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Instead, I try to get people
to believe in themselves.
— Bob Ross

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Lincoln Square parking lot at risk

Developers asking City Hall for \$1 million for private development

Lincoln Square-area retailers, residents and property owners are seeking to slow down a move toward building a five-story private development on a valuable parking lot adjacent to one of the most popular retail and cultural destinations on the North Side.

City Hall is considering a proposal to build a new five-story, 43-unit affordable housing project on the city parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave., adjacent to the CTA's Western Ave. Brown Line station.

The project is being proposed by Boston-based The Community Builders [TCB]. TCB owns or manages over 13,000 apartments in 14 states plus the District of Columbia.

According to the 47th Ward alderman's office, while plans are preliminary, the developer may

include public parking spaces in any new project to replace those metered space that now exist.

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The 47th Ward office says that the key to the project is whether or not the City of Chicago will offer \$1 million in tax credits toward the project. A spokesman for Ald. Matt Martin [47th] told this newspaper that they do not expect City Hall to consider the project proposal any sooner than the first

quarter of 2020. They also say that no other local or national real estate developers have been approached about buying the site.

Some local retailers and neighbors have approached this newspaper saying that they are concerned about the project, and are undertaking an effort to oppose the loss of the open space the parking lot provides. They fear that putting a building at this site could jeopardize several large cultural events that are held on this lot, or nearby, and depend on this lot for event space, logistics and/or event parking. Those events include the annual German American Festival, The Mayfest, The Applefest and weekly farmers markets.

Lincoln Square area businesses are also very dependent on the

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"Lifelong criminal" charged with 2015 murders in Rogers Park, West Ridge

BY CWB CHICAGO

Prosecutors charged a federal inmate Nov. 15 with committing two murders on the city's Far North Side in 2015, Chicago police said.

Officials extradited Harvey Pitts, 25, from Kentucky where he was serving an 84-month sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Police on Friday said Pitts is responsible for killing a 23-year-old man in the 7100 block of N. Clark St. on Feb. 25, 2015, and another 23-year-old man in the 2200 block of W. Thome on Nov. 26, 2015.

Those dates align with the slayings of Albert Turnage and Jontaye Walker, according to contemporaneous news reports.

Police said in Feb. 2015 that a man stepped out of a white minivan, walked up to Turnage, and shot him in the chest around 4:10 a.m., DNAinfo reported at the time. A second man was also shot.

Walker died in a similar attack, according to details reported in 2015 by the Chicago Tribune.

The paper said Walker was standing outside when someone pulled up in a green minivan and fired shots around 1:20 p.m. Several rounds struck Walker and he was pronounced dead at the scene.



Harvey Pitts

"Lifelong criminal"

In March 2018, a federal judge sentenced Pitts to 84 months in prison for having a handgun in his vehicle in Skokie, according to court records.

By the age of 23 Harvey Pitts had already amassed 11 convictions with 18 other arrests.

Federal prosecutors said in a sentencing memorandum that Pitts is a "lifelong criminal" who committed his first violent crime at the age of 14. At the time of his arrest in the Skokie case, Pitts was 23 and had already amassed 11 convictions with 18 other arrests, according to the filing. He repeatedly violated the terms of probation and parole, an assistant U.S. attorney wrote.

His previous convictions include aggravated battery of a police officer, possession of a firearm by a gang member, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Pitts is a member of a gang faction called Loc City, short for Loyalty Over Cash, based near and around Howard St., and Walker was a member of the PBG, Pooh Bear Gang, also known as the Insane Cutthroat Gangsters. Pitts is now charged with two counts of first degree murder. In Kentucky he had been serving a term of 84 months in the Big Sandy Federal Correctional Facility for unlawful use of a weapon.

Recycling in the city, is there a future?

BY JIM VAIL

Chicago has a problem with recycling. But there are no easy answers to fixing the problem.

A new report released by the Illinois Public Interest Research Group Education Fund shows that the city recycles less than 10% of its waste.

But beyond recycling, which has its limitations, the group states that laws that enforce composting and cutting down on plastic use would be far better.

Chicago's recycling rate was a dismal 8.8% last year, while the suburbs had a recycling rate of 19% and the rest of the country was 35.2% in 2017. That has led the city's inspector general to start auditing commercial and residential buildings with five or more units to comply with recycling services.

Recycling is an important step in protecting the environment. Rome is desperate enough to find landfill space for its garbage that it passed a law that allows people to exchange plastic bottles for a reduced fare on public transportation.

Cities on the West Coast like San Francisco and Seattle recycle over 60% of its waste. It is believed that these cities are not just more aggressive in managing the process, but they see the environmental destruction plastic is causing in the Pacific Ocean.

But recycling is not necessarily the answer to our environmental woes. U.S. citizens use far more plastic which is difficult to recycle, and there are not always markets for recycled goods. A big

Chicago recycling plan is failing

An Oct. 18, 2018 study published by the Better Government Assoc. shows that the City of Chicago has allowed a private city recycling hauler to divert tons of residential plastics and paper into landfills the company owns, costing taxpayers twice and aggravating Chicago's worst-in-the-nation recycling rate, the investigation found.

This creates a distorted scenario under which the plastic, glass and metals of Chicago residents are far more likely to see their discarded recycling dispatched to garbage dumps.

Under city rules, one plastic bag or food item improperly placed in a recycling bin could mean the whole bin is labeled "grossly contaminated" and its contents taken to a landfill.

Waste Management is the only recycling hauler that oper-

ates a for-profit landfill where a portion of the city's garbage is dumped.

That means the company — which gets paid city recycling fees whether its crews pick up a bin or tag it — gets paid again on those occasions when the contents of tagged bins are taken by city trash crews to its landfill, the BGA investigation found.

Since 2014, private and municipal waste hauling crews labeled at least 577,886 recycling bins as "grossly contaminated" with improper items, records show.

Of those, 514,239 — almost 90% — were tagged by workers for Waste Management, even though the company's green trucks cover only half the city.

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problem is that China is no longer accepting America's recycled garbage. And most of America is woefully under-equipped to pick up that slack.

The report stated that lawmakers should mandate new products that contain a certain percentage of recycled material and make a product's manufacturer responsible for dealing with the waste of its product.

When Coca-Cola switched from glass bottles to plastic it became one of the world's most

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Leone Beach Park meeting Nov. 27

The Leone Beach Park Advisory Council will be meeting 6:30- p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the Loyola Fieldhouse, 1230 W Greenleaf Ave.

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Just unbuckle your belt and be grateful



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Are you calm and steady as we anticipate the beginning of the holiday season; or do you find yourself drinking more and looking for fresh excuses to bail out of the family gatherings?

Thanksgiving and Christmas offer very different emotional combustibles. They calibrate very differently. Historically. Sentimentally. Psychologically.

Thanksgiving is so American. Christmas is so global.

Thanksgiving is intimately tied to the unfolding of our early days in this land. The romance of the holiday is relational, pragmatic and flowing from the excess of God's plenty. Thanksgiving is the coziest of holidays. First, in general, all you have to do is be grateful and say thanks.

Quietly or loudly. Just speak the word in your heart.

You needn't be contrite. Or feel sorry, guilty or ashamed. It's so American.

You don't have to say how

many times you weren't grateful. Or if you weren't grateful with another person.

Or if you had your clothes on when you weren't grateful.

When you're grateful, you know first off you're undeserving. But that's ok. It's just a meal. The very finest. But, still, just a meal.

It's not eternal salvation. It just tastes like it.

It's not a pair of new roller skates, baseball mitt, bobble, iPhone or doll. It's just that savory turkey meat and the scrumptious dressing. Those yams. Those cranberries. That pumpkin pie. If you'd like to go to church, by all means, go. Pray. It's appropriate.

But you don't have to. It's not a Holy Day. It's so Protestant. Meaning, you're not obliged to go. Sleep late. Make up your own mind. Eat long. Stay warm. There's a November chill in the air.

Can you smell that turkey roasting?

Thanksgiving is about food. That should tell us something about who we are as Americans. Other countries aren't tied to food in the same romantic manner. The same poetic style.

I mean, can you see the Russians in the 17th century deciding to have a harvest feast with their Ukrainian neighbors? Roasting a turkey and putting marshmallow on sweet potatoes? Can you envision vikings asking for more hot



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gravy from their Anglo-Saxon neighbors? What about the Germans? Can you see them ringing the doorbell, loaded down with pumpkin pies? Arms filled with choice wines for the table. Food is very tribal, and just setting the table makes all sorts of preconditions invalid. When you sit down to eat, you've already re-shuffled the deck of cards. And I'm not talking vegan or lactose intolerance.

It's hard to imagine that for more than 400 years we've been roasting this November feast that is really better than Christmas. Perhaps it's because expectations are so low. All of human history, or at least family history, isn't holding in the breach. It all seems so reasonable. An 18-pound turkey, 10 pounds of spuds, generous bowl of stuffing to cement the nostalgia of the feast. Sweet potatoes. Maybe roast squash. Tart cranberries with lots of brandy. If you're fancy, maybe creamed onions or haricot vert with burnt butter. Don't forget the croissants.

And the whipped potatoes. And all that lovely giblet gravy.

What king do you know who could put that on his dining table? Remember food was rather spotty in ye olden days. No ovens for roasting back then. Potatoes were still sequestered in South America. Turkeys were scrawnier, not as buttery or robust. Your plate was full if you were the king. But after that portions got smaller. And you most likely didn't have access to fine wines. Chateaufort du Pape? Not a chance. Gigondas? Unlikely. Napa grapes? Don't be foolish. How about a goblet filled with fruit flies or an elk horn with a worm? Quality control hadn't been perfected for food or drink yet. So you always took your chances. Even if you were the king.

Sounds like the Thanksgiving meal is a lot more than just a plate of vittles. Just try explaining it to your Dutch cousins. Or your English relations. Or your great uncles from Bulgaria. It might be easy for them to miss the fo-

cus. It's really not a day all about candied yams. But then again, it is. What's important is we have arrived at this spot by just being ourselves. Not just because yams taste so good.

Of course we aren't swapping recipes any more with the Iroquois or the Potawatomi or the Crowe or the Mohicans. But maybe we are sharing with Jewish friends, Polish buddies, Arab mates, or just the fisticuffs of loving Irish cousins.

The critical fact is that wherever we are or whoever we are, we have made room at the table. We found an extra seat, or a throne to split. Somewhere within the larger saga we have a moment to find a bit of ourselves, even if we're a vegan. Don't eat meat? Eat the potatoes and the roast corn. Heap up more yams. Ladle on the peas. Take a look. There's a bit of vegan in all of us.

But there's just no room for English kings. It's such a New World phenomenon. Without the emotional shortfalls that Christmas so naturally anticipates. It's the feast of unbuckling your belt. Untying your apron. Disconnecting your suspenders. A day for loose clothes and flouncy sleeves.

For my money, it really is the coziest of feasts. From the first sip of bubbly to the last glass of port. We all arrive in mutual humors, hungry, thirsty and glad for familiar faces: Our mom, our gram, in-laws, cousins, work-mates, our neighbors and friends. All enveloped in the sweet perfume of a roasting bird and the treasured fragrance of bread crumb stuffing as mindbending as an old report

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Cleanslate participants are helping to clean up the city. By working at Cleanslate interns are prepared and inspired to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, and forge paths to real and lasting success.

