

They say the universe is expanding.  
That should help with the traffic.  
—Steven Wright

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## City has big plans to straighten out N. Lake Shore Dr.



The North Ave. and Oak St. Beaches might have to be moved to accommodate the changes proposed for N. Lake Shore Dr.

— whose 2nd Ward runs along parts of LSD — met with delegates of the Lakeshore Improvement Committee for a detailed discussion and progress update on the Lakeshore Improvement Plan. After an initial presentation from the Illinois and Chicago Departments of Transportation, representatives from community groups, Friends of the Park and other interested parties focused on both transportation and park elements of the plan.

The current proposal represents a radical departure from the past and would completely overhaul N. Lake Shore Dr. from Navy Pier to its northern terminus at Hollywood Ave. The estimated \$2 billion to \$3 billion overhaul is being referred to as “Redefine the Drive.”

The proposal calls for shifting some beaches, adding an extra lane in each direction to keep traffic moving and straightening out the Oak St. “S” curve, considered one of the more dangerous stretches of the Drive today. It is a spot where many crashes now occur as cars need to decelerate to 25 mph; but mostly cruise by at much higher speeds.

While still in the early planning phases, one primary ob-

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Among the assets of the Uptown Theatre’s volunteers are the bronze and crystal Victor S. Perlman chandeliers and other light fixtures made in Chicago over 1924 and 1925, specifically for the Uptown.

Photo courtesy of Paul Merideth

## How I learned to love the Uptown Theatre

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## Property tax appeals

Rogers Park Township, which is located north of Devon Ave., is now accepting pre-file appeals through the Cook County Board of Review. A tax workshop will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14 to help residents file an appeal.

Board of Review Cmsr. Michael Cabonargi and Cook County Cmsr. Larry Suffredin will be

there to help explain the property tax system and the appeals process, and also answer questions.

Those who are not able to make the workshop can pre-file an appeal online at [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com). For more information call 847-864-1209.

## Aldermen demand more scrutiny of Heartland Alliance’s immigrant children shelters

BY JIM VAIL

Late last month the Chicago City Council passed a registry and inspection ordinance of Heartland Alliance over concerns for the care and safety of immigrant children who were separated from their families by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] and Trump administration.

“The ordinance will allow for the city to regularly inspect child welfare agencies caring for immigrant children,” Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] told Edgeville Buzz. “This ordinance was passed in response to concerns about the care that Heartland Alliance was providing for immigrant children.”

Aldermen were upset upon learning that there were secret shelters in their wards housing immigrant children separated from their families and reports of child neglect at some of those facilities housed by Heartland Alliance, a North Side charity

that makes millions of dollars in profits off of federal grants.

The new policy requires that organizations like Heartland disclose the location of the shelters housing the children. We now know that there are at least two shelters located in Rogers Park.

Heartland Alliance is in the poverty business. According to a detailed report in ProPublica about the abuse allegations against the non-profit business, Heartland has received over \$180 million in federal funds since 2013 for servicing unaccompanied minors. This year they’ve received \$40 million, surpassing the \$26 million they got in 2016. It has received the fourth-highest amount of federal dollars for housing unaccompanied minors since 2015, more money than any other organization outside Texas, where many try to cross the border illegally.

This paper recently reported on Heartland Alliance quietly and quickly closing down the NEON St. Center — an Uptown

teen homeless youth shelter — and claiming they did not know what happened to the children under their care that they were paid by the federal government to shelter.

The story in [propublica.org](http://propublica.org) detailed the abuse allegations that included an employee having an inappropriate relationship with a minor at their Bronzeville location, which houses the most children, children engaging in sexual activity at their Des Plaines location, numerous reports of run-aways from homes and a lawsuit filed against them alleging negligence after an 11-year-old boy was injured in Des Plaines.

Today only 17 of the 100 immigrant minors housed at 11 shelters in Illinois this year are still waiting to be reunited with their families.

People have no idea that some residential buildings in their North and South Side communities secretly shelter the children separated in the ongoing government crackdown on undocumented people that recently ignited a media and political

firestorm.

This reporter recalls one Mexican immigrant student — [I teach 4th grade on the Southwest Side] — telling me about how 12 years ago he tried to cross the border, was caught and sent back, and then tried again. He eventually made it on his own — he was about 10 years old at the time — and ended up in Chicago. He was also one of my favorite students. Unfortunately he was shot and killed walking down an alley in the Little Village neighborhood a few years later.

Today, children caught illegally crossing the border are immediately seized and housed in immigrant detention centers such as the ones that Heartland runs.

Some of the allegations were unfounded, according to the Illinois Dept. of Family Services (DCFS), while others looked like typical problems — such as enforcing discipline, and poor supervision for those

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# Be grateful. Be kind. Zip your lip.



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Apologies to those who like to hand it out, but more often than not, advice is not "one size fits all." Most times it is like trying to find your way out of the forest with the wrong map.

Many times I'd rather have advice from my first grade nun, Sister Querin, O.P., a young woman who had both feet on the ground and her head in our atmosphere. She always knew the right measure of kindness needed.

When times really get tough, I'd rather someone who can pick a lock or fix an election.

I get a lot of advice. Not all of it bad. I certainly don't have all the answers. But I have figured out a few things in life that keep my boat from taking on water. You don't have to have all the answers in life and be able to do everything.

Though you should know how to cook, speak French, read Italian, and make people laugh.

Lately I've been pondering received advice offered over the course of my life. Some of it I have actually listened to carefully. Some of it went in one ear and out the other.

The snatches of advice that I have taken to heart and internalized have me wondering what it

was in these bon mots that glued them to me like gum on a toupee. Why do they replay in my noggin over and over?

What about you? Do you listen to advice? Do you act on it?

Who offered the advice is as important as the words they shared. As a Summer project, I've gathered a few bits of what I deem wise and reasoned advice to share with our readers. Perhaps it will reduce the haze in your own living.

Thomas Aquinas is a 12th century medieval saint. Perhaps the greatest mind of the Middle Ages. He mixed the organization of the Greek philosophers together with classic theological thought and gave us a fresh way to look at God and human life. No small undertaking.

But for all the tomes, hymns, thesis and books he wrote, nothing makes as much sense as this: "There's no problem in life, he wrote, that can't be made better by a bath, a nap, and a glass of wine." Amen.

That's genius. I think of Aquinas when I am severely stressed, as I open a wine bottle in the tub.

Eight years of Catholic grammar school was the making of me. I can't recall those Cold War years without hearing the droning sound of our pastor, Monsignor Wolfe's, voice filling the air. He was no Bishop Sheen (the famed, poised, TV prelate of the 1950s). Though I can't remember a word the bishop said, I do remember something the monsignor said over and over and over. He told us our job in life was "to work hard. Play hard. And to pray hard." Advice short. Sweet. Something to remember as a child. A teen-

ager. An adult. All 20 centuries of Catholicism summed up in a few words. Good in a foxhole, beachhead, at a wake or in a hospital. It is beyond law and order, right or wrong, touching every side of life.

We knew what we were to do. Still do. God's not lost in the distance. He's with us in the mess.

Rose O'Neill is one of my dearest friends. We have trekked the world together. Rose, of course, in a Chanel hat. All the high spots. Dublin. Paris. Rome. Miami. She's a woman of simple grandeur. No nonsense. Her father bred race horses. He loved the ponies. Rose knows her horse flesh. She's followed the sport of kings, and the ancient Celts, her whole life.

Once years ago at the track in Miami, as I got up to place a bet on the next race, Rose said, "Hey. Remember, bet the jockey, not the horse." Advice from a lifetime's knowledge of bloodstock, equine and human. Her warning sees the larger picture. The inside story. The innermost facts and figures. Sometimes it's the rider who makes the win.

The Greek philosopher Aristotle said this: "To begin, is to be half done." I had those words taped to my computer screen in my years at City Hall. Advice I always took seriously. When composing a speech, I often had lots of time for preparation, but just as often I sometimes had an hour - or mere minutes - heads' up. Instead of getting hysterical, I'd think of Aristotle, and I'd type theme and date and topic of the talk in the format that I favored. Though it was usually only a few words, I had begun the process and would complete the composition in quick time... half done as I started. It's an act of faith in what you are capable of doing. "Get on with it."

Grandmothers have also been wellsprings of sage advice. Nora and Rebecca were women of the world. They had seen it all. From them I still embrace: "Be grateful." "Be kind." "Zip your lip."

From my father, Mossey, I treasure: "Have heroes." "Make people laugh." "Don't tell your mother."

From my mother, Eileen: "Speak Up." "Calm down." "You don't need to tell everything you know." "Get up."

From the wise Spaniard physician, Dr. Jose Mangano: "In the dark, all cats are gray."

Cousin Kathleen Curran Lawlor: "Always live a \$5 cab ride from the office." (Ok. \$10 today.)

Father Andrew Greeley: "You are not your mistakes."

Ethel Kennedy: "Be good to yourself."

Lady Caroline Blackwood: "A lobster sandwich and a large vodka & tonic, please."

In the end, we have all these voices ringing in our heads and hearts, like the fixing for a stew. Seeking to make life easier. Less complicated and more complete. They tell us that our lives are not in disarray. We will manage, things will settle down. We don't need an encyclopedia of life or shock treatment. We need the fa-

miliar fragrance of fellow survivors whose laughter comes with wisdom. They are encouragements to step beyond our limits, demons and our fears. Engage the world with color and reason and intelligence. There really is wisdom in the words of others. No matter how much de-cyphering we need to do. We look for prose, too often, in the world that poetry has made.

**B R A V O :** Chicago sculptor **Richard Howard Hunt** cheered for his large sculpture honoring Special Olympics on their 50th Anniversary.

**RIP ET PAX:** Chicago physician **Dr. Patrick Sullivan** died two weeks ago, breaking hearts. He was in

the finest tradition of Jesuit education an "Ignatian man for others." St. Ignatius College Prep, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester and Northwestern Medical School were all lasting ingredients in his life. With 43 years on the faculty of the medical school and a thriving medical practice there, he was a popular diagnostician. He hadn't retired very long. A fancy grandpa to a tribe of grandchildren and his granddogs. Devoted to his wife, **Nancy**. Magic to his six children. He gave his body to science, so there will be a memorial Mass in the Autumn. He had another proud Chicago historical boast he could make. His grandfather was White Sox catcher **Billy Sullivan** who played in the cross-town World Series in 1906. That's when the Sox beat the Cubs 4 games to 2. But Grandpa Sullivan also brought something lasting with him to major League Baseball, the chest protector for catchers. He invented it. Hey. Maybe it should be called a "Sullivan." AMDG.

**CARRIE LANNON EYE ON CHI-TOWN:** As part of Chicago's Year of Public Art, check out sculptor **Lucy Slivinski's** majestic, 14'-tall "Phoenix Rising," which makes its nest at a busy intersection. Take a walk by Montrose, Sheridan, and Broadway in Uptown and see for yourself.

**MRS. ROBINSON:** When her college-age daughter asked if her East Coast boyfriend could spend some of his Summer at their Summer House, the mom was reluctant. He arrived, a handsome 20-year old from an Ivy school. Then the daughter landed an artsy job she had to take to build her resumé. Mom said boyfriend could remain and see her on weekends. That was until the boyfriend and mom became an item. Word is they spend all their time together. Sun up. Sun down. Tragically hearts will be broken before this becomes a movie. Or her husband finds out.

**MASTERCHEF:** Went to Mart Anthony's Trattoria for dinner at Racine and Hubbard and the place was jumping. A very large

group came to watch **Gordon Ramsey's** "Masterchef" show about crazy cooking contestants. Seems like some of the actual contestants were there watching how they did. Two Chicagoans were among the 14 finalists on the show which has lots of screaming and drama. **Farhan Momin**, a dental student, and **Julia Danno**, a sales manager, both from Chicago,

were on hand to see themselves invited back for another week. They've been on the show since May.

