

There is one day that is ours.
Thanksgiving Day is the one day
that is purely American.
— O. Henry

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Upcoming meeting to address fate of St. Matthias Church

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Parishioners of Lincoln Square's St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church, 2310 W. Ainslie St., were informed on Nov. 24 that officials from the Archdiocese of Chicago have tentatively agreed to meet with the congregation to discuss the archdiocese's plans to close the church and to merge it with the nearby Queen of Angels Parish, located at 2330 W. Sunnyside Ave.

That meeting will be held on Dec. 10.

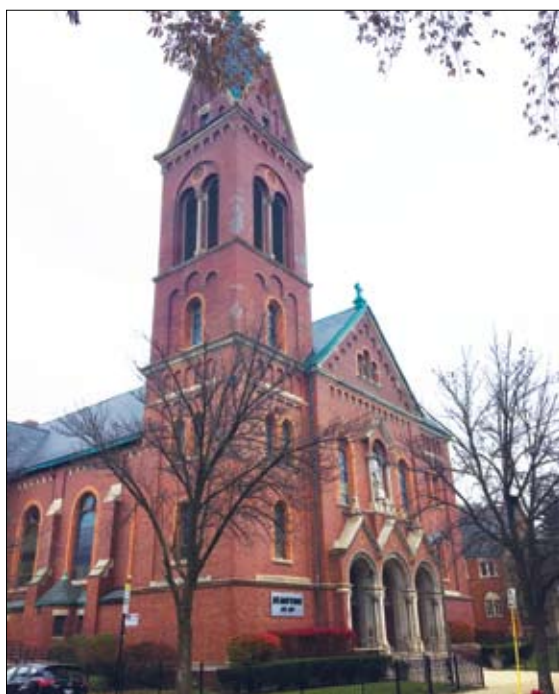
Steadily declining church attendance, high maintenance costs and an upcoming shortage of priests are some of the reasons the archdiocese has cited for its decision to consolidate some churches and schools.

Rev. Larry McNally, the church's pastor, praised the efforts of his parish council for supporting an online Change.org petition drive at www.change.org/p/archdiocese-of-chicago-keep-st-matthias-parish-open which has garnered about 3,000 signatures from parishioners and supporters.

"I thank the Parish Council for taking the lead on the petition drive this weekend. I thank those of you who signed it, or the Facebook version. Let us not lose hope and perhaps the Archdiocese will revisit their decision," McNally said.

McNally added church officials are willing to participate in a town hall meeting that will be held at the church within the next few weeks.

"I will have further details later. I hope you will attend this meeting to share your concerns and frustrations, and to have your questions answered. In the meantime, please continue attending your favorite Mass and sit in your favorite pew. Mass attendance is a vital factor in the decision to allow a parish to



Lincoln Square's St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church, 2310 W. Ainslie St.

continue. And please keep praying that the Archdiocese will change their mind. I am praying daily for that reversal," McNally wrote in his parish's Sunday bulletin.

In addition to past and present parishioners who are interested in saving the church, the archdiocese announcement also attracted the attention of Preservation Chicago, a non-profit architectural preservation group. Earlier this year, the group had unveiled

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the Rogers Park lakefront**
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Major construction at Juneway Beach began last week.

Photo by Tom Heineman

SSA taxing districts hosting combined annual meeting

The Rogers Park Business Alliance - which is Rogers Park's chamber of commerce - is hosting a four-for-one meeting, that is they are hosting the annual meeting for the four Special Service Areas (SSA) taxing districts they manage: Howard Street SSA #19, Clark/Morse/Glenwood SSA #24, Devon Avenue SSA #43 (West Ridge) and Sheridan Road SSA #54. That annual meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 12, 9-10:30 a.m., in the Teal Room, 1406 W. Morse Ave.

The meeting will review current and future proposed spending of

those taxes collected within their SSA zones. SSA Zones are self-imposed taxing districts for commercial properties along commercial thoroughfares who want to use those pooled tax funds to help improve and enhance public streets and spaces, and to underwrite promotions and local marketing initiatives.

The chamber of commerce staff and SSA commissioners will be on hand to explain how they're using the SSA tax funds to improve commercial corridors.

Breakfast will be served and questions will be taken.

North Side housing activists re-open Fair Housing Program

Northside Community Resources [NCR], a 67-year-old nonprofit North Side community service agency based in Rogers Park, has re-opened its Fair Housing Program with support from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development [HUD].

The Program offers outreach and education to all, and legal help to people experiencing discrimination on Chicago's North Side. It investigates possible housing discrimination and helps clients to file and resolve civil rights complaints against landlords and other housing providers to redress violations and prevent future discrimination. The Fair Housing Act outlaws discrimination in housing based on race, national origin, disability, gender, family status, and religion.

The Program reaches out to people in all North Side communities, including members with limited English proficiency and other barriers of access. NCR offers assistance in English, Spanish, Polish, Hindi, Gujarati, Chinese, Urdu, Vietnamese, Arabic, Farsi, and Nepali. They are partnering with the Hamdard Center, Chinese Mutual Aid Assoc., and

the Vietnamese Assoc. of Illinois, enabling it to provide services in 11 languages.

NCR says they are committed to eliminating all kinds of housing discrimination and reducing segregation by eradicating discrimination, including tenants with Housing Choice Section 8 vouchers. NCR helps anybody of any background who is having a housing issue, and all services are free.

"[NCR] works to ensure that everyone has fair access to safe, comfortable, affordable, accessible homes to call their own," said Betsy Shuman-Moore, the program's lead attorney.

The Fair Housing Program, which is slated to be funded for three years, complements NCR's other housing services, many of which the agency has offered for over 20 years. A long-term housing program provides technical assistance to the community on rental housing issues assisting tenants, helping them find housing, and training landlords and tenants about rental housing laws and best practices.

The Program is led by Shuman-Moore, who has 35 years of ex-

perience as a civil rights lawyer. Other staff members include Testing and Outreach Coordinator Kamal Ganjalikhani, Intake Specialist Tabitha Rodriguez, and NCR Housing Director Gisele Hennings.

"It's important for people to complain if they believe they've been discriminated against," said Shuman-Moore. "If they don't, the practices will continue."

For more information call 773-338-7722, ext. 16, or visit www.northsidecommunityresources.org.

Uptown church seeks help for Thanksgiving morning

While sorting through your kitchen drawers looking for the turkey baster, down the street on Thanksgiving morning a group of community volunteers will stand at Wilson and Sheridan and distribute food, clothing, warm drinks, and personal-size toiletries to people in need.

Those who have time and want to help are encouraged to stop by.

This is for the Uptown Baptist Church's annual Thanksgiving Healing Corner. Volunteers will help pass out food to the home-

less and community members. The church is also seeking hot chocolate and coffee preferably boxes of coffee from Dunkin' Donuts that they transfer into igloos at the corner.

Donated gently used coats (washed) and winter garments will also be accepted for those looking to do a good deed for Thanksgiving.

Other items in high demand are travel size toiletries and hand warmers in little bags for the homeless.

We are thankful for our readers
Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving
— Inside Publications



Don't be mauled by mundane, undone by forces of the Universe



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Do you ever overlook the simple things in Chicago living? You know, everything you need within easy reach. An Uber, Italian Beef, cop, a parking space, your alderman, a neighbor to cut your grass. A tavern on the corner. Good food. Hearty drink nearby. All easily acquired.

Variety in abundance with Chicago as the center of the Prairie universe.

We complain, of course. But try double parking in New York. Try parking anywhere in Manhattan. Have you seen the cost of living there or in San Francisco?

Instead of finding ourselves focusing on the more complex things that need sorting, we get annoyed with restaurant staffs. Or 20-somethings with little real knowledge rattling around their heads. Or Millennials oblivious to the everyday world they live in.

With all the excitement brought on by the holidays' start, I forgot how easy it is to be mauled by the mundane.

Last week was a gross, oversimplified version of that for me. I was becoming undone by the local forces of the Universe, and Christmas nowhere to be seen. Yet.

Fast food in my house is ordering something miraculous from Smoke Daddy, the Bar-B-Q restaurant on Division and Wood St.

All summer they took my credit card over the phone and we had the added luxury of a friend picking up our orders. I called to place an order the other night. When my friend went to collect the food, we discovered that I had actually called Smoke Daddy's new place in Wrigleyville.

My Smoke Daddy never received the order. Colossal mistake. Easily rectified, yes? No!

My friend ran head-on into a massive runaround from management, "Sorry, we never take credit cards over the phone." I dialed the management. For more runaround. It was Millennials on speed. They blamed Google and everyone else. I could reorder everything, they said, but they "don't take credit cards over the phone." I literally had to demand the actual manager get on the phone. He was their problem solver, I thought. He suggested I reorder and take a generous gift card he was offering. I asked if I could eat the card?

