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to have a good mind;
the main thing
is to use it well.

— Rene Descartes

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Despite attendance for DePaul men's basketball games having previously hovered below 3,000 per game, promoters of the new Wintrust Arena projected the 10,000-seat venue would draw an average of 9,500 people per basketball game. In 2017 men's basketball games drew an average of only 3,142 fans per game, trailing projections by 65%. *Photo by Richard Bodee*

Attendance problems continue for DePaul and Wintrust Arena

BY SHANE RENE
AND EDDIE DAMSTRA

If you are one of the few remaining students and alumni at DePaul following the saga of the men's basketball team, you may already know this: the Blue Demons won their home opener Nov. 7, 80-58 over Bethune-Cookman of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Unfortunately, there weren't very many people around to see it.

"Bethune-WHO?," a rowdy, clearly intoxicated fan shouted repeatedly prior to tip off. With so few people in attendance (less than 4,000 paid attendance) he was the only person anybody inside the arena could hear.

And he had a point. If a coach was looking for a soft season

opener for a team looking to build some confidence, Bethune-Cookman would suffice — and the Blue Demons were certainly looking for something positive to push them forward.

Through the first half of the season opener at Wintrust Arena Bethune-Cookman showed no signs of rolling over. Eventually the Blue Demon's found their rhythm and pulled the game's momentum more and more in their direction leading to the win.

"If you build it, they will come" is often accepted as sage advice. But this hasn't exactly been the case for DePaul's Wintrust Arena. Attendance to the arena, which was financed in part by DePaul and Illinois taxpayers, has trailed the projections officials touted in

ARENA see p. 16

Next Lincoln Yards community meeting Nov. 29

Following the initial standing-room-only meeting in July that left many North Side residents wanting for more, the next Lincoln Yards community meeting will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Park Community Church Auditorium, 1001 N. Crosby St.

Survey results from a study by the 2nd Ward office on the Lincoln Yards project will be shared with the hope that the results will encourage developer Sterling Bay to revise their proposal.

At the public meeting, there will supposedly be time allocated for attendees to ask questions, the lack of which during the July meeting was the crux of much of

the communities angst.

Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] says he has directed Sterling Bay to engage with the leadership of community organizations and residents to gather feedback on critical issues of concern, such as transportation, infrastructure, environment, open space and other items.

Free parking is available at the surface lot to the north of Crosby and Hobbie, as well as an internal lot located on Crosby, south of Hobbie. Those who are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to submit a question, are asked to submit them directly to the alderman's office. For more information call 312-643-2299.

New North Side TIFs coming, Mayor's parting gift to developers

BY PATRICK BUTLER

A proposal to put at least one new TIF in the North Branch area will be unveiled at 6 p.m. today at a meeting at Renew Chicago Church, 1001 N. Crosby St.

The program — organized by the city Dept. of Planning and Development — will focus on one of the four proposals being promoted by retiring Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who reportedly hopes to have four new TIF districts draining away \$1.7 billion in property taxes operating by the time he leaves office in May, 2019.

One of the TIFs would help pay for new transportation, infrastructure and open space in the proposed Cortland/Chicago River area roughly bounded by Elston, North, Clybourn and Webster avenues. According to Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], the meeting would focus only on the Courtland/Chicago River area

and will not include discussion of the nearby Lincoln Yards Planned Development, which is also reportedly in line for designation as a TIF district.

The controversial funding tool was initially sold to tax payers as a way to fund development in "blighted" areas of the city. Today most taxpayers see that what local politicians see as "blighted" now includes areas such as the Loop, the Chicago Riverfront and North Lakefront.

Also eyed for TIF designation are a 62-acre site at Roosevelt and Clark on the near South Side and 100 acres in the Burnham Lakefront area which includes the former Michael Reese Hospital site.

Mayor Emanuel hopes to give the four areas a shot in the arm with \$1.7 billion in property tax subsidies now that Chicago has

apparently lost its bid to secure Amazon's second North American headquarters.

"These are huge parcels of land that will create jobs, opportunity, and affordable housing," but none of this will happen if we can't solve the infrastructure problems," Planning and Development Cmsr. David Reifman told reporters recently.

"We're talking about opening private development in excess of \$10 billion to \$15 billion that doesn't exist today and would not exist today," said Reifman, who made no apology for any city assistance given to developers.

"These are investments" in new roads, streets, and bridges, and a new rapid transit station in the Courtland/Chicago River TIF area, Reifman said. "Those investments will pay for themselves."

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Crime at five-year highs in Loop, Near North, and Lincoln Park, city data shows

CPD has essentially stopped enforcing drug laws

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

While Chicago Police Dept. leaders continue to insist that "crime is down" citywide, crime may not be down in the places where many North Side residents live, work, or play, according to an analysis of city data by this newspaper.

In fact, crime reports are at five-year highs in Lincoln Park, the Loop, and Near North neighborhoods which include River North, Streeterville, the Magnificent Mile, and Gold Coast.

Overall reported crime in the Loop is up 47% over the past five years and three percent compared to last year. The Loop includes Chicago's central business district, Theater District, and Millennium Park, among other popular attractions.

Among the crime categories that are at five-year highs in the Loop are homicide, shootings, assault, battery, and criminal sexual assault. A mid-year effort by police to curb the Loop's out-of-control robbery problem has yielded some results, with 272 hold-ups reported so far this year

compared to last year's 306.

Reports of violent crime in the Loop—homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated battery—have risen 95% in five years. The violent crime category is down by 29 cases compared to last year due to the previously mentioned efforts against robbery.

The Near North community area encompasses many of Chicago's most popular tourist and nightlife areas, including Navy Pier, River North, Streeterville, and the Magnificent Mile. Reported crime there is up 45% over the past five years and up more than 10% year-over-year.

Compared to 2014, violent crime in the Near North area is up 103% with homicides, shootings, criminal sexual assaults, and robberies all currently at five-year highs.

Lincoln Park crime is up 13% over five years and up 10% compared to last year.

Compared to five years ago, crime is also not down in Lakeview or the Near West community areas, according to the study.

On paper, crime is down by about 350 incidents in the Uptown

neighborhood. But the reduction is not due to a massive decline in serious crimes. Instead, police have essentially stopped enforcing drug laws on the streets. As a result, there have been about 400 fewer narcotics crimes reported in Uptown this year as five years ago.

So, yes, crime is down by 350 cases in Uptown. But only because police have made 396 fewer drug arrests—just 44 this year compared to 440 during the same period five years ago.

In Lakeview, total reported crime is essentially flat compared to five years ago (4,386) and last year (4,348) with 4,429 cases reported so far this year. The neighborhood has seen robberies drop by more than 50% due almost entirely to a focused effort to reduce muggings on police Beat 1924 in Wrigleyville and Boystown.

Next time a police executive says "crime is down," ask for specifics about Lincoln Park, the Loop, and Near North. High-ranking cops don't run very often, but a question like that may do the trick.



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Always an apostle, picking apart past Halloweens



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Halloween was never a holiday at Visitation Catholic Grammar School, I always felt it was like a plane crash. A runaway feast just a bit out of control. The local Taliban (the Dominican nuns), saw the day as an opportunity to impress the children with historically religious learning.

That meant my fellow classmates and I were always supposed to bring a costume with us to school that day for wearing at a smaller classroom soirée. The only thing was our costume was supposed to be religious. Biblical, like we were at some kind of West Virgin-

ia Bible Camp. So it turned out that most of the boys were usually apostles. The girls, of course, would be Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Although some years there was a smattering of androgynous angels and some female saints, Mother Cabrini was a favorite.

Then some girls used to go too far and dress as nuns. I always thought that was fake and sentimental. An unfair attempt to steal the real nuns' attention. Such a display crossed the line... the "goody two-shoes" line. Uncalled for amid the Halloween zaniness that ensued.

And then there was the prob-

lem with my costume because my mother, Eileen, expected me to wear that school costume door to door, later, while snatching candy from the neighbors. Nobody wants to wander their 'hood dressed as one of the 11 apostles (no one ever came dressed as Judas).

Ringling doorbells as an apostle just didn't seem kosher. It seemed to cross some imaginary line between the sacred and the profane. But the good thing was that unless someone really asked you who you were, as an apostle you could be anyone. Many thought I was the Emperor of China in my Byzantine kimono.

Halloween was always part of the larger three-day religious observance of the Feast of All Saints on Nov. 1 and All Souls on Nov. 2. It was all about the cycle of the dead. A medieval tour de force if there ever was one.

It was exhausting and haunting.

My grandmother, Nora O'Connor, always sewed our costumes.

She was a pro. But that got to be embarrassing, and dangerous, because they were so spectacular. This wasn't a pretend costume made out of some old shirts and my dad's old belt. But some rich fabric she had saved or found as a remnant at the fabric store. Her stitching always said "tailor made," something the class thugs didn't comprehend. I must have looked too theatrical to them. Like I belonged to the Tang dynasty. So they were always adding me to their list of boys to be bullied.

My costume was far too grand for membership among the hum-

ble followers of the Messiah. My grandmother's understanding of the apostles was through heavenly eyes. Gilded and brocaded.

To combat the threats I decided to keep my own list of thugs. Those who were the very worst bullies. Most of them were walking social service disasters. But I still recall their names. I remembered in case I was ever on a jury hearing evidence against them. I'm quite certain none of them went on to reform themselves or invent their version of the light bulb. During my decades at City Hall, I kept that list close, in case I spotted them in the lobby. By then I had a bit of clout. It would not have been a pretty sight.

The other Halloween spoiler for me was the weather. It always seemed to be drizzling on Halloween. And nasty cold. My mother, of course, insisted we wear our coats while ringing door bells, which challenged our costume's authenticity. I could never abide

"Dolce Far Niente." My Irish grandmother was no Cinzano sipper. But she was always gracious, so they were good to the last drop.

So I have little use for Halloween, though I did have a jolly dinner with friends at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill this year on Halloween night. (Best Dover Sole I have ever had there.) The joint was jumping.

But I think it was cold and rainy. When those conditions are underway today, I have to find a way to get warm and stay cozy. Pillows, blankets and a huge comforter always do the trick. Maybe a glass of Cinzano. I love Vermouth.

Events and experiences from our past really do need to be ex-

amined and measured in the scrutiny of the present. It's important to ascertain how healthy or dysfunctional some of these events and experiences actually were. Some were harmless. Some were deeply intruding into our psyches. Today they rest dormant. Asleep in the slumber of our imagination. Sifting through their possible historic value, they may be harmless after all, comedic, or worthy of a frightening mini-series. But you never know until you

pick these things apart. Perhaps you'll stumble upon your greatest fear or your worst embarrassment. Maybe you will uncover that sweetest part of youth; or its bitterest disappointment. But fresh and fragrant still. Savory and encouraging. Delicate and refreshing as chocolate gelato. Or cooling and restoring like a glass of frosty Prosecco.