**P E T T Y THEFT:** A certain City official paid a visit to a downtown hospital Emergency Room recently. Thought some chest pains were a heart attack. Was taken care

of ASAP. No heart attack. It was respiratory. Aggravated by humid Summer weather and smoking. The official was released and picked up at the hospital. After the visit, the nursing staff noticed that there were a few things missing. Namely, some bottles of liquid soap. Two boxes of disposable gloves. Some bottles of hand sanitizer. Lotion. And a scale. The city official absconded with the goods, though no one can prove it. Video surveillance tapes are being checked.

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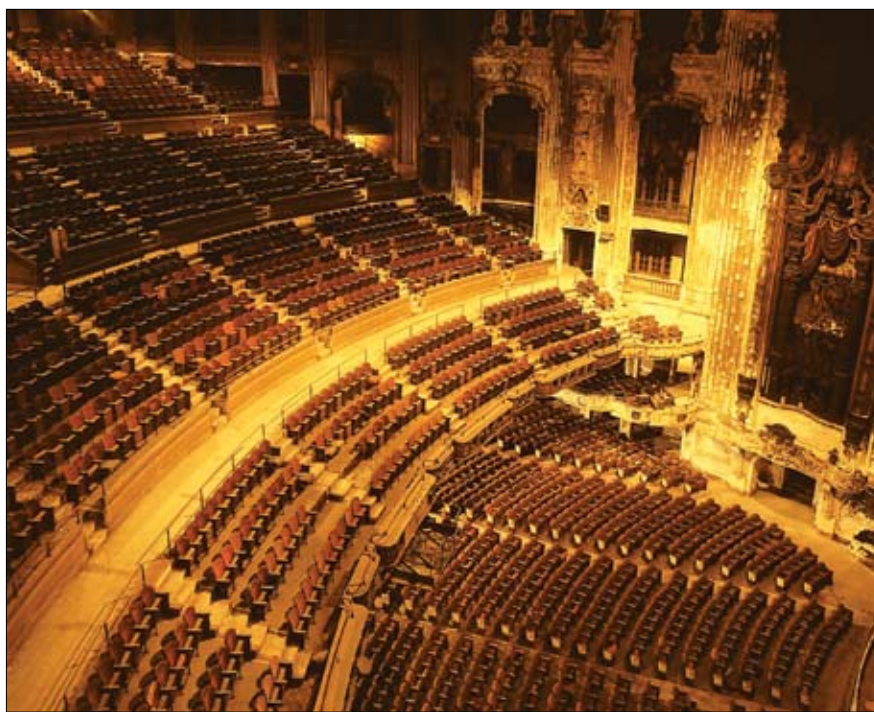


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# How I learned to love the Uptown Theatre

*A 20-year journey to answer its riddles and remember those who safeguarded her*

BY ANDY PIERCE

The stories about the historic Uptown Theatre, 4816 N. Broadway, and the pieces of advice, lore and lies I have heard over the past 20 years do outnumber its seats and the square feet of real estate it dominates.

Friends, mentors, family members and complete strangers have all offered their two cents into my ears, twitching pen and electronic messages with passion, caution and wonderment in a manner that rivals people's excitement and reverence for the great ship Titanic, our National Parks or a Cubs World Series game.

It would not be truthful to say I fell into it. Rather, I sought out the Uptown and I got sucked into it such that 20 years did indeed pass by quickly.

The announcement Mayor Rahm Emanuel made in June is only the second such promise made in my lifetime. The only other one was made in 1991 by then alderman Mary Ann Smith (48th) and developer Randy Langer. At that time, the Ilitch family of Detroit had pledged to help fund a restoration here as it had done for the Fox Theatre there.

Others may recall the alleged and ill-fated nonprofit "Uptown Theatre and Center for the Arts" that solicited and raised more than \$1 million in 2001. Unfortunately, that group played on public sympathy for the building but never had any impact on or ownership of the site. As Ald. Smith has said, "the theatre attracts people with stars in their eyes."

Nevertheless, there has been a devoted core of professionals and volunteers who have kept watch over the Uptown and who have advocated in court, in city hall, in Springfield and behind closed doors for its preservation, restoration and reuse.

And, when the current effort by the owner, developer and the mayor is successful, I will feel as if the fight to keep the Uptown viable for entertainment was worth the personal sacrifices I and others made along the way in staying mostly focused on the preservation of this one specific Chicago landmark. "Friends of the Uptown" is something I intended to join and not found or lead.



**Heart of the 'Hood**  
By Felicia Dechter  
will return soon.

It all began innocently enough when I said: "I would really like to be on your mailing list."

It turned out that there was not a mailing list – yet.

When I first saw the Uptown and began to find my way in to assist longtime volunteers Bob Boin, Curt Mangel and David Syfczak, I was a reporter and editor with Lerner Newspapers. Stories covering its potential for revival were usually favorable in our newspapers. I remember the story "Vandals lift legs on historic Uptown Theatre" in which I wrote -- without a by-line -- about the repetition of vandalism

by graffiti taggers here. I was embedded in the thing before the term was en vogue. My journalism school degree, internship and full-time reporting jobs had taught me how to write and successfully disseminate press releases and email updates for the Uptown. Add to that the fact that news and information about the Uptown was always closely guarded by the succession of private owners, the aldermen, any redevelopment prospects, city planners, the volunteers and historic preservation advocates. Discretion was practiced. The only way

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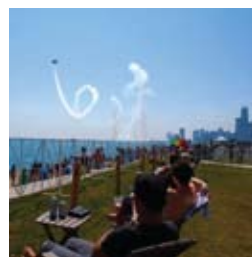
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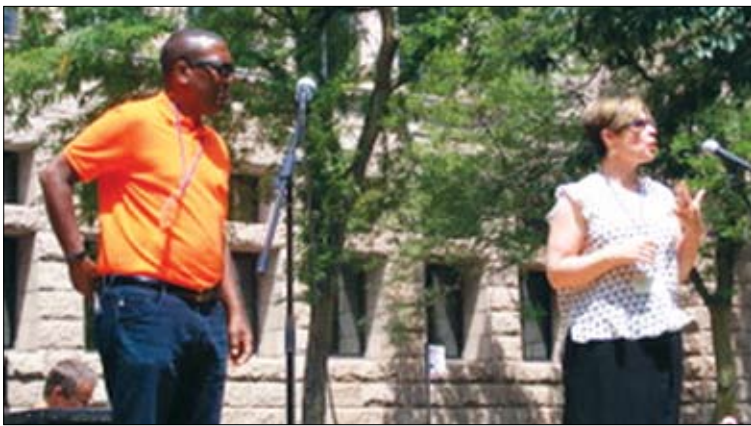
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DePaul Univ. Professor Winifred Curran takes on South Side developer Ghian Foreman over the merits of gentrification.



Univ. of Chicago President Robert Zimmer (left) receives the 2018 John Peter Altgeld award from Newberry Library President David Spatafora and Karen Christianson, the Newberry's public engagement director.

## This year Bughouse Square debates gentrification, then splits into a dozen soapboxes

STORY AND PHOTOS  
 BY PATRICK BUTLER

The pros and cons of gentrification and a first-ever Youth Soapbox took center stage at this

year's Bughouse Square debates July 28 at Washington Square Park outside the Newberry Library at Clark and Walton streets.

DePaul Univ. geography professor Winifred Curran duked it out with South Side developer Ghian Foreman on whether low-income people need to be driven out of their homes to save a neighborhood.

No, "it's not inevitable," said Curran, calling for measures designed to save the residents as well as the neighborhood from the transition that seems a fait accompli on much of the North Side, where once blue collar neighborhoods become communities where only the wealthy can afford to live.

"Gentrification is a decision we make, it's not inevitable," she said, calling for strategies designed to save neighborhoods without wholesale displacement.

"Gentrification is great for the buildings, but it's not necessarily good for the people who get displaced," Curran said.

Calling himself a gentrifier committed to saving neighborhoods as well as its residents, Foreman called gentrification "the only way minority communities can get resources. It's not right, but it's the most efficient way to get needed resources right now."

But the difference between

*Ghian Foreman called gentrification "the only way minority communities can get resources. It's not right, but it's the most efficient way to get needed resources right now."*

himself and many other gentrifiers, Foreman said, is his desire to become a part of any neighborhood he redevelops – and do all he can to help make the people who already live there make the leap into the middle and upper middle class.

*"Gentrification is great for the buildings, but it's not necessarily good for the people who get displaced," Winifred Curran said.*

Foreman said he is currently working and living in a neighborhood not far from where he grew up – and a short distance from where the Obama Presidential Library may someday be located.

That's not the way it usually works, Curran said, noting that the whole point of gentrification is to raise property values – not the living standards of the people

being forced out.

We have good neighborhoods and (for planning purposes) we need to have bad neighborhoods to raise the value of the good neighborhoods even higher, Curran said, adding that "if we fix everything up to match one lifestyle, then everything would be the same as far as the Realtors are concerned."

Following this main debate, a dozen soapboxers held forth on everything from June Berveiler's reminder that "Libraries are Still Meant for Reading," Jim Leitzel's plea for "Casinos for Humanity" and why Montgomery Priz believes "The Republic Has Failed and Only the Queen of England Can Save Us," and Justin Tucker's argument for making Cook County a separate state.

For the first time in the century-old open-air forum's history, a separate soapbox area for speakers under 25 featured talks by the likes of 12-year-old Molly Pina on her plans for suburban Buffalo Grove's first Gay Pride parade and rally next year; Gimera Servin, 15, who spoke on "border children" and immigration policy.

### Emergency assistance list for disabled, special needs

The City of Chicago's Voluntary Emergency Assistance Registry was created to provide police, fire and other emergency personnel with important information about the type of assistance people with disabilities and seniors would need in an emergency. To add somebody to the list call 312-744-7050.

### Free walking tour of Uptown Aug. 18

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# Assessor Berrios' final shot?

## North Side property assessments skyrocket



### The Home Front

By Don DeBat

Skyrocketing “estimated fair market value” of homes, condominiums and small apartment buildings in 2018 is causing reassessment sticker shock for tens of thousands of property owners on Chicago’s North and Northwest sides.

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios currently has [or soon will] mailed reassessment notices to all Chicago property owners, townships by township. The notices reflect increases in market value of most homes.

Critics say the Cook County Assessor’s Office is raising the estimated fair market value of some properties from 20% to more than 100% in Lakeview and Jefferson townships as a parting shot after he lost his re-election campaign in March to challenger Fritz Kaegi of Oak Park.

Tom Shaer, Berrios’ spokesman, said the higher estimated market values reflect a healthier real estate market following the Great Recession, “the worst housing crash in history.” Earlier this spring, Shaer said it is “complete nonsense” that politics played any role in the assessor’s handing out higher estimates on market value.

Indeed an outside contractor using a computer algorithm helped establish the property values this year so there is some truth to saying politics did not play into the calculations.

Still those lofty market-value increases translate into sharply higher assessed values. And, that could spark some mind-bending real estate tax hikes when bills arrive in 2019, analysts say.

In Chicago, the 2018 expected property tax bill increases will come due in Aug. 2019, when the second installment of the bill arrives.

Many North Side apartment building owners are planning hefty rent increases next year to pay the expected sharply higher 2018 tax bills, experts say.

In 2018, the entire City of Chicago was reassessed. For many of the properties the assessments have increases ranging from a manageable 12% to a whopping 167%, according to a spot survey by The Home Front column.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the courts say the city needs to raise hundreds of millions [billions?] in new revenue to pay for pension shortfalls for government workers. However, crystal-ball gazing into the outlook for the expected

2018 property tax hike, payable in 2019 is cloudy, experts say.

“The property tax bill is determined by four factors: the assessment, the equalization factor, or ‘multiplier,’ the tax rate and the exemptions,” said Michael Griffin, a Chicago real estate tax appeal attorney. “In 2018, a triennial tax-assessment year in Chicago, homeowners should appeal their assessment because they are likely to see a new higher assessment.”