None of these folk knew how to deal with a longtime customer.

Upset, I told him that I was sad because I would never engage them again. Too much runaround. Everyone trying to dodge a mistake and save their ass.

I ended up refusing the gift card and ordered a pizza from Via Carducci.

The interaction with Smoke Daddy had done me in. I might as well have been speaking with people in Joliet. I was that disconnected from them.

I found no sympathy in them, no neighborhood loyalty. No concern for that. Glad I had invested so much in their "neighborhood" operation of good food. Glad I overlooked all the times they left items out of the orders. The food is tasty. Very piquant. The sauces are the best thing they have go-

ing. But their success should be based on a foundation of more admirable neighborhood quid pro quo. Isn't that the whole point of a re-gentrified urban neighborhood, especially one that still relishes the gritty patina of edgy streetscapes?

Smoke Daddy delights in their "bad-boy" blues persona. Live Bar-B-Q belt musicians there trade on that Mississippi Delta sing-song every night. The air thick with smokey flavors and suburbanite 30-somethings, now transitioning into childbearing urbanite condo owners.

My decades at City Hall taught me there is no problem that can't be quickly fixed. Whether that's the early arrival of a Head of State, a special guest's admission to a museum after hours, immediate seating in a crowded popular steakhouse, or a police escort out to a plane at O'Hare, piloted by the King of Jordan, himself, awaiting his children to join him aboard after special transit through the crowds. People can always make the solution happen. Unless you have to explain what the only solution is.

Since leaving City Hall, I don't get much opportunity to handle special solutions or even ease peoples' burdens from red tape. But the memory of them still keeps me optimistic. Still keeps me hoping someone recognizes the ease of being kind. And the nobility of problem solving.

All of this comes to me because of having to endure the nonsense of Smoke Daddy's reticence to take a chance on a customer. To see people in "management" actually manage their way to a solution of a conflict or a mistake. How very far that is from the romance of Thanksgiving and the start of holidays in the New World.

Chicagoans have officially been celebrating Thanksgiving since Thursday, Nov. 25, 1841,

Chicago's very first Thanksgiving. That's when Mayor Francis C. Sherman declared by Proclamation, a day of public Thanksgiving and praise.

Once again, this year my Thanksgiving feast will be with dear friends in Lakeview and begin with homemade raviolis. The treasured recipe of a loving mother from the Dolomites whose daughters know where they're going in the kitchen. And the miracle of flour and water becoming a brilliant ravioli brightly wrapped in savory tomato sauce. A family tradition as American, now, as turkey and yams. The true miracle of our cultural history in which the centuries are telescoped and

lost orders for Bar-B-Q from folk working hard in a popular place.

On Thanksgiving we recognize the solutions of life's problems are best resolved in quietude and peace. Grateful that in Chicago we keep all the car windows clean so we can see the far horizon of the Prairie, wide-eyed, not looking for anyone to blame. Happy Thanksgiving.

VIVA PAPA: Were there smirks on the faces of New York Catholic Bishops recently on their every-five-year visit to the Pope when he asked why so many Chicago politicians get arrested and go to jail? Apparently **Pope Francis** was searching for American tittle tattle when he found Chicago news. Someone told him Chicago was the Naples of America.

GALWAY OYSTER-FEST: Maureen Gainer Reilly, daughter of the late **Bill Gainer**, front and center at a day at the races at Hawthorne Park honoring the decades of service her father gave to Sister Cities. "Thanks, Galway Sister Cities Committee for missing him as much as we do."

PAWS FUR BALL: Everyone prepped their doggies and kitties red-carpet-ready. Kudos to all involved, especially the illustrious co-chairs **Frances** and **Chris Renk**, and **Melissa** and **Michael Canning**. Our four-legged friends are angels on earth and get us humans through some of life's toughest times.

ALL RISE: Who's the young state's attorney who has just about

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Fur Ball Chairs: Melissa and Michael Canning and Frances and Chris Renk.

hard-liner Puritans bend humbly to the wild turkeys of a new land that began when Stuarts still sat on England's throne.

Invisible threads hold us together binding the memories of childhood feasts in cozy rooms of fragrant vintles, free from the elastic grudges and long-standing violence of popes and emperors and kings.

Our tables of plenty are the level playing fields of harmony and hope that maybe pumpkin pie is God's way of saying we are loved. And the wines of Gigondas sparkle in the eyes of discerning diners with room for one more scoop of stuffing. And the happiness and cheer of historically American feasting embraces the nation's fate of homelessness and heartache. As well as the necessity of being watchful and generous for the hungers of others and the

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(Left) The delightful cast of "Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish---The Musical," which runs through Dec. 29 at the Greenhouse Theater Center in Lincoln Park. *Photo by Matt Ferguson.* (Center) Colorful murals add to the lively decor at La Celia Latin Kitchen. (Right) La Celia Latin Kitchen owners Jorge Pizana, left, and Jorge Manzano.

Sweets of the season

If you want to have your heart warmed, and feel all soft, fuzzy and filled with Christmas joy, go see the perfect-in-every-way "Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish -- The Musical," a brand new shiny show written by Gold Coaster Denise McGowan Tracy. The family-friendly musical made its debut last week at the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., and will run through Dec. 29.



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

her this: We like it! We really like it!

I went last Saturday morning with my daughter Tedi, and granddaughters Jordan, who is six, and Shannon, who turns five at the end of December. All three generations were smitten with this magical little gem of a tale. It's so lovable, and the costumes are some of the prettiest I've seen. They're sparkly and furry and colorful and everything Christmasy, thanks to award-winning costume designer Tatjana Radisic, along with Roosevelt Univ. fashion and costume

design major Hailey Springer, and Kevin Barthel, who provided the whimsical cuffs, collars, and costume embellishments.

"He came in with shopping bags and pulled out collars, marabou, and fur," laughed McGowan Tracy. "Everybody was like literally squealing when he pulled something out."

The production was adapted from the book of the same name, which was published in 2015 and written by McGowan Tracy. If you're not familiar with her, among other things she is an amazing entertainer, storyteller, and author who co-hosts Monday Night Live at Petterino's downtown. She can now add successful producer and playwright to her resume.

McGowan Tracy brings Eleanor -- a lovable rag doll named after Eleanor Roosevelt -- to life, and although she has a wonderful and very happy existence at the North Pole with Santa, Mrs. "Cookie" Claus, and the elves Twinkle, Sprinkle and Sparkle, Eleanor's very merry Christmas wish is for a best friend and home of her own. She makes her wish known, and even writes a letter to Santa, which opens the door to answering many questions about her life and why she was created. It also leads to her wish -- and the wish of a little girl named Noelle -- coming true.

Honestly, even if I didn't have little ones with me I would have loved this enchanting story of friendship, family and the magic

of the season. But if you do bring the kids and/or grandkids, which you should if you have any, there's a Meet & Greet and selfie photo with Santa on the stage following every performance.

McGowan Tracy said that over the next few holiday seasons, her goal is to have the musical at three theaters in the Midwest and after that, she hopes it will grow and grow. She is also working on a second edition of her paperback filled with more characters, and would love to find partners to help her go retail and sell her book, an Eleanor doll and the character Clara's spiffy white go-go boots.

For now though, she'd just like people to come and see her show.

"We're in such a troubled time of disarray -- I'm hoping they buy the ticket," said McGowan Tracy. "I'm hoping they say the kids don't need any more stuff -- let's give them an experience."

She also hopes "Eleanor" provides little ones, and grown-ups, a reminder of the magic of the holidays, the value of families -- "whatever they look like" -- and "the foundation of friendship and the importance of believing that wishes do come true."

"I'm finding great joy with this," said McGowan Tracy. "There's nothing fancy, it's a really simple happy ending with best friends and a happy home."

"We're hoping Eleanor becomes that thing - simple, quality, and with a happy ending," she said.

"Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish," is a Christmas dream come true for McGowan Tracy. May all of your very Merry Christmas wishes come true too, just as Eleanor's and McGowan Tracy's have.

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Double-digit property tax hikes put squeeze on home resale values

While resale-home prices in Chicago continued to inch higher in October, buyers and sellers are worrying about the elephant in the room—rising real estate taxes.

“Property tax assessment values overall are nearing, and in some cases surpassing market values,” warned Realtor W. Walker Robison, Jr., partner with Mark Nardone

in Lake View-based MW Group, RE/MAX Edge. “As tax escrows adjust, property owners may be caught off guard with the often double-digit increases in the total amount owed.”

In 2018, former Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios raised the estimated fair market value of some properties from 30% to more than 140% in North Side and Northwest Side neighborhoods. This came as a parting shot from Berrios after he lost his re-election campaign to challenger Fritz Kaegi, the newly elected assessor.