BLACKHAWKS NEWS: My sports staff was asked to sum up what the past week has meant for Chicago. **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and **Sherry Lea Fox** had

this to say: "What **Joel Quenneville** meant to the Chicago Blackhawks, the city of Chicago ... cannot be understated. The guy is a Chicago icon. A hockey icon. An icon-icon." Love 'em.

MISERICORDIA: Misericordia Christmas Lunch, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 6300 N. Ridge. Shopping begins at noon, program and luncheon. Individual ticket is \$50. A cause well worth the price.

ART ON OAK ST: Talented Chicago fine artist **Robin Malpass** will be at Vince on Oak St. with her artwork this week. They are having a little champagne reception 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 15. I



Robin Malpass

wouldn't miss her exhibit.

DISHING INDULGENCE: Chicago's Premier World AIDS Day event returns when the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) invites Chicagoans to the World of Chocolate gala on Friday, Nov. 30 at Revel Fulton Market. Guests will enjoy the delicious signature creations of chocolatiers and chefs from over 23 of Chicago's hottest restaurants, hotels and bakeries competing to win the best sweet and savory bites, as well as craft cocktails, with a panel of celebrity judges selecting the night's best conceptions.

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My grandmother's stitching always said "tailor made," something the class thugs didn't comprehend.



Kathy O'Malley Piccone and Sherry Lea Fox with former Hawks coach Joel Quenneville.

the odd combination of my 1st century A.D. apostle robes with my Marshall Field's car coat. A historical clash for sure. I loathed the attempt. Even for all the Hershey bars, candy corn and Milk Duds I'd collect.

We had Italian neighbors across the street from our house in an apartment building. And they were known to give out the odd glass of Cinzano Vermouth when they ran out of candy. I think my sister had a glass in her youth when out 'trick or treating' with our grandmother. It was all very

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Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

Three years ago, at the age of 23, Rogers Park native Abdullah Motiwala started Heaven's Honey Inc. to satisfy his own sweet tooth.

Today, Motiwala employs his father, mother, sister and cousins, making the

business a true family affair. Heaven's Honey sells local honey and you can find its signature flavors of Natural Lemon and Cinnamon on Amazon and in 150-plus independent stores including Bockwinkel's, Fresh Farms, Finer Foods in Uptown, La Unica Food Mart in Edgewater and Devon Market in Rogers Park.

Donning a protective jacket, head net, pants, and gloves, Motiwala tends to more than 100 hives, or about 500,000-plus bees to make his quest of producing the sweetest honey products happen.

"We offer a variety of bulk honey for restaurant kitchens, portion controlled honey straws, honeycombs for cheese platters and more," said Motiwala, who was born in Rogers Park and attended Armstrong Elementary School and Loyola Univ.

Late last month, Motiwala's had his dreams come true. All of Chicago's Jewel-Osco stores now carry his honey. He said he's extremely proud of that -- and of his direct relationship with his farmers and his bees.

"Our partnership with our farmers has helped us put a smile on their faces and has mutually helped us increase awareness of the bee epidemic," said Motiwala. "We hope to continue working with farmers to ensure traceability, better farming practices, fund farmers, and bring back our bees, even those that don't produce honey but are critical for pollination."

Meanwhile, all we know is, how sweet it is. Motiwala spills the whole ball of wax about Heaven's Honey.

Q. What made you decide to start making honey?

A. Due to the sweet tooth I have. While walking down the honey/jam aisle I realized that there were tons of different jams with high fructose corn syrup, artificial flavors and colors, and artificial preservatives packed with handfuls of sugar, however,



Abdullah Motiwala, president/founder of Heaven's Honey.

only a few different sources of honey that did not pack the strong flavor punch like jam. That's when I began experimenting with fresh fruits and honey -- strawberries, lemons, mangoes, oranges, and even cinnamon squeezing directly into the honey (and yes, we kept the plain local clover and wildflower honey for those of us who love honey straight from the comb.) I was driven to create a natural product, where I could truly highlight the benefits of a known natural health product and exemplify the taste by using quality ingredients. Healthy needed to taste good again. As we say, we thank our custom-

ers daily for allowing us to make their day naturally sweeter.

I have always been fascinated and passionate to work with our bees and local farmers, diving into the process and immersing myself in the ecosystem of the bees. I appreciate all the work they do. This made me take a deeper look into why we don't have local honey - what are those key issues?

That's when I signed myself up to support farmers, to change our support system for our farmers, by providing them the resources to continue their way of life by funding them every step of the way. I fell in love with the bees, how they work and how they provide serenity to the world around us, all through working with farmers on the ground level, helping them start



back up again to make bee-keeping a sustainable business. My mission became to fund local farmers to revive our dying local bee population without using any pesticides or chemicals in our vegetation.

Q. What sets your honey apart?

A. Heaven's Honey Inc. is a family-owned company since 2015. We prepare and package everything from scratch, artisan, handmade and gourmet. Our pure, local, Illinois honey is renowned for its floral taste and to distinguish ourselves, we also blend fresh all natural fruits and spices, for a unique experience for tea, salads, protein, oatmeal, cheese, yogurt, biscuits, chicken, fish, etc. Our family's pride rests in a recipe that is free of artificial preservatives, gluten, food coloring, and additives. We choose our fruits and spices based on their properties, allowing us to add increasing health benefits to the already wholesome advantages of honey itself. For example, lemons contain vitamin C, vitamin B6, vitamin A and more, aiding in treating throat infections, indigestion, obesity, while benefiting hair and skin care, etc.

Q. How is your honey made?

A. Our honey is straight from the comb - raw, un-pasteurized, unfiltered and bottled to give you the most nutrients.

Q. You are now for sale in Jewel Food stores. How does that feel?

A. It feels like a dream come true. There are so many challenges you go through as an entrepreneur - it feels good to finally find the proper fit and support from our sweet customers. We got on the shelves in Jewel Oct. 28 - and I am thankful for all the support.

Q. Why should people buy your honey as opposed to others?

A. Support our farmers - this is our chance to show that we truly care about farm to table. Let's make our food as heavenly as it was before.

Popular piano man... the magical fingers of pianist Hubert Clay will tickle the



Piano man Hubert Clay.

ivories and provide the piano tunes at Visions of Sugarplum, a Nutcracker Fundraiser, being held Nov. 18 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts to benefit the Ruth Page Civic Ballet. Those attending are in for a real musical treat.

Clay already plays at the Joffrey Academy of Dance, the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, and Hubbard Street Dance Theater, where he subs for house pianist Colin DeJong. You may find him playing for an American Ballet Theater master class, or Alvin Ailey Dance Theater or even visiting New Yorkers. Clay also occasionally plays class for visiting dance companies, as he did a couple of weeks ago for the Miami City Ballet at the Harris Theater. And coming up, he will play for the San Francisco Ballet.

His performing has taken him to magnificent places and to meeting grand people.

"There is a lot of serendipity in this life," said Clay, who lives in Lincoln Park.

Thinking pink... The Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation (LSCRF) recently held its 33rd Anniversary Fall Benefit

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Letter to the Editor

Recycling
'just for show'

I agree with Ellen Credille's letter to the editor [Nov. 7] on recycling. I once worked for the country's largest real estate company, and I was told the recycling bins were "just for show."

B. DeLong, Lincoln Square

Workshop Nov. 19
on renters' rights

A workshop on renter's rights will be held 10 a.m. Monday Nov. 19, at 845 W Wilson Ave., 2nd floor.

This workshop provides info on the Chicago Landlord Tenant ordinance and Chicago's Security Deposit Ordinance. Find out more about your responsibilities and rights as a renter to avoid eviction.

Yard waste
pick up

Until further notice, North Side residents with city garbage collection, are encouraged to bag their yard waste, leave it in the alley behind their residence and contact the city at 311 to request a pickup. There is no limit to how many bags of leaves that the city will pick up.

This request is also to assist with drainage on city streets, so please keep the sewer covers in the curb lane in front of your residence, free and clear of all debris.

Casinos, prostitution
and pot might help
pay for pension debtThe Home Front
By Don DeBat

Now that all the election smoke has cleared out of Chicago's political back rooms, it is time to start considering how the city is going to pay its \$28-billion in pension debt.

For sure as night follows day, another election and its own cloud of smoke is coming up fast on the horizon, and this next one will have a far greater affect on your lives than the media-driven frenzy of the last election.

Which mayoral candidate is going to be the savior for property owners who are facing the largest real estate tax increases in the history of the Windy City?

In 2018, the entire City of Chicago was reassessed and a spot survey by The Home Front column found assessment increases of 40% to 112% on a group of small North Side and Northwest Side "Ma and Pa" apartment buildings. Last week, 79% of

Chicago referendum voters said they want a tax break for homeowners.

Most North Side apartment renters should expect hefty double-digit rent increases next year when landlords are hit with a sharply higher second installment of the 2018 tax bill when it comes due in Aug. 2019, experts say.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel says the city needs to raise hundreds of millions [billions actually] in new revenue to pay for pension shortfalls for teachers, police and firefighters. Get ready for a tough next decade neighbors, because Cook County and the State of Illinois both also need lots of new money for their own failing finances.

The Illinois Policy Institute reports that statewide pensions account for 45¢ of every extra dollar levied by school districts and local government between 1996 and 2016.

Green Street Advisors, a real estate research firm, has given Chicago the worst "fiscal health" score among top U.S. metropolitan areas because of its hefty pension debt.

The report noted that steep real estate tax increases lead to outmigration and even higher taxes—a "death spiral" for investors.

Although Chicago and Illinois already have hiked property and income taxes to cover budget shortfalls, Green Street warns that investors should brace for more hikes now that Democrat J.B. Pritzker beat incumbent Gov. Bruce Rauner in the recent election. With House Majority Leader Mike Madigan pulling the strings, overwhelmed taxpayers can expect to be bombarded by a number of dramatic new tax increase proposals in the new year.

It's time Chicago and Illinois face the inevitable catastrophic fiscal failure and think outside the box to raise the billions of dollars needed to balance the budget be-

fore property owners are driven out of town.

This writer suggests several possible partial progressive solutions to the pension and real estate tax crisis in Chicago and Illinois, including the following:

Legalizing and taxing marijuana could have both an economic and anti-crime benefit. It could create jobs and lessen some drug turf wars on the South Side and West Side.

• **Casino cash:** We need to build a world-class, Monte Carlo-style gambling casino in Chicago as a tourist attraction and tax it heavily. Many suburban gas stations, bars and golf club houses now have gambling machines in them. And, the casinos are everywhere but in Chicago. Why? (Well one reason why is that nobody trusts City Hall to run them on the up and up, but that's another story.)