Homeowners also should review their exemptions because they can reduce their tax bill if they have the proper exemptions, Griffin noted. The three main exemptions are the Homeowner’s, Senior Citizen, and Senior Freeze.

The Homeowner’s exemption recently was increased to \$10,000 from \$7,000, and the Senior Exemption was hiked to \$8,000 from \$5,000. Those amounts are deducted from equalized assessed value of a home to which tax rates are applied to determine individual tax bills.

Also, more seniors are qualified for the Senior Freeze because the Illinois Legislature increased the maximum annual income to receive the freeze to less than \$65,000 from less than \$55,000.

“Every homeowner should review their last tax bill to see if they received the proper exemptions and contact the assessor if the exemptions are wrong,” Griffin advised.

Real estate taxes for 2018 are expected to rise when paid in 2019. However predicting a hefty property tax increase next year really centers on two wild cards—the tax rate and the state equalization factor, which can’t be challenged by taxpayers.

The equalization factor, or “multiplier,” is established each year for Cook County to bring property tax assessments in line with other parts of Illinois. The value is determined by the Illinois Dept. of Revenue. The multiplier was pegged at 2.9627 in 2017, up from 2.8032 in 2016.

When real estate values sank in 2008 during the Great Recession, the multiplier skyrocketed to 2.9786, and then peaked at 3.3701 in 2009. It hovered at a lofty 3.3 in 2010 before slipping to 2.8056 in 2012 as the real estate market started to recover.

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North Lincoln Square apartments.

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Homeowners who read their 2017 tax bills will also see the continued increased spending for schools, police, firefighter and pensions. And don’t expect the rate of increases to slow over the next decade either, they won’t. We are stuck in a dire financial crisis, and there are no easy solutions to the financial mess our politicians have put the city, county and state into.

Chicago’s 2017 tax rate rose slightly to \$7.266 per \$100 of assessed valuation up from \$7.169 per \$100 of assessed valuation in 2016.

“The 2017 tax rate in Chicago was higher, and so was the state equalization factor,” noted Griffin. “With the sharply higher 2018 assessments in the city, the multiplier and the tax rate should go down if the amount of money that local governments request re-

mains the same as last year.”

Griffin said other problem is that the assessment increases vary from small to large for Chicago homeowners, “so everyone should appeal their assessment to reduce the assessment increase to as small a level as possible.”

An informal survey by The Home Front column revealed the

following assessment increases for homes, condos and small apartments on Chicago’s North and Northwest sides:

- Irving Park: The assessor said the 2018 estimated market value on a red brick 6-flat in the Old Irving Park neighborhood skyrocketed an incredible 112% to \$949,190 from \$448,350. The assessed value of the building jumped to \$94,919 from \$44,835. Paid in 2017, the 2016 tax bill on the property was \$9,015.

- The Villa: The 2018 estimated market value on a vintage stucco home in the Villa Historic District near Addison St. and Pulaski Ave. shot up 81% percent to \$625,000 from \$346,020. The assessed value of the home jumped to \$62,500 from \$34,602.

- Ravenswood Manor: The assessor said the 2018 estimated market value on a vintage red brick 2-flat in the Ravenswood Manor neighborhood catapulted 79.7% to \$549,640 from \$305,890. The assessed valuation of the building jumped to \$54,964 from \$30,589. Paid in 2017, the 2016 tax bill on the property was \$5,645.

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**BE GRATEFUL** from p. 2

**URBS IN HORTO:** Lee Bay Architectural seen checking out the lily pond in Lincoln Park.

**RIVERWALK:** Checkout the Chicago Riverwalk. It's won dozens of design awards and features breathtaking views of the city, along the spectacular water way of the river. But its popularity among Chicagoans and visitors alike also comes from its delicious restaurants and endless, fun-filled activities on the water. More than a half dozen restaurants, all with outdoor seating and spectacular views, sit along the inviting 1.25-mile promenade, and nearly a dozen organizations provide opportunities for water-



CBS dream team walks the runway. Rob Johnson and Ryan Baker.

pleasing models. The Drake's **Shaun Rajah** was the best dressed in the room. The perfect compliment for gorgeous songstress **Denise Tomasello**. But from what I could tell **Vonita Reescer** and Dame **Charlene Seaman** were also luncheon knockouts. To say nothing of author **Sherrill Bodine** and lovely **Myra Reilly**.



Dame Charlene Seaman, Al Minotti, Vonita Reescer.

based endeavors. Try O'Brien's or Chicago Brewhouse.

**CLUB DAY ON THE TERRACE:** Fashion was everywhere. Chicago sparkled. Designers and couturiers were definitely local and proud for their line up in this high-end event at the Peninsula Hotel. The spirit of **Hazel Barr** was everywhere. She invented this classic Chicago Summer extravaganza years ago. Some of Chi-towns best celebs walked the the runway looking great. **Tracey Tarantino DiBuono**, president, was chic and proud. Evans Scholars were on the mark accompanying lady models. CBS news anchor **Rob Johnson** and sports anchor **Ryan Baker** charmed the ladies, **Mark Olley**, **Greg Hyder** and **Sean Eshaghy** were crowd

**WHO'S WHERE:** **Barb Bailey** doing a nostalgic journey visiting pals back home in West Virginia... Auctioneer **John Walcher** winging his way to Nantucket, MA... **Marius Morkvenas** with **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** at Hotel Pacai, in Vilnius, Lithuania... **Irene Michaels** at the Richard Driehaus "Spirit of 76" bash with Beach Boy **Mike Love**... young director **Julian Landais** bumping into **Daphne Guinness** at the Musee de Cluny in Paris... famed restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair** in Turkey buying rugs and chasing cats... **George Rutkowski** enjoying a cigar and a Cubs win... mega attorney **Thomas J. Murphy** enjoying fish fry in Falmouth, MA... congrats to Chicago's former Irish Consul General

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



Songstress Denise Tomasello and the Drake's Shaun Rajah.

**Aiden Cronin**, named Eire's new Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

**WE GET LETTERS:** **Stephanie Leese Emrich:** Fantastic as always! Your passion and true grit, evident in every syllable. **Gloria Groom:** Really enjoy reading you! **Meagan McKinney:** What a terrific circulation you have! Quality and quantity. I kept receiving messages from friends last week about being "in Skyline" and finally caught up with the issue just yesterday.



Greg Hyder and Mark Olley.



Susan Gohl, the Contessa Bottega, and Cookie Cohen.

**Cynthia Olson:** Loved hearing of your White Cliffs magical day.

**MCA:** This summer, the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago opens *A Body Measured Against the Earth*, an exhibition of work largely drawn from the MCA Collection that focuses on artists who stage encounters between



**Who is that between Barry and Hank?**

Barry Gorstein and Hank Jung found their way backstage where they got to meet some former drummer from Nirvana. Dave Grohl and his Foo Fighters drew over 75,000 for the two shows at Wrigley Field. Grohl has just released details of his two-part documentary series 'Play,' which aims to promote the benefits of music education across the globe, featuring a 23-minute composition inspired by his daughters Violet, 12, Harper, nine, and three-year-old Ophelia, and with wife Jordyn Blum.



Amazing Day on The Terrace with Cheri James, Jaime Vela, Kenneth and Vicki Langston, Toni Di Meola, Kim Jones, Kathy O'Malley Piccone and Sylvia Wilczynska at The Peninsula.



Gibson's Kathy O'Malley Piccone and Sherry Lea Fox.



Nikki Friar of Marchesa.

the earth and the body. The title comes from a quote, "Walking... is how the body measures itself against the Earth," by ecofeminist writer **Rebecca Solnit**, who writes about the spiritual, intellectual, and aesthetic significance of walking. The exhibition features artists using their bodies as their primary tool to measure, understand, and document the landscape, and investigating specific places and histories. The exhibit is on view from Aug. 25 to April 7, 2019 and is organized by **Jared Quinton**, former MCA Curatorial Fellow.

**BLOOMSBURY REVISITED:** The English writer and savant, **Olivier Bell**, who edited the "Diaries of Virginia Woolf," (her aunt by marriage) died last

week at 102. The last of the actual "Bloomsbury Group." Those erudite artsy pleasure seekers trying to rid the world, or at least their bit of London, from the convention of Victorian life. They invented the three-way and orgy as a remedy. They were bright, well-educated. Gravitating towards Cambridge. Refined and elite, no matter what they said or wrote. They despised the Bourgeoisie. Me too. Olivier was a niece of **Virginia Woolf's** and her set. During World War II she served as an officer in the art rescue corps known as the Monuments Men. I just can't believe she lived to 102. Read up on the Bloomsbury Set. Some of the literature is ravishing.

**The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them.**

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There has been a devoted core of professionals and volunteers who have kept watch over the Uptown Theatre over the years who have advocated in court, in city hall, in Springfield and behind closed doors for its preservation, restoration and reuse. Most of them today feel as if the fight to keep the theater viable for entertainment was worth the personal sacrifices we all made along the way in staying mostly focused on the preservation of this one specific Chicago landmark.

*Photos courtesy of Paul Merideth*

## UPTOWN from p. 3

the Uptown was kept from ruin through the 1980s and 1990s was through the finesse and politesse of the volunteers who kept on good terms with and who orchestrated very key deals with the building's succession of owners over time.

For years, that meant working for and dealing directly with the notorious real-estate partnership of Lou Wolf and Ken Goldberg. Joe DuciBella, the late author, designer and theatre historian, for example, recalled getting a call from Wolf one day after he acquired the property at a real-estate tax delinquency auction. "People say you are the guy who knows about the Uptown. I bought it and I am getting fined for an elevator license in it and I can't find the elevator," he recalled Wolf saying. "So, I said 'I will give you a tour of your building at my regular hourly rate.'"

Over time, volunteers Bob Boin and Curt Mangel did a significant amount of work on the Uptown and its systems to keep it from further damage through the harsh winters of the 1980s and to make up for decades of deferred maintenance by previous owners that started in the 1960s. They walked in to find standing water from broken storm drains that drain the roof sur-

***My father said "You fell in love with it, didn't you?"***

***"No," I responded. "It's just something in the neighborhood that needs to be fixed."***

faces. Later, they walked in to find sheets of ice. And, on one occasion, they walked in to find flooded areas that were steaming hot because rainwater flooded up to electrical switches that had not yet tripped.

Their labor resulted in ownership of the building's most valuable assets being transferred to the volunteers by contract in exchange for manhours, or should I say man-years. Those assets are the bronze and crystal Victor S. Perlman chandeliers and other light fixtures made in Chicago over 1924 and 1925, specifically for the Uptown. It is safe to say this enterprise kept owners from selling the fixtures for a profit and then disposing of or radically altering the building for purposes other than entertainment. The jaw-droppingly beautiful chandeliers are original to the building, they fit the Spanish Baroque theme of its lavish design and they are in safe storage, ready to be re-lamped and rehung in the Uptown's lobbies for patrons to enjoy again.

Most of Chicago's restored theatres have lost many of their original fixtures. The impact and ambiance of the Uptown will be noticeably authentic because of this long-view project and we have these longtime volunteers to thank.

My fondest memories of the vacant and secure Uptown as I have known it include the Uptown Community Portraits of 2000 and 2005. That was when I set out to recre-



*Photo courtesy of Paul Merideth*

ate the opening day photographs in which crowds lined the block to see a show in the theatre for the first time. You may recall that people did all kinds of memorable things to mark the Year 2000 and I thought it would be fitting to also recognize the building's 75th anniversary. We did it again for the 80th anniversary in 2005. On both days, the street was alive with people who wanted to see the Uptown come back. We were all dreamers and most of us understood that the Uptown project is bigger than a bake sale could help. It was another way I could help keep the idea alive and "track those who share the interest," as friend DuciBella suggested I do. He decried the fact that from the time it closed in 1981 until I began to volunteer in 1998 that there had been no clear point of contact, no phone number and no face. "I had become "the Uptown guy" by default. I was interested, I cared, and I didn't have a family that demanded my time and meager income. My father picked up on this and sighed about it one day as I was showing him the building. He was sitting on the grande stair and was looking all around at the beautiful plaster details and the water damage."