“Hundreds of owners who escrow taxes every month have received a letter from their lender asking them to escrow potentially hundreds—sometimes thousands—of dollars more a month than anticipated to cover rising property taxes,” Robison said.

For example, one Old Town 3-flat owner saw his monthly tax



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escrow skyrocket 248% to \$6,386 from \$1,832 for four months this summer to replenish the building's depleted tax escrow account.

“Anyone who is monthly payment sensitive will need to seriously consider relocating if they can't appeal,” said Robison.

Another trend impacting the city housing market is the sale and deconversion of condominium buildings into rental apartments. “One thing is certain—the more buildings that deconvert to rentals, the more owner-occupied units decrease in a market that already has struggles with available inventory,” Robison said.

Chicago home values rise 1.4%

The median price of a home in the city of Chicago in October rose 1.4% to \$275,356, compared with \$271,500 in Oct. 2018. Year-over-year home sales decrease 2.8% in Chicago with 2,048 units sold in October, compared with 2,108 units a year ago, reported Illinois Realtors.

“Despite some local political uncertainty, Chicago's housing

market remains active,” noted Maurice Hampton, president of the Chicago Assoc. of Realtors.

“We're welcoming in a new generation of home buyers incentivized by low mortgage rates and sales prices that have grown but remain reasonable.”

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8,889 units, down 3.3% from Oct. 2018 when 9,188 units were sold. However, the median price in October rose 4.3% to \$240,000 from \$230,000 in Oct. 2018. The median is a typical market price where half the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

“Consumers sent a clear message they were willing to pay more to get into a home as we en-

ter the final quarter of the year,” said Ed Neaves, president of Illinois Realtors.

“The result is continued, sustained pressure on those who want to buy a home, but who must select from a diminished number of listed properties,” Neaves said. “Buyers face a choice of moving quickly and paying more, or sitting tight and waiting for additional properties to come on the market.”

Statewide home sales

The statewide median price in October was \$200,000, up 5.3% from \$190,000 in Oct. 2018. A total of 12,914 single-family homes and condos sold in October, down 2.9% from 13,305 units in Oct. 2018.

The time it took to sell a home in October averaged 53 days, an increase of 1.9% from the year before. Available inventory totaled 58,561 units for sale, a 5.5% decline from 61,992 units in Oct. 2018.

“Continuing a pattern of the last several months, median prices have increased while sales declined year-over-year in October,” said Geoffrey J.D. Hewings,

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Ring in the cheer, 'tis Porch Pirate package theft season

Thanksgiving weekend officially rings in the start of the holiday season and all its cheer, as well as the kickoff of the busy season for Porch Pirate package thieves.

In the past few years, as online shopping has ramped up dramatically, there has been a corresponding rise in thefts of packages that were left on porches.

Porch pirates struck nearly 26 million Americans in 2017 alone. That is an unsettling number and with the holidays approaching package theft is only going to rise. Last year, the globe saw a whopping 87 billion packages and par-

cels shipped. That's a lot of booty for porch pirates to go after—but where you live can make a difference.

By comparing FBI Crime Data to Google Trends searches for “missing package” and “stolen package” we were able to compare metro area package theft rates for the entire year and compare those rates to holiday-specific rates of theft. Most of the top 10 metros for package theft during the entire year also found their way into the top 10 for the holiday season.

Chicago stands at #6 nationwide for package thefts, the first time it appeared in the top 10. The town

that brought you all your favorite online insanity - San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose - leads that pack at #1 with a larceny-theft rate of 24.3 incidents per 1,000 people. Chicago's rate is 22.16 theft incidents per 1,000 people.

Estimates show that only about 11% of porch pirate thieves are ever caught. Fortunately, 73% of the victims say they received a refund.

Not surprisingly, more than half of the metros where porch pirates strike the most are also high-tech hubs.

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City Sticker debt relief program deadline Dec. 15

Chicago residents are getting a rare chance to have City Hall lift the foot off their necks with a recently enacted City Sticker debt relief program.

Those who are carrying debt from a city sticker violation need to visit www.chicago.gov/city-stickerdebtrelief by Sunday, December 15 to apply for the opportunity to have some or all of your City Sticker ticket fines forgiven.

Eligible motorists must have City Sticker debt and be in compliance with the City Sticker requirements, or no longer be required to have a City Sticker because they do not own a vehicle or no longer reside in the City.

The program is part of the City's efforts to repair some of the damage done by the predatory debt collection policies instituted by former mayor Rahm Emanuel. For more information, call the city's Finance Department at 312-744-7275.

City sticker ticket debt swelled over the last decade, compounded by late penalties and collection fees, to about \$275 million since 2012, according to a 2018 investigation by ProPublica Illinois and WBEZ.

Unfortunately for those who found a way to pay the severe and regressive fines issued by City Hall, debts will only be forgiven

for eligible unpaid City Sticker tickets. Refunds for those who paid off their earlier debts and tickets will not be issued.

The application provides a list of qualifying hardship categories, and if you submit an application certifying that you have a qualifying hardship, you may be contacted during the City's review process and required to provide documentation in support of your assertion.

This program only applies to forgiving City Sticker tickets, and no other city-issued tickets or fines.



(Left) A huge sinkhole had nearby residents worrying about the Quantum Dee sculpture. *Photo by Jenny Learner* (Right) The scope of the work at Juneway Beach. *Photo by Tom Heineman*

Saving the Rogers Park lakefront

Shoreline Stabilization meeting 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3, at Willye White Park

BY FELICIA DECHTER

Jenny Learner considers herself a tough cookie, a “warrior,” that doesn’t get unnerved very easily. But on Oct. 31 she called 311 because she was rattled to the core, and it wasn’t due to a Halloween fright.

Learner lives on the first floor of an apartment on the far North Side of the city, on the lakefront in Rogers Park, next to Juneway Beach. Lake Michigan is about 30-feet away, and that day, she felt its fury.

“My living room was shaking as if it was going to blow in,” said Learner, who also had a sinkhole encroaching about three feet away from her building. “The waves were smacking the glass on my windows. It was like an earthquake.”

What’s occurring at their lakefront is the talk of dinner parties in East Rogers Park, where opinions are plentiful and rumors are rampant as to what the story is regarding the severe erosion at the north end of the neighborhood. Like other neighbors, Learner is keeping close tabs on the situation.

Her apartment overlooks Juneway Beach, where since Nov. 18 construction crews have been diligently working to fix what’s wrong with the shoreline, which has taken a brutal beating thanks to high water levels and Winter storms.

“I’ve never seen men work so hard,” said Learner. “I’m so in awe of them and their skills.”

“I think this is awesome,” she added. “I can’t even tell you how excited I am because they’re taking control of a situation that could have become much worse.”

Tons of crushed rock have been hauled and dumped on Juneway, the first of three beaches -- also including Rogers and Howard -- to be worked on as it has seen the worst destruction of the trio. The Chicago Dept. of Transportation is placing about 10,000 cubic yards of rip rap and armor stone designed to protect what’s there from further erosion. It is also footing the somewhere between \$1 million and \$2 million bill out



Eroded stairs at Juneway Beach. *Photo by Reid Hyams*

of its emergency fund, said Tom Heineman, treasurer and a founding member of the Greater East-lake Terrace Beaches Park Advisory Council.

“It’s a good emergency repair,” said Heineman, a resident of East-lake Terrace since 1978. “It may be for the rest of my life and the rest of my children’s life. This is not superficial.”

Heineman said people of course want the shoreline fixed, but they also don’t want to give up their beach access. The project will be discussed at a Shoreline Stabilization Project Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 3 at Willye

White Park, 1610 W. Howard St.

“Do we need three beaches, no not really,” said Heineman. “Do we need two beaches? Probably. No beaches? That would be a problem.”

He said what’s happening now is a good excuse to rethink the Last Four Miles Plan that Friends of the Parks (FOTP) crafted in 2009 for the 100-year anniversary of the Burnham Plan. The plan would create a lakefront buffer by adding almost 500 acres of new parks and beaches, and completing a single lakefront-long park to knit the city together and extend the lakefront trail for walkers, runners, and cyclists—to Evanston on the north and to the Indiana border on the south, according to the FOTP Web site.

Heineman said the advisory council has been working on getting the Chicago Park District [CPD] to pay attention to the three beaches for the last 10 to 15 years. Last May, quick fix repairs took place on the damage by putting a Band-aid on the problem. That turned out to be a very temporary save, as the repairs failed.

“Unfortunately, Spring storms in 2019 literally destroyed the sea wall and its repairs at Juneway

and did serious damage to the Howard St. seawall,” said Heineman. “Juneway Beach is now the poster child for the erosion problems threatening the city’s shoreline.”

