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A two hour lunch between Ann Gerber and Clark Gable in 1958. According to Ann, her film idol Gable was "a masculine, dynamic, appealing male animal that you just never spot walking down Devon Avenue!"

Ann Gerber: Gone but never forgotten

*'She was the Keith Richards
of the editorial world'*

BY FELICIA DECHTER

When I started my first-ever journalism job writing full-time for Skyline newspaper nearly two decades ago, I was warned that there were two divas working for the paper who might not take too kindly to me.

Well, that never happened. Instead, I got two mother hens who looked out for me and taught me everything they thought I should know. One of those hens was Ann Gerber. She took me under her wing and kept me there for almost 20 years.

There will never be another like her.

She was the grand dame of gossip, Catty Annie they called her. But to those who knew her personally, Ann Gerber was anything but. And when news of her Nov. 15 death spread, those who knew her and loved Ann were filled with the sadness of not only losing a friend, but also of knowing that the era of the old-time gossip queens had just ended.

Ann was wonderful, so kind to everyone, said Trudye Connolly, a former Chicago publicist and friend of Ann's.

When Coco, Connolly's chocolate brown poodle died, Connolly was devastated. So Ann called Elizabeth Curran of Lake Shore Animal Shelter, seeking a new poodle for Connolly.

"Elizabeth said she would go to the pound to look for a poodle but said, 'Ann, we never get poodles,'" recalled Connolly. "When Elizabeth got there, an attendant said to Elizabeth, 'You'll never believe

what's in my office.' They had kept Chloe behind closed doors so that no one would take her.

"Ann became by her own admission, Chloe's godmother," said Connolly. "When we got to Blum (Animal Hospital) to have her get shots, they told me Ann had taken care of everything."

"Forever on she was Chloe's godmother," said Connolly, who sadly lost Chloe on Oct. 7 when she unexpectedly died of old age. "I remember coming home from work one night and on the answering machine was a message from Ann: 'Chloe if you're not happy there, you let me know.'"

"Ann Gerber saved me from the worst heartbreak ever by what she did," said Connolly. "She was kind, generous and loyal to all her friends. She performed many, many acts of kindness and each was kept secret; she never asked for recognition. She and Chloe are now together in heaven."

Throughout her more than 65 years of column writing, Ann rubbed shoulders with the city's movers and shakers and many of its visiting celebs.

Her lengthy career began on the North Side, when a young Ann started working on the school newspaper at Peirce Elementary School in Edgewater. From there it was on to Senn High School, and during one summer vacation, Ann applied for a job at a chain of community newspapers, the Lerner Newspapers, because her mother, Henrietta -- a stay at home mom -- loved reading the local Edgewater news that Lerner put out.

"They hired me, and Leo (Lern-

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Chicago police officers welcome NATO protestors to the Loop in 2012.

Alderman: 'more police needed downtown to protect residents and tourists'

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's ambitious plan to add almost 1,000 police officers over the next two years is "a good start," says his Vice Mayor, but not good enough.

A wave of violent crime is washing across the North Side this year as Chicago police officers face increasing threats and scrutiny.

"The greatest challenge our downtown [police] commanders have, frankly, is lack of resource," says Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], whose ward covers most of the Loop and neighborhoods north and west of the Chicago River. The 1,000 officers included in Emanuel's \$8.2 billion budget, he

says, is not enough to keep up with attrition and retirement.

"We need to have more coverage not only in the high crime areas, primarily in the south and west sides of Chicago, but we also need to protect the central core of the city."

Ald. Reilly made his remarks at the annual meeting of River North Residents Assoc.

Reports of the most serious crimes—homicide, criminal sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated battery—are up 81% in the Loop and 79% in Rogers Park. Uptown saw the smallest increase in our study, with 15% more violent crime. The Loop has seen crime jump 26% overall this year, the

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City Council passes 2017 budget, includes funds for new City ID program

Last Wednesday City Council passed the City's 2017 budget that allocates \$1 million to fund a far-reaching and mysterious Municipal ID program that few people outside of the Mayor's Office knows much about.

And they're not offering many specific details other than that they hope to issue them by late 2017.

More than one month after it was first announced by city officials, including Mayor Emanuel and Chicago City Clerk Susana Mendoza, few details have yet been made public about the Municipal ID Card program.

"With this program, we ensure that all Chicago residents have the identification they need to access vital services," said Mayor Emanuel.

While many vital services require proof of identity and/or address, nobody in the Mayor's Office or City Hall has offered any evidence that a city-backed municipal ID is even needed.

Clerk Mendoza, whose office will help administer the program, said a municipal ID can enrich the lives of tens of thousands of Chi-

cagoans. But according to Patrick Corcoran of the Clerk's office they are still in preliminary discussions with other agencies as to how the card will work.

While Chicago is suddenly moving forward to implement

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experience safeguarding
private information."***

its new municipal ID cards, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is having second thoughts about their own ID program, and worried that the incoming Trump Administration may begin to enforce federal immigration law and use the city's

Michigan Ave. to be site of protest Friday

For the second year in a row protestors hope to close down Michigan Ave. on "Black Friday" - one of the biggest shopping days of the year.

Activists and protestors plan to again show their outrage over Chicago Police shootings and alleged racial targeting, as part of an organized coalition of political, religious, youth and union groups who also came downtown in 2015 to protest the police shootings of Laquan McDonald -- and others -- they feel have been unfairly targeted by the Chicago Police.

While this protest is part of an organized effort, the 2015 protest was more organic coming on the heels of the release by the Mayor's Office of the McDonald shooting dash cam video, a truly national media issue and community outrage. The 2015 protest drew an estimated 1,000 protestors downtown who used social media to recruit and gathered their ranks near the Tribune Tower.

In many stores along Michigan Ave. last year, employees outnumbered shoppers who fled the scene, and several businesses locked their doors long before scheduled closing times. At the Apple

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database as a starting point. So far more than 850,000 have signed up for the New York City Municipal ID Card and de Blasio has suggested the identity card data-base may be deleted before it is shared with federal officials.

The city says that some populations have difficulty accessing official identification, including undocumented immigrants, homeless individuals, the formerly incarcerated, young adults and the elderly.

"The Municipal ID demonstrates to all residents that not only are they welcome here, but also that we are committed to ensuring they have access to City resources and institutions that can improve the quality of our lives, said Mendoza.

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“Gossip is news. Besides, I print true gossip.”



By Thomas J. O’Gorman

She had a beat. Ann Gerber had a beat. A social stake out. From the lakefront to the runways at O’Hare, from RL and the Drake Hotel to Gibson’s and the flat landscape of the Peninsula, Petherino’s, the Goodman Theater, City Hall, the Pump Room and the laughter of cliffside dwellings along Lake Shore Dr.

She liked Chicago best when it shimmered and twinkled like good jewelry or a fresh drink.

Ann Gerber was first and always a reporter, born with the capacity to describe the situation in which she found herself and the circumstances in front of her. Understanding the impact of what she saw was her real gift. Her forte was adding two plus two and making sure it came up four. She took a bold pride in that. How people and events crisscrossed and were connected gave her the ability to tell the story. But as famed Pump Room orchestra leader and long-time friend, Stanley Paul reminds us, “Ann always knew the scoop! But could keep a secret too!”

She was an old fashioned reporter, a long time champion of the socially oppressed and the fashion-challenged. She was a Chicago booster with a passion for life, fresh stories, the Cubs and good coffee.

Ann had a dogged nose for news and enormous passion for her capacity to frame it well in the re-telling.

Early on Ann discovered the secret that Lemony Snicket knew, “The key to good eavesdropping is not getting caught.”

But, make no mistake, she also had a little girl’s love to be charmed, titillated, cradled and amused.

She believed there were lessons

to be learned in life, especially from the naughty behavior of others.

She liked it best when the conversation flowed like crisp white wine, when the barriers to glibness were removed, and chatter became honest, straightforward and true.

Socialite-writer Sugar Rautbord says, “Ann Gerber was gifted, gorgeous, glamorous and giving.” All true. No arguments on this bit of evidence. And the Service Club’s Myra Reilly put it like this, “If Ann had you in her heart, she always had your back. Truly a loyal, special friend.”

Ann had the knack for separating the wheat from the chaff whether that concerned husbands, waistlines or errors in judgment. Her words could be arrows, but also reminders to be good and try harder next time.

Rejecting the cheap ride of cynical escapes, she knew there was good in the worst of us and bad in the best. Adept at maneuvering the fine line between vanity and truth, she believed you must be true to your school or suffer the consequences of life with little purpose or loyalty.

Giving and getting for her was just opposite sides of the same bus. It’s like Oscar Wilde said, “If there is anything more annoying in the world than having people talk about you, it is certainly having no one talk about you.”

She knew the power of a bully pulpit was best used like a good perfume. And her willingness to speak truth to power - whether social or political - was necessary, essential and sexy.

PR maven Dori Wilson recalls Ann’s thoughtfulness and willingness to use the power of her plug.

“I was such a fan of Ann, having known her since the 1970s. Ann was generous in featuring me in her column when there was no one else around who looked like me in certain social circles. She was always wonderfully supportive and honest. If she felt I didn’t look my best, she would not hesitate to let me know it! But always in



Ann Gerber

private. She was always willing to assist in getting the word out about my charity causes or clients.”

Andy Pierce, who worked at Skyline with Ann from 1995 to 2000, provides a great telescopic view of that famed network of sources upon whom Ann relied for tips and items of interest. Andy says, “It was explained to me early on in my duties as Skyline managing editor that Ann’s sources were doormen, maître d’s, hairdressers, tailors, nannies, little old ladies peeking through their curtains or listening at their doors, masseuses, maids, bartenders, waiters and other service employees and caterers to Chicago’s elite who would share with her tidbits for blind items. She had her network that somehow repopulated itself and stayed in touch through the decades.”

Ann had the gift for smelling the difference between the real and the phony from several tasteful shops away. That’s why she came to life, revived in all the best places, rejuvenating, as it were, amid the rumination of lunch with a friend.

Nowhere was this more true than at Ralph Lauren’s flagship restaurant, RL. Ann was as much a part of RL as the paintings on the wall or the buzz bouncing off those walls. She was a part of the commotion and the spirit of its elegance, helping to create that special Chicago magic that she knew so well. Lunch will never be quite the same again without Ann. But her darlings will keep her energy going. She will be missed. She will be celebrated.

Ann took delight in the streetscapes of Chicago. She enjoyed the celebrity of its citizens and the way that special places, like Gibson’s Steakhouse, gathered its own brand of fame and notoriety. Not unlike herself.

The Rush St. restaurant had a special affection for Ann Gerber and she took sweet delight in the fast paced rhythm of its dining room. The size of its steaks. The abundance of its fresh fish. And in the harmony and hanky-panky of friends with hearty appetites.

She was always intrigued by the way in which each booth often appeared packed with people Ann had known through a lifetime. She always gave as good as she got. She was a star in Chicago’s social heaven. And she reported with celestial excitement on the goings on of friends and strangers alike.

Her dear friend, Sherren Leigh, founder of “Today’s Chicago Woman,” says “Ann was a true dame, feisty, fun and compassionate about life.”

Sherren, like so many, also recalled Ann’s husband, Bernie. “He’d respond to all the event invites Ann received that always arrived addressed to Ann Gerber and Guest. We’d affectionately call him Mr. Guest. I’d refer to him as my favorite husband. Because he was just that. And Ann loved it.”

Bernie just turned 100, a milestone for which Ann hosted a remarkable party.

The geography of Chicago was enriched and ennobled by the hard work and social sensitivities of Ann Gerber. The Northwestern alum fixed her eye on the spontaneous combustion of Chicago living and ferreted out the hidden and the stealth. And just when you thought no one was looking, she would pull a rabbit from out of the hat. She had the quick wit and the energized bounce of an adorable high school girl. She road on the clouds of romance and a refined etiquette, always trying to expand the mea-

sure of other people’s living. Not a bad goal in the end.

Her leaving leads her friends to join with generations of her fans in offering to her beloved Bernie our sympathy, our sorrow and our respect.

Ann Gerber had a sharp eye and a high heart. She will always remain a part of this column, its syntax, energy and scope. I will continue to honor her memory with my commitment to social reportage that is fair, creative and shaped by wit. With a loss we all feel, we take refuge in the words of the poet, W.B. Yeats, who reminds us just how lucky we really are to have shared so much with her, “Think where man’s glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends.”