He said "You fell in love with it, didn't you?"

"No," I responded. "It's just something in the neighborhood that needs to be fixed."

It's funny that no one has ever asked if I like this kind of neoclassic architecture. Honestly, the Uptown falls into a category of its own where for me it is more about people and their love for it. While I have come to love the few great and truly large movie palaces remaining in the U.S., I am also a big fan of Modern architecture, Art Moderne, Art Nouveau and the International School. There's no beating Louis Sullivan, George Elmslie, Alfonso Iannelli, Lorado Taft, Bruce Goff, and Edgar Miller (I am mixing media here). My tastes have changed and continue to evolve, of course. Sometimes I even find myself liking a Vic-

torian home and I bought a 1925 Chicago bungalow that is remarkably intact.

The Uptown is uniquely captivating in its size and cohesiveness. Every detail and flourish follow a fantasy theme that works to encapsulate the audience. It is truly one of a kind. And, in a way, Dad was right. I did fall in love with the Uptown. And it led me on a 20-year adventure in seeking out answers to its riddles.

I traveled across the country with Theatre Historical Society of America and even to Cuba with the League of Historic American Theatres. I also assisted the Urban Land Institute in its study and tour of the historic entertainment district here, Uptown Square. I and others looked at successful and failed theatre restoration and reuse projects anyplace we could find them in effort to better understand and promote the Uptown's potential. And we stayed focused on this one building.

Seeing the Uptown in distress and learning about how it was able to endure decades of deferred maintenance fueled my understanding of buildings and the building code. It helped grow me as a professional after Lerner Newspapers, when I wrote for Midwest Construction Magazine and later when I served the City of Chicago in the Dept. of Buildings in the Mayor's Building Code Initiative, Code Enforcement and Review, and in the Office of the Commissioner of Buildings. I've had three distinct careers in the time I have volunteered for the Uptown and I have been fortunate to work alongside some of the best, most influential people that I've met in my life.

Sometime in late Sept. 1999, I put out

**UPTOWN see p. 10**

## More than 400 comediennees to gather for 'funny festival'

The Seventh Annual Chicago Women's Funny Festival will take place Aug. 23-26 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

The event features women in a variety of comedic genres, with more than 70 shows planned.

"The Chicago Women's Funny Festival has become a celebrated event for women in the comedy community, not only on a local level in the Windy City, but also on national front," Stage 773 executive director Jill Valentine said. "To bring together over 400 comediennees from around the country under one roof for four days is a feat in and of itself, and the fact we are going into our seventh year of this festival is something really special."

The event was founded in 2012 when Valentine and co-producer Liz McArthur decided to build a comedy festival that invited women to come together and celebrate all art forms of comedy.

Valentine is a Chicago native who has been the executive director of the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival since its inception in 2000. McArthur hails from St. Louis and has worked with The Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival since 2005.

Performances are 8-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23; 8-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24; 4:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25; and 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26.

Individual ticket prices are \$15. Festival passes cost \$40 for Thursday, \$50 for Friday, \$60 for Saturday and \$55 for Sunday. All-festival passes are \$150.

To purchase tickets or for more information call 773-327-5252.



# Brewers, Bakers and Bratwurst - oh my!

Local German history and artifacts coming home to DANK Haus, seeks historic World's Fair Mural

BY PATRICK BUTLER

If you remember when this photo of Ronald Reagan was taken outside Deli Meyer on the 4700 block of N. Lincoln, contact Monica Jirak or Monica Felix at the DANK Haus, 773-561-9181.

(Deli Meyer is now Gene's Sausage.)

They'd like any information on the picture of our 40th president checking out the neighborhood for the permanent "Brewers, Bakers and Bratwurst" exhibit that opened recently at the DANK (German-American National Congress).

The display honors the more than 40 German-inspired restaurants, beer halls, butcher shops and delis that once ran from Lincoln Square to Lincoln Park which eventually got Lincoln Ave. nicknamed "Sauerkraut Boulevard."

"There were so many (German establishments) they were side by side. There was the Kempf brothers' first restaurant, along with culinary legends like Zum Lieben Auginstin, Zum Deutchen Eck, Heidelberger Fass, Schwaben Stube, Metro, the Golden Ox, and Deli Meyer, said Felix, the museum's collections curator.

Among the mementoes honoring the more than century-long



If you remember any details about when this photo of Ronald Reagan was taken outside Meyer's Deli on the 4700 block of N. Lincoln, contact Monica Jirak or Monica Felix at the DANK Haus (773-561-9181).

German presence on the "Nord Seite" are musical instruments from Gunther and Harry Kempf's Brauhaus, menus from long-gone eateries, a scale model of a 19th century beer wagon drawn by giant Clydesdale horses, and a stammitch meeting table reserved for restaurant "regulars", a still a tradition in some German restaurants even today.

"It's an old tradition in German restaurants that when a musician would die or retire, his instrument would often go on permanent display at the Brauhaus," said Jirak.

The "Brewers, Bakers and Bratwurst" exhibit comes at the heels of the DANK Haus' announcement that it plans to acquire the 18' high "Glory of Germany" mural first exhibited at the 1893 Columbian Exposition here in Chicago.

At fair's end, the piece was donated to the North Side's Germania Club, where it remained for 95 years before going into storage in

23 boxes at the Altenheim retirement home for safekeeping when the Germania disbanded.

Officially kicking off DANK Haus' "Glory of Germany" acquisition campaign on Aug. 24 will

***"It's an old tradition in German restaurants that when a musician would die or retire, his instrument would often go on permanent display at the Brauhaus," said Monica Jirak.***

be a program featuring various local historians. Nothing long, just enough to stir up interest, Jirak and Felix promised.

While other organizations may also be vying for the mural, "we've already got a museum. We just need to find the right place to put it. And we're close," Jirak said.

Asked about an earlier proposal to put the mural in the Western Ave. Blue Line CTA station, Felix said "that would be something we're against because we don't want it exposed to the elements."

"We could even develop a museum around it (the mural) with artifacts from the Columbian Exposition with wooden friezes depicting figures from Wagner's operas, Felix said.

And restoration won't be all that hard when the time comes, Jirak said, noting that only 11 tiles were damaged and just a few pieces have gone missing over the past century.

"The Glory of Germany" is especially appropriate for DANK Haus because it's a tribute to great Germans - both real and legendary - from Gutenberg and Luther to the Rhinemaidens and mythical dwarfs said to guard the treasures believed hidden under the Rhine.

"We're dedicated to getting this," Jirak smiled.

Hours: 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday; or, by appointment. Admission is a suggested \$5 donation.

## Tree walk, comedy show feature science lessons

The Illinois Science Council Walk-n-Talk to Learn City Trees event is 1-3 p.m. Saturday beginning in the Cellar room at Beer-miscuous, 2812 N. Lincoln Ave.

After a half-hour introduction about leaf shapes, flowers, fruits and bark, the group will walk about one mile on the sidewalks of a residential neighborhood hearing about the traits of common Chicago street trees.

Attendees also will learn to identify trees of eastern and central North America using a simple field guide.

Each attendee will be provided an Arbor Day Foundation Field Guide to take home.

Tickets are \$15, and capacity is limited. The event will proceed rain or shine. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Science Riot

Local science, technology, engineering and math professionals will perform in Science Riot at 8 p.m. Friday at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., after completing a crash course in standup comedy.

Organizers say the show is a hybrid between science and comedy that is both entertaining and educational.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, and attendees must be 21 or older.

### Restaurant offering free lunch to celebrate National Bao Day

Wow Bao restaurants in Chicago will celebrate National Bao Day by offering a free \$10 lunch to guests 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Located at 200, 225 and 835 N. Michigan Ave., 1 W. Division St., 2806 N. Clark St., and 1 W. Wacker Dr., Wow Bao focuses on fresh and healthy menu items, including steamed buns, pot stickers, pan-seared dumplings and rice and noodle bowls.

The bao is a traditional steamed bun filled with a variety of savory meats and vegetables. The portable Chinese snack is popular throughout Asia and has become a favorite in Chicago.

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# Original 'British Invasion' stars return to perform at Fest for Beatles Fans



BY PETER VON BUOL

Two of the biggest stars of the first wave of the British Invasion, Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) and Jeremy Clyde (Chad and Jeremy), will be returning to the Chicago area to perform together at the 41st annual Fest For Beatles Fans at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont.

The British super-duo will perform two full concerts. The first, on the evening of Aug. 11 and the second, on Aug. 12, as a Sunday matinee.

Utilizing an approach similar to their March show at the Old Town of School of Folk Music, the pair will not only perform their greatest hits, they will use a storyteller format to "exchange reminiscences about the London music scene of that time, [including discussions of] the great songs and great artists of the period (including the Beatles). In addition, Asher will also be premiering a special acoustic event on Aug. 10 Peter Asher and Friends All Together Now.

"Peter will host a special acoustic event on Friday night which will feature songs written by the Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney as well as George Harrison. The songs will be performed with Jeremy Clyde and fellow British Invasion veteran singer Billy J. Kramer (to whom Lennon and McCartney gave numerous unrecorded songs and which became hits), who will also be appearing at the fest. Of course, Peter and Jeremy will do sets together on Saturday and Sunday as well," said Ellen Giurleo, spokesperson for Asher.

Adult ticket prices to attend the fest on Friday night are \$54. Children (8-18) are \$27. Children under seven are free. Adult individual day-ticket prices for the Saturday and Sunday shows start at \$79. Unless stated otherwise, autographs are free.

The recording output of Peter and Gordon includes more than a few songs written by Paul McCartney and John Lennon. Similar to those recorded by Kramer, most of these songs were never released (or even recorded) by The Beatles. Included among these Lennon/McCartney gems are "World Without Love," "Nobody I Know," "I Don't Want to See You Again" and "Woman" (attributed to Bernard Webb, a pseudonym for Paul McCartney).

"World Without Love" was an early Lennon/McCartney song rejected by The Beatles. In 1963,

Asher and Gordon Waller (who died in 2009) were an aspiring rock duo on the eve of what became known as the British Invasion. Fortunately, the pair had a direct connection to the Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Asher is the younger brother of Jane Asher, a well-known British actress and television host who was then McCartney's girlfriend. When the duo needed a song to record, Peter Asher simply asked McCartney about the status of the rejected "World Without Love."

"The song was kind of a leftover. The Beatles had decided not to record it. Fortunately, I was there, and I asked if we could adopt the song and record it. Paul said yes. The song was still incomplete. I needed to get him to finish the bridge. Just prior to going to the recording studio, I asked him to finish it and he wrote it in eight minutes, on guitar."

"The only misconception is people ask how did you get those songs from Beatles. Once you have a number one record, you have no trouble getting songs from anybody," said Asher in a March interview with Inside Publications.

"World Without Love" has been recognized by The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland as one of the 500 songs that shaped rock and roll.

Clyde's band, Chad and Jeremy, was discovered by John Barry, the original musical arranger for the James Bond movie franchise. The band's first song "Yesterday's Gone," was written by Clyde's musical partner, Chad Stuart (who has retired from performing). Soon after its release, it became a hit on both sides of the Atlantic. Interestingly, the musical arrangement on the hit record was by Stuart, not Barry, the legendary arranger.