CTA a driving force in breaking poverty cycle



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

Last summer, 20-year-old Terrell Johnson's life was transformed when he started interning for Cleanslate, a "small but mighty" program whose goal is to transform lives while transforming communities.

"My cousin started working for Cleanslate back in July. I wasn't working and I had no real direction so she thought this would be good for me," said Johnson, who shared that he has no criminal background, has a high school diploma, and lives in the South Austin neighborhood with his cousins.

With a willingness to learn and a ready-to-work attitude, Johnson started his life-changing internship for Cleanslate back in August.

"At first, I didn't think I would make it – the early hours and the workload were a lot," he said. "But I stuck it out and I'm glad I did."

Cleanslate, a social enterprise of the workforce development agency Cara, helps people secure transitional employment and learn valuable job skills to reenter the workforce. To help people break their poverty cycle, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has partnered with Cleanslate and Cara as part of its workforce development efforts for the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One Project.

In October, major construction began for Phase One of RPM, which will modernize and expand capacity on the Red Line to improve service for North Side customers while enhancing their access to jobs, retail, and community services. The project's anticipated completion date is 2025.

The CTA's partnership with Cara and Cleanslate actually goes back more than a decade, when it was first developed through the transit authority's Second Chance Program -- a nationally-recognized program that provides job skills and career opportunities to Chicagoans facing challenges re-entering the workforce, said

Chynna Hampton, senior project manager for workforce initiatives for the CTA. Since the partnership was formed in 2007, approximately 284 jobs have been created.

Through a contract between the CTA and Cleanslate, interns provide disposal and cleanup services in the RPM Phase One project areas near the Belmont, Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr Red Line stations. (So if you see them out there, please give them a thumbs-up or wave and let them know they're doing something good and appreciated). That can include removing garbage or abandoned objects under the L track structures to keep the community clean, said Hampton.

By working at Cleanslate, and with the support of Cara programs, interns are prepared and inspired to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, transform their lives, strengthen Chicago communities and forge paths to real and lasting success. Since Cleanslate began working on RPM, 21 interns have worked on that project and five have gone on to permanent employment.

"One of the benefits of working in the program is that participants are able to receive OSHA 10 certification, which is introductory training into the construction industry," said Hampton.

The program is important to the CTA, she said, "Because we want to ensure that RPM is representative of all of the neighborhoods across the Chicagoland area that we serve."

"We are building a pipeline that connects people with training and workforce opportunities, particularly for individuals who face barriers to obtaining education or accessing related opportunities," said Hampton.

Participants range from stay-at-home parents with a job history gap to being stuck in the temporary job circuit to having a conviction history, although less than half of each organization's participants have committed a felony. Throughout the 13-week internship, program participants go through a training and developmental process, which includes:

- Development training to rapidly engage, build camaraderie and discuss character building and socio-economic topics, while also strengthening professional skills;

- Onboarding to learn Cleanslate's safety practices, operational procedures and day-to-day tasks, as well as how to work with different supervisors, follow employee protocols, manage time efficiently, meet deadlines and provide exceptional

customer services;

- Performance evaluations based on development of workplace competencies, such as teamwork, time management, professionalism, conflict resolution and communication;

- And the opportunity to attend certification courses, such as OSHA-10 or food service training, or workshops to discuss past life challenges that may have led to unemployment and/or poverty so that, if confronted anew, participants would be more able to block and tackle with new tools and practices.

Since 2005, Cleanslate has cre-

ated more than 2,700 transitional jobs -- about 400 per year, said Mark Toriski, marketing and communications manager at Cara.

"When we say this is a transitional job, we mean it is a short-term position meant for a person to gain experience, hone their skills, and earn income as they work toward finding their permanent job with Cara's employment partners," said Toriski. "This work is important because it helps people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, and any other adversities associated with it, be better

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How to shop for a mortgage now and avoid home-loan vultures

Second of two articles
on refinancing your home loan.

Financial sharks and birds of prey are stalking borrowers in the world of "Mortgageland," experts say, and the goal of every borrower seeking to refinance should be to graduate from home-loan school and learn to swim and fly around them.



The Home Front

By Don DeBat

deal to refinance their home loan at a good interest rate can do is search the internet," warned Brian M. Bockholdt, assistant vice president and mortgage sales leader for The Huntington Bank Home Mortgage based in suburban Downers Grove.

"If you go to Lending Tree that's where the home-loan vultures fly," said Bockholdt, a 25-year mortgage professional. "Lenders are paying for borrower leads. They will hound you, and hound you."

That's exactly the experience one homeowner recently had while seeking a good deal on a refinance for his North Side house after his current lender boosted his interest rate to 4.75% from 3.625% when his seven-year adjustable rate mortgage rolled over.



The Internet is the last place you want to go to look for a mortgage. You'll just get a lot of cold calls and SPAM emails. "If you go to Lending Tree that's where the home-loan vultures fly," said one a 25-year mortgage professional. "Lenders are paying for borrower leads. They will hound you, and hound you."

Searching for a better deal, he logged on to LendingTree.com, gave his personal information, and was immediately bombarded with "Robo" phone calls and emails from a half dozen lenders urging him to refinance with them.

One articulate, fast-talking loan originator from Troy, MI-based AmeriSave Mortgage, called the borrower's cell within minutes of the internet inquiry. He quickly quoted a 3.625% rate on a new "cash-out" seven-year adjustable-rate mortgage.

The loan man promised "no loan preparation fees, a 30-day turn time and an interest rate lock with a float down" if rates moved lower. The maximum loan amount could not exceed 70% of the appraised value of the property.

If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Under terms of the

hypothetical \$480,000 loan, the lender said the borrower would have to pay a minimum \$3,701 in closing costs, which typically includes appraisal and title charges, county recording fees, and "points," or special loan fees lenders can charge.

However, on a cash-out loan the closing costs could rise to \$5,300. That's a huge amount of loan fees.

Luckily, the borrower's Realtor received a sales pitch from The Huntington Bank Home Mortgage, which recently entered the Chicago-area home-loan marketplace. Huntington Bank, a \$100-billion institution, is the biggest bank in Ohio, and it also has a strong business presence in Michigan.

Huntington Bank's marketing plan is targeted to building a loyal client and customer base in the Chicago area by offering below-market mortgage interest rates, coupled with low or zero closing costs.

The bank also offers borrowers

a lower mortgage interest rate if they are willing to become customers of the bank by pledging funds and opening new money-market and checking accounts.

Another unusual feature is Huntington Bank will make "portfolio loans," which means your mortgage will stay on their books and

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be serviced by the bank, not sold to Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae in the secondary loan market. That's a very good thing.

Even when Huntington "sells the paper" to Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, Bockholdt said it still services the loan and borrowers make their monthly payments directly to the bank.

Here are the terms of the new \$497,000 Huntington Bank cash-out seven-year ARM offered to

the North Side homeowner:

- A rock-bottom 2.85% interest rate amortized on a 30-year schedule. The rate is locked for 30 days and has a float down provision.
- The rate is 0.775% of one percentage point below the going 3.625% rate for a seven-year ARM-and a whopping 1.9% below the 4.75% rate which the borrower was paying on the roll-over loan.

• To lock in this below-market rate the borrower agreed to open a \$25,000 money-market account at Huntington Bank, 4012 N. Pulaski Ave. in Chicago's Irving Park neighborhood. Plus, the bank offered a sweet, above-market 2% interest rate on the account with a special coupon for new customers.

• The borrower paid a \$495 appraisal fee, and the more than adequate appraisal came through within a week.

• Huntington Bank does not charge for title search, county recording fees, and "points." Total closing costs are only \$500, including the appraisal fee, on qualifying properties.

Now, that's how to shop around for an affordable refinance mortgage.

Brian M. Bockholdt of The Huntington Bank Home Mortgage can be reached at 630-210-4205, or via email: brian.m.bockholdt@huntington.com.

Mortgage rates tick up

On Nov. 14, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 3.75% nationwide, up from 3.69% a week earlier. A year ago, 30-year fixed loans averaged 4.94%.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 3.2%, up from 3.13% a week earlier. Last year at this time, 15-year fixed loans averaged 4.36%.

In the Chicago area, Mutual of Omaha Mortgage was quoting 3.75% on a 30-year fixed home loan, and 3.375% on jumbo seven-year ARMs, reported rateSeeker.com.

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Historical Society asks why alderman is silent on push to landmark Nordine mansion



Snail Studio [above], 6106 N. Kenmore, started as a vehicle for Ken Nordine's Word Jazz and some of his other side projects.

support the Landmark designation, saying that they were confused as to why he has "made an unexplained about-face decision regarding a zoning change that might also encourage preservation-focused redevelopment of the property."

Ald. Osterman declined to comment when asked by this newspaper if he wanted to respond on the record to the letter.

The house, which stands on the northwest corner of Kenmore and Glenlake, was owned by one of the most celebrated voices in both radio and television, Grammy Award nominated Ken Nordine. He purchased the mansion in the 1960s and it became home to his legendary recording studio Snail Studios.

In the mid '60s, the radio personality was doing a nightly radio show for WMAQ called "Ken Nordine's Word Jazz." Rather than spending studio time at the WMAQ studio, the top floor of his Edgewater home was emptied and turned into his Snail work space.

Snail started as a vehicle for Nordine's Word Jazz and some other side projects. The bulk of the work centered around radio and TV commercial production with Ken's son Kris Nordine and a host of session musicians serving as the in-house band.

Through the decades a wide range of celebrities secretly recorded at the home. If those walls could talk they would boast about the likes of the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia, Fred Astaire, and the masterful Tom Waits (just to name a few) and the creative collaborations that took place there. Sadly, time moves on and Nordine died in February. His estate was left to his sons who quickly started to look for a buyer.

But the home now has an "orange status," meaning it has been identified by the City of Chicago

as a potential landmark, and any request for a demolition permit will trigger an "up to 90 day" delay, so the Landmark Commission can further document how the property meets their criteria.

EHS letter states that on two occasions when asked at public meetings about the Nordine mansion, the alderman said he was concerned that he and the city "might be sued."

The letter claims that there is "no reasonable basis for such concern" in advocating for Landmark designation. "No one in the Preservation Advocacy community or at the Landmark Commission staff knows of a single instance of an alderman being sued for consenting to or advocating for Landmark designation."

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Earlier this year the Edgewater Historical Society [EHS] sent a letter to the Chicago Commission on Landmarks requesting preliminary Landmark status for the Nordine Mansion, 6106 N. Kenmore Ave., saying that the house meets at least two of the seven criteria for designation - enough to be landmarked.

Indeed, that status has already

been affirmed by the Landmark Commission staff.

But in a letter dated Nov. 12 signed by EHS president Robert Remer, they told Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] that they were "baffled why you have been silent on the question of supporting Landmark designation."

The noted local historical group then asked the alderman to

While official policy enforcement is hazy, public housing tenants still face eviction for consuming legal marijuana

BY JIM VAIL

Soon it will be legal in Illinois to recreationally smoke marijuana. The new law will go into effect at the beginning of the new year.

However, if you smoke weed and live in a federally subsidized home, you can be evicted.

Managers of Section 8 housing sent out a notice to tenants that stated federal law prohibits marijuana use in federally subsidized housing and public housing residents in Chicago will receive a similar notice soon, according to Curbed Chicago.