It’ll take about 14 weeks to finish the three beaches, but meanwhile, neighbors can rest assured that the Quantum Dee sculpture at Juneway is safe. And the Howard Beach Playground -- aka Scary Park as it is called by some local kids -- will be rebuilt. (Hey CPD, how about rebuilding it better and safer than it was by adding some

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Winter walk on Wilson

The Chamber for Uptown is hosting their annual Winter Walk on Wilson 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. This free event features sweet food treats, warm drinks, and menu samples offered by local Uptown businesses as well as live holiday music along the Wilson and Broadway commercial corridors.

Guests will also get to visit the interior of the soon-to-be home of the Chicago Market at the historic Gerber Building located underneath the CTA Red Line station.

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Lindiwe mixes South African sounds from Zulu culture with Chicago's own iconic Blues culture and is playing now through Jan. 5 in the Downstairs Theatre at Steppenwolf, 1650 N. Halsted St. Single tickets run from \$20-\$114 and are available by calling 312-335-1650.

Blues mash up with isicathamiya births a new musical in Lincoln Park

BY SHEILA SWANN

If you've ever wondered what one of Chicago's most beloved Blues melodies - Sweet Home Chicago - would sound like performed in the Zulu language, well here's your chance.

That song, performed live on stage as the closing number at Steppenwolf's production of Lindiwe, would have made Pavlov and his dogs smile, triggering as it did the required rhythmic audience clapping that all locals are programed to do. That sweat bit of community pride was followed by the final applause for a production starring Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

The group sings from a traditional music style called isicathamiya (is-cot-a-ME-Ya), which developed in the mines of South Africa.

Lindiwe is the name of the lead character in a love story that marries their traditional South African sounds from Zulu culture with Chicago's own iconic Blues culture... and it's lovely.

The production has a relatively short run, playing now through Jan. 5, 2020 in the Downstairs Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St. Single tickets to Lindiwe run from \$20-\$114 and are available by calling 312-335-1650 or at steppenwolf.org.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo formed in the early 1960s, and blossomed into the American music scene in 1985 with its acclaimed harmonies to Paul Simon's "Graceland." The a cappella group started its collaboration with Steppenwolf in 1992 with The Songs of Jacob Zulu. A few years later they worked together again on the show Nomathemba.

Lindiwe marries the traditional South African sounds from the province of KwaZulu-Natal (also known as Zulu) with Chicago blues and features acclaimed musicians Frank Russell (bassist) and Buddy Fambro (guitarist) performing alongside Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

The group sings from a traditional music style called isicathamiya (is-cot-a-ME-Ya), which developed in the mines of South Africa. Their recording



In the title role is acclaimed South African singer, actor and dancer Nondumiso Tembe, [pictured at center] who is making her Chicago debut.

New study reveals impact of Chicago's storefront theaters

With limited resources, 41 small theatre companies filled a combined 250,000 seats last season

The Chicago-based Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation offers unrestricted grants to Chicago theatre companies with budgets under \$1 million, many of them on Chicago's North Side.

Recently they surveyed its small theatre grantees to study the impact they make in Chicago.

A total of 41 of Chicago's approximately 250 theaters participated in the survey, representing a significant percentage of the city's storefront theaters.

Data gleaned from the study include the vast size of combined audiences at Chicago's small theaters, as over 250,000 audience members were served last season alone. The survey also shows that small theaters are more inclusive, accessible and diverse as 100% of the surveyed companies reported a commitment to these

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career includes more than 70 albums, earning 19 Grammy Award nominations and five Grammy Award wins, including their most recent album, Shaka Zulu Revisited for Best World Music Album. The group has recorded with Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Sarah McLachlan, Josh Groban, Emmylou Harris and many others, and now they're right here in the neighborhood for the holidays.

This simple little love story tries to break the boundaries between nations - and cultures - on opposite sides of the globe, and we find out near the play's midpoint, between life on earth and life in the ever after.

It also breaks the boundary between the two ends of Halsted St. in Lincoln Park as the production uses Kingston Mines as the backdrop for a signature meeting of the two cultures and two genres of music. Thought you'd never see members of Ladysmith Black Mambazo dressed in Kingston Mines gear gettin' funky shaking

their groove thang? Well they do, so go see it for yourself.

In the title role is acclaimed South African singer, actor and dancer Nondumiso Tembe, a wisp of a whirling dervish who is making her Chicago debut. Ensemble member Yasen Peyankov (Keeper), Jennifer Engstrom (Clarisse), Erik Hellman (Adam), and Cedric Young (Mkhulu) complete the cast.

The story includes the standard conflicts expected between two people involved in a long-long-long-distance romance and a tragic accident that leads to life and death decisions.

"With the play set in South Africa and Chicago, [we] thought it would be fascinating to combine the iconic music of Mambazo with Chicago's iconic blues music. Mambazo has a presence and a sound that hits you in the solar plexus, there is something deeply spiritual and timeless about them," says writer and co-director Eric Simonson.

Could enrollment cap further destabilize North Side schools and communities?

BY JIM VAIL

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has suggested capping enrollment at overcrowded North Side schools which would mean children who live in the neighborhood would not be able to attend the neighborhood schools of their choice because of overcrowding.

City Hall and CPS officials say no firm proposals are on the table. But it is clear that they are seeking strategies to quell an ongoing enrollment crisis posed by declining enrollment in some neighborhoods and population booms in others... and they would like local communities to support changes.

But this announcement has infuriated parents who intentionally bought homes and moved into communities on the North Side so

their children could attend the local public school of their choice.

Those plans - and former school policy - may now be undone if the board of education backed off on the plan.

The latest teachers contract that was ratified recently includes measures to enforce class size caps, which in turn will make it difficult for schools to enroll over 30 students in a classroom. So the city faces new pressure to manage crowding because of financial penalties for oversized classes that are part of its new contract with the Chicago Teachers Union.

Schools like Waters Elementary in Lincoln Square are bursting at the seams as the neighborhood has filled up with families who want their children to attend

their local school. The school is currently building a multi-million dollar addition to make room for a 30% student population increase.

Parents who could afford homes in the pricey neighborhood so their kids could attend the highly-rated neighborhood school do not want their children to attend other public schools nearby that are not as highly rated. If this policy is executed, surely some of those folks will depart the city for suburban schools, as has happened for decades in Chicago.

On the surface, the CPS is trying to rectify a situation where schools that are under-enrolled should accept students from the overcrowded schools.

However, CPS and City Hall have set up a situation in which they have pushed closing neigh-

borhood schools based on low test scores. School choice first began with former Mayor Richard Daley's Renaissance 2010 in which they wanted to open 100 new schools and close low-performing ones. They pushed privatization by opening charter schools, and in turn that emptied some of the neighborhood schools that parents felt were under-serving their needs.

Waters Elementary School at Wilson and Maplewood avenues, was once filled with over 1,200 students in the 1970s and early 1980s. Then as white-flight plagued the city, CPS enrollment dropped as young families with school-aged children fled Chicago in large numbers. The city

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Black Friday Night Market

Those looking for special gifts or something special for yourself should drop in to the Black Friday Night Market 5 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Mrs. Murphy & Son's Irish Bistro, 3905 N Lincoln, for a fun evening of shopping handmade products by local artists.

Items on display include fine and funky jewelry, knitwear, candles, adorable children's products, heavenly scented soap, supple leather goods and more.

For your home, the market even has handmade metalwork wreaths.

This will be the 8th year for a night-time Craft Market at Mrs. Murphy & Sons. The show will be held in the Bistro's upstairs event space. There will be live music, food and drinks throughout the venue.

Lincoln Park private school buying up condos for possible expansion

BY JIM VAIL

The Francis W. Parker private school in Lincoln Park is looking for room to expand and they have been buying up condos in a nearby building after its bid to buy the whole building was rejected.

According to media reports this is upsetting condo owners who fear the wealthy and well-regarded school - which charges up to \$30,000 for its annual elementary school tuition - has plans to take over their building condo by condo.

The latest numbers show that Parker has bought about 40% of the condos on Belden Ave. They had previously paid about \$1.8 million last spring to buy two units in the 15-unit building at 327 W. Belden Ave. Parker has been in operation in Chicago now for over 120 years.

According to the Chicago Tribune, the building's condo association had rejected a \$11.2 million offer to buy the entire building. Parker had also offered \$19 million for the nearby 19-unit building at 317-325 W. Belden, but was rejected by the condo owners.

The principal told the media that the school has no plans now to expand, but it was possible in the future.

The president of Parker's board of trustees, Rika Yoshida, is married to Joe Mansueto, the billionaire founder of Morningstar, and other board members are volunteering to help expand the school's real estate holdings.