• **Power of pot:** We need to legalize marijuana for personal use both in Illinois and Chicago, grow it in greenhouses on vacant city lots, and tax it heavily. Let's transform all the vacant storefronts in Chicago into licensed retail pot shops and affordable housing for the homeless.

Legalizing and taxing marijuana could have both an economic and anti-crime benefit. It could create jobs and lessen some drug turf wars on the South Side and West Side. (But nobody should think gang drug dealing will go away with legal pot since the city is not going to legalize heroin, crack, meth or opiates.)

Gery Chico, a surprisingly intuitive mayoral candidate, backs both the long-pursued casino, and legalized marijuana as a way to address the nearly \$1-billion in additional annual payments needed to bail out the underfund-

ed public employee pensions. He estimated that the casino could generate as much as \$300 million in city tax revenue a year, while legalized marijuana could reap a \$350 million to \$700 million tax benefit for the city and state.

Chico, a 62-year-old attorney who has been a City Hall lobbyist, president of the Chicago Board of Education, head of the Chicago Park District, chairman of the City Colleges of Chicago, and chairman of the Illinois State Board of Education, says the "city's financial crisis" needs to be tackled "head-on."

Chico ran for mayor in 2011 and lost to Rahm Emanuel. He also lost the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in 2004, a race won by then state Senator Barack Obama.

To reduce crime, Chico said he would emphasize community policing, and called the proposed federal consent decree on police reform a "crucial step" in improving the Chicago Police Dept.

Newly elected Gov. J.B. Pritzker also favors legalizing marijuana for recreational use. And, 88% of Chicago referendum voters last week said profits from marijuana sales should be earmarked for school funding and mental health. But buyer beware, the state told us that the Illinois Lottery would fund schools - so it's 'trust but verify' in all cases going forward.

Mayoral candidate Paul Vallas, an advocate of neighborhood development especially on the long-forgotten South and West sides, says he would redirect \$1-billion of Tax Increment Financing money to minority neighborhoods and away from downtown.

Vallas thinks this TIF money would generate \$10 billion in new investment on the forgotten sides of town, and help solve the affordable housing crisis.

This writer also suggests these other progressive suggestions:

• **Illegal weapons crackdown:** The city needs to stop the flow of illegal guns from Indiana to Chicago gangs. Chicago cops already have a computerized system of tracing gun activity in "hot" neighborhoods. What about National Guard checkpoints and searches for illegal guns at key intersections on the South Side and West Side? Last week, 90% of Cook County referendum voters said they favor state certification of gun dealers.

• **Red-light District tax:** Chicago should zone and legalize prostitution like Nevada, Amsterdam and Washington D.C. (OK, so Congress only seems to be full of legal prostitution). Let's license it and tax both the service providers and the receivers, especially as this industry transitions into sex robots in the near future.

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Never going back to my old school

Old Town School putting Armitage property up for sale

BY PATRICK BUTLER

The Old Town School of Folk Music [OTS] announced plans to sell its landmark building at 909 W. Armitage to fund a hoped for \$10 million endowment to cover general operations.

With interest rates now on the rise and real estate on Armitage Ave. in Lincoln Park at all time highs, it does seem like a good time to sell. And due to the nearby Lincoln Yards development, real estate speculators willing to drop big dollars on that property will not be hard to find. The school has hired Michael Marks, managing director of Cushman & Wakefield, to sell the building.

But a growing number of students, alumni and teachers apparently don't plan to go quietly. Opponents of the proposed sale have reportedly collected more than 3,700 signatures on a petition to save the old school building.

On Nov. 10, more than 100 protesters armed with guitars massed in front of the landmark school urging a halt to any plans to sell the property, at least for the immediate future.

In return, the protesters promised to "work with the board to fill this building and all the other buildings (owned by the OTS seven days a week, with people making a joyful noise together."

At one point, the protesters were asked to "raise your hand if the OTS seriously changed your life."

Numerous hands shot up immediately.

With everyone's help, the rally's organizers predicted, the OTS could once again experience its golden days.

Opponents of the proposed sale including longtime student Rich Gordon are demanding a change in leadership, blaming financial problems partly on the school's moving its main campus in 1998 to the former Hild Library building at 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

The truth is that the school isn't yet suffering from financial problems, but income has leveled off.

By 2012 the OTS was teaching 6,000 students a week and planned to increase the number of classes offered. The school was reportedly the largest music academy of its kind in the country. Now the OTS serves more than 13,000 students and welcomes in more than 189,000 attendees to its classes, lessons, camps, school partnerships, concerts, festivals, workshops and events.

However in recent years, Executive Director Bau Graves conceded money has been tight, partly because of the increasing ability of online music lessons. Indeed online learning has hamstrung a number of bricks and mortar schools.

School officials reportedly said enrollment went down between



The Old Town School of Folk Music was started 61 years ago in a second-floor studio in the Old Immigrant Bank building at 333 W. North Ave. It first moved onto Armitage Ave. [above] then finally expanded into Lincoln Square.

the years 2014 and 2017.

"Of course we're struggling. We're a nonprofit organization," Graves told the Chicago Tribune.

In a statement issued after the board meeting's decision to put the landmark up for sale, Graves said classes will continue at the

Graves disputed allegations in the protesters' petition that the OTS was about to go belly-up, but declined to comment other than to say there were "inaccuracies" and in some cases "outright falsehoods" in almost every paragraph of the protesters' complaint.

Lincoln Park campus until the building is sold, which is expected to happen sometime in mid-2019. Most of the classes will then be moved to the Lincoln Square campus.

The school also plans to open an arts and wellness program on the South and West Sides and launch new programs with a digital production and contemporary music and movement focus.

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"We recognize there is a passionate community and we will continue to listen and read comments as we work through developing a transition process together," said Dave Zibell, an OTS spokesman.

He emphasized, however, that "we are not selling the Armitage location to balance the operating budget. An endowment is important for any non-profit's long term success."

The Old Town School of Folk Music was started 61 years ago in a second-floor studio in the Old Immigrant Bank building at 333 W. North Ave., mostly because WLS National Barn Dance personality and children's entertainer "Uncle Win" Stracke wondered why there was no school for aspiring folk singers at a time when folk music's popularity was just beginning to skyrocket.

The school moved a few years later to the Alden Building, built

State cautions investors about marijuana-related investment scams

Secretary of State Jesse White is cautioning investors to be aware of schemes and risks associated with potentially fraudulent marijuana-related investments.

Investments in marijuana business ventures nationwide are becoming more common now and fraudsters are attempting to use the increased publicity to convince investors to hand over money for risky or outright fraudulent marijuana ventures.

"People should do their homework before investing in any fund or venture," White said. "Remember if you don't understand the investment or it sounds too good to be true, then you probably shouldn't invest in it."

When considering a marijuana-related investment, White advises the public to look at the investor advisory issued by the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), which is posted on the office's Securities Department website www.avoidthescam.net.

The advisory includes information about common marijuana-related investment schemes and the unique risks associated with these investments. For example, pump-and-dump schemes are those where fraudsters disseminate false information to increase or pump up the price of the stock and then sell or dump their shares

at the inflated price before investors find out the stock is worthless.

Recent history serves as a good teacher on how to avoid weed scams, because 2018's flash of interest in pot stocks really amounts to "Green Gold Rush 2.0." The first Green Gold Rush came around 2012, when Colorado and Washington voters first OK'd legal cannabis sales to adults.

At the time, a plethora of weed-related penny stocks went public through reverse mergers. These names took investors on a wild ride by at first rising many times over, but then losing a collective 97% of their value from peak to trough.

Investors should also understand that even legitimate marijuana start-up companies are risky and investors may not be able to cash out of the investment for many years and may risk losing their initial investment if the company does not succeed.

White urges investors who are victims of marijuana-related investments or any other fraudulent investment schemes to file a complaint with the Securities Dept. Before investing, investors should verify if an investment adviser or a broker is registered and has a disciplinary history.

For more information call 800-628-7937.

in 1896 and originally known as Broonzy Hall. The building is now a city landmark.

Former Executive Director Jim Hirsch undertook the campaign to move the school to a new facility in the old Hild Library in Lincoln Square, then raised the \$10 million needed to build out the new 43,000 square-foot school. The new OTS building was dedicated on Sept. 18, 1998, with a concert by Joni Mitchell and Peter Dinklage. The school also bought

property across the street and opened up an annex, and that Lincoln Square real estate footprint is perhaps the biggest way the school can now afford to give up their 13,000 square-foot building in Lincoln Park.

Dating back to the 1880s, the building, originally called the Aldine, is part of a city landmark district, preventing it from being torn down or the facade modified in a significant way.



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ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Jeremy Mulderig is an emeritus professor of English at DePaul University and was for twenty-five years a docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation. He also lived and worked for more than two decades in the now-vanished McGaw Hall.



Vintage Garage on the road for first pop-up show

For the first time in two years, Uptown's Vintage Garage will be holding its Vintage Holiday Market as a pop-up show 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at St. Andrews Church in Edgewater, 5649 N. Sheridan Rd.

The show will offer vintage holiday merchandise and plenty of great gifts like vintage jewelry,

antiques, vintage decor, vintage coats, plaid, vintage clothing, vintage toys, and vinyl.

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Cook County judges ordered to take sexual harassment class as Criminal Court judge is yanked from the bench

A Cook County Criminal Court judge has been re-assigned to administrative duties and ordered to undergo anger management counseling following an out-of-court incident that involved another judge. Additionally, all Cook County judges have been ordered to undergo an online sexual harassment management class. News of the reassignment and mandatory training came in a flurry of court emails, memos, and press releases on Monday evening.

Judge William H. Hooks, 65, was removed from his seat on the Criminal Court and reassigned to handle administrative work at the Markham courthouse while being "mentored" by Circuit Court Judges Sharon M. Sullivan and Tommy Brewer, Chief Judge Timothy Evans announced on Monday. The announcement was made after Hooks appeared with an attorney before the Court's Executive Committee to "[offer] his version of the alleged events."

A Special Order of the Court issued after the hearing removed Hooks from the bench and said Hooks "acted in such a manner as to create a hostile work environment for another judge" in violation of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 61.

Rule 61 states "a judge should participate in establishing, maintaining, and enforcing, and should personally observe, high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary may be preserved."

The other judge has been identified by a newspaper source as a female judge in the Criminal Division. This newspaper is withholding the jurist's name as she is considered a victim in the matter.

The Special Order also requires Hooks to "receive anger management counseling designed to address and remedy the alleged conduct." Hooks was said to have "expressed contrition" at the Executive Committee hearing.