US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] programs create affordable housing for low-income individuals and individuals with disabilities. Section 8 is the specific HUD program that provides rental assistance to low-income households. Section 8 is generally administered by city and county agencies, such as the Chicago Housing Authority.

The problem is that the federal government still prohibits marijuana use, while states like Illinois have legalized it.

HUD is a federal agency, which doesn't necessarily mean that HUD is concerned with cannabis use. Federal policy is all over the place on weed these days: Agencies take various approaches—some more coherent or reasonable than others.

In the case of HUD, in 1998 President Bill Clinton signed a law that forbade landlords who run government-subsidized housing facilities from accepting tenants who use illicit substances called the Quality Housing and Work

Responsibility Act [QHWRA]. It required landlords to adopt leases that allow the landlord to evict "anyone found to be in possession of an illegal substance," and marijuana is an illegal substance under federal law.

That policy would include those who have cannabis gummy bears or topical balm lying around as all of this constitutes "possession of an illegal substance" under QHWRA. But currently, HUD has not released any new guidance specifically related to the use of medical or recreational marijuana

in public housing or Section 8 properties.

A HUD memo from Feb. 2011 notes that although new admissions of medical marijuana users are prohibited into the Public Housing and Section 8 program, landlords have the "discretion to determine, on a case-by-case basis, the appropriateness of program termination of existing residents for the use of medical marijuana."

But in Jan. 2018 the Trump

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‘No bars, no restaurants:’ Pot trailer bill clarifies allowable public use

**Bill also addresses
‘revolving door’ policy
for lawmakers
joining the industry**

BY JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

A cleanup bill written to ensure a smooth rollout of the legalization of adult-use marijuana in January passed both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly Nov. 14.

Sen. Heather Steans [7th] who sponsored both the original legalization bill and the follow-up Senate Bill 1557, made clear that public consumption of cannabis will be allowed only at locations that have no food and drink.

“No restaurants, no bars, it can only be in a dispensary or retail tobacco store,” she said.

Those facilities will have to seek waivers from the Smoke Free Illinois Act from their local governments.

The bill also clarifies a “revolving door” provision of the law by prohibiting future members of the General Assembly and their families from having a direct financial ownership interest in a cannabis business until two years after that

lawmaker leaves public office.

“This amendment adds ethics language to conform with a two-year revolving door prohibition on members and family having ownership interest that currently exist under gaming law,” said Rep. Celina Villanueva [21st] who carried Senate Bill 1557 in the House.

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Villanueva said lawmakers who were in the chamber during the passage of the original cannabis bill and their spouses “currently have a lifetime ban on being able to have a stakeholder ownership” in the cannabis industry. The new language change applies the two-year ban to future lawmakers and their immediate family members.

She said the language was

added to address Republican concerns.

The bill also provides that marijuana-related paraphernalia would no longer be illegal in Illinois. But it would remain illegal to operate a snowmobile or any kind of watercraft while under the influence of marijuana.

Steans said it also strengthens and clarifies language that would allow employers to maintain zero-tolerance policies. It also cleans up language in the portion of the bill that expunges criminal records for people who have standalone marijuana convictions on their records, specifically ensuring that outstanding fines do not limit access to expungement.

She said the bill moves up to July, from September, the earliest date municipalities and county governments can begin collecting taxes resulting from marijuana sales.

Villanueva said the bill allows people ages 18 to 21 who are part of the medical marijuana program to consume combustible cannabis, while the previous version limited them to edible products. It also unifies terms throughout the several hundred pages in the law,

Mayor proposes to decriminalize pot possession for 2020

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot introduced a new ordinance to City Council to decriminalize enforcement policies for the possession and use of cannabis starting on Jan. 1, 2020.

Under the proposed ordinance, the City’s reformed policies will decriminalize small amounts of pot, reduce penalties and fines for unlawful possession and amend police enforcement protocols.

Those changes include reduced fines for minor unlawful possession. First-time unlawful possession will result in a \$50 fine for the first offense and \$100 for any subsequent minor offenses occurring within 30 days of the first offense.

Under the proposed ordinance, current laws will be amended to replace the zero-exception rule requiring the city

to impound all vehicles containing cannabis regardless of the amount.

The new ordinance will also amend police enforcement protocols on when to initiate investigations into pot consumption violations. This includes instances of smoking or using cannabis in any public place; in a motor vehicle; and in any place prohibited under the Smoke Free Illinois Act. All police officers will be trained to lawfully conduct investigations and enforcement actions for any violations of the adult use cannabis law, as well as possession infractions, including possession of unsealed cannabis in a vehicle, school, childcare facility or school bus.

If approved by the City Council, the amendments to the Chicago Municipal Code will be implemented on January 1, 2020.

and corrects grammar and punctuation among the other noted changes.

It also adds stakeholders to multiple boards and commissions created under the original bill.

Villanueva said the technical changes in the bill were proposed by state agencies, lawmakers and stakeholders.

The bill passed the House 90-20 and the Senate 41-6.

Letter to the Editor

Buy a bicyclist a book

As cycle accidents and deaths continue in Chicago I wonder how many cyclists have read the Bible of bicycle riding: “Effective Cycling” by John Forester.

Everyone would be astounded to realize the simple basics of how to wisely and safely use one’s bi-

cycle. Please don’t miss it, knowledge can be acquired.

The book will educate beginners and experts alike, whether they are daily commuters or weekend pleasure cyclists.

Leon Hoffman, Lakeview East

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prepared for long-term success in permanent employment.”

Like other Cleanslate interns, Johnson works in the neighborhoods picking up trash, sweeping the streets, changing the garbage cans and, “just smiling and saying hello to people as they start their day.”

“I like feeling like I’m a part of a team and that we are helping make the community better,” said Johnson. “I’ve been on the crew for three months now and this program has changed my life.

“I have a job! I am no longer lazy. I know the value of hard work. I am part of a team and part of a community that has each other’s back,” Johnson added. “And for the first time, I’m thinking about my future. I’m so grateful. I learned how to be professional and how to be part of a team. I learned we work harder together and we motivate each other to be our best. My dream now is to work for a hospital or a hotel in janitorial services,” Johnson said. “I know I will make it happen.”

Painting the Hilton Chicago pink... there were more than 800 attendees at the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation’s (LSCRF) recent Annual Fall Benefit Luncheon, which featured guest speaker Martin Short. The heartwarming afternoon raised a whopping \$800,000-plus to support the advancement of the treatment, education and early detection of breast cancer.

The event was co-chaired by Michelle Williams and Lincoln Park resident Justyna Della Valle, and both women deserve a hearty hand for a job well done. Comedian Short shared the impact that cancer has had on his life, with



PR maven Margie Korshak, left, with Martin Short and Janie Goldberg-Dicks, president of Margie Korshak, Inc. at the recent Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation Annual Benefit Luncheon held at the Chicago Hilton.

the passing of his mother, who died of breast cancer in 1968, and of losing Nancy, his late wife of 36 years, to ovarian cancer in 2010.

Lynn Sage was a Lake View High School alum who died of breast cancer at the age of 39 in 1985. Her legacy lives on through the tremendous work done by her namesake foundation.

Photo flash... world-renowned British fine art photographer David Yarrow will release his amazing 368-page monograph during an opening reception and book signing from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 22 at Hiltonl Asmus Contemporary, 716 N. Wells St.

Two years ago, Yarrow made his debut appearance in Chicago, and in April of this year, he captured iconic images of the Chica-

go Board of Trade with his signature wolf and bear theme.

On exhibit will be Yarrow’s most recent images from around the world.

Yarrow will also appear at Noon, Nov. 19 at the University Club, 76 E. Monroe St. for a slide show, a Q&A, book sales and signing. From 5 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 22, a reception and book signing will be held at Howard Orloff Imports, 1924 N. Paulina Ave. RSVP: (773-227-3200 or to Katy Shamrock at kshamrock@orloff.com (Space is limited. Please call or email). After the Orloff reception, Yarrow returns to Hiltonl Asmus for the opening reception and book signing.

Yarrow, it appears, is one busy guy. One look at his incredible photos and you can see why.

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The Night Ministry ready to relocate from Ravenswood to Bucktown



The Night Ministry's Health Outreach Bus at its stop in East Garfield Park neighborhood. The bus visits underserved communities throughout Chicago, providing free health care, meals, hygiene supplies and links to other supportive services.
Photo courtesy of The Night Ministry

BY BOB KITSOS

After 17 years, The Night Ministry soon will pull up stakes from the Ravenswood neighborhood to move to its new facility in Bucktown at 1735 N. Ashland. The building where it currently is located, 4711 N. Ravenswood, has been sold, and while work on the new facility is being completed, The Night Ministry will have a temporary home at Edgewater Community Church at 1020 W.

Bryn Mawr, although it will not provide services for clients at the church.

The Chicago-based non-profit, whose mission is to provide housing, health care and human connection to individuals struggling with homelessness or poverty, will be relocating its central administration, as well as Health Outreach staff to the Bucktown location in Spring 2020.

The Bucktown building is closer to the areas served by The Night

Ministry's programs, which bring free health care and supportive services to Chicagoans. The organization also has five housing programs for young people experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

One of the programs, The Crib, an overnight shelter for young adults 18-24, also will be relocated to the Bucktown building; it will continue to operate at its current location until the Bucktown facility is ready. Last year, The Crib provided shelter for 244 young people. Its Youth Housing Programs are located in West Town, Lakeview and North Lawndale.

The Crib has operated out of a Lakeview church basement since 2011.

But The Crib - and other youth service centers in Lakeview like the Broadway Youth Center and the Center on Halsted - are not without their critics who over the years have complained that the youth they attract have frequently been involved in local quality of life crimes and fighting. The troubles youths and others who were drawn to the Lakeview-area service centers have caused

have been well-catalogued in this newspapers and other local media sources. Lakeview residents frequently said they felt that fighting, drug use and loitering had invaded their neighborhood due to institutions that catered to troubled youths.

In June 2017, The Crib closed its location inside Lakeview Lutheran Church, 835 W. Addison, for over a month to retrain its staff after "a couple incidents in the space," Erin Ryan, vice president for the Night Ministry told The Windy City Times before the closing. "We had a couple incidents that made us concerned for the safety of the residents. We want to make sure the space is safe and that we review our policies and the way that we use it."

Still Paul W. Hartman, CEO of the Night Ministry, said that their "Ravenswood neighbors have been wonderful supporters of our mission. While we hope they will continue to support us, and we will miss being a member of the community, our move to the Bucktown facility will greatly enhance the services we provide to Chicago's homeless population."

Health Outreach Program

The Health Outreach Bus [HOB] and Street Medicine Program [SMP] are part of The Night Ministry's Health Outreach Program, which brings free health care directly to Chicagoans who may be unable or ineligible to obtain health care services elsewhere.

The HOB serves the Rogers Park, Douglas Park, Humboldt Park, Pilsen, East Garfield Park, South Shore and New City neighborhoods. The bus is staffed with a nurse practitioner who sees patients in a fully equipped, on-board nurse's office and a case manager, who links visitors with other community resources to meet their long-term needs, such as housing.

Personnel on the bus provide hygiene supplies, coffee, lemonade, and supportive relationships to visitors as well as a meal, which often is prepared and served by volunteers.