Parker is boxed in sitting as it does between Lincoln Park Zoo to the east, Clark St. to the west and Webster Ave. to the south. That has left it eyeing, and buying, properties to the north.

One condo owner complained to the media that Parker is becoming a bully landlord trying to buy up condo voting rights. For example, any new owner is not supposed to be able to rent out

their condo until they have lived in the building for one year; however, Parker has allegedly flaunted this rule.

They now control six of 15 condos, or 40% of one building.

pansions, private schools do not enjoy that same right.

Parker has so far refused to comment to the media.

Neighbors told CBS News that the condo purchases were done

The latest numbers show that Parker has bought about 40% of the condos on Belden Ave. They had previously paid about \$1.8 million last spring to buy two units in the 15-unit building at 327 W. Belden Ave.

Due to recent changes in the law, a controlling interest in a building now requires 85% ownership to force the sale of the remaining 15%. The previous threshold was 75%. While public schools can use "Quick Take" eminent domain laws to seize private property they may need for school ex-

quietly, to protect would-be buyers and keep private what they were willing to spend on property. "They knew what bylaws and rules they're expected to abide by, and they've completely disregarded them," condo owner Jerry Savoy said.

Parker is not the only private

school that plays hardball when it comes to expansion. The North Park Elementary School in Lincoln Square near Damen and Montrose avenues worked with the alderman to force homeowners to sell. One property owner who refused to sell to the school

for the price they offered sued the school, alleging they worked with the local alderman to issue city citations that eventually forced the homeowner to demolish his home rather than allow him to rehab it.



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Police Beat...

Teen stabbed at Belmont CTA station

A 15-year-old boy is in good condition after being stabbed Nov. 20 during a brawl inside the Belmont Red Line CTA station, police said. No one is in custody.

An argument between two groups of males escalated and turned physical around 5:45 p.m., according to a police spokesperson. At some point, an unknown offender pulled out a switchblade near the CTA station's north entrance turnstiles and stabbed the victim in his right thigh.

Responding officers applied a tourniquet to stem bleeding from the wound and an ambulance transported the boy to Lurie's Children's Hospital for treatment.

Police began searching the area for two offenders. One is described as a white male in his mid-teens who stands about 5'-10" tall. He was armed with a switchblade. The other is a black male between 15- and 17-years-old. He wore a black hoodie with some red in it. Both suspects fled eastbound on Belmont, according to witnesses.

Area North detectives are investigating.

Parolee escaped County monitoring to rob victims downtown

Since being paroled in late August, an eight-time convicted drug dealer last month was arrested twice for selling narcotics in Chicago. Judges released him both times, once on electronic monitoring. Now, police say he escaped from the home monitoring program and last week robbed two people in the downtown area.

Four people called 911 Nov. 20 to report that a similarly described man either robbed or tried to rob



Devin Wilder aka "Cornelius Pryor."

them in the Loop and West Loop neighborhoods. One woman reported that the man asked her for directions on the 500 block of S. Jefferson and then threatened to kill her if she didn't give him money around 5:15 p.m. The man left after she handed over a credit card, the woman said.

Another alleged victim flagged down police near the Greyhound bus terminal at 630 W. Harrison after a man tried to rob them while implying that he was armed.

Then, around 6:50 p.m., a woman reported that a man implied that he was armed as he robbed her at an ATM near Wells and Van Buren in the Loop.

About 10 minutes later, police who were searching the area found a man matching the offender's description standing outside a convenience store across from City Hall on the 100 block of N. LaSalle.

Multiple victims identified Devin Wilder, 31, as the man who either robbed or tried to rob them, police said.

Prosecutors charged Wilder with felony robbery, felony attempt robbery, misdemeanor theft of lost or mislaid property, and misdemeanor obstruction of identification for allegedly providing police with the

fake name of "Cornelius Pryor."

Wilder was also served with three warrants: Two for failure to appear in court for the narcotics cases that he has accrued since being paroled and another for escaping from electronic monitoring, according to court records.

A judge ordered him held without bail on the warrants and set bail at \$25,000 for the new robbery cases.

State records show that Wilder was released early from prison on Aug. 30 after serving half of two recent narcotics convictions.

Less than five weeks later, Judge David Navarro released Wilder on a recognizance bond after police arrested him for a new narcotics case.

And eight days after that, police arrested Wilder again after he allegedly sold heroin to an undercover cop. Judge Arthur Willis released him on a recognizance bond and ordered him to go on electronic monitoring.

Wilder slipped away from electronic monitoring and failed to appear in court on Oct. 30, records show. A judge issued warrants for his arrest and the sheriff's office filed escape charges.

Before his most recent prison stint, Wilder did time for narcotics in 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, and 2008. His first prison term was a six-year sentence for robbery in 2005.

Revenge porn not protected as free speech

An Illinois state law that criminalizes revenge pornography, the non-consensual and intentional sending of sexual images, is constitutional and not protected by free speech, the Illinois Supreme Court has ruled.

The opinion, by a 5-2 majority, aligns with established precedent that protects highly personal information from being sent to third persons, according to an attorney who specializes in internet, media and privacy law.

The People v. Austin case centered on the criminal prosecution of an estranged girlfriend who, having found nude images of her former boyfriend's new partner, sent them on to others. It is a Class 4 felony punishable by one to three years in prison or probation for up to 30 months.

Robberies in Streeterville, River North

Police are investigating three robberies reported in Streeterville and River North on Nov. 16 and 17. No arrests have been made.

A 28-year-old man told police that he was robbed as he walked to a restaurant early Sunday on the 200 block of E. Ohio. The victim said another man approached him on the sidewalk, demanded his valuables, and punched him in the face around 2:30 a.m.

The offender took the victim's valuables and fled the scene. A CPD spokesperson said the victim, who had been drinking, walked home and reported the crime a few hours later. By the time he contacted authorities, the offender had already used his credit cards, police said.

The victim sought medical attention on his own.. No offender description is available.

Police said two offenders robbed a man at gunpoint inside Washington Square Park on Nov. 16. The victim was in the park around 4:45 a.m. when a man approached and placed a handgun to his head. The offender fled northbound on Dearborn after getting the man's iPhone, police said.

The victim described the robber as a 5'-10" black male in his late 20's or early 30's who weighs about 180 lbs. The offender wore a gray hoodie with blue jeans.

A late night out in River North ended badly for one man, but his misfortune is providing one of the more col-

orful suspect descriptions in a while.

The victim said two women began fondling him as he walked on the 600 block of N. LaSalle around 6:30 a.m. Nov. 17. As the trio walked and groped their way through River North, one of the women produced a knife and relieved the man of his phone, credit cards, and \$55 cash, the victim said.

According to the man, one offender is a black female with long eyelashes that are studded with diamonds. She wore fishnet stockings, blue jeans, and a halter top. She got into a green Ford Focus bearing Wisconsin disability plates that was driven by the second woman who is black and sported a red weave. Their vehicle was last seen heading onto the Ontario feeder ramp, the man said.

Man wanted for bank robbery



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The FBI is looking for the man who robbed a Loop bank branch Nov. 18.

At 9:09 a.m., the offender entered Citibank, 100 S. Michigan Ave., and demanded money from a teller, according to police records. No weapon was used. He then fled westbound on Monroe St.

The bank did not include any dye pack or tracking system in the stolen money, according to a report.

An FBI bulletin issued later in the day described the robber as a black male in his early- to mid-20's who stands about 5'-11" tall and has a small build. He wore a light blue coat, black pants, white shoes, and a black hoodie, according to the bureau.

Investigators are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads them directly to the offender. Anyone with tips can share them with the FBI at 312-421-6700 or via tips.fbi.gov

Shoplifter dies while shoplifting

Chicago police are conducting a death investigation after officers found an alleged shoplifter unresponsive inside a Jewel-Osco store in Boystown, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Police discovered Eugenio Escriba, 55, unresponsive when they arrived to handle a retail theft case at the store, 3531 N. Broadway, around 6:45 p.m. Nov. 20, according to the department and a witness.

An autopsy was inconclusive as to the cause of death, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner.

Officers called for EMS and then tried to save Escriba by administering CPR, but fire department personnel later pronounced him dead at the scene. Escriba lived near the store on the 3900 block of N. Pine Grove.

Jewel-Osco security had tried to detain Escriba for shoplifting, police said. Witnesses say that there was a struggle at the front of the store where he was handcuffed by store security. Police say that there is store security video of the incident.

Shots fired in attempted River North carjacking

A gunman reportedly fired shots during an attempted carjacking in the River North neighborhood Nov. 22. No injuries were reported.

The 31-year-old victim said two men stepped out of a dark sedan and approached him as he sat inside his Mercedes A35 on the 600 block of N. Wells around 12:30 a.m.