Judge William H. Hooks

The committee referred the matter to the state Judicial Inquiry Board.

A copy of the Special Order was provided to this reporter by a source who requested anonymity because they are not authorized to speak publicly about court matters. Neither Evans' statement nor the Executive Committee's Special Order detailed the allegations against Hooks.

Evans sent a separate memo to judges on Monday in which he announced that they would each "soon be the beneficiary of harassment prevention training."

"The online training highlights all the important aspects of sexual harassment including definition, types, reporting, and retaliation."

Evans' memo to judges did not draw a connection between the mandatory sexual harassment training and Hooks' alleged behavior.

Hooks has been a judge since 2008 and was retained by the voters in 2016.

Illinois Bicentennial celebration Dec. 3 at the United Center

Illinois Bicentennial Officials and Commissioners have hosting Illinois' 200th birthday celebration at the United Center on Dec. 3. The event will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Illinois' recognition as the 21st state of the union.

Illinois celebrities and contributors in all walks of life, including entertainment, sports, politics and more will be invited to participate. Initial talent confirmed to participate include, Members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Styx, Blues legend Buddy Guy, the Chicago Bears, Olympic

Champion Jackie Joyner Kersee, Bill Kurtis and Joe Mantegna.

Journalist Bill Kurtis will emcee the party.

The theme of the year-long Bicentennial Celebration will be on display during the United Center gala, and event organizers will showcase the people, places and things that have been born, built and grown in Illinois over the last 200 years.

A special Veterans commemoration, hosted by Illinois' Joe Mantegna, will recognize the sacrifice Illinoisans have made over 200 years. There will be recogni-

tion of the Bicentennial's Honor 200, Veterans chosen across the state for going above and beyond service to their fellow Veterans, with a performance by members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The evening's programming will mix historical video and live entertainment, including musical performances by an array of Illinois artists of different genres, including performances by Styx and other to be announced musical guests.

Additionally, the event will reflect on great events in Illinois sports, including a look back at the birth of the NFL, which had its roots at the Univ. of Illinois with Papa Bear George Halas and Red Grange, as well as a presentation entitled 'Chicago - The City of Champions', a salute to all of the professional championship teams featuring players, trophies and special guests.

Other segments are being developed and invitations to many celebrities are being extended ensuring this could be a night to remember for the next 200 years. The evening finale will chronicle the story of how Jazz and Blues migrated from Louisiana through East St. Louis and to Chicago. A tribute to Chicago Blues will feature a performance by Buddy Guy and his band. At 81 years old, Guy continues to be the King of Chicago Blues.

Tickets are on sale now at the United Center Box Office and Ticketmaster.com.

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Ft. Dearborn Massacre remembered in history program



The Fort Dearborn Massacre is depicted on the bridge tower of the Michigan Ave. Bridge.

BY PATRICK BUTLER

For the past 20 years or so, actor, playwright and historical narrator Joseph Geringer has been more of a time-traveler than a conventional storyteller.

He's introduced Chicagoans of all ages to the Real Untouchables, shown us Jean Lafitte, America's best-known "patriotic pirate," and delved into some of the still unanswered questions surrounding the Lincoln Assassination.

He's even produced a full-length drama about the theatrical Booth family (that's John Wilkes and Edmund Booth) titled "All Those Damn Booths are Crazy," then moves on to a 1920's style comedy, "Near to Me: An Irish Gangster's Love Story," set in Southwest Side Chicago.

"It's a memory play, really, based partly on my family that lived in St. Sabina's parish in the 20s and based partly on real events that neighbors remembered years later," Geringer said.

Indeed, the past always seems like yesterday to Geringer, who's Irish mother "drummed into my head the value and color of history," he said.

And like a psychic tour guide more than a mere history lecturer, Geringer recently took a roomful of North Siders at the Sulzer Library back 206 years to the Ft. Dearborn

massacre – at a time when all seemed right with the world. At least along the shores of Lake Michigan.

"Every single day, at dusk you'd stop, whether you were a red man or a white man, take off your hat, stop whatever you were doing as an Army bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" as the American flag flying over the fort was lowered at sunset."

Everyone enjoyed the moment.

"Black Partridge, one of the leading chiefs, and other Pottawatomie Indians thought nothing of walking into the fort and heading for the barracks or even the commander's office to play cards or chess with the troops," Geringer said.

"You'd see soldiers fishing and hunting and even going to church together," he added, noting that while the Indians prayed to their god, they were always asking questions about the Christian God and stories from the Bible – especially stories about miracles – like how Jesus turned water into wine and how Moses separated the Red Sea.

"One Indian was seen trying to part the waters of Lake Michigan with his bow," Geringer said.

Even when the Army came to build the fort near what is now Michigan Ave. and the Chicago River, the Indians hurried to help the soldiers chop the timbers and put them in place, Geringer added.

In 1812, Fort Dearborn was a strategic location for the United States. The nation had doubled its size with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, and the federal government needed a military presence on the western frontier.

But all wasn't right with the world in Chicago or anywhere else during that Summer, Geringer said, noting that "England, jolly old England, wanted desperately to reclaim the land and The Great Lakes they lost to the Americans 30 years earlier in the Revolutionary War.

"The English were meeting with Indian chiefs all along the Great Lakes to get them to strike the Americans, telling them how the whites had been cheating them all along," reminding them that if they sided with "King George, he'd reward them with medals and silver coins," Geringer said, adding that "while some of the Indians – especially the younger ones – listened, most of the local Pottawattamie Tribe wanted no part of a war with their American friends.

With the declaration of war against the



Danish-American sculptor Carl Rohl-Smith, who was classically trained in Europe, was commissioned in 1893 by George M. Pullman to work on this bronze memorial that commemorated the Fort Dearborn Massacre, and would stand on Pullman's property at 18th St. and Calumet Ave. He would create his masterpiece, "Black Partridge Saving Mrs. Helm."

British, the U.S. commander ordered Capt. Nathan Heald to evacuate Fort Dearborn.

But just before the American troops started to evacuate the fort, they seemingly reneged on a promise to leave the Pottawattamie any rifles, gun powder, and food they left behind. Instead it was all thrown into the river. Relations with their Indian friends quickly turned sour, especially among the younger braves who were just itching for a fight, Geringer said.

On the morning of Aug. 15, 1812, a party

of men, women, children, and soldiers left the fort with the intention of marching to Fort Wayne, IN. When they reached a spot near 18th St. the party was attacked and massacred.

Geringer says that the local Pottawattamie tribe was not the main instigators of the attack, but that visiting young braves from other Midwestern tribes had arrived in the preceding month stirred up by agitators after the tribes found themselves pulled in two separate directions – having to choose to side with the British or with the Americans during the war.

The attack lasted about 15 minutes, after which Heald and the surviving soldiers withdrew to an area of elevated ground on the prairie. They surrendered to the Native Americans who took them as prisoners

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to their camp near Fort Dearborn and the fort was burned to the ground. The region remained empty of U.S. citizens until after the war ended. Some of the prisoners died in captivity, while others were later ransomed. The fort was rebuilt by the US Army in 1816.

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Surprise unveiling honoring Mother Cabrini

On Thursday, Oct. 18, more than 140 people gathered at the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini for a documentary screening of Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint.

The film presents a living portrait of Mother Cabrini that attempts to showcase her relevance in an ever-changing world.

The evening began at 6 p.m. with light refreshments followed by the 7 p.m. screening. The director and producer, Lucia Mauro and Joe Orlandino, were present for the event.

The night did not end after the screening: Attendees were surprised with an unveiling of the special city tribute marker recently created to honor Cabrini on the parkway near her national shrine on Lakeview Avenue.

Her tribute marker was made



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint Writer/Director Lucia Mauro and Shrine Director Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC.

by a local graphics designer and portrays Mother Cabrini's contributions to the city and world.

Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] unveiled the marker, and Deacon Bill Pyrek offered a blessing.



Lee's lower limbs are paralyzed due to a spinal injury.

Photo by Anjali Pinto



Chicago has lots of parking spots for people with disabilities.

Photo by Shawn Campbell

Chicago lacks some basic disability resources, national report finds

BY COLLEEN ZEWE
Medill News Service

Though Chicago offers a walkable, wheelchair accessible city, people with disabilities struggle to find affordable housing and 30% of those with a disability live in poverty here, a national report finds.

The findings are part of WalletHub's annual "Best & Worst Cities for People with Disabilities," released during National Disability Awareness Month. Legally, cities must be accessible to all, regardless of ability. Yet despite laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, many Chicagoans with disabilities face employment struggles.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in four U.S. adults have a disability that impacts their daily activities. WalletHub's report analyzed how well cities serve these people on aspects such as finances, health care access and quality of life. Chicago ranked 35 out of 182 cities overall, but the city received disappointing scores on factors such as income, employment rate and cost of living. Top scorers include Overland Park, Kansas and San Francisco, while New Orleans and Dallas placed poorly in most categories. Chicago's overall ranking of 35 outpaced New York City (39), Washington D.C. (45), Los Angeles (83), and Boston (142).

Overall, Chicago did well on

scores related to walkability and healthcare quality. Thanks to large university health systems, Chicago offers some of the country's top doctors. The Mayor's Office for People With Disabilities [MOPD] also offers in-home aid for personal health, housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping and money management, but these services are limited to four hours a week.

Chicago's health care costs are much higher than other cities, and because Chicago offers no disability insurance program, 14% of Chicagoans are uninsured.

"I think health care in Chicago is severely lacking," said Michele Lee, a financial analyst who advocates for disability rights. "It is expensive, and so frustrating with red tape and bureaucracy. It takes upwards of a year to get a new wheelchair. It's impossible to get prompt appointments for doctors, and many private practices are not accessible and deny services to wheelchair users."

Chicago could also do better with employment. Thanks to federal laws passed in 1973 and 1990, financial assistance programs and employers cannot discriminate against people with disabilities. Yet the report found that the employment rate for such people in Chicago is only 77%, and their average annual income is \$22,241. The federal poverty level for a family of four is \$25,100.

According to WalletHub analyst Jill Gonzalez, the high unemployment rate comes despite financial incentives and legal requirements to hire people with disabilities.

"The IRS does offer tax incentives for hiring people with disabilities," Gonzalez said. "There are tax credits to encourage employers to hire qualified workers who have a disability."

It may seem odd that the city has both high and low scores, but

Gonzalez said that juxtaposition is normal in big cities.

"Larger cities may have more job opportunities and better options in terms of healthcare and entertainment, but they also come with a higher cost of living," she said. "Greater distances can also make living more difficult for people with disabilities. On the other hand, smaller cities can be more affordable for disabled residents, but it may be harder to find a job, or have access to quality healthcare."