The SMP brings health care and survival supplies such as tents, warm clothing and food directly to individuals living in

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Three-story sculpture coming to lakefront garden

Garden Chicago memorializes early days of Chicago's HIV epidemic, honors those who continue to fight

The Chicago Parks Foundation announced that the first phase of the new AIDS Garden Chicago will be complete this Fall with the unveiling of a specially-commissioned 30'-tall sculpture, Self-Portrait, by iconic HIV/AIDS activist and artist, the late Keith Haring.

The new 2.5-acre public lakefront garden will be located along Lake Michigan just south of Belmont Harbor, at the original location of the 'Belmont Rocks,' a space where the local gay community gathered between the 1960s and 1990s.

"We have worked closely with some of our longtime community leaders, held meetings with various community groups and are now excited to start phase one of this overdue project," said Ald. Tom Tunney [44th]. "Self-Portrait's new home at AIDS Garden Chicago is a small but powerful way to continue talking about the epidemic as we fight to bring both HIV infec-



This 30'-tall sculpture by HIV/AIDS activist and artist, the late Keith Haring, will be installed on the Lakefront.

tions and AIDS-related deaths to zero."

Bold, bright green and nearly three stories high, Self-Portrait will be the largest iteration of this popular sculpture that has ever been fabricated, and the Chicago Parks Foundation expects it to be the Garden's signature anchor and gathering point. While no precise installation date has yet been announced, the AIDS Garden Chicago will be the city's first public monument to memorialize the early days of Chicago's HIV epidemic and to honor those who continue to fight against the disease today.

"The fight against HIV/AIDS represents more than a health epidemic: it symbolizes a time in our history when the LGBTQ+ and ally communities came together in the face of tragedy," said Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. "We lost countless neighbors and friends and relatives over the years, but we have made significant strides in combatting the virus. [That] has given way to

a blooming garden of hope and love; this new AIDS Garden Chicago will serve as a permanent reminder of how far we have come and as a way to honor those who continue the work of getting to zero new HIV infections."

AIDS Garden Chicago is set to be complete in 2020 and will include unique areas designed for reflection, education, honor, and pride. Visitors will be guided with markers and milestones through a variety of intimate and collective garden spaces to be coordinated and maintained by community gardeners still in formation.

This park garden hopes to provide a sensory nature experience; perhaps the most notable being a memorable grove of Ginkgo trees and a perennial garden of natural plantings at the entrance. A serpentine path will be the site for future temporary art installations organized by community partners.

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Police Beat...

Thief slashes Apple store guard, charges filed

An Auburn-Gresham man cut a security cord to steal an iPhone from the Apple Store on North Ave., then slashed a guard who tried to apprehend him, police said.

Prosecutors charged Ralphael Dogan, 18, with felony armed robbery and reckless conduct.

Police said Dogan stole an iPhone by cutting its tether with scissors on



Ralphael Dogan

Nov. 7. Then, he allegedly returned to the store at 801 W. North Ave. and did the same thing again around 3:30 p.m. Nov. 12. An Apple guard told police he recognized Dogan when the teen re-entered the store on Tuesday. The security officer pursued him and Dogan ran into the middle of Halsted St., causing a traffic accident, according to a CPD spokesperson.

After the crash, Dogan turned around and slashed the security guard with the scissors, cutting the victim's hand, police said.

Police took Dogan into custody on the 1500 block of N. Halsted moments later.

A judge set bail for Dogan at \$5,000. The teen will need to post a \$500 deposit to go free before trial. He is due back in court on Tuesday.

This newspaper reported last month that retail theft reports have soared on the North Ave. shopping corridor. As of late September, retailers in the area had already filed more theft reports with police than during all of last year.

Three robberies in Lakeview

Chicago police are investigating at least three separate robberies reported in the Lakeview neighborhood since Nov. 15. The crimes do not appear to be related.

The most recent robbery took place early Sunday on the 1500 block of W. Belmont, police said. A 28-year-old man reported that two men approached him and asked for a cigarette around 12:45 a.m. When the man told them, "no," one of the offenders grabbed him around the neck and threw him to the ground, according to CPD Officer Michael Carroll.

Carroll said the offender then went into the victim's backpack and took property before running westbound on Belmont with his accomplice. The victim said the robbers took a wallet and a camera.

He said both robbers are black men who stand about 5'-7" tall. One wore a red sweater.

In a second incident, police said a man reported being robbed Nov. 14 near Boystown's Halsted St. bar strip.

An unknown offender approached the man from behind, threw him to the ground, and took his wallet near the intersection of Halsted and Buckingham around 2 a.m., the man said.

The offender, described as a white male who stands about 5'-9" tall, wore a gray jacket and blue pants. He was last seen heading southbound on Halsted St., according to the victim.

On Diversey, a man reported be-

ing robbed of his debit card outside the Diversey Brown Line CTA station on Friday evening.

The victim told police that a man approached him and started fighting with him outside the station shortly before 8 p.m. He said the offender fled westbound on Diversey after getting control of his card.

No description of the suspect is available.

Uber driver, cabbie targeted in separate Loop robberies

A gunman robbed an Uber driver in the Loop Nov. 14, police said. Less than 30 minutes later, a different offender robbed a taxi driver just a few blocks away. Charges have been filed in the second case.

In the Uber hold-up a 31-year-old Uber driver told police that a man robbed him at gunpoint as he waited for a red light to change on the 300 block of E. Lower Wacker around 11:15 a.m., said CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli.

The victim said he was sitting at the light when a man approached his car from the rear, opened the driver's side passenger door, and displayed a handgun.

Police said the offender reached into the car, took valuables, and ran away. The victim was not injured.

The offender is a black man between 25- and 30-years old who stands 5'-10" tall and weighs about 145 lbs, Baroli said. He was wearing a gray hoodie.

In the taxi robbery a cabbie reported being robbed in the heart of the Loop about 25 minutes after the Uber driver was targeted, according to police

The second victim told police that a passenger robbed him when he arrived at the fare's destination at State and Randolph around 11:40 a.m.

According to police records, the robber told the cabbie, "if you don't give me your money, I'm gonna kill you." The victim complied and the offender fled without paying his fare, police said.

The cabbie took a picture of the robber as he fled into the Block 37 complex.

Officers searched the building and detained a suspect near a movie theater on the fourth floor. The victim then identified the man as the offender, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Prosecutors charged Duane Austin, 33, with misdemeanor counts of theft of labor or services and battery. He was then released to await trial.

Chicago police have arrested Austin five times since Sept. 3, according to department records. Three of those arrests, all for misdemeanors, were in the Lakeview and Uptown neighborhoods.



Duane Austin

Women mugged by teens outside downtown hotels

Two teenagers mugged a woman outside a Loop hotel on Nov. 15. The robbery is the second time in two days that female victims reported being held-up by teens outside downtown hotels.

Police said two offenders pushed a 22-year-old woman and then stole her property on the 100 block of W. Randolph around 6:30 p.m. According to a witness, the victim sought help at a Starbucks after the robbery unfolded outside Hotel Allegro, 171 W. Randolph.

Witnesses said the robbers—two tall, skinny, black males in their mid- to late teens—fled southbound on

Wells St. after they mugged the woman. One wore a black hoodie and the other wore a blue hoodie.

The Loop robbery came one day after a 56-year-old woman told police three teens robbed her outside the Courtyard By Marriott, 30 E. Hubbard.

Police said Thursday's robber pushed the victim and then removed jewelry from her wrists and stole her phone around 8:20 p.m. He then fled northbound on State St. with two accomplices, according to a witness.

A CPD spokesperson said the offenders in Thursday's robbery were three black males between 16- and 20-years-old. Witnesses said one is skinny and wore a gray hoodie with blue jeans.

Woman, 56, mugged near Trump Tower loading dock

Two men punched a woman in the face and robbed her as she walked near the Trump Tower loading dock on Sunday evening, police said. No one is in custody.

The 56-year-old victim was on the 400 block of N. Lower Wabash when the men walked up and punched her in the nose around 5:15 p.m., according to a CPD spokesperson. They then took the woman's purse and ran eastbound on Lower Kinzie.

An ambulance transported the woman to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for lacerations to her face and examination of her nose, which may have been broken, according to police records. The CPD spokesperson said early Monday that the woman was in good condition.

The robbers are described as two black men in their late teens or early 20's. One wore a black jogging suit and the other wore black and red clothing, which may have also been a jogger.

Robbery crews launch at least 8 attacks in 3 hours across North Side

At least two robbery teams, including one apparently composed of four juveniles, unleashed a torrent of attacks Sunday evening from the Gold Coast to Old Town to Lincoln Park. The crews targeted at least nine victims in three hours, according to police records.

Officers detained suspected members of the juvenile crew, but other offenders remain at large. Here is what we've learned so far:

Around 7 p.m. Nov. 17, two men wearing ski masks grabbed a woman by her shoulders and demanded her wallet as she walked on the 1100 block of W. Dickens in Lincoln Park, said CPD Officer Ronald Westbrooks.

The woman elbowed the offenders and ran away, screaming for help, according to Westbrooks. The men fled without getting anything of value and neighbors waited with the victim until police arrived.

Witnesses said the offenders, described as two black men in their mid- to late 20's, ran northbound on Clifton. One is about 5'-8" tall and the other is about 6'-2" tall, they said. No one is in custody.

At about 8:15 p.m., two armed men approached a couple as they were unloading items from their car on the 1300 block of N. Astor in the Gold Coast, Westbrooks said.

The victims, a 33-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman, said the men took a tote bag from the woman by force and then pushed the male victim to the ground, causing cuts to his knee. An ambulance crew treated him at the scene.

A witness reported that the offenders, who both carried firearms, fled to a Jeep Cherokee that was waiting for them with a getaway driver. The SUV fled the scene eastbound on Banks.

Westbrooks said the robbers are three black men. One wore a red

jacket; one wore a yellow coat with a red winter cap, and one wore a white jacket bearing a black stripe.

Just before 7 p.m., a group of about four suspected juveniles began a series of attacks that would eventually spread across the Near North Side, Old Town, and nearby Lincoln Park. According to reports:

- One victim said four young offenders grabbed her, spun her around, and tried to take her backpack on the 100 block of W. Maple shortly before 7 p.m. They fled when she began screaming.

- Moments later, a Lincoln Park woman flagged down police after the group robbed her near the intersection of LaSalle and Division.

- At 7:25 p.m., four juveniles battered and robbed a man of his iPhone on the 1700 block of N. Crilly in Old Town.

- Around 8:30 p.m., callers reported that a group of young offenders knocked people to the ground and rifled through the victims' clothes near 10 E. Chicago.

- About 15 minutes later, a similarly described group threw a woman to the ground and tried to take her purse near Eugenie and Wells in Old Town. She said she fought them off.

- At 9:30 p.m., a witness reported seeing four teenagers push a woman to the ground in an apparent robbery attempt on the 1700 block of N. Dayton in Lincoln Park.

Police officers detained three suspects on the 1800 block of N. Fremont about 15 minutes after the last incident. At least one of the victims identified a member of the group as an attacker, police said.

Officers were also provided with a video of the offenders. An officer said the three detainees were wearing clothing and had facial features identical to those seen in the footage. Detectives are investigating the spree.

Gangster Disciple gets probation for beating

Chicago police tried to stop 19-year-old Nathan Dougherty after they allegedly saw him walking through an Edgewater alley, peering into residential gangways with two other men around 9 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Officers later said in a report that Dougherty is "known to carry a firearm and commit robberies." As they approached him, Dougherty grabbed his waistband and ran, police said. An officer reportedly heard the sound of metal hitting concrete as he chased Dougherty near the 5400 block of N. Kenmore.

