time in traffic and to raise his family. That commute benefited his family and allowed him to become active in the neighborhood outside of his work with the congregation.

“A half-hour commute is considered a short commute. That’s still an hour a day. That’s six hours a week. By living close to the church, that has allowed me to do other things. That’s what has allowed me to serve on local neighborhood committees, and boards and that has benefited the congregation, and the community,” Abrahamson added.

Organizations Abrahamson has served on include the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce and Ald. Tom Tunney’s 44th Ward Community Directed Development Corp.

“I would like to thank my friend, Pastor Dave, for his lifetime of service to the Lakeview community. His work has touched so many - young and old alike, the religious, medical, educational communities; our chambers and small businesses; and yes, even the Cubs! I wish him all the best for a well-deserved retirement but know he will still be active in our neighborhood,” said Ald. Tunney.

Among Abrahamson’s wishes for the future, he would like to see a healthy endowment to support his congregation’s grade school.

“If we don’t build an endowment to help pay for tuition, the school may not survive.

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We need to get a handle on rising tuition costs. We offer students not only an education (and the nearby public grade schools are very good) but also eternity. I want us to be able to keep offering that option to parents who want it. I want our faith-based education to be affordable. In order to be competitive, an endowment would help parents with tuition. It’s possible. All we need would be a few for the congregation to support it. If children are educated in a Christian environment, you have a lot better chance of keeping them in the faith,” Abrahamson said.



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