Skokie, for example, offers a number of personal disability services through the town's Human Services Division. They have support groups for those who are hard of hearing or have low vision, canes, walkers, crutches and wheelchairs to borrow, reserved residential parking and home delivered meals.

Meanwhile, MOPD offers services that are more logistical, such as social security information. The office also works to improve accessible voting, and ensures the city and its businesses are comply with federal and local disability laws and regulations through various initiatives.

Suzen Riley, of Oak Park, is disabled due to a brain injury and rheumatology disorders. She sees unemployment as an issue in the disability community, and said that most people with disabilities rely on Medicaid.

"Most people I know do not have jobs," Riley, 55, said. "Since most people I know do not have jobs, health care is free."

MOPD has an Employee Services Unit, which counsels people on their social security benefits as well resume reviews and job readiness training.

Lee believes more can be done for disability employment.

"In my experience, most people with disabilities in Chicago are on public health insurance and are unemployed or underemployed, as in only considered for low level or entry positions with no consideration for promotion or advancement," said Lee, 36.

However, Chicago does shine in accessible transportation. MOPD partners with the CTA for the All Stations Accessibility Program. All CTA bus lines are wheelchair accessible, and all but

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From Prairie to Performance Hall

An architectural history of 2300 block of N. Halsted St.

DePaul University's Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative (LPCRI) will host its fall 2018 program, "From Prairie to Performance Hall: An Architectural History of the 2300 Block of N. Halsted St." on Thursday, Nov. 29. The event will be held at the new Holtschneider Performance Center, 2330 N. Halsted.

The LPCRI fall program will feature a slide and lecture presentation that examines how the succession of buildings on the site of the Holtschneider Performance Center reflects 150 years of Lincoln Park's evolving needs and changing architectural tastes. Jeremy Mulderig, PhD, an emeritus professor of English at DePaul Univ. will present the lecture. Mulderig was a docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation for 25 years. He also lived and worked for more than two decades in the now-vanished McGaw Hall.

A reception will begin at 6:15 p.m., which will include light refreshments, with the program beginning at 7 p.m. Though admission is free, attendees must RSVP by registering online at <http://bit.ly/LPCRIFA18> or by emailing cgr@depaul.edu. The event is easily accessible by public transportation and parking is available at the Lincoln Commons Garage at 2316 N. Lincoln, for \$10.

Founded during the DePaul Centennial (1998-1999), the LPCRI is a partnership of Lincoln Park community organizations, businesses and DePaul Univ. The goal of the initiative is to collect, document and preserve the shared history of DePaul Univ. and the Lincoln Park community. The educational programs, which are held in the spring and fall, examine the diverse cultural and political issues of the community and city at large.



More than 140 people attended a Chicago River cruise, co-sponsored by Artis Senior living, that was inspired by the work of Kathy Shoaf, a geriatric neurology nurse and owner of Elite Cruises and Vacations Travel, a travel service catering to the needs of people with cognitive impairment.



Two memory care centers host dementia-friendly cruise on the Chicago River

BY MATT WOOD
UChicagoMedicine

With the sound of its horn, the new glass-topped Odyssey Chicago boat embarked on a special cruise on the Chicago River on Oct. 2, for people with memory impairment, their caregivers and family members.

The first of its kind in Chicago, the cruise was organized by the University of Chicago Memory Care Center, which provides specialized, compassionate care for people with Alzheimer's disease, dementia and memory loss. More than 140 people attended the event, which was co-sponsored by Artis Senior Living.

The cruise was inspired by the work of Kathy Shoaf, a geriatric neurology nurse and owner of Elite Cruises and Vacations Travel, a travel service catering to the needs of people with cognitive impairment, their caregivers and family members. Staff members were specially trained to accommodate all guests and approach them with a sense of understanding for their unique needs.

The idea for the cruise was born from a conversation between Tessa McEwen, a social worker at the UChicago Medicine Memory Center and Amy Keefner of Artis Senior Living, both members of the Dementia Friendly IL Subcommittee, after the two reflected on how Chicago residents might love a version of Shoaf's cruises in their very own city.

"Our patients and their care partners consistently tell us that they are seeking creative opportunities to spend their time,

but it can be challenging because others may not understand, or it is not accessible," McEwen said. "This is one unique way to have both: everyone can let their hair down and simply enjoy the skyline views on this brand new vessel."

This event was open to both UChicago Medicine patients and members of the community. Artis Senior Living made it possible for the first 60 people with memory impairment to attend completely free of charge. Live entertainment on board was provided by Chuck Evans, a board-certified music therapist, and the Hyde Park Art Center donated adult coloring books to pass the time. Free transportation for guests was provided by SHARE Network Chicago (a project of the UChicago Medicine Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine), the Chicago Hyde Park Village and Great Lakes Clinical Trials.

After two hours of conversation, music, refreshments and spectacular views of Chicago's downtown, the Odyssey returned to its dock by the NBC Tower.

The first of its kind in Chicago, the cruise was organized by the University of Chicago Memory Care Center, which provides specialized, compassionate care for people with Alzheimer's disease, dementia and memory loss.

"The cruise was fantastic," said one attendee. "It was a wonderful way for me and my husband to do something 'normal' in a safe, friendly environment. Thank you for doing this for my husband, me and everyone else. You are a blessing."

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APOSTLE from p. 2

UTE: Making it happen 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Park West when Nashville recording artist **Doug Allan Nash** headlines “The **Johnny Cash/Neil Diamond** Holiday Tribute Show,” a captivating musical entertainment featuring Nash’s A-List Big Band.

OPEN STUDIO: Anyone who would like to stop by The O’Gorman Studio and have a look at some very reasonably priced works of art are invited to do so on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1059 N. Winchester. Park in the garage apron on Thomas St. and enter the studio through the side gate. Call 312-735-8101 if you need assistance.

AVERAGE LUNCH CROWD: The Four Season’s **Don Hyder** taking in a Gibson’s lunch with all the trimmings... **Diane O’Connell** tackling the baby back ribs for lunch, after having a sip at the table of **Steve Lombardo** and **Johnny Colletti** ... later Circuit Court favorite **Judge Irv Sulganic**, all under the watchful eye of **Mario Miles**.

MORE SERVICE CLUB GALA: Front and center for Chicago’s most glamorous and far impacting charity gala, “Let’s Roar Together,” a 1920s evening where the heavy lifters dazzled in chic couture. Service Club’s President, **Tracey Tarantino DiBuono**, beyond elegant, had a hit on her hands. And the Gala’s co-chairs sparkled, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Sally Jo Morris** and **Jamie Thorsen**,



Sherry Lea Fox and Vonita Reescor co-chaired the Service Club’s Book Event at the Arts Club with Writer Hutton Wilkenson.

at the Four Seasons Hotel. Chicago women of vision and courage who make such a difference everyday, **Gerri Kahnweiler**, **Susan Whiting**, **Dori Wilson** and **Karen Zupko**, were honored for their impact on City’s commercial, philanthropic and service life. Seen twirling on the dance floor **Sean Eshaghy**, **Mamie Walton**, **Cynthia Olson** in her glam red wig, the chair ladies in their gilded roadster, lovely **Vonita Reescor**,

Bobbi Panter, **Bobbi Panter** and **Jim Jacobson**, joined by **Mateo Tomas** and **Jennifer Renee** (gold encrusted). **Kevin Sullivan** is grateful he had the best team of Gala workers who made the night run smooth. **Eduardo Carrera**, **Crystal Perez**, **Adrienne**

Squires and **Francisco Perez**. A team that is remarkable.

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS: **Sherry Lea Fox** and **Vonita Reescor** co-chaired the Service Club of Chicago’s Education Book Event at the Arts Club with **Bobbi Panter**. Writer **Hutton Wilkenson**

was on hand to present his very glamorous “Dawnridge,” designer **Tony Duquette’s** legendary manse, located in Beverly Hills, one of the most creatively designed private homes in America. Built in 1949 by Duquette and his wife, **Elizabeth**, the original structure was a modest 30 x 30-foot box. Wilkinson purchased the home following Duquette’s death in 1999, and he has since breathed new life into the estate. He was a huge hit.

BANDING TOGETHER: The sound of “Artificially Hip” is banding together for the Blessed Sacrament Youth Center for a show 7 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 17, at The Kenilworth Club, 410 Kenilworth Ave., Kenilworth.

WHO’S WHERE?: Farmhouse’s **TJ Callahan** at his Wisconsin farm, still harvesting apples... **Myra Reilly** at the Cliff Dwellers... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** playing in Puerto Vallarta... **Patricia Bidwill** in Paris getting the jump on Christmas shopping... **Brian Relf** at Dunkin’ Donuts in Medellin, Columbia... **Rose O’Neill**, **Mary Jo McGuire** (Butch’s) and **Brian O’Brien**, Irish Consul General, at Ralph Lauren Bar and Grill... Busy **Jim Kinney** was back from Boston in time to meet **William Cavendish**, the Earl of Burlington, (heir to the Duke of Devonshire) for a talk on Lismore Castle in Ireland for the Royal Oak Foundation.

BVD DELICIOUS: The well-known boss at a popular restaurant got a huge surprise on Halloween when he discovered that



James Kinney, with William Cavendish, the Earl of Burlington.



Tracey Tarantino DiBuono with husband, restaurateur Joe DiBuono.



Open studio Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1059 N. Winchester.

many of the decorative pumpkins around his eatery contained his used boxers.

NOLI ME TANGERE: What Chicago attorney acknowledges that he touched a few things he shouldn’t have on a young female attorney he hired four years ago? But he also says that since then she has used his indiscretion as a way of holding on to him, she leads around town by the nose. She’s a mover. He’s married and has four teens. Do the windows open in the Prudential Building?

READERS WRITE: **Shirley Baugher:** Thank you, I so look forward to receiving your column every week.

Hansen Connery Murray Heritage: Taking us through the byways, not highways, around town whilst telling us who too is taking them and where and why!

Mary Lou Chellman: I want



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to ride with Mossy... Love the stories!

Sherrill Bodine: Always fun to read your observations. And charmed by your recognition of dear friends and their special moments.

Scott Seaman: Good manners, **Tom Dreesen**, **Frank Sinatra**, and so much more — no column could be bigger, better, or more grand.

Linda Matlow: Excellent column! I think we’re the only country that ‘wears their thoughts’ on a t-shirt. Tacky.

Janet Owen: Your feature on manners and dressing is one that I will keep forever. My office is at the corner of Michigan and Oak and when I see the Summer crowd walking down Michigan Ave. in their bathing suits, I want to cry. It is a sad state of affairs when baseball caps, t-shirts and shorts are an American way of dressing in public and dining. I could not agree with your every word more. Kudos to those who make an effort in the morning to present themselves to the world in a civilized fashion! Great feature.