Once Dougherty was in custody, officers walked back along the chase route and found a loaded handgun near the location where a cop heard that sound.

Prosecutors charged Dougherty with felony unlawful use of a weapon. Judge Charles Beach ordered him held without bail.

Dougherty, who police say admits to being a member of the Gangster Disciples street gang, received a sentence of 24-months probation in July after he pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated battery for his role in a violent robbery on the very same block where cops arrested him on Oct. 22.

On July 14, 2018, a 20-year-old man told police that Dougherty and another man approached him on the 5400 block of N. Kenmore around 3:30 p.m. Dougherty told the man, "Nice book bag. I need that," and then struck the man repeatedly in the head with a two-by-four piece of lumber, police said.

Dougherty then punched the man repeatedly and choked him before prying away the victim's book bag and running away. The victim suffered a swollen head and a concussion, according to police. Dougherty's accomplice, who was never found, allegedly brandished a firearm during the robbery.

Prosecutors eventually agreed to drop a host of felony charges in a plea deal with Dougherty, including two counts of Class X felony robbery. In exchange for pleading guilty to one count of aggravated battery, Dougherty was given a sentence of 24-months probation, 15 days of work on the county's SWAP program, and 357 days time served while awaiting trial.

Man arrested in Near North incident

A Near North woman called police Oct. 30 because a man fired a shot through her door after she kicked him out of her apartment on the 700 block of N. Dearborn.

The woman called police again early on Nov. 2 after she and her brother saw the alleged offender in the first block of W. Huron.

Officers arrived and arrested Christopher Stanley, 35, after con-



Christopher Stanley

firming that the victim identified him by name in her police report, according to court records. During a search, police allegedly found a handgun in Stanley's possession.

Prosecutors charged Stanley with being a felon in possession of a firearm but not with the alleged shooting. Judge John Lyke set bail at \$5,000 and Stanley went free by posting a \$500 deposit bond.

In May 2002, prosecutors dropped four counts of attempted murder and four other felonies in a plea deal with Stanley. In exchange for pleading guilty to aggravated discharge of a firearm, Stanley received a sentence of eight years, court records show.

Uptown bank robbery fails

The FBI are looking for a man who tried to rob an Uptown bank branch Nov. 8.

Police responded to the Bank of America, 4758 N. Racine, around 2 p.m. after employees activated a silent alarm, according to CPD dispatch records. He did not display a weapon and officers said he was gone when they arrived.

According to an FBI alert, the offender is a black male with a slim build who wore a black knit hat, a black face mask, a gray coat with black sleeves, black pants, black shoes, and carried a black backpack. He fled eastbound on Lawrence Ave.

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

Pickpocket targets Lincoln Park, Lakeview elderly

Chicago Police are warning Lincoln Park and Lakeview residents about four recent pick-pocket thefts. In those thefts, the offender targeted elderly victims inside of businesses and on the public way.

In each theft, the offender placed himself within close proximity of the victims and removed property from

Equal justice in Cook County

Weight of the world off back of man who did not get a 'Smollett deal'

BY CWBCHICAGO

After 19 months of anguish, this suburban man has finally cleared his name: "Unfortunately for me, I didn't get a Smollett deal."

It took roughly 26 court appearances, two lawyers, a bench trial, and more than \$15,000, but a suburban man who prosecutors accused of filing a false police report finally cleared his name last Wednesday.

And yes, for the record, he was never offered "the Smollett deal."

Jussie Smollett, you surely remember, is the Hollywood actor who faced 16 felony counts of filing a false police report earlier this year after investigators said he made up an elaborate story of being beaten in an anti-gay, anti-black, pro-Trump hate crime near his home in Streeterville.

Prosecutors in the office of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx dismissed Smollett's case one month after his arrest in a last-minute hearing that ended with the court file being sealed (albeit temporarily) from the public eye. Smollett pleaded guilty to nothing. He gave his \$10,000 bail deposit to the city, and prosecutors dropped everything on the spot.

Public outrage at the secretive and unusual handling of a celebrity case grew quickly. But Joe Magats, Foxx's top deputy bristled at the notion that a TV star with political connections received special treatment.

The deal Smollett received "is available to all defendants," Magats said. "It's not something out of privilege. It's not something out of clout."

But, like every similar defendant who's faced false report charges under Foxx, former Union Station restaurant manager Jim Van Buskirk never received the offer that Magats said is available to everyone.

Beaten, robbed, tied up... and arrested

March 29, 2018, started like any other day for Van Buskirk. He drove into the city from his family's suburban home and started preparing for a day of business at The Junction, a bar and restaurant on a busy commuter corridor inside Union Station.

Around 10:15 a.m., a man walked into his office.

"I was beaten up, pistol-whipped, tied up, and I still have marks on my wrists" from the zip ties that were used as restraints. "He knocked me over, and I hit my head on the floor."

Van Buskirk said he remained on the ground for about 30 minutes until an employee arrived for work, forced the office door open, and found him on the ground. Taken were his phone, wallet, keys, and \$30,000 to \$40,000 of the restaurant's money, Van Buskirk said.

Amtrak police and Chicago cops scoured the Loop and surrounding areas for a suspect. Po-



Jim Van Buskirk with his daughters and wife in 2016. "They're the four strongest women you've ever met," he said.

lice in suburban Evergreen Park even dispatched a patrol unit to Van Buskirk's home to make sure that his child, who was home on spring break, was safe.

"When I was still in the hospital, I was shown a picture of a suspect," Van Buskirk remem-

"Unfortunately for me, I didn't get a Smollett deal," said Jim Van Buskirk. "God bless Smollett for getting that deal, because — the hell my family has gone through for 19 months — I wish had one."

bered. "I said, 'that's him, except he didn't have that hat on.'" Police let the suspect go.

Two weeks later, a Chicago police detective showed up at The Junction and took Van Buskirk into custody. Prosecutors charged him with one felony count of filing a false report.

Even though between \$30,000 and \$40,000 was allegedly taken, neither prosecutors nor the grand jury ever accused him of taking a single dime.

"My phone was found outside Rensselaer, IN," 85 miles away from Union Station, he said.

"There was no investigation."

"We gotta do what we gotta do"

"Unfortunately for me, I didn't get a Smollett deal," he said. "God bless Smollett for getting that deal, because — the hell my family has gone through for 19 months — I wish had one."

The Junction, where his team of five years was "like a second family," fired Van Buskirk, he said.

"The anguish my family, wife, kids, went through. We're all very close. It's tough, my kids defending their dad, which is something they should never have to do. It's tough."

"I survived on Diet Coke and cigarettes," he joked, adding that he shed 44 pounds during the ordeal.

Prosecutors in January offered Van Buskirk a deal, he said. "Two years of second-chance probation, random drug testing, and five days of SWAP," a reference to the sheriff department's work crew program.

Van Buskirk said the case had

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DELTA DENTAL

Lightfoot to eliminate Chicago Infrastructure Trust

Former mayor's big projects plan to return \$1.9 billion to city

On Monday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced that she plans to dissolve the Chicago Infrastructure Trust as part of her 2020 budget.

The trust was a scheme created by former Mayor Rahm Emanuel that he claimed would take a lot of infrastructure projects off the books and put them into an opaque independent agency that was mostly under his direction, and provided less oversight by the city's aldermen and other gatekeepers.

Emanuel promoted the trust as a way for public works to be backed in part with private funds, but he never really explained to City Hall nor to city citizens how that was achieved, who was involved in those deals and what fees and interest may be paid to attract those private funds.

Projects taken on by the trust included building a new Chicago Police and Fire academy, wiring CTA trains with 4G infrastructure on CTA trains, adding energy efficient lighting to public buildings, and replacing existing street lights with LED bulbs.

Another proposal made at a joint press conference with Elon Must to build a high speed underground tube express service to

O'Hare Airport has never gotten off the ground.

The final dissolution of the trust will be considered by the full City Council ahead of their final budget vote next week. If it passes, the nearly \$2 billion in funds remaining in the trust will be returned to the City Hall. The trust's board of directors reportedly have not met since April and have not yet engaged with Mayor Lightfoot on any projects.

The Mayor's office released a statement saying that given our "significant financial challenges, the administration is confident that [the trusts] capabilities can be delivered from within our departments in the future. We thank the entire [trust] team for their service and for making important contributions to modernize city infrastructure and reduce environmental impact through signature projects, including the Smart Lighting Program."

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ARCHITECTURAL NEWS: Congratulations to architectural writer **Lee Bey**. The Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects is giving him this year's Distinguished Service Award, "recognizing the accomplishments and contributions in service to the profession." The longtime newsy and Sun-Times journalist has made new sparks with his latest work, "Southern Exposure," on overlooked South Side Chicago architecture. He's a treasure, bravo!

TIDBIT: St. Ignatius College Prep received a \$15 million donation to fund minority scholarships.

THE NUTCRACKER: The Joffrey Ballet's critically-acclaimed re-imagined classic, *The Nutcracker*, by Tony Award-winning choreographer **Christopher Wheeldon**, returns to open the holiday season at the historic Auditorium Theatre, in 29 performances only, Nov. 30-Dec. 29. This season's production marks the last time *The Nutcracker* will take place at the Auditorium Theatre since its world premiere in 2016. The Company moves to the Lyric Opera House with the start of the 2020-2021 season.

TIDBIT: 28th Annual Wreathing of the Lions at the Art Institute of Chicago, Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 to 10:30 a.m., on Boul Mich, front steps.

LES OEUFFS: **Marc Joseph Sievers** is fast becoming the hero of the egg. His cookbook gab fab on omelettes is making him a household name. The delicious goings-on is the perfect vehicle to unleash his wit that has real wisdom. Chicago really needed his sense of humor, as well as his suggestions for becoming more



Wreathing of the Lions November 29th.



Lee Bey's book "Southern Exposure."

French in the kitchen. Full disclaimer - I think the egg is God's greatest gift. And those who treat the egg with reverence and respect are leading us along the right path. Anyway, keep an eye out for the shell-cracking Sievers, he was just at Lunchroom at SPACE 519 signing books. The chicest and most discerning delight in him.

TIDBIT: The Chicago Public Library is now "Fine Free."

HOLLYWOOD HISTORY: Chicago's **Dayle D. Ann Edgeworth** has been in Hollywood doing the room decor for the "Back to the Backlot," a LGBTQ event held Nov. 9 with her pal, the legendary **Lloyd Coleman**, producing the event. This was his dream finally realized. She has also been working with the one and only **Bruce Vilanch**. Plans are to rebuild the studio building at the same location as a permanent tribute and LGBTQ museum.

Making Hollywood history.

THE CHICAGO SCOTS: The oldest non-profit organization in Illinois, invites all to celebrate the feast that has endured World Wars, The Great Depression and the Great Chicago Fire, at the 174th Annual Saint Andrew's Day Gala, "The Feast of the Haggis" on Saturday, Dec. 7. Better known as the longest running black tie event in Chicago, this special evening has been hosted consecutively, and this year will feature an exquisite Scottish dinner, live entertainment including bagpipers and Highland Dancers, an auction, a Cèilidh After Party (which includes lively Scottish country dancing, singing and haggis sliders) and a special award presentation to two Distinguished Citizens in the community. All proceeds benefit the Chicago Scots' principal charity, Caledonia Senior Living and Memory Care in North Riverside.