The men demanded the victim's car keys while displaying two guns and one of the offenders fired toward



Carjackers with high tastes

Two men carjacked a woman of her exotic sports car when she stopped for directions in the Loop on Sunday evening, police said. Before the vehicle was reported stolen, the car collided with another motorist on Michigan Ave. after cops tried to stop it for drag racing through downtown.

Around 10 p.m. Nov. 24, officers met with a 36-year-old woman who told them that she was driving around in her white McLaren sports car looking for directions when she stopped to ask someone for guidance in the Loop. She said she stepped out of the car and walked around to the passenger side, leaving the door open and the vehicle's keys in the car.

According to the woman, two men approached her, displayed a weapon, and then sped away with her car in an

unknown direction. The woman did not know exactly where the alleged carjacking took place, but it was near LaSalle St. and Wacker Dr.

The stolen car is white with blue and black stripes on the side. Its license plate — "BAD CHK" — is from out of state.

Shortly before the woman called 911, patrol officers tried to stop a white car bearing the same license plate for drag racing in the Loop. The McLaren struck another vehicle near the intersection of Michigan and Washington before it sped away from officers. Police said the stolen car now likely has damage to its front right side.

No injuries were reported and police do not have descriptions of the offenders.

the man's car when the victim fled. Neither the car nor the victim were struck, according to CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli.

Both offenders then ran back to their own vehicle, which was driven by a third person, and sped onto the Ontario feeder ramp.

Bartoli said the two gunmen are black men between 28- and 33-years-old who stand 6' to 6'-3" tall. One had long dreadlocks and wore a black hoodie with black jogging pants. The victim, who lives in Lakeview, said the offenders' vehicle appeared to be a dark Chrysler 300 with tinted windows. Area Central detectives are investigating.

Residential burglaries in Lakeview

Police are warning Lakeview residents about four residential burglaries. In those burglaries, the offender(s) entered into the residences through unlocked front and rear doors in the evening hours.

Once inside, the offender(s) removed property from the home before fleeing. In one incident, the offender(s) forced open a rear door.

Incidents include one on the 3300 block of N. Kenmore Ave. 7:57 p.m. Nov 1; the 400 block of W. Wellington Ave. 2:20 p.m. Nov 4; 3200 block of N. Racine Ave. 7 p.m. Nov 10, and on the 3200 block of N. Clifton Ave. on Nov 16, between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Suspects are described as an African American male, approximately 30-45 years of age, 5'-9"- 6' tall, having a medium complexion and heavy build.

The other offender is an African American male, approximately 20-27 years of age. 5'-8"-6' tall, having a dark complexion and medium build.

Man beaten, robbed in McDonald's restroom

Police are investigating after a 45-year-old man said two men beat him unconscious and robbed him in the restroom of a fast food restaurant near the Magnificent Mile on Sunday morning. No one is in custody.

A police spokesperson said two men struck him repeatedly in the face when he walked into the restroom of a McDonald's Restaurant at 10 East Chicago around 6:15 a.m.

The two men then robbed the man of his coat, phone, and other valuables, according to a police report.

After the man regained consciousness, an ambulance crew transported

him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where he discovered that his property was missing, the CPD spokesperson said.

The man's case is one of at least three robberies reported on and near the Mag Mile over the week-end.

• A teenager pushed and robbed a woman as she walked home from Holy Name Cathedral around 5:15 p.m. Nov. 22. The victim told police that she was near the intersection of Chicago and Wabash avenues when the offender attacked her while keeping one hand in his pocket as if he had a weapon.

She described the robber as a skinny black male between 15- and 17-years-old who stands about 6' tall. He wore a black and gray skull cap with a black hoodie and was last seen heading north on Wabash.

• Another woman reported being robbed in a similar way outside the new Starbucks Reserve Roastery, 646 N. Michigan, on Saturday afternoon. The victim said someone shoved her and wrestled away her purse outside the restaurant around 1 p.m. She was unable to describe the offender because she was surrounded by a crowd of people at the time of the incident.

Wrigleyville carjacking

Two men armed with a rifle carjacked a woman in Wrigleyville late Friday, police said. Cops later found the victim's vehicle abandoned in the North Lawndale neighborhood. No one is in custody.

The woman, 33, said she was sitting in her parked car when two men approached on each side of her car on the 3400 block of N. Seminary around 11:50 p.m. Nov. 22.

At least one of the men wore a face mask and one of them brandished a rifle, the woman said. The offender on the driver's side entered the car and ordered the victim to surrender her keys and valuables, police said. She complied and was then forced from the car.

The offenders fled in the woman's 2017 Chevy Malibu, which police later tracked to the 2900 block of W. Fillmore by using the car's OnStar system, a police spokesperson said.

Along the way, a motorist called 911 to report seeing two men dump a bag of clothing from a silver Mal-

DePaul student accused of attempting to help ISIS with coding, propaganda

A Chicago man who is a DePaul student has been arrested on a federal complaint charging him with attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). He has been accused of writing computer code intended to assist in spreading ISIS propaganda.

Thomas Osadzinski, a 20-year-old software development major, is charged with one count of attempting to provide material sup-

port and resources to a foreign terrorist organization.

The script was intended to make ISIS propaganda more easily accessible on social media.

Osadzinski was arrested on Nov. 18 and was ordered held without bond. According to the complaint, Osadzinski's computer process would automatically copy and preserve ISIS media postings in an organized format, allowing social media users to continue to

conveniently access and disseminate the content.

He shared the script with individuals he believed to be ISIS supporters, according to the complaint filed against him, but the individuals were covert FBI employees.

University spokesperson Carol Hughes confirmed to the DePaulia Newspaper that Osadzinski is currently enrolled at DePaul.

Illinois Supreme Court strikes down social media ban for sex offenders

Right to free speech outweighs prohibition's rehabilitative value

BY REBECCA ANZEL
Capitol News Illinois

Illinois' highest court ruled on Nov. 21 that it is unconstitutional to ban convicted sex offenders from social media sites.

So if your teen comes home from school and goes up to his/her bedroom, closes the door and goes online, then you have reason to worry who he or she may be talking to online. One of the biggest fears that parents have when kids go online is online predators, especially since more than 40% of kids have computers in their bedrooms with webcams.

And parents, pedophiles are re-posting innocuous photos of your children lifted from your own Facebook accounts, a perverse phenomenon highlighting the darker side of "sharenting," those hunting online predators warn. In some cases, the images grabbed from Facebook, Instagram and other social media accounts are being manipulated and photo-shopped, so that the head of the child is pasted onto another child's naked body.

So ya, the 21st Century is not turning out as many parents may have hoped.

Conrad Allen Morger was convicted of sexually abusing a minor and sentenced to four years of probation. That came with a binding condition he not use specific internet sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Alarming, Chicago Public Schools are now involved in a federal investigation that has seen CPS employees sexually violate students in schools across the city including in selective-enrollment Payton College Prep, Lane Tech and Senn high schools. Those two institutions each had three school workers arrested or disciplined since 2008 following allegations they sexually abused students, the Tribune found.

During oral arguments, held in September in Godfrey, Morger's representative said the ban is a violation of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment fundamental right to freedom of speech.

"Certainly I recognize that there is a government interest here, in helping to rehabilitate offenders, in reducing recidivism, and of course keeping our com-

munities safe, particularly our most vulnerable members of our community — children. But as the Illinois statute is written, it doesn't meet all of those goals," Zachary Rosen, assistant appellate defender, said.

The Illinois Supreme Court agreed in a unanimous decision among the six participating justices. Chief Justice Anne Burke "took no part in the consideration or decision of this case," according to the opinion.

The justices analyzed Illinois'

not use the internet, Justice Lloyd Karmeier wrote in the decision.

When Joshua Schneider, the state's representative, was asked during oral arguments how barring Morger's access to certain websites would help him reintegrate into society, he said the mandatory probation condition would erase the "temptation to reoffend."

"That answer might carry some weight where a defendant is one who has used social media to orchestrate and ultimately commit

What parents should know:

- The FBI estimates that more than 500,000 predators are online everyday
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- Four percent of kids get "aggressive" sexual solicitations that included attempts to contact kids offline

law by considering whether the mandatory social media ban is "reasonably related" to the goal of probation — which is rehabilitation.

Morger was a teenager when he committed the crimes and did

his crimes; however, a host of offenders — this defendant included — do not fall into that category," according to the opinion. The law "broadly sweeps the latter in with

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TBOX to celebrate 24th year of Wrigleyville pub crawl

Twelve Bars Of Xmas (TBOX), a pub crawl North Sider Christopher Festa started in 1996 for a few friends, has grown to be one of the world's largest and longest-running event of its kind, serving over 200,000 hard-drinking costumed crawlers annually.