RED HAT IN ROME: An excited crew of Chicagoans was in Rome for the consistory at which **Pope Francis** conferred the Cardinal’s beretta, Red Hat, on Chicago’s now-Cardinal **Blase Cupich**. Making the journey to Rome were Gibson’s **Peggy O’Ryan Lombardo**, her sister, **Therese**, Misericordia’s **Father Jack Clare**, **Father Bill Corcoran**, Sun-Times

columnist **Mike Sneed**, Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** and his wife, **First Lady Amy Rule**, leading a delegation of more than 80 “civic, faith, elected and business leaders.” Among the delegation members are **Gov. Bruce Rauner**, **Illinois Senate President John Cullerton**, **Chicago Police Supt. Eddie Johnson** and **Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago** and former NBA star **Isiah Thomas**, who is from Chicago.

Father Tom Hurley of Old St. Patrick’s Church; **Reverend Stan Davis**, co-Executive Director of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago; **Bishop Wayne Miller**, President of the Council of Religious Leaders; **Jo Ann Rooney**, President of Loyola Univ.; **Father Dennis Holtschneider CM**, President of DePaul Univ.; **Senator Dick Durbin**; State Comptroller-elect and current **City Clerk Susana Mendoza**; Supreme Court Justice **Anne Burke**; **Congressman Mike Quigley**; aldermen **Ed Burke**, **Pat O’Connor**, **Danny Solis**, **Michelle Harris** and **Marge Laurino**; Cook County Commissioner **Bridget Gainer**; **Anne Pramaggiore**, President and CEO of ComEd; **Stefano Pessina**, Executive Vice Chairman and CEO of Walgreen Boots Alliance; **Don Edwards**, CEO of Flexpoint Ford; **Daniel McCaffrey**, CEO and Chairman, McCaffery Interests, Inc.; **Margaret Houlihan Smith** of United Airlines; **Wynona Redmond**, of Wyn-Win Communications; **Cherryl Thomas** of Ardmore Associates; **Senator Renato Turano** of Turano Bakery; **Desiree Rogers** of Choose Chicago and **Rocco Claps**, Direc-

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Ann Gerber and actor Rob Lowe, circa 2010, at the Lymn Sage Cancer Research Foundation's fall benefit luncheon. © Linda Matlow/PIXINTL



Left to right: Former Lerner newspaper editor Beth Burmahl; Ann Gerber, Felicia Dechter; and Jack Bess, also a former Lerner editor, lunching at Gibsons a few years ago.



Ann Gerber and husband Bernard J. Kaplan attended hundreds of social events during Ann's career.

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er) said, 'I don't want to teach you everything and have you leave,'" recalled Ann, whose dad, Benjamin, ran a corner grocery store at Bryn Mawr and Clark. "I thought, ha, I'll be at the Tribune in six months! I stayed 40 years."

Her first interview was 1942 when on a sleepy news Saturday, Ann received a call that Eleanor Roosevelt was in town. Young and ambitious, Ann was the only reporter working on a week-end, and her time with America's first lady went off without a hitch.

A year later, when she was just 17, that ambition led to Ann being given the job of editor of the Albany Park/Jefferson Park Times and she worked as she attended Wright and Mundelein colleges and Northwestern Univ. It was there, at Lerner, that Ann became a sharp observer of life and people in the neighborhoods. In 1950, she started what would become the city's longest running gossip column, which ran until she retired last December.

When asked what she attributed her poisonous pen's long life to, Ann's answer was quite simple: "I'm a good listener and I find people fascinating."

Since those early days, the last 65 years had been colorful, incredible and busy, and like the cat that she was, Ann had many lives in the business and survived numerous publishers. She wrote for Lerner, Leader newspapers (where she started a paper called "Spotlight"), the Sun-Times, Pioneer Press, the Wednesday Journal, and before retiring, for Ron Roenigk of Inside Publications, the current owner of the former Lerner Newspapers.

During that time, she met former presidents Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter. She hung out with a smoking hot, 30-year-old Marlon Brando "the most exciting celebrity I'd ever met." Actor Burgess Meredith invited her up to his apartment ("I said no and he never invited me again"). And who could forget meeting heartthrob Rob Lowe?

Yet of all the celeb tales Ann had to tell -- and there were many -- her favorite was Clark Gable, who she dined with in 1958 for two hours at the Imperial House when Gable hit town for the preview of his movie, "Teacher's Pet."

Photographer Linda Matlow, owner of Pix Intl, photographed Ann with many stars throughout the years. Matlow met Ann as a child and little did she know that decades later, she'd be working with the woman who had impressed her as a young girl, and continued to impress her as an adult.

"Ann came to my mom's beauty shop on Bryn Mawr," recalled Matlow. "I was five-years-old, enchanted by this woman who looked like a movie star. She was so elegant."

The pair started working together after Ann left the Sun-Times, where she was hired in 1987 and subsequently fired two

years later after printing an item about Stedman Graham, Oprah's beau. Ann would snag invites to the glitziest parties in town and if she couldn't make it, she'd send Matlow to cover the event and take pix.

"She calls me to cover Oprah's birthday party at Michael Jordan's restaurant," Matlow reminisced. "I noticed it was a small gathering and wondered how Ann snagged an invite and would I be asked to leave. But I got a shot of Oprah blowing out her cake and one of her and Stedman!"

Another time, when Ann had Matlow fill in at a private event at Marshall Field's, Matlow ended up photographing a young, new to the scene model: Cindy Crawford.

"She was such a beautiful, kind soul and a hell of a writer," said Matlow of Ann. "I thought she'd live forever. She was the Keith Richards of the editorial world."

Ann and the husband she adored, Bernie Kaplan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this year. (We send our sincerest condolences to Bernie and family). She met Bernie at the Edgewater Beach pool. "I was in a black fringe bikini and hooker heels," Ann said. "He didn't have a chance."

Publicist and friend Penny Juhlin said that's what she and Ann shared -- good husbands and marriages.

"We had good marriages -- no -- great marriages in common," said Juhlin, whose wedding Ann attended. "She understood the magic of a good marriage because we both had one and talked of that often. She wrote the most beautiful story about Wayne and I when he died April 17, 2014."

Juhlin was working for WSDM radio when she met Ann about 40 years ago at the opening of a now defunct club called Le-Pub.

"I introduced myself and before long she was writing about the radio station I was on," said Juhlin. "Then I found out her husband listened to my late husband Wayne Juhlin when he had a radio show on WDAI. So there was this mutual, four-way admiration society from the get go."

"I always admired her beauty, fashion sense and sophistication mixed with honest down to earth humor," said Juhlin. "One day, she shared a story with me and I loved her even more."

"She and Bernie were married at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. She was a romantic as well as realistic. When she heard the Edgewater Beach was being torn down... both sides hit her. She wanted something to remind her of this wonderful night in her life."

"Realistically, the place was blocked off and off limits to all as the demolition began," said Juhlin. "It didn't stop her and Bernie. One night they climbed over the fence and took some bricks back with them as special mementos!"

"I couldn't picture her doing this!"

laughed Juhlin. "But it showed me how open she was as well as having that wonderful side where she always presented herself as poised and gracious."

In Sept. 2013, Ann was awarded the Chicago Journalist's Association's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. Many of her former editors throughout the years say they'll never forget working with her.

Ann was a true original in every sense of the word, said her former Lerner and Pioneer Press editor, Beth Burmahl. "She was a wonderful, witty writer with an amazing work ethic that would put a lot of young people today to shame," said Burmahl. "The Ann I knew was tough, but at her core was an extremely kind woman."

"I'm so lucky to have worked with her during the latter part of her decades-long career," said Burmahl. "Ann will always be a legend in my eyes."

Others, too, feel the same way.

"I lectured recently at the Sulzer Regional Library in Lincoln Square where I met a young, hip librarian who had somehow found Ann's column and was enamored with her headlines and turns of phrase," said Andy Pierce, a former Lerner reporter and editor. "He was tickled by her stories and her scandalous blind items."

"Her style still spoke to a wide range of people in the 2010s," said Pierce. "I doubt any of us will have the lengthy run of being relevant and providing entertainment that

Ann achieved."

Leigh Hanlon, a former managing editor at Lerner, called working with Ann, "a highlight of my career."

"She was a survivor, a hard-nosed journalist -- and a mensch," said Hanlon. "Ann pioneered the world of journalism for women at a time when few dared venture into that wilderness."

Former Lerner and Pioneer Press editor Jack Bess said he bonded with Ann over their common love of dogs.

"Ann would bring Gigi to the newsroom in Lincolnwood to read her page proofs and I would get on the floor and pet Gigi, and Ann and I would talk about dogs," said Bess, who also recently collaborated with Ann on an adorable, pooch-themed children's book. "'Doggies rule!' she once said to me."

Sheila Swann, this newspaper's art director, recalls being thrilled and nervous to be working with Ann.

"The first time I met her, she walked in wearing a leopard coat and let it be known that she would write her column for as long as she could, said Swann. "She wasn't ready to 'hang up her eyelashes anytime soon.'"

"I was so excited when I started working with Ann, so professional and always hitting deadline early, I was working with a real a legend."

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The former AON Building, 5050 N. Broadway.

Two Uptown projects closer to reality

This week two upcoming Uptown developments were passed through the Committee on Zoning in City Hall last week and will now go before City Council for a final vote:

The former AON Building, 5050 N. Broadway, will become a mixed-use development with 710 dwelling units and commercial tenants on the first floor. The development will utilize the existing parking garage, which has 600 spaces, and improvements to the garage will be included in the development.

Developers say that they will file for permits by early Jan. 2017, and will notify neighbors when they know the expected timeline for construction.

This development will set aside 15% of the units for affordable housing.

The former Agudas Achim Synagogue, 5029 N. Kenmore, will become a 40-unit residential building and will also include on-site affordable units.

This historic building has been closed for over 10 years and in re-



The former Agudas Achim Synagogue, 5029 N. Kenmore.

cent years, has been a public safety nuisance. The development, which will retain the historic facade, includes 21 parking spaces, with access from the alley, and a mix of one-bedroom and studio units.

The owner has agreed to install exterior security cameras in the front and rear of the building. The next step for developers is to secure further zoning relief at the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Fence sitters’ miss opportunity to lock in low mortgage rates



The Home Front

By Don DeBat

“Fence-sitters”—those prospective home buyers and homeowners who were planning to refinance—likely have missed a golden opportunity to lock in a near-record low mortgage rate this autumn.

A post-presidential election sell off in the Treasury market has caused a spike in home-loan interest rates, noted Sean Beckett, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

“Over the past two weeks the 30-year mortgage rate jumped 40 basis points to 3.94%, almost identical to the 39 basis-point increase in the 10-year Treasury yield,” Beckett said.

On Nov. 17 the benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage average spiked to 3.94% from 3.57% a week earlier, according to the Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey. A year ago at this time, 30-year fixed-rate loans averaged 3.97%.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate loans averaged 3.14% on Nov. 17, up from 2.88% a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 15-year fixed loans averaged 3.18%.

“If rates stick at these levels, expect a final burst of home sales and refinances as ‘fence sitters’ try to beat further increases, then a marked slowdown in housing activity,” Beckett predicted.

A Bankrate.com survey showed Chicago-area lenders were charg-



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ing a range of 3.8% to 4.027% on benchmark 30-year fixed loans on Nov. 18.

Economic analysts are predicting that the Federal Reserve Board is likely to hike the federal funds rate at its next meeting on Dec. 13-14. The Fed last raised its benchmark rate in Dec., 2015, and it now stands between 0.25% and 0.5%.

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fixed mortgage average hit 3.31%, while 15-year fixed loans edged downward to 2.63%, Freddie Mac reported.

In Aug. 1999—when many of today’s Millennial borrowers were in grammar school—lenders were quoting 8.15% on a 30-year fixed mortgage.

According to Freddie Mac, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates peaked at a whopping 18.45% in Oct. 1981 during the Great Recession of the 1980s. Rates fell below 10% in April 1986, and then bounced in the nine-percent to 10% range during the balance of the 1980s.

Archives of the now-defunct Federal Housing Finance Board show long-term mortgage rates were relatively affordable five decades ago at 5.81% to 5.94% between 1963 and 1965.