DAVENPORT'S: Dec. 5, 8 to 9 p.m., singer **Barb Bailey's** annual Birthday Bash! She's in a hilarious rant about love and all of its twists and turns. Her featured guests are vocalists **Jack Wood** and **Matt Barber** from LA. "You can't live with them - you can't live without them." By the end of the show - you will know a lot more about Barb than you ever knew before - she discloses to her audience some of her innermost secrets. Says Barb, "I have a LOT to say about Love Is A 4-Letter Word!" at 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave.

CABARET: The Queen of Chicago Cabaret **Denise Tomasello** electrified the streets of Chicago with a beautiful, mesmerizing and highly entertaining performance of warm romance and treasured nostalgia to close off a smash year. Brava of 2019. With **Nick Sula** and **Joe Policastro** at Drew's on Halsted, she has made the most of the past year and reinvented the art form. We forget sometimes that Chicago



Dayle D. Ann Edgeworth in Hollywood with Bruce Vilanch.



Cynthia Olson



Barb Bailey



Denise Tomasello

was the center of such lyric beauty decades ago in a more glamorous era of elegance. Denise has brought us all back to a time of more tactile engagement, before television interrupted our experience of the arts. Before electronics intruded into our hearing. She has brought us back to the age of song in person, to the era of ballads filling our senses live. Unrecorded. You hear it in the maturity of a real woman's voice. That comes with experience, emotion, good times and bad. Her repertoire was perfection, her delivery, sublime. There should be some special award for bringing an art form back to life. It belongs to Denise. Can you imagine what 2020 will bring? Chicago is once again a capitol of song. And **Russ Goeltenbott** and **Drew's** can be proud of mid-wifing its delivery.

TIDBIT: Word on the street is that attorney **Dan Balanoff's** campaign for the 8th Judicial Sub-circuit has been breaking new ground educating the often confused judicial voter. The campaign is simple, earnest and wise. Intelligence and competence change everything.

WHO'S WHERE: **Richard Sanderson** in AR at the lodge at Castle Hot Springs after a hike... **Blasé Foria** is feeling fantastic, working out and on cruise control the rest of the day in Scottsdale, AZ... **Jeffrey Banks** with **Pamela Dove** and **Jonathon Dewinter** at dinner at Polo Bar New York... **Dan Kirk** is with **Tom O'Reilly** and **Debbie Morris** at Delano South Beach, Miami, FL... **Michael Fustin** and **Paul Hickey** getting ready for a winter's stay in Australia and all the adventure that entails... **Cynthia Olson** has returned to visit exotic Shanghai, China.

NETHERLANDS' TRAINS FREE: On National Book Day, for those who show a book instead of a ticket, Dutch book lovers get free rail travel across their country's entire network for the

weekend as part of the Netherlands' annual book week.

NEW BOOK: Entertaining Chicago by **Neal Samors** and co-author **Bob Dauber**, the story of Chicago's fabled nightclubs and watering holes, out at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and local Chicago area bookstores.

CHICAGO CHRISTMAS MEMORIES CONCERT: Sunday, Dec. 1, 3 p.m., Holy Family Church, Roosevelt Rd. Join featured soloists **Catherine O'Connell**, CBS News anchor **Jim Williams**, Maestro **Rich Daniels** and the City Lights Orchestra, **Shelley MacArthur**, **Paul Mariano**, **Rod Dixon**, **Alfreda Burke** and **Suzanne Palmer** on the first Sunday of Advent.

SERIOUS AND EASY: Young Irish chef **Donal Skehan**, (a former rock star) currently doing American cookery shows on TV in Los Angeles just nominated for best new cookbook with "Super Foods in Minutes." He and his Swedish wife, **Sofie**, are just about to birth baby #2 so they will be sticking close to home. But his style and cooking are made for busy Americans. Check it out.

CHRISTMAS TREAT: Everyone should try and see **Denise McGowan Tracy's** "Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish," at The Greenhouse Theater, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Nov. 19 to Dec. 29. A fresh holiday musical that will delight.

If you have any young friends who aspire to become writers, the second greatest favor you can do them is to present them with copies of *The Elements of Style*. The first greatest, of course, is to shoot them now, while they're happy.

— Dorothy Parker

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A new reality on Ravenswood

Jonathon Irons and Aaron Sawyer announced the opening of Redline VR, a virtual reality arcade and escape room at 4700 N. Ravenswood Ave. The new Ravenswood entertainment destination re-imagines the most popular entertainment trends in virtual reality and interactive technology, making for out-of-this-world experiences. Reservations may be booked at redlinevr.com.

(Photo left to right) Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th], Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Megan Bunimovich, Redline VR owners Jonathon Irons and Aaron Sawyer and Ald. Matt Martin [47th] at the ribbon cutting for Redline VR, Thursday, Nov. 14.

Photo by Matthew Freer

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But that statement isn't entirely true. A lawsuit was brought forward by property owners Albert Hanna and Carol Mrowka who challenged Chicago's landmarks ordinance that they say affected properties they owned in Lincoln Park's Arlington-Deming neighborhood and in East Village near Wicker Park. That legal case dragged on from 2009 through 2013. Preservationists were also involved in - and lost - another lawsuit in 2013 over the old Prentice Hospital in Streeterville. And right now City Hall and local property owners are facing off over an attempt by the city to designate a portion of 18th Street in Pilsen, and 13 adjacent blocks between Racine and Damen, as a historic landmark district. Property owners there strongly objected to the expedited timeline set by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks, saying the process was rushed.

The EHS claims that the Nordine mansion is the "rare and exceptional case where the stars are favorably aligned for landmarking" and that they think "few buildings worth saving are as straightforward as this."

The Nordine family is well within their rights to seek the highest price for their property, which may only be achieved with the current zoning that would allow the home to be torn down and a larger property erected on the site.

The lot that the house sits on is a large, double-wide property that is zoned RM-5. That means that a developer can come in, demolish the property, construct a larger multi-unit building up to 45' in height and make a nice profit. The property listing for the house boasts about its current RM-5 zoning designation and its ability to accommodate medium to high-density multi-family buildings as well as a variety of other residential housing types.

The EHS claims that the Nordine mansion is the "rare and exceptional case where the stars are favorably aligned for landmarking" and that they think "few buildings worth saving are



The house, which stands on the northwest corner of Kenmore and Glenlake, was owned by one of the most celebrated voices in both radio and television, Grammy Award nominated Ken Nordine.

as straightforward as this."

"Everyone understood the vulnerability once the property was put up for sale, and the vulnerability being that it is a historic house that is not protected and also happens to be in an R-5 zone," Landmarks Illinois Director of Advocacy Lisa Dichiera told Edgeville Buzz. "Rezoning and landmarking are really the only two tools we have in hand to outright prevent a demolition."

Landmarks Illinois claimed that they found a potential buyer back in July who was willing to Landmark the property in order to preserve it. The plan was to restore the house, build a new addition and divide it into a few units. He made a contractual offer just below market value with the plan of going through the landmark process in order to take advantage of the incentives it offers. Then the seller suddenly ended

the process sometime in mid-September.

Dichiera said she was not sure why they pulled out "but the reasoning may be that if they started along the landmarking path and then if that particular purchaser pulled out for whatever reason, it could undo it (the contractual offer). They instead took an offer that was not contingent on landmarking from a different developer" who has done past new construction in the neighborhood.

EHS's letter stated that the Edgewater's Kenmore-Winthrop corridor "already has an abundance of banal, high-density 'Four Plus One' properties. Allowing the last of the truly unique and lower density properties to be plowed under in the name of 'progress' is something that will greatly diminish the value of our community for all."



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Fine art pop-up shop now open in Lincoln Park

When Rick and Esther Baumgarten did some repairs on their Lincoln Park home recently, and had to move the contents of several rooms, they found that like many who have lived in one home for a long time, they had accumulated way too much stuff.

Particularly their collection of graphic art that began 56 years ago when Rick was 17. With literally hundreds of works, some framed, some just museum matted, stored in drawers, closets and boxes and many not having seen the light of day for years. They decided that much of it had to go - but how?

The idea to open a Pop-Up Store suddenly became a reality, and that led to the opening of Chicago Fine Prints at 2322 N. Lincoln Ave.

The store is part of the new Lincoln Common Development in the old Childrens' Hospital space, and that's where art enthusiasts and shoppers will find hundreds of both framed and matted works from the 15th to 20th Century. Artists such as Albrecht Durer, Marc Chagall, Jean Renoir, Henri Matisse, James Whistler, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, James Jacques Tissot, Charles Meryon, and Victor Vasarely.

Rick promises that prices are

set to be at or below auction prices according to the art information resources they have subscribed to for years.

A love for art was passed down from Rick's maternal grandparents. Rick thought early on that the best (and only) way for him to collect the works of masters was through the "multiple originals" of etchings, engravings, and lithographs that were vastly more affordable than paintings. As he collected, framed, and displayed over time; works on the wall were replaced with works he liked better or were more important. Also, he and Esther's tastes changed over time.

The collection continues to grow with a concentration on just a few artists, and the rest is now available to the public, but only for a short time. Rick has always enjoyed cataloging and researching each piece, and many pieces have great stories both experienced and unearthed online or from books.

The public is invited to visit and have a glass of wine while viewing etchings, lithos, woodcuts, mezzotints, screenprints, and engravings. If anything is found to be not as described, Rick promises it can be returned for a full refund.

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Red light camera study bill advances in Senate

Devices are one focus of probe of Sen. Martin Sandoval
BY PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

A bill calling on the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to conduct a study on the use of automated red light cameras advanced in the state Senate Nov. 12, lawmakers' first day back at the Capitol for the final three days of the fall veto session.

Those devices, and the contracts that many Chicago-area governments have with the companies that provide them, are believed to be one subject of an ongoing federal corruption probe focusing on state Sen. Martin Sandoval.

Federal agents executed a search warrant on Sandoval's Statehouse office Sept. 24. Among the items agents were looking for were documents or records pertaining to a company called SafeSpeed, which provides red light cameras to a number of local governments in the Chicago area, according to the warrant.

Red light cameras are automated devices that photograph vehicles if they pass through a red light without stopping, and generate a citation to the vehicle's owner. Local governments typically split the revenue generated by the

devices with the vendor.

According to published reports, Sandoval is said to have intervened on behalf of SafeLight to have IDOT approve red light cameras in locations the agency had previously rejected, all while accepting large campaign contributions from the company and people affiliated with it.

Although some lawmakers have called to ban the use of the devices, Senate Bill 1297, sponsored by Sen. Emil Jones III, D-Chicago, calls on IDOT only to conduct a study "evaluating automated traffic law enforcement systems" in the state and to report back to lawmakers "on the overall operation, usage, permit process, and regulation" of the devices, along with any recommendations the agency deems necessary.

The measure passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee, which Sandoval chaired before he was pressured to step down while the investigation continues.

If the full Senate does not vote on the bill by Thursday, the final day of the veto session, it could leave no time for the House to consider the measure this year. Lawmakers would then need to take it back up when they return in January for the start of the regular 2020 session.

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encampments and alongside roadways across Chicago.

The SMP visits more than 30 sites across the city on a regular basis. Members of the Street Medicine Team travel in a specially equipped van that allows them to visit locations, such as lower Wacker Dr. and expressway viaducts. Medical professionals on the HOB and the SMP can provide some medications to clients such as asthma inhalers, antibiotics, pain relievers and flu/cold medications.