"Chad Stuart had been to music school. He could really write



Peter & Gordon won the competition on the charts, but it was Chad & Jeremy who got on American television shows. The British Invasion was a cultural phenomenon, and TV shows wanted to join in. Chad & Jeremy appeared as characters on "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and "The Patty Duke Show," and as themselves on "Batman."

charts. He was a proper musician. "Yesterday's Gone" was arranged by Chad. Barry had said to him, 'Go ahead, you try.' That was very generous of Barry as he was 'The Man' when it came to arrangements," said Clyde, prior to appearing at the duo's March show at the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Ironically, for much of their career, Chad and Jeremy were more popular in America than in Great Britain. Their hits include "Willow Weep for Me," "Before and After" and "A Summer Song" and they were popular guest stars on American television shows, including Batman and the Dick Van Dyke Show. For a time, whenever an American television show wanted to include an actual British rock duo, Chad and Jeremy would be written into a script.

Known today as a serious actor, Clyde has fond memories of his band's appearances on the cartoonish "Batman" television show.

"It was more fun, you can't imagine. To be able to sit in the Batmobile and in the Bat Cave, I am telling you, that was a fantastic experience. We had a great

time. Adam West (Batman) was an absolute sweetheart. He was just lovely. As was Julie Newmar (Catwoman). They were very, very nice to us. We also did the Dick Van Dyke Show, which was another sort of great memory. The cast was just as nice as you would hope them to be. We were very lucky. We were in the right place, at the right time," Clyde said.

At the behest of their record label, after their initial success in the halcyon days of the early British Invasion (1964-65), Chad and Jeremy shifted their sound to more of a middle-of-the-road sound. Today, some musical historians even credit the duo with being the pioneers of the singer/

songwriter genre that became popular in the early 1970s.

Since his days as rock star, Clyde, a classically-trained as an actor, continues to appear on stage and screen. He appeared as an older general on the popular PBS television series Downton Abbey.

In the early 1970s, Asher shifted his career to become a successful music producer. His production work includes some of the most successful songs by recording artists James Taylor and Linda Ronstadt. In 1997, Asher's British Invasion look returned to prominence. The fictional British spy Austin Powers of the eponymous movie series bore an uncanny resemblance to Asher circa 1964/65. Series creator Mike Myers (who also plays the on-screen character) later confirmed Asher's younger self had provided him with the inspiration for the look of the character.

"It is a fact. Michael Myers used photographs of me as the inspiration of Austin Powers. Not me as a person. Rather, in the look. In the design. The bad teeth. The glasses. That particular haircut. They were mine and they became Austin Powers. I was not the inspiration for the personality. The character was a conglomerate of various influences. But, the look, did derive from a photograph of me, to which Mike Meyers has attested," Asher said in March.

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# Lawsuit: Chicago racks up ‘hundreds of millions’ in excessive fines for ‘minor violations,’ too punitive to be legal

BY SCOTT HOLLAND  
Cook County Record

A Chicago man has initiated a class action complaint against the city, claiming its penalties for minor violations like parking tickets or missing car window stickers are so punitive – particularly against those “least able to pay them” – that they violate state law.

Mike Blaha filed a complaint July 17 in Cook County Circuit Court, saying people routinely face “hundreds of dollars in fines and penalties ... all of which are funneled into the city’s own system of administrative adjudication where the typical rules of evidence and civil procedure are disregarded.”

The administrative courts, Blaha contended, are supposed to ad-

judicate only minor fines and penalties under a state law prohibiting municipalities from enacting civil fine schedules under which the total fine and penalty for a single violation exceeds \$250. He said the city’s illegal fine structure has yielded it “tens, if not hundreds, of millions of dollars. ...”

“The city has a long history of punitively enforcing its regressive fines and penalties, especially against citizens that are least able to pay them,” the complaint said. “Recent data shows that 16 percent of bankruptcy filers who live in minority communities in Chicago and who do not own a home filed bankruptcy primarily because of ticket debt owed to the city.”

Blaha is represented by attorneys Jacie C. Zolna, Myron M.

Cherry, Benjamin R. Swetland and Jessica C. Chavez, of the firm of Myron M. Cherry & Associates LLC, of Chicago. That firm recently collected \$11 million under a \$38 million settlement ending a lawsuit against the city over allegedly illegal collection practices under its red light camera program.

Blaha said his past citations included parking within 15’ of a fire hydrant on three different occasions and eight instances of not displaying a city sticker. He paid all but a recent fire hydrant parking fine, alleging he paid all fines under threats of more severe penalties from the city, including wage garnishments, collection actions, being reported to collections bureaus, vehicle seizures, driver’s license suspensions and

real estate liens.

According to the complaint, the Illinois Vehicle Code limits the power of home rule units to address certain traffic regulations through administrative courts, and in so doing made clear the specific denial and limitations of home rule powers. One exception is illegal parking in a handicapped space, which may carry a fine up to \$500, although another state law limits it to \$350.

The complaint detailed 14 city vehicle violations exceeding \$250, some — such as parking in a fire lane or blocking an alley — requiring late payment penalties to clear the threshold and others, such as double parking in the central business district or failure to have a proper muffler, that exceed the limit without late penal-

ties. Blaha said the court should void adjudication of all such violations.

Blaha seeks to create a class of anyone who was assessed a vehicle violation exceeding \$250, and a subclass of anyone who paid the city for such a violation. He estimates each class would include “many hundreds of thousands of members.”

In addition to class certification and a jury trial, Blaha wants the court to declare the city’s fines unconstitutional, to prevent the city from issuing or adjudicating such violations and award class members restitution with interest. The complaint also brings a claim of unjust enrichment for putative subclass members.

## UPTOWN from p. 7

an appeal for volunteers to help pick up and clean up for an Oct. 2, commitment ceremony and an Oct. 3, Chamber of Commerce dinner in the Uptown’s grande lobby. On the first clean-up day, I opened the board-up job of a door on squeaky hinges to meet a great young woman named Beth. She worked for Chicago Neighborhood Tours and had picked up my flyer or email through co-workers there. I was the Uptown tour guide for CNT and was glad to inform and entertain cultural tourists who bought a ticket from the City office of tourism to come see the American Indian Center,

*There are friends who did not live to see the announcement of this project getting underway. Their passion and guidance led me to do what I could for the Uptown. I miss them, and I wish I could have had more chances to thank them.*

People’s Music School, the Japanese American Service Committee, Argyle St., the Aragon Ballroom, the Green Mill Cocktail Lounge, Essanay Studios, the Riviera Theatre, the outside of the Uptown and other points of interest in Uptown.

Beth was a hardworking and well organized volunteer. She put together the first U.S. Mail list and the first email list for Friends

of the Uptown. Her skills and motivation lit my fire to give a little more form and function to what we were doing, and it raised my level of enthusiasm for including more people and for communicating more widely. I am so thankful that she trusted us to come into a dark, boarded-up building and volunteer for what surely seemed to be a never-ending job of cleaning and painting.

She will never let me forget the night when I left her alone in the theatre to “paint wet plaster” (she says) during a crackling thunderstorm while I ran across the street to the Uptown Bank building for a planning meeting with the Chamber.

She agreed to be my date for the commitment ceremony and she worked the Chamber dinner tirelessly with me. We dated for several years and we got married and celebrated with friends and family members at the Cliff Dweller’s Club in June, 2013. Together, we have enjoyed exploring many awe-inspiring historic buildings and we have met in-



Photo courtesy of Andy Pierce

credibly talented and sincere people engaged in preserving theatre history and in restoring historic architecture. Our lives have been enhanced by knowing and working with fun and self-less people in this endeavor.

There are friends who did not live to see the announcement of this project getting underway. Their passion and guidance led me to do what I could for the Up-

town. I miss them, and I wish I could have had more chances to thank them.

It’s high time we all have a new reason to go to the Uptown in addition to enjoying its fantasy architecture. I trust the Uptown will be restored and reused in a way that benefits future generations of Chicagoans. And I am happy the Uptown will again be a place where people are enchanted and entertained “not for today -- but for all time,” as its original owners and builders intended.

I am glad that people’s Uptown’s stories will go on and that we’ve all been spared the heart-break of possibly losing one of our best landmarks. It will be a success story.

Andy Pierce is a volunteer who helped found Friends of the Uptown in 1998. He may be reached by email, [uptown1925@hotmail.com](mailto:uptown1925@hotmail.com) You can learn more about the Uptown Theatre via the following media:

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# Police Beat....

## Convicted felon charged in attempted Lincoln Park criminal sexual assault

Keith Thomas, 34, of Oak Park has been charged in the attempted sexual assault, which allegedly took place in an alley behind the 1900 block of N. Halsted St., 12:25 p.m. Aug. 3

An Old Town woman fought off a would-be sexual assailant in Lincoln Park on Friday afternoon, police said.

The 30-year-old woman was walking in the 700 block of W. Armitage when a man ran up from behind, grabbed her, and tried to sexually assault her in an alley. The offender fled as a passer-by saw what was happen-



Keith Thomas

ing and the woman fought back, police said. The victim sought help in a nearby business. Police were able to collect images of the attacker from nearby surveillance cameras and Thomas was taken into custody about an hour later near Armitage and Lincoln. Thomas has been charged with felony attempted criminal sexual assault by force; felony kidnapping by force or threat of force; and felony aggravated battery-strangulation. He was due in bond court on Monday.

The attack took place in an alley that is directly across the street from Lincoln Park High School.

## More armed robberies in Lakeview, Lincoln Park

At least three robberies were reported in Lakeview Aug. 1, and they appear to be the work of the same person.

Shortly before midnight, a Domino's delivery driver was robbed at gunpoint as he returned to his car in the 3700 block of N. Marshfield. The robber took the man's money and then chased the victim with a gun drawn as the deliveryman sped away.

Around the same time, another man was pistol-whipped in the back of the head and robbed of his phone and wallet near the intersection of Marshfield and Grace, about a block from the first hold-up. The victim was treated by an ambulance crew.

In a separate hold-up, a gunman approached a victim while they were alone on the street in the 1600 block of W. Waveland. After displaying a silver handgun and demanding the victims' property, the offender struck the victim in the head and face with his firearm, police said.

The robber in all three cases was described as a black man in his mid-to late-20's who stands about 5'-7" tall. He was wearing a red hat and an unbuttoned flannel shirt with gray or khaki pants. Witnesses reported that the robber may have been followed around the area by an accomplice who was driving a black Ford Escape or similar vehicle.

Later, a woman successfully fought off a robber, police said. She was walking near Belmont and Halsted when a man pushed her and tried to wrestle away her purse around 2:45 a.m. Police said the would-be robber is a black man in

his early 20's who has beard stubble and dreadlocks. He was wearing a white shirt with gray sweatpants. The man was last seen heading northbound on Halsted St.

On July 31, Chicago police issued a warning about an increase in robberies across Lakeview and Lincoln Park. Four hold-ups were listed in their first alert. Police say three robbers displayed handguns to "control" the victims then personal property is taken. During the three street robberies, the offenders have either thrown the victim to the ground or displayed handguns.

## High-end optometry store loses frames in break in

Burglars broke into Joanna Slusky's optometry office in Lakeview July 30, escaping with over 100 high-end frames as well as a computer and iPads, she said. Now, she's hopeful that someone will recognize the men who shattered a window and "devastated" her office in just 35 seconds.

Police responded to Halsted Eye Boutique, 2852 N. Halsted, around 8:15 a.m. after Slusky discovered the break-in.

"My heart shattered," she said when she discovered the burglary. Video surveillance shows the burglars made entry just before 5:30 a.m.

Once inside, the thieves ripped apart display cabinets, collected 150 pairs of name-brand frames, and took three iPads along with a laptop, Slusky said.

"If you recognize the intruders or come across anyone offering to sell you Dita, Tom Ford, Christian Roth, Thom Browne, or John Varvatos [eyewear] and they're NOT a licensed retailer," Slusky said, "please contact police."

Photos posted online show a boulder lying in the middle of the office. It was apparently used to smash through one of the store's large windows. In another photo, wall displays are stripped of frames.

Anyone with information is asked to call Chicago Police Detective Salvage at 312-744-8266.

## Man charged with biting Art Institute employee

Prosecutors have charged a man with punching an Art Institute employee and biting off part of the victim's ear last Thursday on Michigan Ave.