It takes place again this year 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

There was community backlash from earlier years events following high-profile incidents and widespread trashing of the neighborhood forced the event's organizers to take greater responsibility for the party that until recently was an annual drain on police and fire resources for large portions of the North Side. Festa has now added portable toilets, private ambulance service, and more private security resources to TBOX. Even basic steps such as lining Clark St. with barricades to keep participants from stumbling out into traffic lanes are a relatively recent addition to the event.

Still Festa is recognized as the originator of the commercial bar crawl industry, and his company TBOX Bar Crawls has helped bring millions in business to Wrigleyville drinking establishments. Over the years the crawl has been credited with raising funds for charity as well as encouraging revelers to over-indulge.

The pub crawl claims to have donated over \$283,000 to local charities, and this year is partnering with the Lakeview East Community Partnership. They say that a minimum of \$40,000 will be donated to this charity in hopes it will enhance the quality of life in Lakeview by supporting community development projects



The 24th edition of TBOX will tackle drinking at over 30 Wrigleyville bars and saloon.

Photo courtesy CWBChicago

as well as arts and neighborhood beautification.

This year's 24th edition will take on drinking at over 30 Wrigleyville bars and saloons, with Cubby Bear hosting a festive opening and closing ceremony. For the ticket price of \$18-35, participants receive admission to all venues, plus drink specials. Participating venues will be reserved to exclusively host the 10,000+ expected crawlers during event hours.

This year's pub crawl theme is all about Memes — the popular viral images and videos that rule internet culture. Crawlers are encouraged to dress as their favorite Meme, and the promoters will host pre-event Meme contests to win tickets; and Meme Pop-Ups and Décor will be featured throughout the event.

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set up house with a prominent, married, silk stocking lawyer?

BRIDAL SHOWER: Enjoying an elegant bridal shower for **Sheryl Dyer** with friends in the Millennium Park Room at The Peninsula Chicago — with **Myra Reilly, Leslie Zentner, Tracey Tarantino DiBuono, Yvette Cusack, Sheryl Dyer, Duc Ho, David Nguyen, Sherry Lea Fox, Maria Zec, Sherrill Bodine, Shari Snow, Jean Coatar Antonious, Jim Smith and Gregory Hyder.**

HCRF: Congratulations **Eleni Bousis, Nicole Liadis** and the entire team at The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation. The 4th annual gala was held at Navy Pier Grand Ballroom last week to a sold out audience of over 900.

8TH SUB CIRCUIT: Last minute drive for signatures on petitions is making attorney **Dan Balanoff** a symbol of creative energy. He has criss-crossed the sub-circuit with reason and intelligence. In that time span many voters have had the chance to meet him and connect the person with the track record of hard work and reasoned thought. He is a qualified person of character and easy grace. No one has worked harder than he to make an impact on the election, such a distinguished candidate.

BROOKLYN BOY: Newsy **Anne Kavanagh** with son, **Connor**, back from Brooklyn and visiting the “hood” for two days. Dinner with mom and dad at Maccello in the West Loop. Brooklyn is hip but Chicago will always be home.

TIDBIT: The Chicago Symphony Orchestra with **Maestro Riccardo Muti** and **Joyce DiDonato** at New York’s Carnegie Hall.

ZINZANNI: **Stephanie Leese Emrich** and husband, **Jeffrey**, were enchanted with the entertainment, from “The Goddess,” **Debbie Sharpe’s** feast to numerous LOL’s. Perfectly titled “Love, Chaos & Dinner.” They thankfully followed **Donna Barker Mit-**



Sheryl Dyer with friends.



Sylvia Perez, Paige Barrish and Burton Bart Barrish.



Meghan Stoll and Roxette Harvalis.



Anne Kavanagh, son, Connor and husband.



Bobbi Panter, Cheri Larence, Daphne Dolan and Kimberly Gleeson.

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WHO’S WHERE? Former Irish vice Consul General **Eoin Lawlor** and wife, **Joanne Drum** of the National Gallery in Dublin, visiting Paris in grand eating style and sending hellos to all their Chicago friends... **Sarah Q. Crane** in Paris at its greatest department store, Bon Marche, shopping and lunching with **Jerome Fitzgerald, Malinda Bradley, David Mordini** and **C. Marion Willemetz...** **Colleen Dal Santo Ryan** catching son **Parker Ryan** in “The K of D!” a Northwestern Univ. student production... **Ken Norgan** with lovely ladies **Louise, Amelia,** and **Helen** at the Auditorium Theater Gala in the Palmer House... **Steven Zick** is at Old San Juan P.R. at Paseo La Princesa and having a pina colada... **Cynthia Olson** sailing in China on the Yanktse

River through the Three Gorges, yes it was cold... happy to celebrate your engagement with you, **Meghan Stoll** and **Rosette Harvalis**, you make us all feel good... **Kristine Farra** at the Hippocratic Cancer dinner with offspring **Jad Farra** and **Leach Farra** looking elegant.

HO-HO-HO: She’s at it again, the mischievous Lake Shore Drive over-ripe debutante taking her building’s parking attendant Christmas shopping to carry her packages while husband’s in Florida.

TIDBIT: **Madeleine Grynsztejn**, Pritzker Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, announced that the MCA raised a record-breaking \$6 million at the 2019 Benefit Art Auction on Nov. 16.

WEDDING BELLS: Congrats to **Mr. and Mrs. Mason Malpass** on their nuptials. And to mom, artist **Robin Malpass.**

TIDBIT: Maine has been

named by Lonely Planet amongst the top five destinations in the world that people must visit in 2020.

YOU’RE INVITED: Cocktail fundraiser at Harry Caray’s Restaurant, 33 Kinzie St. 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 3. Drinks and appetizers to help raise final funding for the highly regarded documentary: “Betrayal: When the Government Took Over the Teamsters Union.” A film that sheds light on a serious injustice and the Chicago union leader **Bill Hogan** who fought against it. RSVP at irene-michaels@me.com.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA: In New York **William Kresse**, “Steppin’ out with my lady,” and doing it in high fashion, celebrating the newly invested Knight of Malta, **Oliver Kupe**, with **Erin Kresse**, and **Oliver Joachim** at InterContinental New York Barclay.

TIDBIT: Chicago just had its first recorded day without a mur-

der.

BRITISH ACTOR: Three-time Olivier Award-winning actor **Alex Jennings** (Netflix’s The Crown), in Chicago rehearsing for his upcoming role in the Tony Award-winning musical, The Light in the Piazza, at the Lyric Opera House Dec. 14-29, will make a special appearance at the Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 164 N. State St., following the National Theatre live screening of the new work, Hansard, in which he co-stars with Olivier and Tony Award-winning actress **Lindsay Duncan** (Private Lives), Friday evening, December 6, 7:45 p.m. Jennings will be on hand afterwards to answer questions about his acclaimed Broadway, West End, and TV career.

WEST LOOP ARTS CENTER: Epiphany Center for the Arts, 201 S. Ashland Ave., formerly the iconic Church of the Epiphany, will open this winter. Epiphany will play host to its own in-house arts and entertainment company, West Loop Entertainment, that will be rolling out a robust calendar of events beginning early next year. The eclectic lineup of well-known artists for these events includes **Ian Maskin, The Flat Cats, Chicago Jazz Orchestra, Typhanie Monique, Pat Malingier, Linda Solotaire, Mike Wheeler, Rick Lindy** and many more icons in the industry. The two historic venues, Epiphany Hall and The Sanctuary, will serve the performing arts including music, dance, theater, literary arts, comedy and magic. For more information, visit epiphanychi.com/ent-home/. With the opening of Epiphany Center for the Arts Chicago, the new site will receive a \$15 million Arts and Culture Destination award.

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St. Andrew's annual Day of the Dead art installation comes to life



Students of St. Andrew School, 1710 W. Addison St., created an art installation for the Day of the Dead.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PETER VON BUOL

For nearly two decades, each November the main entrance hallway of St. Andrew School at 1710 W. Addison St. becomes a large nearly month-long art installation to celebrate Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead), the Mexican celebration associated with the Christian All Saint's Eve, All Saint's Day and All Souls Day.

Created by students from all of the school's grade levels (K-8th grade), the art installation honors deceased family and friends, as well as others, who have died. Each year, the altar also has a theme. According to Staci Sterenberg, the art teacher at the school, the theme of this year's installation was inspired by Pope Francis's call to protect the earth, "our common home" and features many objects inspired by wild-life and the natural world. All the individual art projects were

made from donated and recycled materials. Many projects honor deceased family members and friends but some feature models of the students doing their favorite things.