Lynda Silverman: Education and style. Seems to be out of fashion. We have to keep trying or all is lost.

Paula Borg: Great article, definitely showing a coarsening of our culture. And thank you so much for mentioning Earlybirds & Bookworms- we are delighted you could attend, especially so early.

Dance like it hurts, love like you need money, work when people are watching.

— **Scott Adams**

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Zoo works to save Puerto Rican parrot from brink of extinction

While once abundant across the island of Puerto Rico, in 1975 the population of Puerto Rican parrots fell to only 13 birds. A captive breeding program at two aviaries prevented extinction by releasing birds into the wild, which has been key to the species' recovery. Thanks to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Puerto Rico Dept. of Natural and Environmental Resources, and the Lincoln Park Zoo, the aviary population has now reached more than 450 individuals.

However, recent devastation from Hurricanes Irma and Maria took a toll on the wild population. Unique conservation challenges, solutions, and successes such as those experienced in this project will be shared this week as Lincoln Park Zoo hosts the Wildlife Reintroduction Conference.

The general public will have an opportunity to engage with world conservation leaders at Wine & Wildlife event 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at Café Brauer, 2021 N. Stockton Dr. The event will feature Mark Stanley Price who is an expert in the field of wildlife reintroduction and successfully reintroduced Arabian oryx to their native habitat after being extinct in the wild for 20 years. Tickets are \$17.

For more than a decade, the zoo has been working to ensure the survival of the critically endangered Puerto Rican parrot using science-based management. Since 2007, the zoo has provided population analyses to support the Parrot Recovery Program. The zoo's Population Management Center has also assumed a role in ensuring the growth, health, genetic



The release of the aviary-bred parrots into the wild by Lincoln Park Zoo staff and volunteers is a sophisticated scientific process where researchers monitor hatches and chick development with infrared cameras inside nests, then use radio telemetry to follow birds for several months after release.

diversity and longevity of the Puerto Rican parrot population.

Zoo scientists use demographic and genetic analyses to help aviary managers determine which parrots to pair in order to maintain the highest level of genetic diversity within the population. Specialized software programs, developed by zoo scientists, help aviaries make these decisions and also maintain precise records of individuals' life histories from birth to eventual release into the wild.

The release of the aviary-bred parrots into the wild is also a sophisticated scientific process. Researchers monitor hatches and chick development with infrared cameras inside nests. They also use radio telemetry to follow birds for several months after release to determine survival rates and habitat preferences.

"Thankfully, the aviary parrot

population remained safe during Hurricane Maria due to the 'hurricane room's' and it's staff," said Lisa Faust, Vice President of Conservation and Science. "The wild population did see some setbacks, [so] it is important to help the population and use science to ensure they can survive in this changing island ecosystem."

While there have been several high-profile successful reintroductions over the past decades including Puerto Rican parrots, California condors, black-footed ferrets and golden lion tamarins, many reintroduction programs have been wrought with challenges. More than 40 speakers, including many notable wildlife experts, will present new research findings to foster collaborations and improve the success rates of future reintroduction programs during the International Wildlife Reintroduction Conference.

HONEY from p. 3

Luncheon at the Hilton Chicago with featured keynote speaker Jill Kargman. As always it was a heart-warming event, emceed by Second City writer/actress/comedian/producer Maggie Smith. More than 1,000 attendees helped raise more than \$975,000 to help advance the treatment of breast cancer in the hopes of one day finding a cure.

Lynn Sage was a Lakeview High School alum -- as well as a wife, mother, daughter and beloved friend -- who was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 33, losing the battle at age 39. Since its inception in 1985, the LSCRF has raised more than \$34 million toward advancing the understanding of breast cancer.

At the luncheon, Pink Ribbon Awards were presented to two-time breast cancer survivor, Elizabeth Kirk, who received the "Warrior" award; Nora M. Hansen, MD, chief of breast surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hosp. was given the "Hero" award. Breast cancer survivors attending were honored with the "Survivor" award and LSCRF founders were bestowed the "Founders" award. The award ceremony was followed by a Q&A with actress/author Kargman, who recently underwent a double mastectomy due to the CHEK2 gene, which is linked to increased risk for breast



The Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation (LSCRF) recent 33rd Anniversary Fall Benefit Luncheon at the Hilton Chicago raised more than \$975K. Left to right: Janie Goldberg-Dicks, president of Margie Korshak Inc., with featured keynote speaker Jill Kargman and PR maven Margie Korshak.

cancer.

Event proceeds support innovative breast cancer research, fellowships and educational programs at Northwestern Medicine and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern Univ.

Presents anyone?... Lincoln Park artist Michele Williams will be selling her art pins and greeting cards, as well as her very adorable autobiography at the holiday craft sale at Gallery 1070, 1070 W. Granville Ave. in Edgewater. Eight artists will participate in an

art show and silent auction from 12 to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Stop by and say hi if you see Williams.

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Mosaic pothole artist Jim Bachor.

Artist behind mosaic potholes to speak during two-day event

Mosaic pothole artist Jim Bachor will be present at a two-day, free event titled "This is Not a Pothole. Anymore." Friday and Saturday at Scheme gallery, 3828 N. Lincoln Ave.

Bachor is behind the mosaic pothole art that has been popping up in Chicago, and around the country, since 2013.

His latest pothole installation, titled "The Actual Chicken That Crossed the Road," was created in early October and lies in the 4200 block of N. Wolcott Ave. in North Center.

The coming event which will include a print release party for the most recent piece. Bachor also will debut his new mosaic art series "Dinners for 3" and offer a presentation about his mosaic art and the evolution of the pothole

project.

Copies of Bachor's "Pothole Art Book," prints, posters, hats and pins will be available for purchase and personalization by the

artist.

The two-day event begins 6-8 p.m. Friday with a print release party, mini exhibition and artist reception. There will be 30 limited-edition signed and numbered prints of the latest pothole installation, and light refreshments will

be served.

Bachor will give a visual presentation and artist talk about his mosaic work and the pothole project, followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience, 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

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Police Beat....

Wrigleyville menace charged with robbery, theft from suburban man

A suburban man told police that he was robbed by a man in Wrigleyville who took his phone and then used an app to transfer money from his bank account to the offender's.

The victim told police that he was approached by Marcell Townsend in the 3500 block of N. Clark early on Nov. 4.



Marcell Townsend

Townsend transferred \$950 from the victim's bank to Townsend's own account. Townsend then gave the man his phone back and left, the victim said.

The victim showed police the Venmo app on his phone and officers verified that \$950 had been transferred to Marcell Townsend, "a known offender" that they had just seen up the street, according to their report.

Townsend was stopped in the 3600 block of N. Clark and he immediately promised to transfer all of the money back if the victims would not press charges.

But, darn the luck, Townsend had "technical issues with his Venmo," police said. Townsend was arrested. Again. Judge David Navarro set his bail at \$5,000. So far, Townsend has been unable to come up with the \$500 he needs to bail out.

Robbery team strikes three convenience stores early Sunday

A robbery crew held-up three convenience stores Nov. 11—two in Lincoln Park and one in Wicker Park. The store clerks all reported being punched by the offenders, but no one was seriously injured. No suspects are in custody.

The first robbery was reported at 1:40 a.m. by an employee of 7-Eleven at 1508 N. Damen. He told police that three men entered the store, one punched him in the face, and another claimed to have a gun. The crew took money and merchandise, then climbed into a black sedan that fled westbound.

Police said the offenders were three black men in their late 20's who were wearing ski masks. They are all between 5'-10" and 6' tall.

Then, at 5:25 a.m., a 7-Eleven clerk reported being punched and robbed by three masked men at the 2619 N. Clark location. The men took merchandise and the register contents, then fled south on Clark. Police said the victim offered offender descriptions that were identical to the Wicker Park crew.

Finally, at 5:34 a.m., another Lincoln Park 7-Eleven was robbed at 1349 W. Fullerton. Again, the store employee reported that three men entered the store and took his wallet and phone, the register contents, and Newport cigarettes before running away southbound on Wayne Ave. The offender descriptions were identical to the other two cases, except the men were said to have worn bandanas over their faces instead of ski masks.

Man threatened passengers with hatchet at Belmont Red Line CTA station

Nearly a month after CTA passengers at the Belmont Red Line station were threatened by a man who wielded a hatchet, Chicago police have made an arrest in the case.

Gary O. Smith, 39, was arrested last Sunday as he stood in a bus shelter at Clark and Division, according to police. Patrol officers recognized him as the suspect who was wanted in connection with the hatchet incident.

Around 6:45 a.m. on Oct. 10, Smith displayed a hatchet on the Belmont platform and told a 35-year-old man, "Imma f*ck you up," police said. A CTA worker also reported seeing Smith "menacing" the man as well as other CTA patrons, according to police. No one was injured.

Smith slipped away from the Belmont station before officers arrived, but investigators generated a police bulletin about the incident that included surveillance images taken by cameras at the Belmont stop.

Prosecutors charged Smith with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, reckless conduct, and probation violation. Judge Anthony Calabrese set his bail at \$25,000.

Edgewater: 7-Eleven clerk locks doors to keep violent mugger away from victim

A Mount Vernon man who grabbed a 22-year-old woman by her backpack, threw her to the ground, and punched her repeatedly in the face during a robbery in Edgewater Nov. 4 is being held without bond, according to prosecutors and court records.

The victim was walking in the 5500 block of N. Kenmore around 6:30 a.m. when Dameon Traylor grabbed her



Dameon Traylor

backpack from behind and threw her to the ground, police said. Prosecutors say the woman tried to get up several times, but Traylor shoved her to ground each time and began punching her in the face.

With the woman still on the ground, Traylor allegedly began going through her backpack and taking valuables. He then fled.

The woman ran to a nearby 7-Eleven for help. Traylor followed her to the store and the clerk locked the front door to keep him away from the victim, police said.

Several 911 callers and witnesses directed responding officers to Traylor, who was still outside the convenience store when they arrived. He was holding the victim's phone, according to police.

Prosecutors charged Traylor with felony robbery and Judge David Navarro ordered him to be held without bail.

Rogers Park mugging

A Rogers Park woman was the target of a violent daylight robbery on Wednesday morning, police said. No one is in custody.

The victim was in the 1200 block of W. North Shore at 9:45 a.m. when a man jumped from the passenger seat of a white BMW and began attacking her, according to witnesses. Police said the man, who had a black pistol, beat the woman and caused head trauma.



Gary O. Smith

After getting the woman's purse, the offender got back into the BMW's passenger seat and sped northbound in the west alley of Sheridan Rd., witnesses reported.