Around 6:45 a.m., Donnell Young, 53, asked the 51-year-old man for a cigarette near the museum in the 100 block of S. Michigan. When the man said he didn't have one, Young punched him in the head and body, then bit off part of the man's ear, police said.



Donnell Young

Young ran from the area but was arrested when patrol officers, armed with a cell phone photo of the attacker, recognized him later near State and Van Buren. Police said that Young admitted to biting the victim.

Prosecutors charged Young with one felony count of aggravated battery-great bodily harm and felony aggravated battery in a public place. He is due in bond court on Friday.

The victim was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

## Career criminal punches man, assaults woman in Uptown park

A man has been arrested after sexually assaulting a 66-year-old woman July 20 at Buttercup Playlot, 4901 N. Sheridan, after punching a 49-year-old man that was with her.

Police say the assault occurred



## Police seek suspect in double-stabbing

Chicago police on Tuesday released surveillance images of a man wanted in connection with a double-stabbing in the Loop July 30.

Around 11:20 p.m., two people were stabbed and a third was beaten after a group of people became engaged in an argument with the man seen in this photo, police said.

The confrontation in the first block of E. Lake St. escalated and the man

pulled out a knife, stabbing a 25-year-old man in the chest and a 21-year-old woman in the neck, according to police. A 26-year-old man was also beaten during the incident.

Text on the photos released by police indicates that the images were made at 11:21 p.m. at the State-Randolph Red Line CTA station.

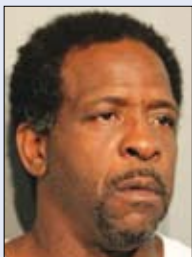
Police did not provide a description of the man who stabbed the victims.

On the day of the incident, police said he was a black man with a medium build who was wearing blue gym shoes, blue jean shorts, and a t-shirt that is white on the top half and blue on the lower half.

Anyone with information about the suspect may call Area Central detectives at 312-747-8380.

shortly before noon when Arnie Spaulding, 19, threatened the woman by saying he was going to shoot her.

That is when Derrick Burke, 56, punched the 49-year-old man in the



Derrick Burke

head and neck. Then Burke started to touch the woman inappropriately as he sexually assaulted her. The suspects left the scene but were apprehended about 30 minutes later on the 900 block of W. Lawrence.

Burke is being held without bail and is charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault of a person over age 60, aggravated criminal sexual assault causing great bodily harm, aggravated battery of a person over age 60 and aggravated battery in a public place. Spaulding is being charged with assault and was released on a recognizance bond. Burke was recently paroled from prison on July 4 after serving just over eight years. Burke is a career criminal, spending almost 40 years in prison since 1983 for 12 different offenses all involving burglary and theft.

## Shots fired by Wilson "L" station

Several shots were fired near the Wilson Red Line CTA station during the evening rush hour of Aug. 2, police said. No one was injured, but police did manage to find a handgun that was ditched in the area.

Officers on patrol reported hearing several gunshots around 5:15 p.m. near the 1200 block of W. Wilson. Shell casings were later found on the street at 1212 W. Wilson, outside of the fire department station.

Police said the gunfire was aimed at a white car that was passing through the area. Witnesses reported seeing people run in all directions after shots were fired, but no one was injured. A parked car was struck by gunfire as it sat in the Subway restaurant lot at 4556 N. Magnolia, police said.

Cops who scoured the area found a 45-caliber handgun that had been tossed into a bush in the 4400 block of N. Malden. It was taken for investigation.

## Rash of bikes thefts on North Side

Burglars are breaking into garages on the North Side "almost exclusively" to steal bicycles, according to a new community alert from Chicago police.

In the warning, police said the break-ins have been happening during overnight hours in North Center,

Lakeview, and Lincoln Park since July 22. Some of the garages were left unlocked, but others were entered by "unknown means," police said.

Five cases were listed: one in the 1800 block of W. Eddy on July 22-23; the 1500 block of W. Montana on July 23-24; the 2400 block of W. Bradley on July 25-26; the 1500 block of W. Melrose on July 27-28, and in the 4000 block of N. Campbell on July 28-29.

Anyone with information about the burglaries should call Area North detectives at 312-744-8263.

## Attempted child luring in North Center

At approximately 10:18 p.m. Aug. 3, a 13-year-old male victim was walking northbound on the 4200 block of N. Western Ave., when an unknown offender sitting in a parked vehicle on the west side of the street facing southbound motioned with his left hand for the victim to come to the vehicle. The minor victim in fear for his safety ran home.

The victim notified his father who called 911. It is unknown in which direction the offender fled. The of-

fender is a male white Hispanic, approximately 30-40 years of age, light complexion with facial stubble. He was wearing a white and red baseball cap with a flat bill.

The vehicle was a black 4-door sedan, unknown make or model.

## Three carjackings in Lincoln Park, Lakeview

A carjacking crew struck three times in about 30 minutes across Lakeview and Lincoln Park on Saturday morning, police said. They succeeded in taking one vehicle, but two other drivers managed to foil the auto thefts. One of the drivers who saved their car was robbed of her personal property instead, according to reports.

A vehicle wanted in connection with the carjackings was later spotted by officers in Lincoln Park, but police supervisors ordered the unit to terminate its pursuit of the suspects. No one is in custody.

Police said the first carjacking happened at 7:20 a.m. in the 1400

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, ss - In the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department - Chancery Division, Real Time Resolutions, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Reinaldo Vale et. al., Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-08882. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of COOK County, County Department - Chancery Division, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 10 IN BLOCK 5 IN WALTER E. GOGOLINSKI'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 14 IN KING AND PATTERSON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST 14 OF SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 13-29-227-025-0000. Commonly known as: 2830 N. Menard Ave., Chicago IL, 60634, and which said Mortgage was made by Reinaldo Vale, as Mortgagee(s) to Lincoln Park Savings Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 0728346059, and the present owner(s) of the property being Reinaldo Vale, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by

**Legal Notice, cont'd.**

law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of COOK County, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602, located at 50 West Washington, Chicago, IL 60602, on or before SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated, Chicago, Illinois, July 23, 2018. Dorothy Brown, Clerk. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, GREEN LAKE COUNTY FORECLOSURE PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No: 18-CV-000069 GREAT LAKES CREDIT UNION 2525 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064, Plaintiff, v. STEVE JOHNSON a/k/a STEVEN A. JOHNSON 6807 N. Milwaukee Av., Apt. 606, Niles, IL 60714, JANE DOE JOHNSON Unknown Spouse of Steven A. Johnson 6807 N. Milwaukee Av., Apt. 606, Niles, IL 60714, TAMMY L. JOHNSON N5092 Westchester Ln., Princeton, WI 54968, JOHN DOE JOHNSON Unknown Spouse of Tammy L. Johnson N5092 Westchester Ln., Princeton, WI 54968, STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES c/o Attorney General 114 E. State Capitol, Madison, WI 53707-7857, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) N5176 Forest Glen Beach Rd., Ripon, WI 54971, Defendants. THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after August 1, 2018, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is P.O. Box 3188 Green Lake, Wisconsin 54941-3188, and to the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 735 N. Water Street, Suite 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 30th day of July, 2018. DARNIEDER & SOSNAY By: Mark C. Darnieder, Attorney for Plaintiff State Bar No: 1017259 P.O. ADDRESS 735 N. Water Street, Suite 205, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 277-1400

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# New tax assessment model results in better metrics for all eight Chicago townships

The Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO) claims the 2018 reassessment of the City of Chicago, which used a new residential regression model, shows the Lakeview and Rogers Park townships have coefficients of dispersion that are better than the industry standards, at 12.950 and 12.641, respectively.

The CCAO defines the coefficient of dispersion as a metric that approximates the expected variability in the value estimate of similar homes; for example, if the coefficient of dispersion is 15, and the market value of a given property is \$100,000, there is a 50% chance that the property is valued between \$85,000 and \$115,000.

This year's assessment resulted in lower and better coefficients

of dispersion performance statistics for the entire city, too, Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios said, noting that, based on Illinois Dept. of Revenue statistics, Hyde Park Township has had a more than 20-point reduction in its coefficients of dispersion, compared to the last triennial reassessment.

Ever since news broke last year that local politicians had rigged the property tax assessment process to benefit real estate tax law firms by giving wealthy white neighborhoods lowered assessments and poor minority communities higher assessments, Berrios said improving residential assessments has been a top priority for his office.

There are estimates of between a \$2-4 billion in real estate taxes over the last decade being shifted

from wealthy white areas onto poorer communities as a result of the rigged system. The scandal was a large part of the reason why Berrios lost his primary election last February.

In June 2017, Berrios pledged to work with the Civic Consulting Alliance [CCA] and Tyler Technologies to improve residential assessment modeling and related processes. Now, he said, the improved regression model, as well as email exchanges between experts at Tyler, CCA and his office, are available to the public upon request.

He thanked everyone involved in the effort, including his staff, which Berrios said "worked diligently to meet the goal of developing a better model and improving the assessment process."

"We have never wavered from our commitment to reducing regressivity and assessing property as accurately and fairly as possible," he said.

The CCAO reassesses one-third of the more than 1.8 million parcels of Cook County property each year.

The tax year 2018 triennial reassessment included all properties located in the eight Chicago townships – the largest and most diverse reassessment district in the county, Berrios said.

Reassessment notices contain proposed property values for tax year 2018, which will be reflected on second-installment tax bills to be mailed and due in the summer of 2019.

## Mass incarceration, past and present

Co-sponsored by the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society (CJAHS) and Japanese American Legacy Center are hosting a presentation about incarceration in America, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 4427 N. Clark St.

The workshop is designed for people of the Japanese diaspora living in the U.S. to explore these issues and experiences, but is open to everyone. This workshop will be discussion based and will draw upon the knowledge of participants and facilitators.

the event is free but reservations requested by calling Ryan Yokota at 773-275-0097 x 222 or by email at ryokota@jasc-chicago.org.

## 'Swap Circle' provides donated supplies for teachers in Chicago

The Creative Chicago Reuse Exchange [CCRx] invites Chicago businesses to donate surplus and overstock items to the fall Swap Circle for Teachers to enhance the learning experiences of thousands of students.

"Teachers always scramble for materials to engage their students," CCRx founder Barbara Koenen said, "and Chicago's businesses – advertising agencies, manufacturers and designers – love to share their surplus and encourage creativity in Chicago's teachers and students."

Donation for the swap may be dropped off 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 20-22 at Rockwell on the River,

3031 N. Rockwell St. Teachers can then "shop for free" from the donations 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 24-25, also at Rockwell on the River.

"The swap is a treasure hunt," former Chicago Public Schools teacher and CCRx education director Mari Rice said. "We are creating a connection for teachers to access things they couldn't afford or find but can really use."

Teachers spend \$500 to \$1,000 out-of-pocket every year for basic office supplies including paper, pens and pencils, glue and even cleaning and personal hygiene supplies, according to CCRx's Teacher-Material Survey, and

they dream of getting musical instruments, calculators, sewing machines, fabric, wood-working tools, storage containers, shelving, games and graphic novels, among other items.

Rice said last year's donations included easels, microscopes and 120 marching band uniforms. That swap – the group's first – connected 500 Chicago teachers with surplus valued at more than \$100,000 from 75 Chicago businesses.