In 1966 and 1967, borrowers paid an average of 6.3% to 6.4%. In the 1960s, rates last dipped below 6.5% in January of 1968, when the national average hit 6.41%. Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois Usury Law held rates in the 7.6% to nine-percent range.

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cycling, then leave the bags next to your garbage carts.

Raking or sweeping leaves into the street is actually illegal. The city’s street sweepers are not designed to clean large piles of leaves so bagging leaves instead of raking or sweeping them into the street is important. Violations can result in fines of more than \$150 for each offense. Those who use a landscaping company are asked to speak with them and make sure they do the same.

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Landmark District approved for Lincoln Park row houses

Four row houses in east Lincoln Park were approved as an official City of Chicago Landmark district by City Council last Wednesday.

Constructed between 1915 and 1917 at 2700-10 N. Lakeview Ave. in the Georgian style and modeled after late-18th century London townhouses, the four-story homes are clad in white Bedford limestone and dark Kitanning bricks in a Flemish bond pattern.

For about four decades, the Row House located at 2700 N. Lakeview (the largest) was operated as the Dincin Center, a facility of the Threshold’s social-services agency. Earlier, the building had been home to the privately-operated Harris School.

More than one thousand supporting letters, phone calls, emails and petition signatures from individual residents of the community were also presented to the Commission.

Designed by Henry Corwith Dangler and David Adler, the residences were built for a group of the architects’ friends who were artists and notable figures in Chicago society. The homes retain most of their significant details including carved limestone, wrought-iron fences, cast-iron columns, balconies with decorative iron railings, and carved wood porches.



The architects are noted for elegant country houses and city residences designed for wealthy clients in Chicago and across the country. Their careful interpretation of the historical design and details forms a visually distinctive and finely crafted group of row houses, according to the Commission on Chicago Landmarks, which formally recommended the designation to City Council in April.

Plan proposed to terminate Addison Corridor North TIF district

Mayor Rahm Emanuel would terminate a North Side Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district under a proposal presented to City Council last Wednesday. If approved, the termination would take effect on Dec. 31.

The Addison Corridor North TIF district would be terminated four years before its planned expiration date due to lack of redevelopment activity.

Designated in 1997 to help facilitate the redevelopment of 79 acres of land along the Chicago River between Belmont Ave. and Addison St. for modern industrial uses, the district has no pending projects or financial obligations. Upon its termination, an unallocated balance of approximately \$2.9 million would be proportionally redistributed to the various taxing bodies that receive tax revenues from district properties. The City of Chicago’s share is projected at \$655,000.

Community meeting Nov. 28 over fate of parcels at Clark and Diversey

The Park West Community Assoc. will be hosting a community meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, to review the proposed redevelopment of 2739-2747 N. Clark St. / 613-629 W. Diversey Pkwy. The meeting will be held at 2747 N Clark St., the site of the former Vitamin Shop.

The project includes three parcels covering approximately 19,000 square feet and will incorporate the existing one and two-story structures on the site. The applicant proposes a two-story retail structure containing six tenant spaces and 30,000 square feet of commercial space.

Currently, the land is zoned B1-2, and the applicant is seeking a temporary zoning change to a C2-2 in order to construct the new building and preserve existing signage rights that are “grandfathered” into the existing structure.

how to address these issues. After the presentation, attendees are invited to give their input on the preliminary planning concepts, designs and ideas which will assist in developing a list of priorities for the Corridor’s future.

Lincoln Ave. Corridor Plan community open house Nov. 29

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce [LPCC] is hosting a community open house 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., to review their Lincoln Ave. Corridor Plan recommendations provided by The Lakota Group, Goodman Williams Group and Sam Schwartz Engineering.

The LPCC’s Planning Committee will start the evening with a brief presentation highlighting some of the Corridor’s current challenges with their recommendations on

This plan, funded through the Lincoln Avenue Special Service Area, will be used to guide improvements to this important corridor in the heart of Lincoln Park. RSVPs are requested -- but not required -- by calling 773-880-5200.

Letter to the Editor

Clark St. that not-so-great street

I often walk home from my downtown office to my Lakeview home. I recently noticed a situation—similar to one that I reported a few years go—that concerned and puzzled me. The one-mile corridor along Clark St. from Armitage Ave. to Diversey Pkwy. and the less than half mile from Clark St. to Sheridan Rd., had 48 street-level vacant storefronts with “for sale,” “for rent,” or “for lease” signs posted on them. I wondered how we should understand such a striking phenomenon.

A handful of those unoccupied spaces had signs indicating “coming soon.” Who, what, and when was uncertain.

In our challenged city how should we understand this? What products or services do you think are likely to be offered in those places?

While I don’t know why this situation exists, it seems to be a matter that needs attention.

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Chicago handles its booze well on Blackout Wednesday

BY KEVIN HARMON

One of America’s hardest drinking days lies before us... the affectionately titled “Blackout Wednesday,” the night before Thanksgiving Thursday.

Locals might think that a blue collar city like Chicago would rank high among cities that handles its booze well and drinks responsibly on major drinking holidays such as this.

“Blackout Wednesday” is associated with binge drinking since very few people work on Thanksgiving, and most university students are home to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with their families. Some say it’s the biggest drinking night of the year because of the dread of spending the next day with family.

Chicago has a reputation for being a tough, gritty sort of town that would drink to access and have a whole bunch of people making bad decisions in connection to that drinking, therefore ranking among the country’s most intoxicated cities.

Even with the influx of college educated professionals mixing with the blue collar types, Chicago is known as a city that works hard and parties even harder. That was true even before the Cubs World Series victory added another good reason to call for another round of shots.

Blackout Wednesday in Chicago is perhaps a more popular partying night than even New Years Eve or St. Patrick’s Day. The crowds that pack bars for the evening often stay full until last call, and even then bouncers have trouble getting the customers out the door. It’s sort of a perfect holiday since there are no gifts to buy and if you don’t need to focus on

cooking the next day it’s safe for laying low.

The key to feeling the full effects of its majesty, however, lies in celebrating it where you grew up, because that’s the only acceptable way to do it.

But does that mean folks here can’t function well on Thanksgiving Day because of their consumption of cocktails?

Not so fast, according to a recent Men’s Health Magazine that ranks the nation’s most dangerously drunk cities. Chicago ranked fifth among the Top 10 of stone-cold sober cities, behind the rather obvious number one Salt Lake City, followed by Jersey City, New Jersey, New York and the Dallas suburb of Plano. Following Chicago in the Top 10 rankings are Miami, Boston, Virginia Beach, Newark and Bridgeport, Conn.

The methodology for the rankings: persons killed in alcohol-involved crashes per capita, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the death rate from alcoholic liver disease, percentage of people who are binge drinkers according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of DUI arrests per capita according to the FBI and the strength of various state DUI/DWI laws.

“I can see that people drink a lot here, but in my experience, it’s folks who tend to reward themselves for hard work at the end of the day with a beer or glass or wine or whatever,” said retired City Colleges of Chicago professor Will Wainwright, a Lincoln Park resident and frequenter of many a Lincoln Ave. watering hole. “But in some cases one drink can turn into 10, and unfortunately, people often don’t think about the ultimate consequences of their

behavior until it’s too late.”

The Top 10 cities on the other end of the spectrum, those that according to Men’s Health routinely drink over the limit are: Bakersfield, CA, San Antonio, Stockton, CA, Cheyenne, WY, San Bernardino and Fresno, also in California.

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nia, Billings, MT, Austin, St. Louis and Reno. With the exception of St. Louis, Cheyenne and Billings, these are all warm climate cities. Miami is the only city on the dogooders list that boosts excellent weather year round.

“I would bet that has something to do with it,” Wainwright said. “The better the weather, the more

people are out and drinking and driving.”

When asked what they thought of this, some local folks were surprised.

“The Chicago that I know has people that regularly do risky behavior as the result of drinking, then again I’m thinking about younger people that are not too far removed from college,” said Amanda Urban, a 23 year-old recent college graduate working as a marketing representative for a Lakeview online retail company. “I know people who regularly drink and drive, some who have gotten a DUI or DWI here and there and others that text and drive and talk on their phones and drive as the result of drinking. I think that the older people get, they get more responsible. At least, that is what I heard.”

Urban, who moved to Chicago after completing her degree from Arizona State, said something that others have echoed as it relates to the weather in Chicago. Places where the weather is nicer for longer stretches of the year, places like the California cities and Austin which ranks high in the

Men’s Health poll, are cities that generally don’t handle their booze well, folks are more likely to get involved in alcoholic-related mischief.

“From what I can tell you don’t have people out and about as much in cities like Chicago that can have very harsh winters sometimes, compared to a place like San Bernardino,” she said. “I know kids who went to college in cold weather climates and their experience with drinking and being out and about was much different than mine at Arizona State, being in a warm, desert climate that was also known as a party school. I saw a lot of booze-related stuff in the Phoenix area as a whole.”

One Lincoln Park bar owner said positive recognition that comes from certain polls like the Men’s Health Magazine poll helps shed some of the negativity that the city gets sometimes.

“Chicago does have somewhat of a reputation as a city that drinks and goes crazy at times and I was surprised to hear about this,” said the Lincoln Ave. bar proprietor, who preferred to remain anonymous.

Conservative firebrand again banned from DePaul, moves event to Greenhouse Theater

BY DANIELLE CHURCH
AND DANIELLE HARRIS
The DePaula

It was far from a warm welcome for Ben Shapiro when he arrived on DePaul’s campus Nov. 15. The conservative political commentator was confronted by security outside Cortelyou Commons Tuesday night when he tried to enter into the DePaul Young Americans for Freedom (DYAF) “Trigger Warnings, Safe Spaces and Attacks on Free Speech” event.

Security told Shapiro he would be arrested if he “were to create a problem” and “not leave campus.”

“If I attempt to enter that hall, right there, just to hear somebody speak, or if I attempt to ask a question or engage in free speech, you will have me arrested?” Shapiro said. “I’m glad in a city that has some 4,000 shootings to this date, you have 30 members of security just for a 5’-9”, 165 (pound) Jewish guy.”

Shapiro was supposed to give a talk with conservative speaker and author Christina Hoff Sommers, known for her critique of contemporary feminism. However, DePaul banned Shapiro back in August because they believed they didn’t have the proper means of security to host Shapiro based on what happened after he spoke at other college campuses across the country.

Vice President for Facilities Operations Bob Janis and Vice President for Student Affairs Gene Zdzarski sent an email in August that read “(h)aving reviewed recent reactions to this speaker at other campuses, and in particular his appearance at California State Univ. – Los Angeles, our campus Public Safety department concluded they could not provide sufficient security in the event of a similar situation at DePaul.”

When Sommers took the stage around at 5 p.m., she immediately criticized the university’s decision to prevent Shapiro from speaking for the second consecutive time this year.

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“I am the Factual Feminist and (I am) reporting for duty,” Sommers said. “My plan was to declare this hall a ‘safe space’ for reasoning and arguing and free expression, even safe for Ben Shapiro. But it appears that the DePaul administration decided that Ben’s presence would be too triggering for all of you. I’m a little offended I wasn’t (banned). Is it because I’m a woman? Or an aging woman?”

She then addressed censorship as a “madness” on college campuses, arguing “freedom of expression is being replaced by freedom from discomfort.”

Minutes later, Sommers’s iPad began ringing. It was a FaceTime call from Shapiro. She put the speaker next to the microphone so audience members could hear him, and what he said was unexpected: he was at the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. waiting for the audience to come meet him. Despite DePaul’s ban, Shapiro had found a way to beat the system.

Those in attendance at Cortelyou Commons erupted into cheers and immediately began filing out

of the building, en route to the Greenhouse Theater. The new venue quickly became overcrowded with about 100 people packing the small room where Shapiro would be speaking. To ensure those who couldn’t fit in the room could still hear the talk, DYAF members set up two televisions with live streams of the speeches just outside the main event. About 50 attendees watched the speeches via live stream.

When the event ended, many audience members waited outside hoping to catch a glimpse of Shapiro. Unfortunately for those not affiliated with DYAF, Shapiro hosted a meet-and-greet inside the venue exclusively for members of the organization. Despite that slight disappointment, attendees leaving the event appeared pleased that Shapiro was able to speak.

The university released a statement regarding the YAF event Nov. 16 explaining why Shapiro was not allowed entrance to the “Trigger Warnings, Safe Spaces and Attacks on Free Speech” event.