Police described the offender as a black man in his late teens with a slim build who was wearing a black hoodie.

The BMW is a white 2012 X5 with Indiana "Purdue" license plates that begin with PD506. The vehicle has been reported stolen from its owner in Valparaiso, police said.

The victim was transported by ambulance to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston for treatment.

Land of 10,000 Fakes: Minnesota couple pleads guilty to fabricating \$20,000 robbery on Lower Wacker Drive



Ryan Reiersgaard and Katie Mager

A Minnesota couple that falsely claimed to have been robbed of \$20,000 in cash and property after their GPS led them into Lower Wacker Dr. last December has pleaded guilty to filing a false report of offense.

Katie Mager and Ryan Reiersgaard, both 28, told police that three men confronted them with a knife near Columbus and Lower Wacker around 1:50 a.m. on Dec. 7 and took an engagement ring valued at \$12,000; a \$3,000 suitcase; a \$2,000 MacBook Air; a \$300 bag; and a \$150 iPad Mini, according to a CPD spokesperson.

But investigators soon became suspicious of the duo's claim and the couple eventually admitted to fabricating the story, police said.

Now, the two have pleaded guilty. Reiersgaard was sentenced to two-year's second chance probation and fined \$584 by Judge Steven Watkins. Mager was sentenced to 130 hours of community service by Watkins.

Reiersaard and Mager live separately in suburban Minneapolis.

Uptown gangbanger on parole for attempted murder busted with gun

A man who's on parole for attempted murder is back in jail after police say they found him with a gun in Uptown on Nov. 6.

Police responded to more than 20 calls of shots fired in the area of Magnolia and Wilson around 7:30 p.m. that evening. Within an hour, officers received a tip that a man wearing a black coat and cut-up jeans with pajamas underneath had a handgun in the area.

Around 8:30 p.m., cops saw Wilbert "Wilbur" Jackson Jr. standing in the 4600 block of N. Racine dressed precisely as the tipster described. Jackson was holding his waistband, and police officers could see a bulge in his pants near Jackson's hands.

When an officer asked Jackson to approach his squad car, Jackson ran away. Cops chased him, and Jackson was arrested at Truman College, police said. Officers re-traced the foot pursuit path and allegedly found a handgun lying in the courtyard of a senior building.

Jackson, 39, is now charged with one felony count of being a felon in possession of a weapon; felony possession of a firearm with a defaced



Wilbert "Wilbur" Jackson Jr.

serial number, and felony unlawful use of a weapon without a Firearms Owner ID Card. Judge David Navarro ordered him held without bail.

Court records show that 97 criminal cases have been filed against Jackson in Cook County since 1997. Most recently, Jackson was convicted of shooting a man at an Edgewater White Castle restaurant on Thanksgiving weekend, 2010. Judge Sharon Sullivan sentenced him to nine years, and Jackson was paroled on June 8.

In a 1997 case, he was found not guilty of attempted murder, aggravated battery with a firearm, and aggravated discharge of a firearm in a bench trial.

Two years later, he received a sentence of 62 days time served for having a firearm in public. Two years after that, he was sentenced to one year for narcotics, but the sentence was off-set by time served.

In 2002, prosecutors dropped an armed robbery with a firearm case against Jackson stemming from an incident in the 4700 block of N. Racine.

Two years later, prosecutors dropped carjacking and robbery charges against him in connection with an incident in the 4400 block of N. Magnolia. And, in a 2006 case, he received a three-year sentence for having narcotics in the 4500 block of N. Magnolia.

Jackson is a known member of the Black P Stones street gang.

Homeless man stabs, carjacks shelter van driver

A Good Samaritan who was trying to give homeless people rides to a shelter wound up being stabbed Nov. 10 when a homeless man in his van carjacked the vehicle, police said. A suspect is in custody.

The 39-year-old victim was driving his personal van on lower Michigan Ave. at Hubbard St. around 8:20 a.m. to find homeless people in need of showering and services at a local shelter, police said. At some point, a homeless passenger pulled out a 12-inch knife and stabbed him in a carjacking attempt, according to police.

Police said the victim got out of the van and held onto its side as the homeless man drove away. The vehicle crashed nearby with the victim still holding onto its side, police said. The offender fled from the crash scene and was later taken into custody by officers near Michigan Ave. and Upper Wacker Dr. Police said the suspect, age 32, had blood on his hands when they found him.

The victim, who suffered multiple lacerations to his hand, refused to sign any complaints against the offender, police said. Prosecutors are pursuing charges of unlawful use of a weapon and reckless conduct, according to a CPD statement.

Woman carjacked in Edgewater Friday morning

An Edgewater woman was carjacked Friday morning by a man who displayed a gun or taser and forced her from her vehicle, police said.

The woman was in the 1000 block of W. Bryn Mawr when the offender approached and took control of her silver 2002 Chevy Geo. Police said the carjacker is a thin black man with a slight mustache who stands about 5'-8" tall. He was wearing a blue construction vest or a blue sweater with stripes on the side, a blue baseball hat, and blue pants.

Police said the stolen car is a four-door model that has a flag in the back window and a license plate number that begins with 1247.

Lincoln Park woman followed into her home, mugged Friday

A Lincoln Park woman was followed into her home and robbed of several hundred dollars Nov. 9, police said.

The victim told police that she entered her building in the 500 block of W. Belden around 10:50 p.m. and was followed by a man who proceeded to rob her.

The offender fled with the victim's purse, wallet, and about \$900 in cash.

Police described the robber as male, black, about 40-years-old, and 6'-1" tall with two crooked eyes. He was wearing a black winter cap and a black parka. He was last seen heading west on Belden.

Graffiti tagger hits Boystown bar



Photo by ProgressBar



A graffiti "artist" seemed to not have a care in the world as he coated the side of a popular Boystown bar with a massive 12' wide spray paint tag early on Nov. 9.

ProgressBar owner Justin Rome said the tagger made his mark around 4:25 a.m. Friday, and has a video that shows a taxi cab cruising past as the tagger gets to work. An always bustling 7-Eleven is across the street. But records show that no 911 calls were placed to report the vandalism.

After the tagger finishes off one can of paint, he takes time to walk over to Roscoe St. and toss the empty. Then, he spins around and gets back to work with a fresh can.

Details of the man's face are not clear in the video, but there are some obvious features: He is white or Hispanic and appears to have some extra pounds. There's a definite sashay in his walk, a feature that someone may recognize. It looks like he's wearing brown boots. And, obviously, he was spending time in Boystown that morning.

A resident of the 3600 block of N. Wilton reports that the same tagger has defaced a garage in his neighborhood.

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Jarius "J-Groove" Groves, 35, called 911 around 10:30 Nov. 8 to report that his apartment in the 900 block of W. Leland had been "broken into and ransacked." When dispatchers assigned the call to a police unit, other officers immediately recognized the address. They had just finished searching the apartment on a narcotics warrant.

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The first warning involves a group of robbers who are either grabbing phones from victims' hands on the street or punching victims and taking phones. All of these incidents have been reported during evening hours, police said.

According to the alert, the robberies are carried out by one or two black males who are between 15- and 18-years-old. Both robbers are about 5'-9" tall and weigh 140 to 160 lbs., police said.

Robberies involving these offenders were reported in the following locations: The first block of W. Huron on Oct. 29; the 900 block of W. Armitage on Oct. 31; the 1700 block of N. Clark on Oct. 31, and the 2000 block of N. Burl-

ing on Oct. 31.

The second community alert involves armed men who have been robbing victims in the early morning hours around the River North and Gold Coast neighborhoods. Police said the robberies involve one or two men who attack victims on the street and display a handgun.

Incidents have been reported in the following locations: the 100 block of W. Hubbard on October 27; 1200 block of N. Clark on Oct. 27; 800 block of N. Michigan on Oct. 29; 200 block of W. Ontario on Nov. 2, and the 1300 block of N. State Pkwy. on Nov. 3.

Police said these robbers are black men in their early 20's who stand 5'-8" to 6'-1" tall and weigh 170 to 200 lbs.

The alerts encouraged anyone with information about the robberies to contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8380.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

-v.-
BARBARA A. SUSMAN, 161 CHICAGO AVENUE EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE MANHATTAN BUILDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
2018 CH 00153

161 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE #25-E 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 August 21, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 19, 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 161 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE #25-E, CHICAGO, IL 60611

Property Index No. 17-10-200-068-1007.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,

Real Estate For Sale

ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

-v.-
LEDA SANTODOMINGO, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., 1240 NORTH DEARBORN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Defendants
2018 CH 01694

1240 N. DEARBORN ST 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 September 13, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 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 1240 N. DEARBORN ST, CHICAGO, IL 60610

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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 LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST

Plaintiff,

Real Estate For Sale

-v.-
STUART BERGER, DEBORAH BERGER, CITY OF CHICAGO, CHESAPEAKE BANK, STREET-ERVILLE CENTER, LLC AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, STREETERVILLE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Defendants
16 CH 11135

233 E ERIE STREET, UNIT 2302 CHICAGO, IL 60611

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Property Index No. 17-10-203-027-1142.

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$118,376.74.

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v.-
MADELEINE A FALLON, MICHAEL D SPINAK A/K/A MICHAEL SPINAK, POWERMECH INDUSTRIES, INC., 339 W. BARRY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
13 CH 26825

339 WEST BARRY AVENUE UNIT 3BC CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 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 339 WEST BARRY AVENUE UNIT 3BC, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-28-202-016-1068.

The real estate is improved with a high rise condominium with no garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance 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.

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

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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 9894.

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TJSC#: 38-8722

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATHOLDERS OF THE

Real Estate For Sale

CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES TRUST 2005-14 Plaintiff,

-v.-
GREGORY MARVIN, DARCI MARVIN, SHORELINE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
17 CH 10516

4950 NORTH MARINE DRIVE, UNIT 417 Chicago, IL 60640

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 24, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 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 4950 NORTH MARINE DRIVE, UNIT 417, Chicago, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-08-412-040-1120.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance 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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Case Number: 17 CH 10516

TJSC#: 38-8624

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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,

-v.-

Real Estate For Sale

ALEJANDRO CASTRO, ROBERTO CARO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Defendants
18 CH 02026

5455 N SHERIDAN RD, UNIT 2505 Chicago, IL 60640

strategize, then moved in to address his “burglary.”

Cops who met him on his porch confirmed Groves’ ID and then broke the bad news to him. He was under arrest.

According to court records, Judge Marvin Luckman signed a warrant Thursday morning giving cops the green light to search Groves’ apartment for narcotics based on a tip from an unnamed source. The warrant was executed around 8:30 p.m. while Groves was away.