The list of most-wanted items, including all kinds of paper, office supplies, arts and crafts, fabric, tools, hardware and musical instruments, is online at creativechirx.org. Volunteers can

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### Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

#### Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEW PENN FINANCIAL LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

-v- WLODZIMIERZ J OLAK A/K/A WLODZIMIERZ OLAK, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK

Defendants 12 CH 44647 4147 NORTH MEADE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60634 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 18, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 31, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4147 NORTH MEADE AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60634

Property Index No. 13-17-315-005-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

#### Real Estate For Sale

where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

McCalla Rayermer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 9000.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SCOTT ZDANIS Plaintiff,

-v- GREEN PENCIL, LLC, L. LADONNA SMITH, CHRISTOPHER J. GUERICO, NOVELTY INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS & NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants 2017 CH 05221 Consolidated with: 2017 CH 05222 2017 CH 05223 2553 W. HUTCHINSON STREET, Chicago, IL 60618 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 20, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 27, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2553 W. HUTCHINSON STREET, Chicago, IL 60618 Property Index No. 13-13-407-003-0000. The real estate is a residential lot. The judgment amount was \$938,728.77.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: WILLIAMS, BAX & SALTZMAN, P.C., 221 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3700, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 372-3311. Please refer to the above captioned case.

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2017 CH 05221

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SFR VENTURE 2011-1 REO, LLC Plaintiff,

-v- HOWARD J. MARTIN, REBECCA L. MARTIN, THE 5 ON WRIGHTWOOD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA WRIGHTWOOD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NORTHBROOK BANK AND TRUST

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Property Index No. 13-26-317-041-1002 (NEW), 13-26-317-009-0000 (OLD), 13-26-317-041-1008 (NEW).

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$311,393.55.

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 in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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foreclosure sales.

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Case Number: 13 CH 16150 TJSC#: 38-5815

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13 CH 16150

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BBCN BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO FOSTER BANK Plaintiff,

-v- SZU CHUN KAO, HSIUNG TSENG KAO, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants 2015 CH 15811 3455-59 LAWRENCE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60625 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 20, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3455-59 LAWRENCE AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60625

Property Index No. 13-14-202-001-0000. The real estate is improved with a commercial property.

The judgment amount was \$310,099.91.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered

for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Deborah Ashen, ASHEN/FAULKNER, 217 N. JEFFERSON ST., STE. 601, Chicago, IL 60661, (312) 655-0800

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E-Mail: dsa@ashenlaw.com Attorney Code. 39733

Case Number: 2015 CH 15811 TJSC#: 38-5702

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2015 CH 15811

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# Can you pickle that?

Slow Food Chicago will be hosting a pickling class offering an interactive experiment in pickling produce in addition to an evening of the basics of pickling and canning, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16.

The class will cost \$30 and takes place at the Big Delicious Planet's urban farm, 412 N. Wolcott Ave. For reservations write to info@slowfoodchicago.org.

## POLICE BEAT from p. 11

block of W. Webster. A 29-year-old delivery driver was in his car when an armed man approached and ordered him out of the vehicle. The offender was accompanied by at least two men who were in a white Mercedes SUV.

A witness reported that the delivery driver had pulled over to get something from his trunk and determine where he needed to go when the offender put a gun to the man's head and took his personal belongings and the delivery van: a white Dodge Caravan with license plate AB45546.

The primary offender was described as a black man between 20- and 24-years-old who stands about 6' tall.

About 15 minutes later, a 62-year-old woman was forced out of her car at gunpoint by a masked man who emerged from a white Mercedes SUV

in the 3500 block of N. Southport and pointed a gun at her. The offender was unable to get the woman's car into gear, so he took her purse and got back into the Mercedes which fled eastbound on Eddy St., according to police.

The gunman was described as a black man between 25- and 40-years-old who stands about 6' tall and weighs 180 to 190 lbs. He was wearing a black ski mask, a black jacket with no shirt underneath, and dark pants.

Finally, at 7:55 a.m., a man who had just parked his car in the 2700 block of N. Sheffield was approached by a man who pulled a black handgun from his waist and ordered him out of the car. The victim, 20, was able to pull his keys out of the car, which prevented the carjacker from driving away. The offender returned to the white Mercedes which sped from the scene.

The Sheffield gunman's description closely matched that of the offender on Southport, except this time he was shirtless and the victim could see that he was wearing a Gucci belt with a large GG on the belt buckle.

Minutes after the last carjacking attempt, officers in the 18th Near North Police District spotted the white Mercedes and engaged it in a brief chase westbound on Fullerton. A police supervisor ordered the officers to terminate the chase as it approached Fullerton and Milwaukee. The car was later found abandoned in the 2400 block of N. Milwaukee.

Police believe the SUV was stolen from a business that is located in the 200 block of N. Green St. in the West Loop.

### Woman robbed in River North

A North Side woman had a gun

pointed to her stomach during a robbery in River North around 9 p.m. July 22, according to police. The woman was in the 400 block of W. Ontario when a man and a woman approached her. The man pointed a chrome handgun at the victim's stomach while demanding valuables. She handed over everything she had: \$27 cash.

Both offenders fled west on Ontario and then south on Kingsbury.

Police said the male robber was black, over 6' tall, and wore a hat, a long-sleeve denim shirt, and jeans. He had a fade haircut and was between 30- and 35-years-old. The woman was also over 6' tall and in the same age range. She wore a white tank top with high-waist jeans and had dreadlocks pulled into a ponytail.

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## North Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. ROF III LEGAL TITLE TRUST 2015-1, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE Plaintiff,

-v.- MOHSEN JALILVAND, FARNAZ JALILVAND, BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A., CITIBANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A., FRANK CATOMER D/B/A COPYCAT OFFICE SOLUTIONS, GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants  
17 CH 10361  
111 WEST MAPLE STREET, # U1712 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 June 19, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 20, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 111 WEST MAPLE STREET, # U1712, CHICAGO, IL 60610

Property Index No. 17-04-422-039-1205.  
The real estate is improved with a tan stone, high rise condominium with an attached multi car garage.

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McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 262178.

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Attorney ARDC No. 61256  
Attorney Code. 61256  
Case Number: 17 CH 10361  
TJSC#: 38-5167

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

-v.- HOWARD B SAMUELS, LOIS M SAMUELS, JEFFREY D SAMUELS, STACEY L PEARL, 2626 LAKEVIEW CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, FIRST MIDWEST BANK, THE HOWARD B. SAMUELS FAMILY TRUST UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 02/28/1993, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ABBEY SAMUELS A/K/A ABBEY BETH SAMUELS, IF ANY, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE HOWARD B. SAMUELS FAMILY TRUST UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 02/28/1993, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR ABBEY SAMUELS A/K/A ABBEY BETH SAMUELS Defendants

### Real Estate For Sale

15 CH 15237  
2626 NORTH LAKEVIEW AVENUE APT 604 CHICAGO, IL 60614

NOTICE OF SALE  
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Property Index No. 14-28-318-064-1052.  
The real estate is improved with a white, brick, high rise condominium with multiple attached garage.

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Case Number: 15 CH 15237  
TJSC#: 38-5243

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

-v.- DAVID A. WIERSEMA, PHA LLC FOR BUSINESS, THE RESIDENCES AT MILLENNIUM CENTRE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, LLC FOR BUSINESS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants  
17 CH 007263  
33 W. ONTARIO ST #60NE A/K/A UNIT # PH-A 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 May 10, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 17, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 33 W. ONTARIO ST #60NE A/K/A UNIT # PH-A, CHICAGO, IL 60610  
Property Index No. 17-09-234-043-1633; 17-09-234-043-1599; 17-09-234-043-1598.

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-16-10484.  
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Attorney File No. 14-16-10484  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Attorney Code. 21762  
Case Number: 17 CH 007263  
TJSC#: 38-4171  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v.- 14 CV 4278  
30 E Huron St., Apt # 4406 Chicago, IL 60611  
LINDSAY JENKINS, 30 EAST HURON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS JUDGE ROBERT W. GETTLEMAN Defendants

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, Special Commissioner appointed herein, will at 10:30 AM on September 5, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 30 E Huron St., Apt # 4406, Chicago, IL 60611  
Property Index No. 17-10-104-037-1355 fka 17-10-104-030-0000.

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$364,550.90.  
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 2120-13958-FT.

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Case Number: 14 CV 4278  
TJSC#: 38-6069

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, BY CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., AS ITS ATTORNEY IN FACT Plaintiff,

-v.- REBECCA A. RAMISCAL, 175 EAST DELAWARE PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants  
10 CH 29550  
175 EAST DELAWARE PLACE, UNIT 5605 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 October 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 7, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 175 EAST DELAWARE PLACE, UNIT 5605, CHICAGO, IL 60611  
Property Index No. 17-03-220-020-1239.

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$254,839.90.  
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 2120-6186. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 175 East Delaware Pl. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Case Number: 10 CH 29550  
TJSC#: 38-5926

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

-v.- THOMAS V. PRAPULONIS, 253 EAST DELAWARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants  
13 CH 11248  
253 E. DELAWARE PL. #6A 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 July 11, 2014 and amended on June 27, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 4, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 253 E. DELAWARE PL. #6A, CHICAGO, IL 60611  
Property Index No. 17-03-222-025-1004.  
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$191,188.58.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 2120-6186. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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### Real Estate For Sale

Attorney Code. 40387  
Case Number: 13 CH 11248  
TJSC#: 38-5513

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff,

-v.- JULIE A HEIDT, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 1516 NORTH STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants  
16 CH 12629  
1516 NORTH STATE PARKWAY, #16D 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 June 4, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 5, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1516 NORTH STATE PARKWAY, #16D, CHICAGO, IL 60610  
Property Index No. 17-04-210-028-104



Old Irving Park home.

**ASSESSOR** from p. 5

• Ravenswood: The 2018 estimated market value on a vintage graystone 3-flat in the Ravenswood section of Lakeview jumped 71% to \$524,970 from \$307,030. The assessed valuation of the building rose to \$52,497 from \$30,703. Paid in 2017, the 2016 tax bill on the property was \$7,310.

• A 90-unit condo building on Clark St. in Andersonville saw their assessments rise an incredible 167%.

• Norwood Park: The assessor said the 2018 estimated market value on a large brick home in the Old Norwood Park enclave on the Far Northwest Side skyrocketed 68.2% to \$781,380 from \$464,600. The assessed valuation of the home jumped to \$78,138 from \$46,460. Paid in 2017, the

*The 2018 estimated market value on a 1920s yellow brick 4-flat in the Arcadia Terrace section of Lincoln Square increased 40.67% to \$506,580 from \$360,100. The assessed valuation of the building rose to \$50,658 from \$36,010. Paid in 2017, the 2016 tax bill on the property was \$7,463.*

2016 tax bill on the property was \$9,023.

- Lincoln Square: The 2018 estimated market value on a 1920s yellow brick 4-flat in the Arcadia Terrace section of the neighborhood increased 40.67% to \$506,580 from \$360,100. The assessed valuation of the building rose to \$50,658 from \$36,010. Paid in 2017, the 2016 tax bill on the property was \$7,463.
- West Ridge: The assessor said the 2018 estimated market value on a 2-bedroom, 1-bath condominium on the Far North Side increased 19.9% to \$128,640 from \$107,210. The assessed valuation of the condo jumped to \$12,864 from \$10,721. Paid in 2017, the 2016 tax bill on the property was \$1,647.
- North Park: The 2018 estimated market value on a newer frame home in the North Park-Hollywood Park neighborhood

on the Northwest Side rose a modest 12.46% to \$588,190 from \$523,010. The assessed valuation of the home increased to \$58,819 from \$52,301. Paid in 2017, the 2016 tax bill on the property was \$9,650.

Experts say property owners who think they are over assessed should appeal now before they receive next year's tax bill. If they wait until the tax bill arrives in 2019, it will be too late to appeal.

Visit the assessor's website: [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com), or call 312-443-7550 to find comparable properties or start the appeal process. Here are the deadlines for filing appeals at the assessor's office for various townships: Jefferson, Aug. 16, West, Aug. 24, Lake, Aug. 30, North, Sept. 14th and South, Oct. 5. Deadlines for filing already have passed for Rogers Park and Hyde Park townships.

If appealing at the assessor's office does not lower the assessed value, there are two other appeal options: the Cook County Board of Review (312-603-5542) or [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com), and the Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board (217-785-6076), or [www.ptab.illinois.gov](http://www.ptab.illinois.gov). Or, call Michael Griffin, an expert tax assessment lawyer, at 312-943-1789.