“The university informed DePaul Young Americans for Freedom that the school is open to having Mr. Shapiro speak on campus, but his participation in last night’s event was never part of program proposals submitted by DYAF,” the statement said. “To help ensure the event would proceed without disruption, the university and DYAF agreed that all guests would be required to register to attend. Registration closed when the system reached capacity attendance. Mr. Shapiro was neither a speaker nor a registered guest and therefore not eligible to attend.”



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STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PATRICK BUTLER

Chicago may be the city of the Big Shoulders or Hog Butcher to the World, but it's also been America's candy maker, historian, author and actress Leslie Goddard recently reminded a packed auditorium at the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

In fact, our town's first candy factory opened the same year - 1837 - that Chicago officially became a city, Goddard told the Ravenswood/Lake View Historical Association's members and guests.

It was a subject her audience had no problem sinking their teeth into.

"For much of its history, Chicago made a third of all the candy eaten in the U.S. In 1963, Chicago's candy output was double that of its biggest rival at the time - New York," she noted.

As late as 2000, there were 13,000 Chicagoans working in the candy industry. And that was actually down from an all-time high of 25,000 in the early 20th century, she said.



More than 23 billion prizes have been given out in Cracker Jack packages since the company started.

They left Chicago as labor and sugar prices grew due mostly to protectionist tariff's embossed on imported sugar. The U.S. government intervenes in its sugar market to support domestic production of cane and beet sugar. The policy artificially supports U.S. domestic sugar prices above world and Canadian price levels, restricts imports and uses a special "re-export program" to encourage exports.

Why was Chicago the lead-

ing candy producing city? Like everything else it was location and resources. The candy makers came here because that was where both their customers and suppliers lived, and worked, Goddard explained.



Candy consumption by World War II American soldiers was about 50 pounds a year compared to today's civilians, who eat about 15 to 22 pounds, author/historian Leslie Goddard told the Ravenswood/Lake View Historical Assoc.

Transportation played a big part of it too, as Chicago grew into America's transportation hub that it remains still today. Raw materials were shipped in by rail and truck and finished candies were then shipped out on these same rails and wheels. As a degradable food product, time was essential in getting the finished product into the hands of the consumers as quickly as possible once it left the factories.

Even more remarkable are the number of candy brands from the 1920s and '30s that are still with us, she said, adding Cracker Jack (now produced in New Jersey) goes even further back - to the 1893 Columbian Exposition.

In fact, the Cracker Jack sailor boy - the grandson of the company's founder - is still pictured on the package, Goddard said. And as of 2010, more than 23 billion prizes have been given out in Cracker Jack packages since the company started.

That corporate mascot is now buried in St. Henry's cemetery at



Due to wartime needs for sugar and other ingredients, there wasn't much chewing gum or candy produced for the homefront during World Wars I or II. But companies like Wrigley reminded customers they'd be back as soon as possible. In the meantime, everyone was reminded to "remember this wrapper."

Ridge and Devon avenues with the same sailor boy image chiseled into his grave stone.

"And if you want to count gum as candy, just look at Wrigley's success story, said Goddard, describing how one-time traveling salesman William Wrigley Jr. started out selling soap and giving his customers a free package of banking powder with each order.

"The baking powder proved more popular than the soap, so he started selling that and giving out free packages of gum," Goddard said, adding "the gum proved so popular he eventually bought the gum company, which became the Wrigley Chewing Gum Company."

Over the next 60 years, she added, Wrigley sold his flagship brands Doublemint, Spearmint and Juicy Fruit at five cents a pack and made a fortune.

Enough so that he was able to build the Wrigley Building and

"buy a major league baseball team that was in the news recently," Goddard smiled.

When it comes to candy or gum, she said, consumers like to stick with what they know, which is why so many of today's popular brands have been around for decades.

Brand loyalty may be strongest in the candy industry as in any industry in America.

Snickers, for example, was created in Chicago in 1930 and "from the latest statistics I saw, 45% of Americans are still eating at least one Snickers bar a month," she said.

Other top brands with strong, long-time loyal customers include Milky Way, Hershey's, Reese's, M&M, and Kit Kat.

Unfortunately, while Snickers, Cracker Jack, Wrigley gum, Baby



The Peerless Confectionary Co., 1250 W. Schubert, was once one of the country's biggest producers of hard candies until the company folded because it could no longer afford to buy sugar and other commodities and didn't want to leave the U.S. to be closer to cheaper ingredients and labor.

Ruth, Mars Bars and the Three Musketeers are still with us, not all local candy makers fared so well, she said.

Peerless Confectioners at Lakewood and Schubert avenues - makers of peppermint, butterscotch and other hard candies - went belly up in early 2007 when it could no longer afford to buy sugar and didn't want to relocate the business overseas, Goddard said.

After nearly 180 years, she added, it's still a matter of "location, location, location!"

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This free event will be held at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Courtroom 2005, and feature lectures by Jane Flanagan and Karyn Bass Ehler

of the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Jenna Holzberg of the National Able Network and Crystal Odom of Easter Seals.

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New Joffrey Nutcracker will be set in 1893 Chicago World's Fair

The Joffrey Ballet has announced the artistic team for the world premiere production of *The Nutcracker* by Christopher Wheeldon, winner of the 2015 Tony Award for Best Choreography for the Broadway hit, *An American in Paris*.

The *Nutcracker* will be presented at the Joffrey's home venue, the historic Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt Univ., 50 E. Congress Pkwy., in 27 performances, December 10-30. The announcement was made during a Nov. 18 press conference held on the Land-

mark Stage of the Auditorium Theatre.

Wheeldon reimagines the beloved holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*, for a new generation, replacing the traditional 19th century setting with Chicago's 1893 World's Fair.

"Great art takes time. Christopher has assembled a magnificent artistic team and together they are inventing a magical world amongst the grand concourses of the White City," said Joffrey Artistic Director Ashley Wheater.

Wheeldon's choreography and the artistic team's designers will celebrate a turn-of-the-century Chicago as seen through a child's eyes. Set to Tchaikovsky's classic score, *The Chicago Philharmonic* will be conducted by Scott Speck, Music Director of The Joffrey Ballet.

The new production consists of 90 kids from Chicago and surrounding areas including some children who reside in Uptown, Lakeview and Lincoln Park.

Single tickets for *The Nutcracker* start at \$35 and can be purchased at The Joffrey Ballet's official Box Office located in the lobby of 10 E. Randolph St., as well as the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt Univ. Box Office, by telephone at 312-386-8905, or online at joffrey.org/nutcracker.

ZooLights spans entire zoo grounds, extends hours



The 22nd annual ZooLights returns to the Lincoln Park Zoo this week with extended hours, new events and light coverage spanning the entire zoo for the first time in the event's history. The event is free and open to the general public.

Events returning this year include ice skating at the zoo now on select nights through Feb. 26, BrewLights (Dec. 1), Adults Night Out at ZooLights (Dec. 7), Members-Only Night (Dec. 8), and ZooLights Family Nights (Dec. 12, 19 and 26).

For the first time this year, the zoo will host Holiday Market (Nov. 29), a new, one-night-only outdoor shopping site to encourage guests begin their holiday purchases early. The zoo will host the Chris White Trio Tribute to "Vince Guaraldi's Charlie Brown Christmas" (Dec. 15) at Café Brauer.

A Chicago holiday tradition, ZooLights celebrates wintertime fun with more than two million lights to illuminate the zoo from Farm-in-the-Zoo on the southernmost end of grounds, to the new Walter Family Arctic Tundra polar bear exhibit on the northernmost end of the zoo. This holiday event transitions Lincoln Park Zoo into a twinkling winter wonderland and is complete with visits from Santa himself through Dec. 23, ice sculptors, holiday crafts and activities, and sweet treats of all kinds.

Due to its high demand, ZooLights now features extended hours from 4:30-9 p.m. ZooLights runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from Nov. 25-27, and Dec. 2-4. It then runs nightly Dec. 9 through Jan. 1 (excluding Dec. 24 and 25).

For one night only, the Chris White Trio Tribute to "Vince Guaraldi's Charlie Brown Christmas" will enable guests to tap

their toes and sing along to this soulful jazz tribute to a holiday classic. The event runs from 6:30-8 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Café Brauer with tickets costing at \$20 or more.

Ice Skating at the zoo alongside animals is underway now. There is a \$5 entry cost and skate rental is available for \$5 as well. Hours vary.

Highly popular last season, the zoo is again producing ZooLights Family Nights Mondays, Dec. 12, 19 and 26. These fun-filled evenings include all regular ZooLights activities along with free rides on the Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure. On these nights, kids also eat free at Park Place Café (one free limited kids' menu item with paid adult entrée or combo meal). Lincoln Park Zoo members of all levels can enjoy free parking on ZooLights Family Nights, too.

Back by popular demand, join Louis Glunz Beer for the third annual BrewLights, Thursday, Dec. 1, 5:30-9:30 p.m. This event features a dozen local craft, seasonal and import beers on tap throughout the zoo during ZooLights. Beer lovers can sip and savor beer samples while enjoying the holiday lights that illuminate the zoo and connecting with wildlife. All of the proceeds support the efforts of the zoo's Auxiliary Board. BrewLights is exclusively for guests 21 years and older.

The second annual Adults Night Out at ZooLights offers guests ages 18 and older the chance to enjoy an exclusive look at the zoo's light presentation. The adult-centered evening will take place on Dec. 7. Food, beer and wine are available for purchase throughout the evening. The event runs from 6:30-10 p.m. Tickets are \$15.



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Holiday bus



Elve's workshop train



'Tis the Season for the CTA Holiday Train and Holiday Bus

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The popular CTA Holiday Train will begin service Friday. To celebrate the 25th year of what is one of Chicago's most anticipated traditions, the CTA Holiday Train this year welcomes a new companion: The Elves' Workshop Train.

The Elves' Workshop Train, like the Holiday Train, will be festooned with thousands of colorful lights, garland, bows and festive winter scenes. This six-car train will follow the Holiday Train on Saturdays, the busiest days for Holiday Train riders – to help ensure everyone has an opportunity to enjoy this festive holiday experience and tradition.

The two trains will join a popular third CTA holiday offering—the CTA Holiday Bus, also decorated from top to bottom—which will begin operating as part of regular service on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

“The CTA Holiday Train and Bus are iconic Chicago traditions that are enjoyed by thousands every year,” said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. “We're pleased

to expand on that strong Chicago tradition by offering the new Elves' Workshop Train, which will allow even more customers to experience this unique holiday happening.”

The Holiday Train, Elves' Workshop Train and Holiday Bus will each be staffed by Santa's Elves who greet passengers with candy canes. The Holiday Train also features an open flat car carrying Santa and his sleigh. The Holiday Train will eventually run on all eight rail lines and the Holiday Bus will run on 13 bus routes throughout the city.

Customers can track the whereabouts of Santa and the Holiday Train and Bus by using CTA Train Tracker, which will feature a digital candy cane next to the estimated arrival time information, and the dedicated Holiday Bus Tracker available at transitchicago.com/holidaybustracker.

The Holiday Train, Elves' Workshop Train and Holiday Bus will make all stops along their scheduled routes. Normal CTA fares apply. Full schedules and more information is available on the CTA website: transitchicago.com/holiday.

Get your art on the cover of the Inside-Booster

Holiday Art Contest for Local High School Students

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

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.

Inside Publications covers the North Side publishing the Skyline, News Star and Inside Booster newspapers which is why we request a North Side landmark be used. The general boundaries are the Loop north to Howard St. and from The Chicago River east to the lakefront.

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. 14. If you have any questions, call 773-465-9700. Thanks for participating.



Sing along with Miracle on 34th Street to support food program

Chicago is a great town for family Christmas traditions. And if you like fun family movies and great singalongs, then the long standing Christmas movie traditional at the Music Box should be on your list.

This year they are adding another classic movie. Titled "Miracle on Southport," on Dec. 9, The Chicago Help Initiative [CHI] is sponsoring a screening of "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N Southport Ave. The show benefits the CHI's supper program – providing hot meals and life-changing resources to homeless individuals in downtown Chicago.

The CHI got the original 1947 movie (starring Natalie Wood, Maureen O'Hara,

and Edmund Gwenn), a great local choir to lead the sing along, a fabulous organist, a special guest appearance by Santa Claus (of course), holiday libations, and laughter.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with showtime and singalong starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20, available at www.chicagohelpinitiative.org.