Move signifies enhanced services

Burke Patten, a senior associate and communications director, said The Night Ministry staff is very excited about the upcoming move. "Staff at The Crib is looking forward to providing guests with an enhanced experience and services with beds (guests currently sleep on mats laid out on the floor), multiple showers and space for programming and activities."

The HOB staff is looking forward to having the bus parked at the same building where the offices are located. Currently, the bus is parked more than three miles away from our office. It needs to be retrieved from its overnight parking spot and brought to the office to be loaded up before its stop.

Patten also expressed mixed emotions about the upcoming move, "We've been in this neighborhood for 17 years and residents and businesses have become strong supporters of our mission, donating their time, services and financial resources to support the



A nurse practitioner with The Night Ministry's Street Medicine Program provides treatment for a patient's wound. The program brings free health care, survival supplies, food and links to supportive services directly to individuals experiencing homelessness on the streets of Chicago.

Photo courtesy of The Night Ministry

work we do," he said.

During the transitional period, the agency will continue to accept in-kind donations, such as new clothing and hygiene supplies and single-ride Ventra passes at the Ravenswood building through Dec. 13. Beginning Dec. 16, in-kind donations will be accepted at Edgewater Community Church.

"Our move has been designed to have minimal impact on those we serve," Hamann said. Our programs will continue to operate as usual with no interruptions in service."

The Night Ministry's formed in 1976 with one employee offering a human connection to individuals on the streets at night. Since that hardscrabble beginning, The Night Ministry has expanded to serve thousands of people a year.

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perience homelessness a year. Last year, the Health Outreach Program served 5,300 people, and the organization's health care professionals provided 1,556 free health assessments.

"The need for affordable, permanent housing coupled with supportive services that help individuals transition out of homelessness is critical," Patten said. "Until such supports are more widely available, The Night Ministry will be there to offer its critical services."

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brought so much angst and problems for him and his family, he gave the offer serious consideration. Even his attorney was looking to settle.

Adding to the pressure: The restaurant's insurance company sent him a notice in January. He says they wanted \$140,000 in compensation from him. Pleading guilty to a crime he didn't commit could put him on the hook for the insurance claim, he figured.

Shortly after prosecutors made their plea offer, the State's Attorney's office suddenly settled the Smollett case. Smollett had been charged with 16 counts of filing a false report, the exact same charged that prosecutors filed against Van Buskirk. Except Van Buskirk only faced one count.

"When I saw that, I had a glimmer of hope that they may go across the board and do that for everyone," Van Buskirk remembered. But they didn't.

Then, he read a news story about an attorney friend who was handling a big case. He called the guy and hired him as his new counsel.

In April, Van Buskirk said, he heard his new lawyer tell the prosecutor that the state's case wasn't winnable. Van Buskirk remembers the prosecutor's response to be roughly, "Yeah, but we gotta do what we gotta do."

He rejected the state's settlement

offer and took the case to trial.

"Yes!"

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, Van Buskirk and the state squared off in a bench trial before Cook County Judge Charles Burns.

Prosecutors spent the first day putting on their case with a string of witnesses. Before trial, the state claimed to have two videos

"If I did get a Smollett deal, people would say, 'he did it.' They can't say that now."

showing Van Buskirk going into his office alone. When it came down to it, the state showed only one video in court. It showed the Union Station concourse. And it was missing parts, Van Buskirk said.

Everyone returned to court mid-day Wednesday as the defense put on one witness, an Amtrak police officer. Then, Van Buskirk's lawyer rested. As soon as closing arguments ended around 2 p.m., Burns announced his finding: not guilty.

Van Buskirk impulsively shouted, "Yes!"

"He said there was no evidence. It was a sense of relief. The weight of the world off my back. You have so many thoughts going through your head. You're entrusting one person to make a decision that could change the rest of your life."

"Everyone was fair. The Chicago police, Amtrak police, the two state's attorneys. There was no impropriety. You hear people say 'police did this' or 'they did that.' There's none of that. CPD treated me fairly."

"It's been a long 19 months. It's taken a toll on my family. People said things to them. People you thought were your friends sometimes are not."

"If it wasn't for some retirement money and my siblings, I couldn't have done it," Van Buskirk said on Sunday. "I will always be grateful."

"Look forward"

On Friday, Van Buskirk went to a high school football game.

"I'm a pretty happy guy... I felt good for the first time, finally," he said. "Before, it felt like people were talking about me."

"If I did get a Smollett deal, people would say, 'he did it.' They can't say that now."

Since getting axed from The Junction, Van Buskirk has been working for another bar while he cleared his name. But the job is not an ideal use of his decades of experience, he said.

"I would love to move to a bigger and better place," he said, "I've been doing this since I was 13-years old. I'm good at it. I love high volume restaurants and bars."

"All I can do is look forward. All I can do is work hard."



Holiday art contest for local high school students

Get your artwork on the cover

Inside Publications is once again holding our annual holiday art contest for high school students.

The winning artwork will be published in the Dec. 25 issue.

Students should draw an 8 1/2-x-11-inch vertical ink black and white drawing of a North Side landmark with a holiday twist. The student's name, age, telephone number, high school name, and year in school should be on the back, not front, of each drawing.

Past winning examples include a tomb at Graceland Cemetery wrapped in holiday lights; Lincoln Square's Abe Lincoln statue in a Santa outfit with a bag of toys; Cloud Gate [the Bean] festooned in a giant bow reflecting a holiday scene, the Picasso sculpture at the Daley Plaza wearing a Santa hat; Santa's elves feverishly

working on the Marshall Field's clock, and Santa's sleigh flying over the Sulzer Library. Originality counts!

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'Stories of Chicago' explores systemic racism as part of activism performance series

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"Stories of Chicago" is described as a collaborative performance showcase that engages with the sociopolitical limitations and systemic racism that has shaped the city of Chicago for generations.

The show features contributions from the South Chicago Dance Theatre, the RE:Dance Group, and Dance Loop Chicago.

South Chicago Dance will present "Dancing Beyond the Borderline: An Immersive Performance Experience," which offers a view of first-account recollections of the Great Migration, Jazz in the Alley, and black social dances of the 1990s, all through the lens of one family from Chicago's south side.

RE:Dance Group's piece, "The Biggest Wait from the Bot-

tom of my Heart," explores ideas of activism and protest in response to the current political landscape. The ensemble, comprised of mostly white dancers, will use the piece to examine how they contribute to the expanding dialogue about race, injustice and ignorance in America.

Finally, Dance Loop Chicago will present "ENUF," a piece about the everyday struggles facing minorities, bringing to life the continuous battle for equality, social change and justice.

The auditorium will open at 7 p.m., with performances at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 and Jan. 25. The house will open at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 for free pizza and a conversation with the artists.

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Administration rescinded an Obama administration policy that had eased enforcement of federal marijuana laws in states that legalized the drug.

Then in Dec. 2018, after a 78-year old New York man was evicted from his home, Lynne Patton, a regional official with HUD said, “State and federal law needs to catch up with medicinal marijuana usage and require private landlords to legally permit the same. My team is already working with [the evicted man] to place him in permanent housing again, [and] anyone else in his boat.” Indeed

the man was then placed back in a Section 8 unit, so federal policy standards appear to be fluid.

Some civil rights activists and others have argued that the Federal Governments’ war on drugs has been a failure and been unfair to minorities, and many local prosecutors are now trying to remedy that injustice.

The fight to legalize marijuana began when stories appeared that more and more people suffering chronic pain - especially the elderly - smoked marijuana to ease it.

Despite Illinois passing legislation to legalize medical marijuana, seniors who use it in their

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federally-subsidized units are still at risk.

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But more and more states have legalized marijuana and earned money from pot taxes.

Illinois followed suit and now

everyone here will be able to buy and smoke marijuana on Jan. 1, 2020.

However, there are cases in other states where even though

marijuana is legal, tenants in federal housing have been evicted for smoking weed even though it was for a medical reason.

There are now attempts at the federal level to legalize medical marijuana.

The media reported that last summer Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton introduced a bill to allow medical marijuana in public housing so that residents are not evicted for treating their medical condition.

“Individuals who live in states where medical and/or recreational marijuana is legal, but live in federally assisted housing, should have the same access to treatment as their neighbors,” Rep. Norton said.

One temporary solution may be to create public consumption spaces so tenants can use cannabis products for medical purposes.

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Plaintiff,
-v-
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13 CH 26825
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Case # 19 CH 6671

ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 13, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 23, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5747 N SHERIDAN RD APT E, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-407-018-1005
The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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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.
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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2018 CH 06341
TJSC#: 39-5218
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Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 9, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 561 WEST ALDINE AVENUE UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-312-048-1019
The real estate is improved with a condominium within low-rise with no garage.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 2019 CH 05746
TJSC#: 39-5826
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2019 CH 05746
TJSC#: 39-5826
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For information, THE sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 18-087535.
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Attorney File No. 18-087535
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 18 CH 11949
TJSC#: 39-6013
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division.
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company
Plaintiff,
vs.
Unknown Successor Trustee of the Berthal Family Trust under agreement dated September 29, 2010; Unknown beneficiaries of the Berthal Family Trust under agreement dated September 29, 2010; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Edgewater Plaza Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants,
Case # 2019CH4368
Sheriff's # 190160
F19030134 CPN
Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on December 17th, 2019, at 1pm in room L006 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:
Common Address: 5455 North Sheridan Road Unit 808, Chicago, Illinois 60640
P.I.N: 14-08-203-016-1069
Improvements: This property consists of a Residential Condo.
Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale.
Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments.
Premise will NOT be open for inspection.
Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney
ANSELMO, LINDBERG OLIVER LLC
1771 W. DIEHL, Ste 120
Naperville, IL 60566-7228
Sales Department
foreclosurenotice@fal-illinois.com
866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620
For bidding instructions, visit www.fal-illinois.com
This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
JAMES J. LYTLE, CHARLOTTE M. LYTLE, LAKE-SHORE TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2018 CH 06341
5747 N SHERIDAN RD APT E CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 7, 2019, an agent for The

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the victims’ person or purse without their knowledge.

Incidents include one on the 2500 block of N. Racine Ave. 1 p.m. Nov. 1; the 900 block of W. Belmont Ave. 4 p.m. Nov. 1; 2800 block of N. Clark St. 3:40 p.m. Nov. 7, and on the 3100 block of N. Clark St. 4:50 p.m. Nov. 14.

The offender are described as an African American male approximately 30-45 years of age.

Gun charges while out on parole for gun charges

A man who escaped an armed habitual criminal charge in a plea deal with prosecutors two years ago is now charged with being an armed habitual criminal again after police say they found him with a gun in Old Town.

Chervon Jackson, 31, was paroled in January after serving half of a four-year sentence that he received for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon in 2017.

Then, on Nov. 3, police pulled over a car on the 1200 block of N. Sedgwick because its plates were expired. Officers asked all of the vehicle's occupants to step out of the car after the driver allegedly admitted that a drink container in the center console contained Hennessey cognac.

Seated in the passenger seat, Jackson made “furtive movements” and did not immediately step out of the car, police said. Once he was outside, police allegedly found a .45-caliber in his waistband.

Prosecutors charged him with Class X felony armed habitual criminal, felony unlawful use of a weapon, and misdemeanor obstruction of identification. In addition to the 2017 gun case, police say Jackson was also convicted of unlawful use of a weapon and burglary in 2004.