Officers recovered scales, baggies, safes, about 13 ounces of pot worth \$2,200 and 23 grams of cocaine worth \$2,900 from Groves’ apartment during the raid, according to court documents.

Prosecutors charged Groves with Class X Felon manufacture-delivery of cocaine; felony manufacture-delivery of cannabis; misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic needle or syringe, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Restaurant manager faked robbery

A Loop restaurant manager has pleaded guilty to falsely claiming that he had been robbed of the eatery’s receipts this summer.

Mina Asaad, 25, told police on July 9 that he had been robbed at gunpoint as he walked to make a bank deposit for Bibibop, 24 E. Jackson. Asaad told police that a Dodge Charger rolled up on him and two men in the back seat displayed handguns while taking his wallet and the restaurant’s bank deposit, according to a police report.

But investigators reviewed video from nearby businesses and could not find any sign of the Charger or indications that a robbery took place. Asaad was charged with filing a false report to a public service agency.

Asaad has now pleaded guilty and been sentenced to one year of non-reporting probation by Judge Charles Burch.

Hate crime charges filed in Uptown graffiti incidents

An Uptown man is accused of drawing swastikas and other graffiti on a residential garage and brick pillar in the 800 block of W. Eastwood on Nov. 2, according to a police statement and incident reports.

Heath Levey, 51, is charged with two felony counts of hate crime and three misdemeanor counts of criminal defacement of property. He lives in the 4200 block of N. Clarendon, steps from where the chalk markings were found.

Chicago police said images from a home surveillance system helped them identify Levey.

One of the victims saw the person who drew the graffiti and described the offender as a white or Hispanic man who was walking a light-colored dog.

In addition to swastikas, police found chalk markings on a garage that said “CIA” and “CIA FU,” according to a police report.

A third resident found swastikas on their fence in the 800 block of W. Junior Terrace the next morning.

Court files reviewed by this newspaper reveal that days before the 2016 presidential election, Levey was accused of assaulting an Uptown woman and damaging her property.

A 50-year-old woman told police that she looked out her home’s front window around 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3, 2016, and saw an “enraged” Levey screaming

and forcing open her front gate in the 4200 block of N. Hazel.

Levey entered the yard, “stomping hard on the ground while menacingly charging” toward the woman’s front door, police said in a report.

Spotting the woman through her front window, Levey reportedly screamed, “I’m going to rape you, you f*cking Republican! I’m calling the CIA. I’m going to kill all the women and children!”

The woman called 911 and Levey fled from the scene, police said at the time.

Prosecutors charged Levey with assault and criminal damage to property and he was served with a no-stalking order to stay away from the victim, according to police records. Levey reached a deal with prosecutors in which he pleaded guilty to damaging the woman’s gate while the state dropped assault charges. He was sentenced to 18 months probation and fined \$265 by Judge Clarence Burch.

Judge David Navarro set bail for Levey at \$10,000 and ordered him to go on electronic monitoring if he is released.

Man convicted of anti-gay hate crime among three busted with stolen car

A man once convicted of an anti-gay hate crime in the Loop is among three occupants of a stolen car who were arrested in Boystown this week, according to police and court records.

Around 11:45 p.m. Nov. 7, police spotted the stolen 2011 Chevy Impala heading south on Halsted St. in Boystown. Officers followed the vehicle until backup units arrived and the car was pulled over in the 3400 block of N. Broadway a few minutes later.

The car’s three occupants were arrested and charged with a variety of crimes, according to police.

Mack Heard, 24, of the 700 block of East 73rd St. was charged with felony receiving-possessing a stolen motor vehicle; misdemeanor driving without ever being issued a license, and carry-

ing open alcohol while driving.

Mishawn Fields, 23, of the 7700 block of S. East End Ave. was charged with felony possession of suspect amphetamines and misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle.

Christopher Young, 23, who lists the Howard Brown Health Center in the 4000 block of N. Sheridan as his home, was charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle.

Police said the stolen car was taken sometime between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Nov. 1 from the 3200 block of . Clark St.

Heard was convicted of a 2011 felony hate crime charge after he and two other teenagers used anti-gay slurs while threatening a gay man with a knife inside a bathroom at Millennium station in the Loop.

The teens taunted the 23-year-old suburban man about his hair, threatened him, and one pulled out a knife

saying, “You don’t want to f*ck with us. We Four Corner Hustlers,” according to a police report.

Police said the victim made his way past the teens, but they followed him out and continued to insult and threaten him as he walked on Michigan Ave. where one of the teens charged at him with clenched fists.

Heard was sentenced to two years probation for hate crime. When Heard failed to meet the conditions of that sentence, he was sent to boot camp in 2014, according to court records.

Police records show that Fields has been arrested five times as an adult and four of those arrests were made in the Boystown area.

Young has also been arrested numerous times as an adult in Boystown. Police were unable to immediately provide a mugshot for him.

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FT. DEARBORN *from p. 7*

When it was all over, an estimated 130 to 190 settlers and soldiers were killed in a battle that took place at a site approximately near the Field Museum at 18th St. and Lake Shore Dr. Some of those who survived were held as prisoners of war and turned over to the British. Only seven of the fort’s

29 women survived, many were viscously butchered and raped. Six children were known to have survived. And only 29 of the garrison’s 29 soldiers were still alive after the war ended, according to a handout from Geringer.

The last survivor, Susan Simmons, died on April 27, 1900. She was 88.

DISABILITY *from p. 8*

42 CTA rail stations are wheelchair accessible.

Lee recognizes Chicago’s efforts to aid people with disabilities, but still thinks the city can improve.

“Millennium Park has great

universal design, and I appreciate that all CTA buses are wheelchair accessible,” she said. But, she sees room for “more concerted effort to get career opportunities for people with disabilities, like training centers or placement offices like temp agencies.”

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Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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The judgment amount was \$239,796.14. 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. 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Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: iplleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 18-5750 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 18 CH 2816 TJSC#: 38-8814 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.	13104168 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- RICARDO JAVIER FERNANDEZ, MADELEINE VICTORIA FERNANDEZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RICHARD A. FERNANDEZ A/K/A RICARDO AUGUSTO FERNANDEZ, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RICHARD A. FERNANDEZ A/K/A RICARDO AUGUSTO FERNANDEZ (DECEASED) Defendants 2017 CH 17070 1624 W LUNT AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 20, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 21, 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 1624 W LUNT AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-213-011-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. 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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W303 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-17-15442 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2017 CH 17070 TJSC#: 38-8759 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.	13104029 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JOSUE REYES A/K/A JOSUE A REYES, CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES INC., JARVIS ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 12 CH 36506 1230 WEST JARVIS AVENUE UNIT 2N CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 4, 2014, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 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 1230 WEST JARVIS AVENUE UNIT 2N, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-29-312-017-1084. The real estate is improved with a mid-rise condominium with inside and outside parking. 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). 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	etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 1268. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 1268 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Case Number: 12 CH 36506 TJSC#: 38-8736	13103911 141414 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- MICHELLE SALLEMI, MAGNOLIA COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 18 CH 4971 5657 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE, APARTMENT 3W CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 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 5657 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE, APARTMENT 3W, Chicago, IL 60645 Property Index No. 14-05-328-040-1023. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$117,009.80. 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. 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“We’re adding value to the existing tax base,” he said, adding that many of these projects “have been stalled for some time. They need infrastructure (to get under-way).”

Under normal circumstances, a city with its finances in order would not have to create new TIF districts to accomplish standard capital improvements such as these. But due to the city’s large debt load and massive unfunded pension liabilities, most all current property taxes they collect go to pay for pensions and debt maintenance, leaving nothing left to maintain and grow the city’s infrastructure.

Reifman said the TIF subsidies will be “structured in a way that insulates Chicago taxpayers from risk. Instead of giving developers the money for projects and being reimbursed when the property taxes start rolling, the developers would be asked to pay for the infrastructure improvements at the start and be repaid later, he said. But in the end, the various taxing bodies such as the Chicago Public Schools, libraries and park district will not get incremental property tax increases over the life of the TIF districts. Instead those taxing bodies will be forced to increase property taxes

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advance of its construction.

With all the promising things to observe on the DePaul hardwood this season, a glance up into the seats can be jarring. Nobody expected Bethune Cookman to draw a huge crowd, but opening night for any program should draw some enthusiasm from its fan base, no matter how fleeting and angry they may be.

DePaul’s season opener saw 3,710 fans in reported paid attendance — roughly a third of the arena’s capacity — which is lower than any reported paid attendance total last year. To make matters worse, paid attendance figure doesn’t even tells us how many people actually made it inside the arena on game day.

Turnstile, or “real” attendance figures require a Freedom of Information Act request to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority [MPEA] to obtain because the university only reports paid attendance, which can be a very different number.

Despite attendance for DePaul men’s basketball games having previously hovered below 3,000 per game, MPEA projected the 10,000-seat arena would draw an average of 9,500 people per game. But MPEA

on those properties not located in a TIF districts to make up for the money drained away by a TIF. So no matter which way you sell it, this is still a \$1.7 billion property tax increase for taxpayers.

The largest tax subsidy – up to \$800 million – will be earmarked for Sterling Bay’s Lincoln Yards project that would require a new TIF, Reifman said, noting that part of the plan will be among the topics up for discussion at today’s meeting.

The controversial funding tool was initially sold to tax payers as a way to fund development in “blighted” areas of the city. Today most taxpayers see that what local politicians see as “blighted” now includes areas such as the Loop, the Chicago Riverfront and North Lakefront.

But not everyone has been happy about the proposed use of more TIFs, especially with the mayoral administration facing a change next year. Ald. Scott Waugespack [32nd] criticized Emanuel for tossing developers a “going away gift” at a time when the public is paying more every year because of the number of new TIFs created during Emanuel’s administration. If there is anything that seems to be a sure bet after the November elections it’s that taxes are on the rise and will be for years to come.

documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show Wintrust Arena events falling far short of these estimates. In 2017 men’s basketball games drew an average of only 3,142 fans per game, trailing MPEA projections by 65%.

MPEA also projected Wintrust Arena would draw a total of 370,000 people per year to the arena for games, concerts and other events. From Aug. 2017 to May 2018, the 10 months since the arena opened, fewer than 168,100 people have attended events in the facility.

Last year, two of DePaul’s lowest caliber opponents — Central Connecticut and Alabama A&M each reported over 4,000 in paid attendance. Both games saw less than 1,000 spectators.

The school can look at an improved roster and solid game performances and be optimistic, and DePaul fans should, but the school’s athletic department should also be very concerned about attendance figures in the season opener. If less than 4,000 in paid attendance is any indication of what’s to come at Blue Demon home games, the Blue Demons will take an unthinkable step backwards in an already abysmal record with making people care enough to show up and watch basketball.

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