The event is open to the general public. For more information call 312-914-2138.

Those who can't make the show can still help by stopping in at Candyality, 3737 N. Southport Ave., to sponsor a candy and treat-filled Christmas stocking for a CHI supper guest, with proceeds to benefit the supper program.

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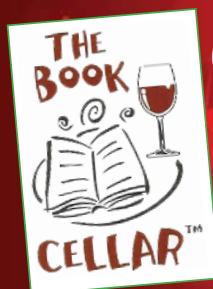
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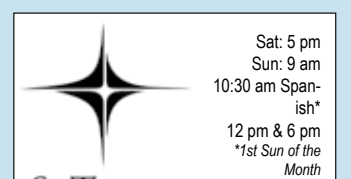
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GERBER from p. 3

"I loved her style, watching her walk into a room wearing her big Buddha necklace, looking sharp as ever, being kind and thoughtful to everyone she spoke with."

"What surprised me working with her was how she treated me," said Swann. She trusted my artistic instinct and appreciated my work. To most people, my work is invisible unless I screw something up, and then I hear about it. It seemed like Ann must've understood that because she showed me her appreciation time and again and one day she even delivered a chaise lounge to my home.

Who does that? Ann Gerber did that. She was the real deal."

—

"I've been watching the city grow, watching the people fight for good things," Ann said this past March while summing up the last seven decades of her career after being honored by the Chicago City Council for her column's longevity. "I've watched leaders come and go... I've watched the phonies and the achievers fight it out.

"And I've enjoyed every byline."

Ann was getting ready to enjoy another byline too. She and I, and a few others, had been diligently working all spring and summer on a book to be titled, "Life, Love and Sex -- Chicago Style." Ann

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and I met many times for working lunches, sometimes with sources, sometimes alone.

She was excited and filled with hope for the book. She was sharp as a tack, and knew what she wanted and who she wanted in it. We had a blast hearing, and laughing over, the crazy stories we were told -- hilarious tales of life, love, and sex in Chicago. I also learned some of Ann's own secrets, which I'll now keep to myself forever.

After one our brainstorming lunches last summer, I was astonished when Ann turned to me and said, "You know, we're more alike than you realize." I told her I was taking that as the ultimate compliment. If only.

These past couple of months, with Ann being in and out of the hospital, and me being in and out of town due to my husband having chemotherapy, we hadn't gotten together, which is a huge regret of mine. But last weekend, I was cleaning off my kitchen table and I came across a note Ann sent me in September that I had kept.

It's a pretty little card, covered with pink and purple pansies on the front, which reads, "Thinking of You." Although at that point Ann was having a terrible time using her hands to write, scrawled

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Shootings	-27%	56%	1	150%	2	125%	-55%	3	-20%
Crim Sexual Assault	62%	0%	125%	-29%	0%	75%	-20%	188%	133%
Robbery	79%	6%	44%	58%	30%	37%	30%	81%	65%
Agg Batter (not shooting)	31%	59%	-13%	24%	0%	54%	67%	7%	0%
VIOLENT CRIME	46%	15%	42%	34%	25%	50%	20%	61%	44%
Arson	50%	1	150%	50%	0	-50%	125%	-100%	0%
Burglary	27%	-8%	54%	115%	5%	10%	-4%	17%	43%
Motor vehicle theft	-3%	-11%	45%	17%	23%	62%	26%	50%	86%
Theft	7%	30%	4%	-7%	-19%	15%	8%	32%	6%
Narcotics	-55%	-54%	-44%	-46%	-26%	-54%	-31%	-6%	-25%
ALL CRIME	3%	2%	11%	10%	-4%	15%	7%	26%	11%

A screenshot of the spreadsheet showing year over year changes by each community area in several crime categories.

POLICE from p. 1

most of any area. Near North is up 15%. Lincoln Park and Edgewater have both seen 11% overall crime increases.

While crime in any neighborhood is unacceptable, says Ald. Reilly, it is a challenge downtown, where much of the city's tourism tax dollars come from. He says organizations such as Choose Chicago that promote the city must compete with headlines about violent crime.

"We are playing a bit of a tug-of-war across 50 wards for very limited, finite amount of police resource. So, it's my hope that [by] prioritizing public safety in this year's budget and hopefully in subsequent budgets, we can get the police force to a level where we need it to be."

Some of the decline has been



First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt had come to town in 1942, and luckily, Ann was the only journalist around. "That was my first interview," recalled Ann, who began writing in high school and never stopped.

inside in green pen, in her handwriting, it says, "Sincerest thanks, xx, Ann."

No, thank you Ann, for being a

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caused by the City's failure to replace officers who've left the department or transferred to other districts.

One very serious consequence of the manpower shortage means that there are times when some Police District quite literally have no police officers available to handle emergency calls. Weekend overnights are particularly bad times to be in need of the police.

This happens on a fairly regular basis. In fact, it happens so often, the department has established an official acronym for those times when no cops are available. They call them "RAP's," which stands for Radio Assignments Pending.

Police sources who spoke with this newspaper consistently pointed to two reasons for the crime increase: A sharp reduction in proactive street stops by officers and an overall reduction in aggressive policing as officers ensure that they do not become the next cop

PROTEST from p. 1

Store, a sea of red-shirted employees who outnumbered shoppers gaped at protesters through the store's glass facade.

By the following Monday, business leaders had estimated that spending was 25% to 50% less on Black Friday than projections, according to reports in the Chicago Tribune.

This year's protest is set to start at 10 a.m. Friday in front of the Old Water Tower at Michigan and Chicago avenues before heading north.

to be caught on viral video.

The first signs of trouble came early this year when the Chicago Police Dept. began requiring officers to complete a two-page "Investigatory Stop Report" (ISR) whenever they stop a person on the street.

ISRs take nearly 30 minutes to complete, a patrol officer said, far more than the index card-sized "contact card" that the department previously used to track street stops.

Officers have been told that ISRs are being reviewed by a retired federal judge, as well as lawyers for civil rights groups, in a process that many proactive cops believe is a witch hunt.

"They're looking to make examples out of people," one patrol officer in the 24th District said.

Narcotics arrests, one of the most common arrests to stem from street stops, are down 47% this year citywide.

The organizers goal was plainly stated as intended to disrupt the busiest day of shopping and draw attention to the problem of gun-violence, segregation, racism, and police brutality in Chicago, according to a statement released Monday.

Chicago Police will likely have a large presence on Michigan Ave. Friday in anticipation of the protest. Local shoppers may want to look at visiting other community shopping districts Friday and leave the mess to police and City Hall to manage.

Trio of former North Side elementary schools approved for Landmark Status

Three former North Side elementary schools were designated as official City of Chicago landmarks by City Council last Wednesday.

The former Stewart School building, 4524 N. Kenmore Ave. in Uptown, is noted for a modern exterior and functional interior. Designed by architect Dwight Perkins and completed in 1907, the red-brick and gray-limestone trim building serves as a fine example of an early transitional Prairie Style building that echoes 19th century Revival styles with a pitched roof and wide, bracketed, and copper-clad eaves. Purchased by Morningside Equities Group Inc. in 2015, the four-story build-

ing is being converted into market-rate housing. The school is named for businessman and civic leader Graeme Stewart.

The former Peabody school building at 1444 W. Augusta Blvd. in West Town reflects Romanesque and Queen Anne styles with progressive visual Arts and Craft elements. The school's exterior materials include finely-detailed and crafted ornament in stone, molded brick and terra cotta, trimmed with a pressed metal cornice. Constructed in 1894 and designed by architect W. August Fiedler, the school contains several elements influenced by the work of Louis H. Sullivan, including its stone arch entrances. It's named educa-

tor Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, a noted advocate for early-childhood education.

The four-story brick and limestone Motley school building at 739 N. Ada St. exemplifies late 19th century school design ideals with large windows and high ceilings that provided airy and well-lit classrooms. Designed by the Board of Education's in-house architect John J. Flanders with an addition by Norman Smith Patton in 1898, the 1884 structure combines historic Chicago school architecture with Renaissance Revival and Italianate style decorative details, including an original pressed metal cornice. The school is named for John Lothrop Mot-

ley, an American historian, novelist, and diplomat.

The Peabody and Motley school properties were purchased in 2014 and 2015 respectively by Svigos Asset Management and are being converted into market-rate housing. [Svigos has also purchased the Trumbull School property at Ashland and Foster in Andersonville.]

All three school structures were closed in 2013 in part due to underutilization, and most certainly also due to the underlying real estate values each of the properties offered. The designations were recommended by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks in July 2016.

Chicago Shares' grants bolster North Side non-profits

Chicago Shares has announced its 2016 grant recipients. Chicago Shares is a Chicago not-for-profit founded in 1993 that provides meals to the hungry through a voucher program.

Each year a certain percentage of the vouchers purchased are never redeemed, thus providing a reserve of funds from which grants are made.

Recently the organization announced that it is providing \$15,000 in grants to 10 Chicago area not-for-profits that subscribe to a "help-the-needy" mission.

Grant recipients have underscored that these grants are particularly welcome now as other resources including state and local funding continue to dwindle.

The 2016 grant recipients on the North Side include:

Lincoln Park Community Shelter, 600 W. Fullerton Pkwy.; Breakthrough, 402 N. Saint Louis Ave.; Care for Rea, 5339 N. Sheridan Rd.; Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut; Common Pantry, 3744 N. Damen; The Chicago Help Initiative, 440 N Wells St.; Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Chicago, 721 N. LaSalle St., and Franciscan Outreach, 1645 W. LeMoyné.

Chicago Shares vouchers (which cannot be used for alcohol or tobacco) are safe, convenient, and easy to use. They enable generous Chicagoans to help the needy person-to-person in a dignified way. Chicago Shares has always been a volunteer program, which means there are no paid staff.

For more information on where Chicago Shares are sold and where they can be redeemed, email coordinator@chicagoshares.org.

Damen, Elston, Fullerton bypass project expected to be completed by early December

BY MANNY 'RED' TALELITES

The resurfacing of Damen has begun and with it came additional traffic delays. But long suffering North Siders will soon be free of the seemingly perpetual backups on the three-street construction project going on at Damen, Elson and Fullerton, an intersection that specialized in backups and traffic jams.

The City nows says all lanes are finally scheduled to be open by mid-December.

The contractor is currently working towards completing the concrete base and curbs on Damen and Elston. Once this is complete, the remaining asphalt overlay will be completed with the goal of opening Damen and Elston to full traffic configuration by the first week of December. Work on Fullerton is also wrapping up, including curbs and sidewalks. All lanes on Fullerton are scheduled to be open by mid-December as well.

Every day for several decades an average of 70,000 drivers got delayed and frustrated by the asphalt tentacles of this six corner monster of an intersection on the western edge of Lincoln Park.

This location is consistently made the city's top 10 list of intersections for collisions, ranking as



high as number two over the past decade. The massive intersection, which before construction commenced saw nearly 500,000 vehicles per week, used to average some 90 crashes per year.

The six legs of the intersection, insufficient turning radii for large trucks, and the short distances between lights lead to daily backups

up to a half-mile in either direction.

The new route has shifted Elston Ave. to the north and required the city to acquire and demolish select buildings and displace several businesses in the path of the proposed bypass. This included cutting into a building owned by Midtown Tennis Club, land owned

by Vienna Beef at 2501 N. Damen, and completely demolishing the buildings that housed Whirly Ball at 1880 W. Fullerton and Dunkin' Donuts located at 1927 W. Fullerton.

The new stretch of Elston will feature two lanes in each direction plus a center turn lane and concrete-protected bike lanes on either side, along with widening Damen to provide for biker, widening the north sidewalk along Fullerton. Under the new traffic pattern, cars and trucks will be allowed to turn right from eastbound Fullerton onto Elston and vehicles from northbound Elston south of Fullerton will only be permitted to turn right on Fullerton.

Project planners believe the Elston bypass plan will reduce delays from top times of seven minutes to as little as 30 seconds at peak traffic times. Breaking up the six way intersection should result in much fewer accidents as well.

The estimated cost of the project is \$32 million with financing coming from federal highway funds, TIF funds and city capital improvement budget.

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Four-day festival to feature screenings, readings, lectures

The Second Annual Festival of Poets Theater will feature performances, screenings, readings and lectures Dec. 7-10, with event locations alternating between Sector 2337, 2337 N. Milwaukee Ave., and Links Hall, 3111 N. Western Ave.