For more housing news, visit [www.dondebat.biz](http://www.dondebat.biz). Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit [www.escapingcondojail.com](http://www.escapingcondojail.com).

# Dam removal on Chicago River underway to clear way for boaters and wildlife

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago [MWRD] marked the beginning of demolition work Monday to remove the four-foot high concrete North Branch Dam at the convergence of the North Branch of the Chicago River and North Shore Channel.

Located at approximately 5099 N. Albany Ave., Along the west bank of the North Branch at River Park, near the intersection of Carmen and Albany avenues, officials from those two organizations along with the Chicago Park District [CPD], Friends of the Chicago River, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and kicked off the first phase of improvements to the confluence of the two river branches.

The effort will make it easier for boaters and wildlife to pass through the intersection. Benefits resulting from this project include fish passage, fish habitat, migratory bird habitat and restoring about 49 acres of Eurasian weed thickets to native Oak Savanna.

In support of their River Riparian and Habitat Project, work in and along the waterways will be broken down into multiple phases, starting with

the restoration of approximately one acre of stream bed. The North Branch Dam and other concrete within the channel will be removed and riffles, step pools, cobbles, gravels and sands will be installed.

The project study area consisted of three contiguous parks in total that straddle the Chicago River. The total cost for these changes to all three parks is \$15 million.

All three parks are leased to, maintained and managed by the CPD, but are currently owned by the MWRD. The three parks are Ronan Park (13-acres), River Park (30-acres) and Legion Park (50-acres), encompassing over 2-miles of contiguous river. The confluence of the North Branch Chicago River and the North Shore Channel occurs at River Park, which is near Foster Avenue.

The parks were integrated into the Chicago Park District system between 1917 and 1934. In the 1990s, the park district began to lease additional MWRD land and upgrading the walking and bike riding trails through much of the parks lining the river. All lands are held by CPD through 100-year leases from MWRD.

## Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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<p>080808</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF9, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF9 Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v- SCOTT F. TAYLOR AKA SCOTT TAYLOR, 5858 SHORE MANOR CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA) N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants</p> <p>17 CH 16897 5858 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 903 Chicago, IL 60660</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 10, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5858 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 903, Chicago, IL 60660</p> <p>Property Index No. 14-05-402-041-1060.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$61,678.17.</p> <p>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, or a unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.</p> <p>For information, contact the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg &amp; Associates, LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit <a href="http://www.anselmolindberg.com">www.anselmolindberg.com</a>. Please refer to file number F1711071.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at <a href="http://www.jscc.com">www.jscc.com</a> for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>Anselmo Lindberg &amp; Associates, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120 NAPERVILLE, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:foreclosurenotice@anselmolindberg.com">foreclosurenotice@anselmolindberg.com</a> Attorney File No. F1711071 Attorney ARDC No. 3126232 Attorney Code: 58852 Case Number: 17 CH 16897 TJSC#: 38-4116</p> <p>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.</p> <p>17 CH 16897</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-1 Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v- OLATUNDE OGUENDEKO A/K/A OLATUNDE T OGUENDEKO, A/K/A OLATUNDE O OGUENDEKO, JENNIFER OGUENDEKO A/K/A JENNIFER E OGUENDEKO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, PNC BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK Defendants</p> <p>09 CH 52278 2437 WEST NORTH SHORE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60645</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 24, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2437 WEST NORTH SHORE AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60645</p> <p>Property Index No. 10-36-414-034-0000.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a two story, multi family.</p> <p>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation</p>	<p>by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 11904.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at <a href="http://www.jscc.com">www.jscc.com</a> for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 346-9088 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:pleadings@mccalla.com">pleadings@mccalla.com</a> Attorney File No. 11904 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Attorney Code: 61256 Case Number: 09 CH 52278 TJSC#: 38-5980</p> <p>09 CH 52278</p> <p>010101</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR CONSECO FINANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2002-C Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v- ELLIOTT PETUSA BANDA A/K/A ELLIOTT P. BANDA, A/K/A ELLIOTT BANDA, A/K/A ELLIOTT P. BANDA, ANGELES P. BANDA A/K/A ANGELES BANDA, ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES COLLECTION AND ASSET RECOVERY UNIT, THE RIDGE ESTATES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants</p> <p>17 CH 01382 7349 NORTH RIDGE CHICAGO, IL 60645</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-</p>	<p>suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 5, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 6, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7349 NORTH RIDGE, CHICAGO, IL 60645</p> <p>Property Index No. 11-30-314-013-1001.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a tan brick, three story condo, no garage.</p> <p>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. 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Please refer to file number 258323.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at <a href="http://www.jscc.com">www.jscc.com</a> for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 346-9088 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:pleadings@mccalla.com">pleadings@mccalla.com</a> Attorney File No. 258323 Attorney Code: 61256 Case Number: 17 CH 01382 TJSC#: 38-4832</p> <p>17 CH 01382</p>	<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v- LUIS A. TORRES, MARIA CARMEN GOMEZ A/K/A MARIA GOMEZ, ROCKWELL CORNERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants</p> <p>18 CH 1006 6104 N. ROCKWELL AVE., UNIT #2 Chicago, IL 60659</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 3, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 4, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6104 N. ROCKWELL AVE., UNIT #2, Chicago, IL 60659</p> <p>Property Index No. 13-01-219-049-1006 Vol. 316.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$185,992.51.</p> <p>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 18-5624.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p>	<p>One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at <a href="http://www.jscc.com">www.jscc.com</a> for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>JOHNSON, BLUMBERG &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com">ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com</a> Attorney File No. 18-5624 Attorney Code: 40342 Case Number: 18 CH 1006 TJSC#: 38-4358</p> <p>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.</p> <p>18091808</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs. ERIC A. SALINAS AKA ERIC SALINAS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants</p> <p>17 CH 6857</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:</p> <p>P.L.N. 13-02-217-010-0000.</p> <p>Commonly known as 6029 North Kimball Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60659.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.</p> <p>For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg &amp; Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. For Bidding instructions visit <a href="http://www.alolawgroup.com">www.alolawgroup.com</a> 24 hours prior to sale.</p> <p>INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122</p> <p>18093534</p> <p>252525</p>

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## Back to school fair Aug. 19

A back to school fair hosted by Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] will be held 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, where volunteers will be distributing hundreds of backpacks stuffed with school supplies at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave. Backpacks will be distributed one per child on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Bach House featured in After Hours event

The Emil Bach House, 7415 N. Sheridan Rd., will be the site of an After Hours event 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13.

Both the home and the Japanese-style tea house will be open for guests, who can enjoy drinks, snacks and live music on the lawn.

General admission is \$20; cost is \$15 for Frank Lloyd Wright Trust members.

Two other Frank Lloyd Wright Trust sites will be open in September and October for After Hours events.

For the first time, Wright's Oak Park Home and Studio, 951 Chicago Ave., will open for After Hours 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 and 20. Trust volunteers will be available during the event for tours. General admission is \$50; cost is \$40 for trust members.

Newly restored rooms, including the iconic living room, will be accessible during After Hours events 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at the Frederick C. Robie House, 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave. General admission is \$35; cost is \$30 for trust members.

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## BIG PLANS from p. 1

jective would be to bring the Drive up to current highway grade standards. Another stated objective is to increase traffic flow at peak rush hours, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. on weekdays. Instead of calming traffic and reducing traffic speeds to prevent accidents, the focus is on increasing traffic speeds and increasing traffic volumes.

The proposed work includes the potential to widen the Drive from its current four lanes to five in each direction, and also lowering the road grade to below lake level thereby opening up the sight lines to the lakefront from west of the Drive.

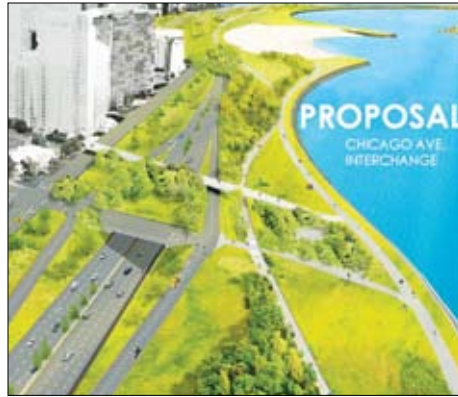
To help pay for this, CDOT is considering adding a possible tollway to Lake Shore Dr.

This project, which would begin in 2019 at the earliest, is only for the north part, between Grand and Hollywood avenues.

Other big ideas being considered include relocating the Drive to the west side of the Lincoln Park Lagoon and creating a Lake Michigan dune landscape with camping to the east; reconfiguring the Chicago Ave. interchange to eliminate the traffic signal, and eliminating the Wilson St. interchange to reduce interference with the Lakefront Trail. Other ideas include converting Clarendon Park into a high-density, mixed-use development to help "provide revenue" for the proposed improvements and create a new multi-story parking structure at Montrose Beach to serve new transit riders.

The city has already started rebuilding separate bike lanes from the pedestrian lanes on the North Side, with some \$12 million in donated funds from billionaire financier Ken Griffin.

A long-delayed pedestrian and bicycle flyover bridge adjacent to Navy Pier is



also in the works that will take bike traffic over the congested sidewalks and streets below. Sadly this job has hit rough patches so much so that it has now taken the city longer to build this one bridge than it took to rebuild most of downtown Chicago after The Great Fire of 1871. The bridge, which will stretch from the Ohio St. Beach to the south side of the Chicago River, was started in 2014, after more than a decade of planning. The city originally predicted it would be finished in 2018. Now the earliest this is expected to be done is by the middle of 2019.

The officials at the meetings said the plan also calls for shifting Oak St. and North Ave. beaches so they can straighten out the curve and add parkland space.

"It's not just a road or a highway," Jeff Sriver, Chicago's director of transportation and programming, told the Chicago Tribune. "As many transit passengers take it as take CTA rail lines, with 70,000 riders using the corridor on buses. There's also the Lakefront Trail. Then all the park activity. It's much more complex and interesting than your standard road project."

The officials at the meetings said they

would add a few hundred feet of lakefill on the Near North Side in the hope that they would not have to close parts of the road during storms.

The task force also looked at reserving lanes for buses or car pools, and express toll lanes, where people can pay tolls if they want to bypass snarled traffic. But this proposal would likely face serious opposition from those drivers who use it every day for transportation in cars.

They also proposed removing or replacing some of the tunnels under the Drive adjacent to Streeterville because some are in poor condition, while others are security risks, and creating new ones.

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Proposals that didn't fly because they were too expensive included a light rail line, an underwater tunnel in Lake Michigan, an underground tunnel along LSD and a causeway over the lake.

How much the project will cost and where the city will get the money has not yet been determined. But tax payers can count on a tab in the multiple billions.

"It's really redefining the way the drive works for the future," CDOT's Sriver said. "It will be the 'new drive' not the drive we got for 80 years."

## SHELTERS from p. 1

charged with managing a group of kids who are confined in a building they are not allowed to leave and that no one is supposed to know about.

Some residents told this reporters it reminded them of orphanages, and they thought it strange that so many children were playing in a confined area that was secret. The agency reported five children running away.

Heartland didn't comment on specific incidences in the report, but they acknowledged that their mission became 'complicated' by having to care for these children separated from their parents by federal policy and an invigorated ICE, now having the president's backing.

Heartland has five shelters spread throughout Chicago. Two are in Rogers Park, the brick home called International Youth Center that can house 15 children, and a larger site that can hold 70 children, known as the International Children's Center, ProPublica reported.

Most children will stay for a few weeks or months, until they are united with a family member or sponsor, while others could live for more than a year at the shelter.

Heartland Alliance has been providing shelter for unaccompanied minors caught illegally crossing the border without their parents since 1995. Their shelters are supposed to be kept secret to protect the children who may be vulnerable to human traffickers, smugglers, white slavery or gangs.

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