Judge Charles Beach ordered Jackson held without bail and the Illinois Dept. of Corrections issued a warrant for a parole violation, according to court records.

Jackson was arrested in October for possessing narcotics with intent to distribute. Prosecutors dropped those charges four days before police allegedly found him with the gun in Old Town.

Youths attacking robbery victims

Police are warning Lincoln Park, Old Town and Downtown residents of a rash of recently reported violent robberies.

In each incident, multiple offenders approached the victims, attacked them using physical force, took their property, and then fled.

Incidents include one on the 400 block of N. Lower Wabash Dr., Sunday, Nov. 17, in the evening hours; the 1100 block of W. Dickens Ave., Sunday, Nov. 17, in the evening hours; the 1700 block of N. North Park Ave., Sunday, No. 17, in the evening hours; 1100 block of N. Clark St., Sunday, Nov. 17, in the evening hour; the 200 block of W. Eugenie St., Sunday, Nov. 17, in the evening hours, and on the 100 block of W. Maple St., Sunday, Nov. 17, in the

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afternoon hours.

The offenders are described as two to five male African Americans, 14-25 years of age, and one female, African American, 14-18 years of age. Anyone with information on these incidents are asked to call the Bureau of Detectives Central District at 312-747-8380.

Sex charges filed against long-time teacher, Near North resident

A long-time Chicago school teacher is being held without bail after prosecutors charged him with sexually assaulting and abusing two girls between 2003 and 2014. Both of his accusers are now adults and one is a former student, according to court files.

Police arrested Eugene Westmoreland, 58, at his home in the 500 block of W. Oak on Oct. 29.

Prosecutors said Westmoreland sexually abused a female student between August and December 2003 when he was her band teacher at Austin Community High School, 231 N. Pine. The woman is now 31-years-old.

Another woman, now 21, accused Westmoreland of sexually assaulting and abusing her between May 2007 and May 2014 when she was between nine and 14-years-old.

Prosecutors charged Westmoreland with five felony counts: predatory criminal sexual assault of a victim under age 13; criminal sexual assault of of a victim ages 13-17 by a person in a supervisory role; two counts of

aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a victim under 18; and aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a victim 13-18 years old by a person in a position of trust. Judge Susana Ortiz ordered him held without bail. He is due back in court on Nov. 19.

On Westmoreland’s arrest report, police listed his current job as being a teacher at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep in the Austin neighborhood. An online roster for the school’s 2018-2019 year listed a man named Eugene Westmoreland as its band and music director. The school did not respond to a request seeking information for this story.

Neither of his alleged victims is associated with Christ the King.

Two cops injured in Streeterville

Two Chicago police officers received minor injuries Nov. 11 while trying to quell a disturbance at the River East entertainment complex in Streeterville, 322 E. Illinois. Two people are charged.

Police responded to a battery in progress at the Lucky Strike bowling alley on the complex’s second floor around 9:20 p.m. The victim, a 41-year-old security guard, told police that a man who was still on-scene threatened him and a woman tried to stop him from escorting the man from the premises, according to police.

Police took the woman into custody.

Meanwhile, the man who allegedly threatened the guard tried to “take merchandise from the premises.” The

man, Durrell Cosson, 28, of Garfield Park, became aggressive and did not obey verbal commands when police approached him.

Cosson allegedly punched an officer in the face and caused minor injuries to another officer who was attempting to handcuff him, police said.

Both officers were treated and released from Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Prosecutors charged Cosson with two felony counts of aggravated battery to a police officer, three misdemeanor counts of resisting police, and misdemeanor counts of retail theft, assault, battery.

Tiana Lee-Roberts, 26, of the Austin neighborhood is charged with misdemeanor battery.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v-

BERNICE VULICH, STREETERVILLE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STREETERVILLE CENTER, LLC
Defendants
2019 CH 04012

233 E ERIE ST SUITE 2500
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 September 17, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 19, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 233 E ERIE ST SUITE 2500, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-203-027-1161
The real estate is improved with a condo/town-house.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Real Estate For Sale

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2019 CH 04012
TJSC#: 39-6097

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

vs.
MICHAEL E. DOCKENDORF; DEBORAH A. DOCKENDORF; ONE MAGNIFICENT MILE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,
16 CH 15254

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 17-03-207-068-1010.
Commonly known as 950 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, UNIT 31A AKA UNIT 3106, CHICAGO, IL 60611.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 16-029872 F2

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v-
DOROTHEE A. WEATHERSBY, PARKSIDE OF OLD TOWN MIDRISE LEASEHOLD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PARKSIDE OLD TOWN I, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2015 CH 06555

511 W DIVISION #304
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 March 12, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 4, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as

set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 511 W DIVISION #304, CHICAGO, IL 60610

Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4139, Property Index No. 17-04-307-054-4347
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Holiday art contest for local high school students

Get your artwork on the cover

Inside Publications is once again holding our annual holiday art contest for high school students.

The winning artwork will be published in the Dec. 25 issue.

Students should draw an 8 1/2-x-11-inch vertical ink black and white drawing of a North Side landmark with a holiday twist. The student's name, age, telephone number, high school name, and year in school should be on the back, not front, of each drawing.

Past winning examples include a tomb at Graceland Cemetery wrapped in holiday lights; Lincoln Square's Abe Lincoln statue in a Santa outfit with a bag of toys; Cloud Gate [the Bean] festooned in a giant bow reflecting a holiday scene, the Picasso sculpture at the Daley Plaza wearing a Santa hat; Santa's elves feverishly

working on the Marshall Field's clock, and Santa's sleigh flying over the Sulzer Library. Originality counts!

We want hand-drawn illustrations, sorry but computer generated artwork is not eligible.

The first place drawing will grace the cover of Inside's holiday issues for the News-Star, Skyline and Inside-Booster community newspapers and the winning artist will receive \$100 cash.

Drawings by runners up will be published on inside pages of the newspaper, too and receive cash prizes.

Mail or bring the students' drawings to: Inside Publications, Holiday Art Contest, 6221 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60660 so they are received by noon Wednesday, Dec. 18. If you have any questions, call 773-465-9700. Thanks for participating.

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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

-v-
STEVEN HERMAN, CARA HERMAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 04422

2137 W. MORSE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 12, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 17, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2137 W. MORSE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-31-119-004-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$40,273.86.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the

residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Caroling at Cloud Gate starts Nov. 29

Caroling at Cloud Gate Plaza in Millennium Park will begin 6 p.m. Nov. 29 and occurs every Friday through Dec. 20.

Admission and all the Christmas joy and mirth you can offer is free.

All are invited to bundle up and belt out holiday classics as local Chicago choral groups lead hundreds of celebrants in song. Choirs will include: Nov. 29: Sounds Good! Choir, Dec. 6: Mark Hubbard and The Voices, Dec. 13: Chicago Children's Choir and Dec. 20: Wicker Park Choral Singers.

PARKING LOT from p. 1

public parking lot to help support the area's popular retailers and institutions such as the Old Town School of Folk Music, Davis Theater, and DANKHaus German American Cultural Center.

While no community meeting has yet been announced, the alderman's office says that they will follow the usual process for such a project. TCB has not returned multiple messages left

with their office to comment on the project.

"This is all very preliminary," said Josh Mark, Director of Development and Infrastructure for the 47th Ward. "The first step is for the developers to apply for city funding, and we have no idea if they'll get it. We are now in the process of meeting with and having a conversation with community groups" to let them know what's being proposed.

FUTURE from p. 1

polluting brands. The amount of plastic waste skyrocketed. Even though the multinational corporation pledged to manufacture plastic bottles with a certain amount of recycled materials, they have fallen far short of their promise. But passing laws to hold companies accountable will not be easy. Multinational consumer goods firms have fought efforts to hold them accountable for plastic waste and hire lobbyists to attack any environmental laws that will hurt its profits.

In addition to holding companies responsible, the environmental group here said creating a composting system and banning food waste from landfills would also help.

But the group said reducing and reusing material are better options than recycling to help the environment.

Chicago passed an ordinance in which consumers have to pay an extra seven cents to purchase

plastic bags. European countries like Germany and Switzerland recycle more than half of its waste. Aldi, a German grocer with many stores in Chicago, always made its customers purchase plastic bags or bring their own.

U.S. citizens use far more plastic which is difficult to recycle, and there are not always markets for recycled goods. A big problem is that China is no longer accepting America's recycled garbage.

The group said the city could also require sit-down restaurants to use reusable plates and encourage people to use reusable bags and bottles with rebates.

They also suggest going back in time when people used to fix broken items. People find it cheaper today to buy a new product rather than have it fixed, leading to

more waste. They suggest a Right to Repair Law that would enable people to fix products themselves or take it to independent repair shops. Some companies make it impossible to fix expensive machines such as home utilities and farming equipment. Planned obsolescence of many products we buy is also part of the problem.

Some activists in the city have been demanding that the city ban styrofoam food containers which are terrible for the environment. Earlier this year Maine became the first state to ban single-use food and drink containers made from polystyrene foam. A group of middle school students at Ray Elementary School on the South Side are waiting to see if the City Council passes their proposal that would prohibit restaurants and street carts from using styrofoam packaging.

FAILING from p. 1

That's enough Blue Cart bins to completely fill Wrigley Field from the playing surface to over the top of the iconic manual scoreboard.

Chicago's residential recycling program has long been hampered by poor performance and neglect, beginning with the failed Blue Bag program under former Mayor Richard M. Daley. Former Mayor Rahm Emanuel from his earliest days in office vowed sweeping improvements through strict oversight and "managed competition" — pitting two private haulers against the city sanitation crews.

Waste Management gets paid city recycling fees whether its crews pick up a bin or tags it and gets paid again on those occasions when the contents of tagged bins are taken by city trash crews to its landfill,

With great fanfare, Emanuel in 2011 announced his managed competition to pick the best provider of recycling services throughout the city and to finally expand recycling to every home after decades of hiccups. The mayor described the plan as his "commitment to protecting every cent of taxpayer money" that would make recycling both greener and cheaper.

The BGA investigation, however, found that Emanuel's reforms have hardly been managed or competitive — a key reason why the city's residential recycling rate has declined since 2013 and now stands at just 9.9%. That is by far the lowest of any major metropolitan area in the country, with Houston's second lowest rate of 17% still nearly double that of Chicago's, the BGA found.

Indeed the BGA study showed that the city's contract with Waste Management provided a financial incentive for them not to recycle, but rather to declare waste as "contaminated" and charge more for it being dumped into a company-owned landfill.



Popular Lincoln Square area retailers and institutions like the Old Town School of Folk Music, DANKHaus and Davis Theatre



Cultural institutions such as the Mayfest, German-American Festival, Applefest and Farmer's Market

City Hall may turn over the Public Parking Lot at 4715 N. Western [pictured above during the German American Festival] for a 5-story residential development.

Adding insult, City Hall is being asked to toss in \$1 million in tax credits toward a project that benefits an out of state developer.

The loss of public parking caused by this development will adversely affect property values and hurt local businesses in the neighborhood. It puts at risk beloved cultural institutions and festivals by removing open space and placing undue burden on already strained infrastructure, while adding more congestion and traffic to Lincoln Square's most troubling intersection, forcing locals and visitors alike to seek parking on nearby residential streets.

Voice your concerns regarding this proposal to:

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