The first event of the four-day festival, which includes an opening reception, is 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Sector 2337. Michael Pisaro will perform “Cosmological Plants,” a dance with music and a poem aligned to the maps of three constellations in the November sky; Kevin B. Lee will offer “To Speak of Future Delights,” a lecture delivered in performative typing and voiceless montage; and Joseph Clayton Mills will perform “Corvus corax,” a composition for tape recorders, cassette loops, dictaphone, typewriter, and suitcases based on Patrick Farmer’s prose poem “Wild Horses Think of Nothing Else the Sea.”

The second event of the festival is 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, back at Sector 2337. Nathanael Jones will perform “for_twovocalists” with Beth McDonald and Neal Markowski; Jennifer Tamayo will perform “DORA/ANA/GUATAVITA,” a science-fiction performance text set in the Lake

Guatavita sector of the Colombian Andes; and audiences can enjoy a film of the Living Theatre Production of “The Brig,” by Kenneth Brown and Jonas Mekas.

Links Hall is the site of the third day of festival activity, scheduled for 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. John Tipton will perform “The Necklace” (a work in progress); Dodie Bellamy will perform “Turn on the Heat, by A A Fair,” a new read of a paperback found on the nightstand of the poet Jack Spicer (1925-1965) at his death; and Carla Harryman and Jon Raskin will perform “Gardener of Stars, an Opera,” exploring the relationship of unique speaking voices to music with Tania Chen and Cris Cheek.

A symposium with talks from Alex Waterman, Liesl Olson, Kevin Killian, and Dodie Bellamy will be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Sector 2337.

Finally, 7-10 p.m. Dec. 10, Alex Waterman will perform “Dust,” written by Robert Ashley; Kevin Killian of San Francisco Poets Theater will perform “Box of Rain,” a story of a haunted fax machine, one that stands on the precipice between life and death, so that the only communication would be between San Francisco and Hell; and Harryman and Raskin will again perform “Gardener of Stars, an Opera,” all at Links Hall.

The events are curated by Links Hall artistic associate curatorial residents Devin King and Patrick Durgin. A full festival pass is \$40. Tickets to Links Hall events are \$12-18. A suggested donation for Sector 2337 events is \$10. For more information call Links Hall at 773-281-0824.

Money being raised to expand ‘Wabash Lights’ another two blocks

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

The goal of 600 colorful lights beneath the L tracks on Wabash Ave. is getting closer with the launch of a second Kickstarter campaign. The plan is to extend The Wabash Lights for two blocks, for now, but according to a video uploaded to YouTube on Saturday, the lights, programmable to users of a smartphone app, will be “the biggest piece of public art in Chi-

ago.” Filmmaker Jack Newell and design strategist Seth Unger need to raise \$50,000. They are selling naming rights to some of the lights, either full four-foot fixtures or one of 40 “pixels” that make up each light. As of Monday morning, the campaign has 135 backers and has raised \$12,000. A Kickstarter campaign last year raised \$59,480 to pay for the installation and testing of four 12’ LED fixtures between Monroe and

Adams St. An additional \$25,000 came from the media company, Comcast. “The project will transform an iconic piece of Chicago infrastructure into a canvas for a dynamic, interactive experience, serving as a catalyst for a re-energized Wabash Ave.,” say Newell and Unger in a statement. To expand beyond two blocks they figure they will need \$1.5 million.



Bill and Shelley Farley with Cardinal Cupich in Rome.



A sea of red cardinal in Rome.

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tor of the Illinois Dept. of Human Rights.

MOLTO DELICIOSO: Hot-test invitation in Rome was Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s reception for Cardinal Cupich at the U.S. Embassy over near the Via Veneto.

BIENVENUTTI: We hear that members of Cardinal Cupich’s Nebraska Family will be having a holiday post Red Hat at Chicago Restaurateur Phil Stephani’s country spread in Lucca, in heavenly Tuscany while in Italy.

GIFTS FROM THE GRAVE: What Lakeview resident just discovered over \$250,000 in two un-

So Shakespearian. The couple originally were to keep things moving as the election crowds dwindled and close up time approached. They had the lights low. Too low. And they found a secluded spot at the back. But no one said anything about the polling place burlesque revue like something found in Mont Matre. The story is not finished.

THE VAST WASTELAND: President Barack Obama announced Wednesday former WTTW Chairman Newton Minnow will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His legions of friends are delighted. **CADDISH BEHAVIOR:** Has a Brahman billionaire incurred the wrath of society, especially wives in a very fancy suburb, by divorcing his wife of many, many years now suffering with Al-



Denise Tomasello, Barb Bailey and Shaun Rajah.

zheimer and marrying someone a bit younger? And then rubbing salt in social wounds by running to all the local posh clubs with her, where she is well-known, but now oh, so shunned?

WIND BENEATH MY WINGS: Word is all over town now that Shaun Rajah was a smash hit last week at Davenport’s on Milwaukee Ave. He had the overflow crowd in the palm of his golden hand with a smooth and easy style that massaged the audience nostalgically. And having the partnering of the lovely Denise Tomasello just lifted everything to new heights. This was such a fabulous sound. We are



Newt Minnow to receive Presidential Medal of Freedom.

all feeling that wind. **NO HUM BUG:** Charles Dicken’s classic, “A Christmas Carol,” Nov. 19 to Dec. 31 at the Goodman Theater with a superb Chicago cast, featuring Nate Buescher as “Tiny Tim,” a role he has made his own.

PRIMEBOOTH: Gibson’s Booth One with Joy and Alan Sandler eating and greeting. Joy is always the most beautiful woman in any room... and Alan the cheeriest man. Always a treat running into them. Also having some beef in Gibson’s Bar was Mark O’Malley, just back from Europe and getting ready for a China journey eating and sharing with attorney Ted Tetzloff.

FATHER CORKY REPORTING: (Rome) “At the invitation of Monsignor Michael Boland, the head of Catholic Charities of Chicago, and my good friend and classmate Fr. Jerry Boland, I joined members of the Charities board, the Director of Finance, and the head of the Archdiocesan Bank for dinner at Tucci’s in the Piazza Navona. The “guest of honor” was Joan Lewis (of Loyola’s Lewis Tower, Lewis family) who has worked in the Vatican for decades, and who currently works for EWTN radio. As we were ending dinner who strolled by but Cardinal-elect Cupich. In the photo he is in the center. It was a wonderful night out, and quite a full day.” (Fr. Bill Corcoran)

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The Robey Hotel is located in one of the tallest buildings in the Wicker Park/ Bucktown area at 203’ tall, and offers a sixth floor rooftop pool to hotel guests.

New Wicker Park hotels to open Nov. 30

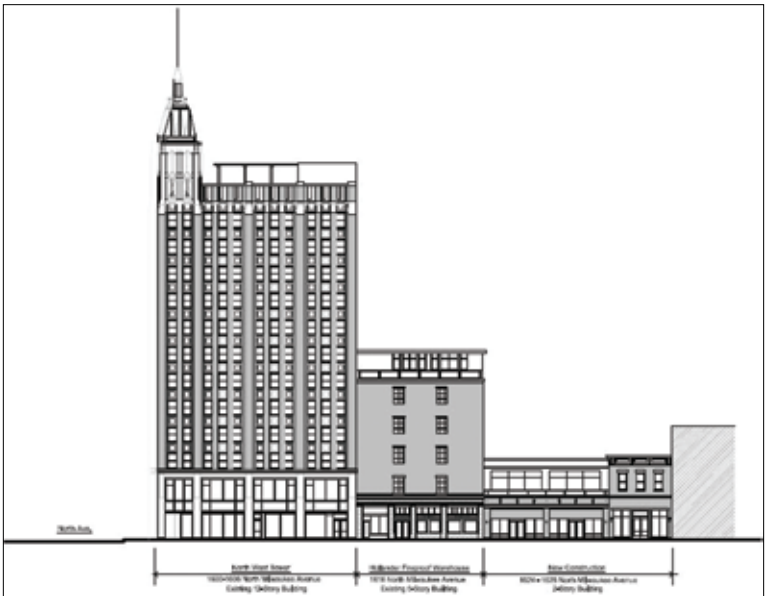
The Robey and and The Hollander hotels, 1600 N. Milwaukee, are scheduled to open on Nov. 30 after several long years of work on everything from zoning to restoring and renovating the grand old buildings at the northwest corner of Damen, Milwaukee, and North.

Both hotels are from Grupo Habita, which operates 14 hotels in Mexico as well as New York City’s Hotel Americano.

[Robey was the original name for Damen Ave. during the 1890s. It was changed to Damen in 1927. The Hollander’s name comes from the Hollander Fireproof warehouse, a 27,000-square-foot, five-story industrial building adjacent to the tower, built in the early 1900s.]

The gray limestone structure that houses The Robey is one of the tallest in the Wicker Park/ Bucktown area at 203’ tall, and its unique triangular prism shape ensures that it stands out as one of the neighborhood’s most recognizable landmarks.

Wicker Park’s first skyscraper, the North West Tower building, designed by C. Herrick Hammond of Perkins, Clatten and Hammond, was the tallest building on Chicago’s northwest side when it opened in April 1929.



Union Station recognized Nov. 30 for Burlington Room restoration



A cocktail networking reception will be hosted by Landmarks Illinois 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 30, at which Amtrak will be presented with the 2016 Real Estate and Building Industries [RBIC] Council Award.

The RBIC celebration event will be held in the newly restored Burlington Room at Chicago Union Station, 500 W. Jackson Blvd. Originally constructed as the Women’s Lounge, where ladies could wait for the train and enjoy the services of the adjacent beauty parlor and other facilities, it had been closed to the general public for decades, split into small offices and storage with its historic details hidden from view. Just off Union Station’s Great Hall, the 3,900-square-foot Burlington Room reopened to the public this fall.

Tickets are \$100; and \$50 for nonprofits/ public sector guests. Reservations are required. For reservations call 312-922-1742.

Grief support group to host Annual Memorial Service Dec. 3

People all over the world commemorate their loved ones with ceremonies that reflect their religious or cultural attitudes toward death. Just as people have rituals for other passages of life, society needs a ritual for death - one of the most significant of all passages.

The funeral ritual helps the survivors begin to heal emotionally. When someone we love dies, we experience grief. Even though it hurts, it is not something to avoid. Grief is part of the healing process.

Since 1989, Lakeview Funeral Home, 1458 W. Belmont Ave., has offered continuing Grief Recovery Support Groups to assist in the steps of healing and acceptance of the death of a loved one.

Led by Kris Hallowell, a Certified Grief Recovery Facilitator, meetings are held two Mondays each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For upcoming dates call 773-472-6300.

Grief allows people to separate themselves from the deceased person and go on with their lives. Funerals stimulate mourners to talk about the deceased, one of the first steps toward accepting the death. The funeral brings together a community of mourners who, by supporting each other, can help themselves through a difficult period.

Also as part of serving their community, the Lakeview Funeral Home sponsors an Annual Memorial Service, held each year in December. This year that service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. All are welcome to join in.

This event consists of a memorial service and social gathering to commemorate those who have died. By bringing together the family and friends of the deceased, it is an opportunity to share thoughts and memories of loved ones and to reconnect with members of the community who have traveled similar paths of dealing with loss and grief.

Most people believe that to be

able to resolve their grief, mourners need to accept the reality of death not only on an intellectual level, but on an emotional level as well.

However, once the funeral has ended, the journey to emotional acceptance and healing is just beginning. An important step in grieving is expressing the emotions that may accompany death: anger, guilt, fear, sorrow and depression.

Those who are dealing with issues of loss are invited to participate in the Lakeview Funeral Home Group to explore positive

When someone we love dies, we experience grief. Even though it hurts, it is not something to avoid. Grief is part of the healing process.

alternatives for coping with the memories and feelings of loss.

Over the years, this Group has been the transitional bridge to dealing with the death of a loved one and the ability to work through the grief and facilitate the healing.

Participation in the group is free of charge and there is a fee for The Grief Recovery Handbook that assists in moving through the various phases of grief. This is an ongoing group and participants are welcome to attend at any stage of the grieving process or as continued support in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

With empathy and compassion, Hallowell and Donna Hachiya are able to guide the group participants through this journey. As Certified Grief Recovery Facilitators, Hallowell and Hachiya have been taught how to navigate through the various depths of grieving and acceptance of loss. The added support of group members who are moving along this process provides a foundation of support and caring for new participants.

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New Commander to lead 19th Police District

After 19 months as the top dog in the North Side’s 19th District, Chicago Police Commander Robert Cesario is packing up, according to two department sources.

The sources said Commander Marc Buslik, a 32-year veteran of the department, will replace Cesario effective immediately.

The Chicago Police Dept. routinely shuffles command-level staff every 18- to 24 months.

Since February, Buslik has been working as the department’s liaison with federal investigators who are reviewing Chicago’s police operations. Before that, he was the commander of the 14th District, which protects much of Bucktown, Wicker Park, and Avondale.

Buslik raised eyebrows last year when he told a 14th District community policing (CAPS) meeting that “CAPS is dead. We need to drive a stake right through its heart.”

The 14th District also piloted the CPD’s police body camera program under Buslik’s command.

Cesario quickly gained a reputation among residents as an aloof and unresponsive civil servant among residents who had grown accustomed to personal attention and open communication provided by his predecessor, Commander Elias Voulgaris.

Two Chicago police officers named Cesario as a defendant in a whistleblower lawsuit that alleged the cops were blackballed by superiors for helping to investigate crooked officers.

Their lawsuit argued that Cesario, then a lieutenant in the fugitive apprehension unit, told the officers that “they were being moved up north, will not go to the U.S. Marshall’s [sic] Task Force, will not get a take home car, Marshall’s [sic] pay, overtime, or deputized. That will never happen for you,” among other things.

The city this month settled the lawsuit for \$2 million.

Cesario will now be the department’s liaison with the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications.

The 19th District stretches from Fullerton Ave. to Lawrence Ave. and from the Chicago River to Lake Michigan.

“Mayor of Chinatown” sentenced on Federal charges

Hu Xiaojun, widely known as famed Chicago restaurateur “Tony Hu,” has been sentenced to one year and a day in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to wire fraud and money laundering charges.

Hu operates several restaurants in Chicago and the suburbs, including the Lao Sze Chuan brand.

From Jan. 2010 to Sept. 2014, Hu intentionally withheld sales taxes from the Illinois Dept. of Revenue and the city of Chicago for purchases that customers paid in cash, prosecutors said. Hu deposited the unreported cash into his personal bank account and used the money to pay personal expenses.

All told, Hu hid more than \$1 million in taxes from state and local government from more than \$9.8 million in cash sales.

In addition to the prison term, U.S.

District Judge Amy J. St. Eve also fined Hu \$100,000.

Robbery alert issued for North Siders

Chicago police are warning residents of Albany Park and Irving Park about a series of armed robberies in their neighborhoods this month.

One or two offenders are approaching victims on the street and demanding valuables at gunpoint, police said.

Robberies have been reported in the 3800 block of N. Hamlin at 1:30 a.m. Nov. 9; the 4600 block of N. Pulaski at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 9; the 2700 block of W. Wilson at 10 p.m. Nov. 12; and the 3300 block of N. Avers at 12:15 a.m. Nov. 15.

Both offenders are black and between 18- and 20-years-old. They stand 5’-7” to 6’ tall and weight 150 to 170 lbs., according to an alert issued by Area North detectives.

Two charged with Boystown mugging

Quick-acting police snared two suspects after a robbery in East Lakeview last Tuesday. And one of the offenders is currently on parole for two separate robbery convictions.

The victim flagged down police near Clark and Belmont around 3:40 a.m. to report the robbery and officers detained two suspects moments later near the Belmont CTA Red Line station.



Joseph Murphy

Nov., 2013, according to state records.

Despite all of that, the criminal-friendly State of Illinois decided it would be a good idea to parole Murphy in January of this year, allowing him to victimize yet another innocent citizen on the streets of Chicago.

Murphy lists the Howard Brown Health Center, 4025 N. Sheridan, as his “home.”

In other North Side muggings:

• Around 2:20 a.m. on Nov. 14, a man told police that two men approached him near Halsted and Belmont to ask for a cigarette. One of the men then sucker-punched the victim and continued to kick and punch him as he laid on the ground. The robbers went through the man’s pockets, took his wallet and cellphone, then ran westbound toward the Belmont CTA Red Line station.

The victim said his attackers were black, thin, and about 20-years-old. One of the men wore a beige jacket and beanie.

• A neighborhood woman told members of the Taking Back Lakeview Facebook group that she was robbed at gunpoint near Briar and Halsted around 2:15 a.m. on Nov. 11.

“I was walking home [and a] black Ford pulled up with two males and [they] pulled out the gun to rob me. They got my wallet and my iPhone. I was less than a block from my place when it happened,” the woman said.

“I didn’t call the police as I was so freaked out by having a gun put to my face... It was especially scary with the fact I was in a short dress and heels that night. I was worried that they might try to rape me. The main thing is that I am glad to be alive and safe but really freaked out by the whole experience,” she said.

The woman, who says she did not file a police report, described her attackers only as two black males in their early 20’s.

“Nuts On Clark” burglar gets 10-year sentence

Eight-time convicted burglar Armando Vadillo can now be accurately referred to as nine-time convicted burglar Armando Vadillo. Vadillo pleaded guilty to repeatedly

burglarizing Wrigleyville landmark Nuts On Clark this spring.

The judge slapped him with a 10-year sentence, which means he will be paroled in less than five years on May 24, 2021. Mark your calendar, Nuts On Clark.

Hard time for car break-ins

Also receiving a heavy sentence is John Rodriguez, the 61-year-old Uptown man who was caught breaking into a string of cars near St. Joseph’s Hospital in late September. Rodriguez entered a quick guilty plea to five counts of burglary and received a seven-year sentence.

Lakeview burglary/robbery brings dual sentence

Cordell Patterson, accused of breaking into a home in the 3200 block of N. Kenmore in July, 2015 and battering the homeowner who confronted him, has pleaded guilty to burglary and robbery. A judge sentenced Patterson to concurrently serve six years for the burglary and three years for the robbery.

Patterson’s alleged co-conspirator, Jahlil Porter, is due back in court on Dec. 5.

Among other recent sentences:

[mugshots Smith, Davis, Barrett-Rao]

• David L. Smith, 34, of Uptown received one year’s probation after pleading guilty to a Lakeview burglary. A homeowner in the 3200 block of N. Seminary woke up to find Smith pushing in their rear window at 2:30 a.m. May 24, prosecutors said. Cops found Smith hiding in a nearby garage, they said.

• Joshua Davis, who told arresting officers that he “fell into” a Lakeview homeowner’s window after seeing a \$20 bill inside, pleaded guilty to attempted burglary. The judge sentenced him to three years’ probation.

• Dillon Barrett-Rao pleaded guilty to the burglaries of two dorm rooms on the DePaul Univ. campus in nearby Lincoln Park. Barrett-Rao was a student at DePaul at the time of the crimes. One of his victims went to police after Barrett-Rao failed to make agreed-to restitution payments, according to court records. A judge sentenced Barrett-Rao to two years probation.

Cops seek SUV in Near North hit-and-run



Chicago Police are asking the public for help in finding a white Jeep Compass that was involved in a fatal hit-and-run on the Near North Side last weekend.

Phillip Levato, 23, of the Bridgeport neighborhood, was struck by the vehicle near Chicago Ave. and LaSalle St. around 4 a.m. on Nov. 20, but the driver fled the accident scene, police said. Levato was pronounced dead 30 minutes later at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Detectives said the Jeep bears Indiana License plate number BU3440.

Anyone with information about the vehicle is asked to call police at 312-745-4521.

Two charged with robbing Mag Mile retailers

Chicago police say two teenagers have been charged with violent retail thefts along the famed Magnificent Mile this month.

Mishael Cisneros, 18, has been charged with two counts of felony retail theft and aggravated battery to a merchant in connection with an incident in the 700 block of N. Michigan Ave. on Nov. 11.

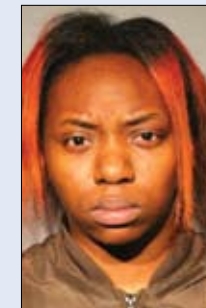
Dierra Bluitt, 18, is charged with felony



Armando Vadillo

robbery, felony aggravated battery to a merchant, and misdemeanor retail theft in connection with a similar incident in the 800 block of N. Michigan Ave. on Nov. 5.

Detectives said the two cases were apart of a larger retail theft and robbery spree across the Near North neighborhood this



Dierra Bluitt

month in which offenders turned violent when store employees confronted them about shoplifting. In one incident, a gun was pointed at an employee.

Rockford man charged in child’s death, dismemberment

A 41-year-old Rockford man is charge with the killing and dismemberment of two-year-old Kyrian Knox during the summer of 2015, a cold-blooded murder that left many Chica-

goans stunned. Kamel Harris was charged after investigators determined that blood found in his vehicle was Kyrian’s, prosecutors said.

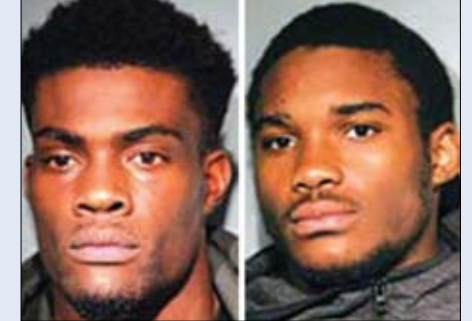
Kyrian’s remains were found by police divers in the Garfield Park Lagoon in Sept. 2015 after a witness reported seeing a body part floating near shore.

According to prosecutors, Harris killed the lactose-intolerant two-year-old after he cried for hours after being fed milk.

“He kind of just snapped and couldn’t deal with it anymore,” Area North Commander Kevin Duffin said.

Now, Harris is charged with first-degree murder, felony concealment of a homicidal death and felony dismemberment of a human body.

Passing police car foils River North robbery



Deangelo Dixon Leandrew Wallace Jr.

Chicago police were in the right place at the right time last month, passing a robbery in River North as it was happening.

Three roommates from the Uptown community were in River North 10:40 p.m. Oct. 17 when they were approached by six men who tried to rob them in the 800 block of N. Dearborn St.

One of the robbers, Leandrew Wallace Jr., 21, grabbed one of the victims by the arm while another robber, Deangelo Dixon, 23, went through his pockets and threatened to kill him, pretending to have a gun under his sweatshirt.

At about that time, a squad car from the 18th Police District approached and the victims flagged it down. The other men got away but Wallace and Dixon were detained, charged with attempted aggravated robbery, and had their bail set at \$150,000 each. While processing Dixon for arrest, police found \$1,403 in his backpack.

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Mishael Cisneros



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F16090140 STB IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Statebridge Company, LLC Plaintiff, vs. Angela Winder; Austin Townhouse Association; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 16 CH 14104 537 North Central Avenue, Unit A, Chicago, Illinois 60644 Otto Calendar 61 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Angela Winder, Austin Townhouse Association, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: PARCEL 1: ALL THAT PART (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 37.50 FEET THEREOF) OF A TRACT OF

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Legal Notice

16 CH 14104

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-W2 Plaintiff, -v- LORENZO S. CECILIO, DIANE L. GAERLAN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 15 CH 14016 7527 N. BELL 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 30, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 3, 2017, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PARCEL 1: THE WEST 35 FEET, TOGETHER WITH THE EAST 20.00 FEET (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 43.00 FEET THEREOF) OF LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 4 TAKEN AS A TRACT IN PINGREE AND RIDGE AVENUE ADDITION TO ROGERS PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 41

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likely would not be at risk from an FBI or Immigrations subpoena.

The Illinois Secretary of State already issues state identification cards, including those to the elderly (65 and over), the homeless, and those with disabilities. In the near future, the state's identification cards and drivers' licenses will be compliant with the federal government's tamper-proof REAL ID program. Cards compliant with Real ID will be valid to serve as identification to board planes and also, to visit government offices.

Jim Allen, the spokesperson for the Chicago Board of Election said he was not sure if his office would accept a municipal ID card for voter registration because too

many questions remain.

"We have to evaluate it. It all depends on the details. We really have to take a wait-and-see-approach to see what is required by the clerk's office to obtain a municipal ID card," Allen said.

To register to vote in Illinois, if one registers in-person; state law requires two forms of identification. At least one of these forms of identification must show a person's current residence. Currently, accepted forms of identification include a valid Illinois driver's license and state ID card. In Illinois, immigrants are already eligible to obtain a legal state driver's license. These licenses are designated as temporary visitor drivers' licenses.

The first phase of the program,

All of the agency spokespersons said they were not yet sure how their individual agencies would work with a Chicago municipal ID card because so few details have been revealed.

which is now underway, will identify the scope of services to be provided under the ID program. This phase will also include outreach to financial, medical, and cultural institutions and local businesses that may serve as potential partners.



Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE (CWMS 2005-03) Plaintiff,

- v -
WILLIAM E. LEE AKA WILLIAM LEE AKA LEE WILLIAM, 5649-5659 NORTH SPAULDING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL CITY BANK SBM PNC BANK, NA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., PNCS, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants

15 CH 14448
5649 NORTH SPAULDING AVENUE, UNIT 1 Chicago, IL 60659

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 27, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5649 NORTH SPAULDING AVENUE, UNIT 1, Chicago, IL 60659

Property Index No. 13-02-432-030-1001 (NEW), 13-02-432-001-0000 (OLD).

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$231,962.15.

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, or a unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

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

For information, contact the sales department, ANSELMO LINDBERG OLIVER LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.fal-illinois.com. Please refer to file number F15060048.

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Case Number: 15 CH 14448 TJS# 36-12875

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15 CH 14448

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,

- v -
SAMANTHA WHITEHOUSE, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, 3440 LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDO-

Real Estate For Sale

MINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 15 CH 11159 3440 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 7D Chicago, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 22, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 3, 2017, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3440 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 7D, Chicago, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-21-307-047-1060 Vol. 485. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$201,468.44. 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 Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 15-2280. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 15-2280 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 15 CH 11159 TJS# 36-11645 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

1707959

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Champion Mortgage Company Plaintiff,

- v -
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Arnold E. Davis; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Citibank, N.A. f/k/a Citibank (South Dakota) N.A.; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Amalgamated Bank of Chicago; Palisades Collection, LLC; LVNV Funding, LLC; 155 Harbor Drive Condominium Association; Gerald Nordgren Special Representative; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants,

Case # 16CH6453 Sheriff's # 160290 F16040191 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 January 6th, 2017, at 1pm in room LL06 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: 155 North Harbor Drive Unit 3707, Chicago, Illinois, 60601 P.I.N: 17-10-401-005-1497

Improvements: This property consists of a Residential Condominium.

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 as-

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Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney ANSELMO, LINDBERG OLIVER LLC Anthony Porto 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60566-7228 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.

16 CH 6453

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

- v -
Stanislaw Potemski aka Stanislaw J. Potemski aka Stanislaw Potemski aka Stanislaw J. Potemski; Zofia Potemski aka Zofia Potemski; Merrimac Square Condominium II Association; Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc.; Barclays Bank Delaware; Real Time Resolutions, Inc.; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants,

Case # 16CH5131 Sheriff's # 160249 F16040062 PNC

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 January 4th, 2017, at 1pm in room LL06 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: 6526 West Irving Park Road, Unit 406, Chicago, Illinois, 60634 P.I.N: 13-18-409-032-1026

Improvements: This property consists of a Residential Condominium.

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. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 15-2280. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 15-2280 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 15 CH 11159 TJS# 36-11645 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

1707959

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

- v -
Michael Disilvio aka Michael J. Disilvio; PNC Bank, N.A. sbm to National City Bank; Northbrook Bank & Trust Company, as successor in Interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Ravenswood Bank; Park Place Chicago Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants,

Case # 16CH2714 Sheriff's # 160277 F15120035 PNC

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 January 4th, 2017, at 1pm in room LL06 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: 600 North Kingsbury Street Unit 1806 & P-B09, Chicago, Illinois 60654 P.I.N: 17-09-126-022-1303 (new); 17-09-126-022-1135 (new); 17-09-126-010-0000 (old);

Improvements: This property consists of a Residential Condominium.

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.

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

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 Anthony Porto 1771 W. DIEHL., Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60566-7228 foreclosurenotice@fal-illinois.com 866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620

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16 CH 2714

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP Plaintiff,

- v -
TIMOTHY J. TOUHY AKA/TIMOTHY TOUHY, PAULA GIROUX, METROBANK S/VI TO UNIVERSAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, ARTHUR E. ENGELLAND, ATHLETICO, LTD., STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants

11 CH 18649

840 West George Street Chicago, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 26, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 29, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 840 West George Street, Chicago, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-29-222-020-0000. The real estate is improved with a multi unit building containing two to six apartments. The judgment amount was \$153,706.73. 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 Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the court appointed selling officer.

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 Anthony Porto 1771 W. DIEHL., Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60566-7228 foreclosurenotice@fal-illinois.com 866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620

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16 CH 5131

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

- v -
Michael Disilvio aka Michael J. Disilvio; PNC Bank, N.A. sbm to National City Bank; Northbrook Bank & Trust Company, as successor in Interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Ravenswood Bank; Park Place Chicago Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants,

Case # 16CH2714 Sheriff's # 160277 F15120035 PNC

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 January 4th, 2017, at 1pm in room LL06 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: 600 North Kingsbury Street Unit 1806 & P-B09, Chicago, Illinois 60654 P.I.N: 17-09-126-022-1303 (new); 17-09-126-022-1135 (new); 17-09-126-010-0000 (old);

Improvements: This property consists of a Residential Condominium.

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.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BYLINE BANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION FKA NORTH COMMUNITY BANK AS SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER TO PLAZA BANK AND AS SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER TO METROBANK FKA CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK AS SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER TO METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY; Plaintiff,

- v -
JOSE LUIS ARROYO; EULALIA ARROYO; CITY OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS; TOWN OF CICERO; VILLAGE OF NILES; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; LVNV FUNDING LLC; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

Real Estate For Sale

NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 16 CH 1011

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 13-24-102-001-0000 and 17 - 07 - 108 - 038 - 0000 .

Commonly known as 3059 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618 and 2024 West Huron Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. The mortgaged real estate is a mixed use residential and commercial property and a two-unit, two story apartment residence. The successful purchaser is entitled to possession of the property only. The purchaser may only obtain possession of units within the multi-unit property occupied by individuals named in the order of possession. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Scott H. Kenig at Plaintiff's Attorney, Randall & Kenig LLP, 455 North Clyfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611. (312) 822-0800. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1707637

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

- v -
RON PELLEGRINI AKA/RONALD P. PELLEGRINI AKA/RON PETER PELLEGRINI AKA/RONALD PELLEGRINI, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. FKA/ WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1714 W. SCHOOL STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants

16 CH 4446

1714 WEST SCHOOL STREET, UNIT 1 Chicago, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 9, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 12, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1714 WEST SCHOOL STREET, UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60657 Property Index No. 14-19-423-046-1001. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$171,013.38. 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 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

New zoo polar bear exhibit now open



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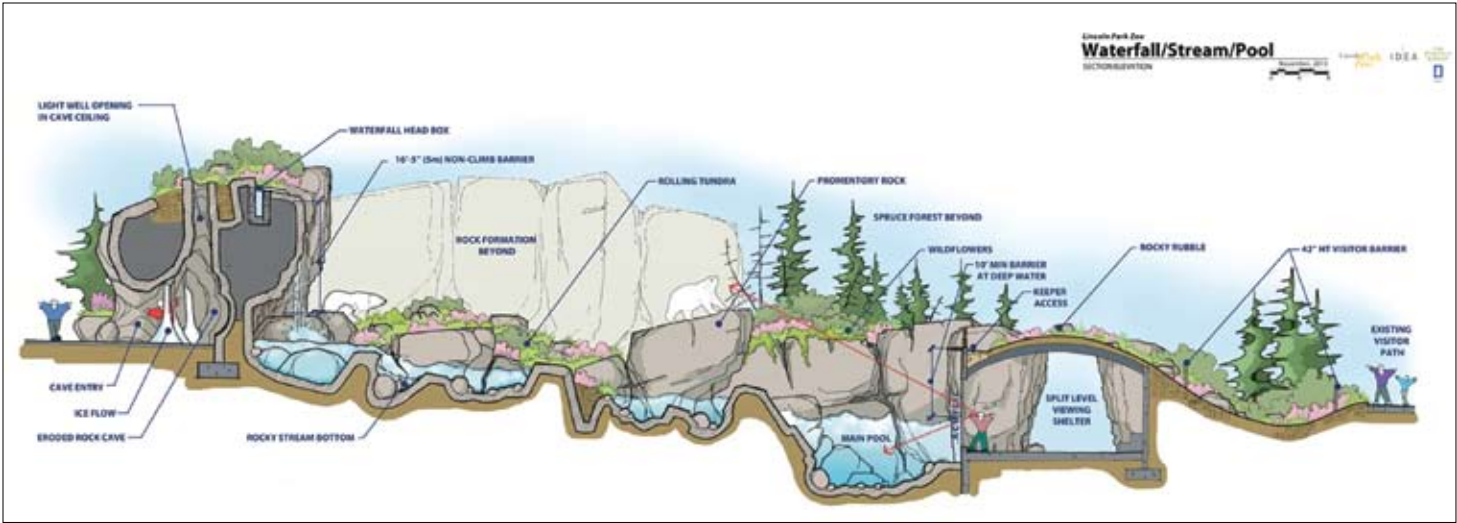
BY FOZZIE BALOO PADDINGTON

The Lincoln Park Zoo has welcomed the polar bear back to the Walter Family Arctic Tundra, which opened to the public last Thursday.

One male polar bear will inhabit the exhibit for the grand opening and the zoo anticipates a female bear to join this winter, as recommended by the Polar Bear Species Survival Plan® (SSP).

The expansive new 11,483-square-foot exhibit can be separated into two areas and features a winding stream, waterfall and dive pools teeming with more than 49,900 gallons of water. With digging areas, a commercial ice machine and a behind-the-scenes denning area to accommodate potential cubs, the exhibit’s strategic design supports species-specific diving and hunting behaviors and promotes polar bear welfare.

Beginning Thursday, zoo visitors can see the outdoor exhibit in four immersive viewing areas. An underwater area with a redesigned split-view gives guests a simul-



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taneous glimpse of water and land from the same vantage point. Guests can cool off in the ice cave area with a tactile ice wall and air cooling mechanism. At the south shelter, there is a 10 square-foot training wall, where, upon bear acclimation, guests can witness keepers conducting positive reinforcement training sessions with the polar bear to provide enrichment and enable the bear to participate in its own welfare.

On the northernmost end of the zoo, an open-air overlook enables guests to see the winding stream and varied terrain.

Polar bears are at the top of the food chain in the circumpolar Arctic and sub-arctic regions due to special adaptations that equip them for hunting seals on sea ice and living in the freezing climate. These include: natural insulation comprised predominantly of blubber, camouflaging coats made up of translucent hairs, a keen sense of smell and paddle-like front paws that propel them through the water and provide stabilization

on the ice’s surface.

However, polar bears’ arctic advantages quickly become limitations as the habitat they’re built for diminishes.

The exhibit “illuminates the great responsibility we must assume in order to preserve wildlife and our planet,” said Megan Ross, Senior Vice President. As the earth continue to produce more carbon dioxide emissions, “heat is trapped around the world and sea ice—on which polar bears rely for hunting and breeding—melts. We hope that visitors connect with this species so that they are inspired to make environmentally-conscious changes.”

Alongside the SSP, the zoo uses genetic analyses to inform transfer and breeding plans. “Polar bears are seasonal breeders in which the females build a den in autumn and emerge from it in early spring with cubs. Therefore the zoo must wait for the SSP to determine which female bear is without cubs and able to transfer,” said Sarah Long,

Director of the Population Management Center. “The male bear is genetically and demographically valuable to the accredited-zoo population and we hope to have cubs at the zoo to help the future of this vulnerable species.”

“There’s no species as well-equipped for its environment as the polar bear and as such, we designed [this facility] to emulate the bear’s natural habitat to elicit species-specific behaviors,” said General Curator Dave Bernier. “I’m thrilled to, again, be able to share the fascinating world of polar bears with zoo guests and I’m proud of the zoo’s dedication to conserving them in the wild.”

Walter Family Arctic Tundra, a \$15.3 million exhibit, was made possible by the Walter Family and is part of Lincoln Park Zoo’s \$125 million capital campaign.

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