"Students learned that in traditional Mexican Day of the Dead altars, loved ones are often de-

The Day of the Dead commemoration is deeply rooted in ancient indigenous beliefs of life after death and a spiritual existence within the universe.

picted doing their favorite things. Some of the displays feature models of the students themselves as skeletons doing their favorite things," said Sterenberg.

Each year, students from some of Sterenberg's classes go on a field trip to visit Chicago's National Museum of Mexican Art,

1852 W. 19th Street.

The Day of the Dead commemoration is deeply rooted in ancient indigenous beliefs of life after death and a spiritual existence within the universe. After the 16th century Spanish encounter of America, celebrations for the deceased were mainly observed on All Saints' and All Souls' Days (Nov. 1 & 2) throughout Mexico. Today, various Mexican communities and regions honor their dead in unique ways. From the Afro-Mexican towns along the Costa Chica, to the Mixteca towns in the state of Puebla, each region observes the age-old practice in unique ways, writes Cesarino Moreno, chief curator at the National Museum of Mexican Art, on the museum's website.

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offenders who have used social media to prey upon others."

The court ultimately decided the "protective value" of a prohibition on access to certain websites does not outweigh "the impairment to the probationer's constitutional rights," including those to freedom of speech.

Karmeier noted the statute does not make an exception for a justifiable use of social media websites by a convicted sex offender at a time he or she could be supervised by a probation officer.

In a footnote, he added he and his colleagues were "not persuaded that [the law] provides rehabilitative value ... that outweighs, in many circumstances, its detriment to rehabilitation." Instead, Karmeier wrote, counseling and

treatment might be better options to "more likely ensure successful rehabilitation."

In an emailed statement, a spokesperson for the attorney general's office said, "We are reviewing the decision."

Rosen did not return a request for comment Thursday.

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The self-proclaimed "World's Greatest Motorcycle Parade" - Toys For Tots - will be held Sunday, Dec. 1.

Each year 50,000 to 70,000 motorcycle riders come to Chicago to ride together up Western Ave. and donate toys for needy children. The annual event is always held on the first Sunday in December.

So fair warning for those pedestrians trying to cross Western Ave. when the parade is passing by, just grab a seat and watch, because they won't be stopping for red or green street stoplights to let you cross the street.

Each year thousands of motorcycle riders come to Chicago to ride together and donate toys for needy children.

All motorcyclists are welcome

to participate in the parade, provided they meet the following two requirements:

each rider must bring at least one new, unwrapped toy to donate, and each motorcycle must be street-legal.

The North Side rendezvous point will be at Dappers East, 2901 W Addison St., at 9 a.m. And after-ride party will be held at Blind Robin, 853 N. Western Ave. The South Side rendezvous point is Dan Ryan Woods, 83rd and Western Ave. The parade ends at the 2nd Battalion Marine Corps base, 3034 W. Foster Ave.

All funds that are donated to the Parade or obtained through the sales of Chicago Parade merchandise, are used to pay for Parade expenses, and buy additional toys.

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then bused in children from lower-income areas. This scenario was repeated in many North Side neighborhoods.

At Audubon Elementary School in Roscoe Village, community members are awaiting a second visit from a top district official who recently gave a presentation about “controlled enrollment,” an approach where some applicants would be sent to nearby schools instead of the one to which they are zoned.

Suddenly, about 10 years ago families in some North Side neighborhoods started to again attend schools like Waters and enrollment has jumped to over 800 students who live in the neighborhood, and busing was eliminated. Waters, as well as other schools, such as Alcott and Burley Elementary in Lincoln Park, went from minority to white students in a few years.

In 1971, the Supreme Court’s ruling in Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education unanimously upheld busing. The decision effectively sped up school integration, which had been slow to take root in most American cities. As a federal government mandate, schools across the nation were forced to integrate. But that ruling fostered a dramatic ‘unintended consequence’ and shift in urban demographics in cities like Boston, Denver, Detroit, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Chicago and Cleveland as white families fled urban areas for the suburbs. In Boston, over 400 court orders would be required to carry out a

disastrous busing plan that sometimes lead to violence. Over the next decade that effort at busing only resulted in more white flight from Boston. Or worse, for some students who stayed in town and were sent to distant schools, they merely dropped out of school and never graduated.

In Chicago students who lived in black neighborhoods on the South Side were bused to the North Side. This federal consent decree ended about eight years ago.

The trend for parents to focus on school ratings and test scores when shopping for schools has pushed them to refuse to send their kids to less-highly rated schools. Some city officials and school activists say that these decisions are also based on race and class.

Chalkbeat, an education online news source, reported that the Burley School principal told anxious parents that admissions changes are off the table for this year.

In a Nov. 20 story posted on their website, Chalkbeat ask if the data points creating this problem “reflect subpar teaching at the school? Or do they reflect the fact that Chicago’s population dynamics and enrollment rules sometimes cause needy students to be concentrated in certain schools?”

The district’s top demographer, James Dispensa, might have offered a response to that question in his presentation to Burley’s Local School Council about controlled enrollment. He had been scheduled to appear first at a meeting that was canceled because of the teachers strike last month and

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again on Nov. 20.

But in the days leading up to the meeting, anxiety-ridden emails circulated among parents in the community about what the presentation would contain. And on Nov. 19, Principal Catherine Plocher told community members that the meeting agenda would no longer include enrollment policy and that the district had assured her that no enrollment changes would happen for the upcoming school year.

They also reported that Sauganash Elementary School parents told the school board last week to build an addition to their school rather than send some local students elsewhere. This has happened at other overcrowded schools. Sauganash on the Northwest Side had kindergarten classes with 36 and 37 students.

But Mayor Lori Lightfoot says that the city needs to watch its education spending. The city district, despite being heavily in debt, had gone on an aggressive capital spending spree building new schools that are sometimes near existing ones. Mayor Rahm Emanuel also used Tax Increment Financing tax money to build

magnet schools at the expense of the neighborhood schools that needed renovations.

Mayor Lightfoot won office in part by helping to boost the South and West Sides, but she has also emphasized that the city needs to watch its education spending. Already, the school district is the second-most-indebted in the country due to its spending on new buildings. Controlled enrollment, if it worked, could even out enrollment disparities without construction costs.

But these changes could also backfire and send families heading toward the city limits, adding to the exodus that is already putting extreme pressure on the city’s schools.

According to Chalkbear, Lisa-beth Weiner, a Burley parent, hinted at that possibility during her comments at the school board meeting. She said Burley parents and community members want to work with the district to “develop long-term, sustainable solutions while continuing to be part of a stable, unified community.”

Weiner added, “Congruent with that goal is keeping families in the city and enrolled in CPS.”

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play equipment for tiny tots?).

“Everything is going to come back but we’re going to have changes,” said neighbor Reid Hyams, a lifelong Rogers Parker. “The playground, the beaches, will come back, but nothing will ever be the same because of the destruction.”

Both Hyams and Heineman give credit to Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] for getting the job done. Hyams said former Ald. Joe Moore previously supported the community with this issue and, “Now Maria and her crew are really pulling for us,” he said.

“There’s something to be said about that,” said Hyams. “This has been going so far downhill they couldn’t look the other way.”

The goal for now is to secure the beaches from further erosion while figuring out a long term solution. Yet the plan for the long haul apparently still remains a mystery.

“No one knows what it is yet,” said Hyams.

SWEETS from p. 3

Delightful and delicious... is La Celia Latin Kitchen, 2890 N. Milwaukee Ave. This vibrant spot named after Cuban singer Celia Cruz not only has great Latin and Caribbean food, but its colorful décor is uplifting and inviting. The walls are lined with a bold and bright mural, filled with Latin entertainers such as Cruz but also, among others, Selena, and Carmen Miranda.

The place is tiny but mighty. My hubby and I ate there on a recent night, starting with a few small plates. The guacamole was thick and chunky and not spicy, which was ideal for me. The flavorful Chicharron de Queso was a Chihuahua cheese fried to a crispy texture. Killer for the arteries I’m sure but super good.

But my favorite for the evening was the Tamal de Mango.

Stuffed with cream goat cheese, chipotle, and a pico mango sauce,

the Tamal de Mango was like nothing I’d eaten before. I could have munched on that all night. Wrapped in a sweet corn outer layer, its insides were amazing, as was the mango sauce with the chopped mangos poured over the top.

We were starving, so after the yummy appetizers, we split Churrasco, a grilled-to-perfection skirt steak with yuca fries, garlicky white rice and a chimichurri sauce. We also shared Huachinango Mojo de Ajo, a whole red snapper with white rice and fire roasted jalapeno salsa. It was topped with numerous cloves of garlic. The snapper was so huge it was more like a whale. And the coconut flan for dessert was creamy and delectable.

While there, I met owner Jorge Pizana, a former Edgewater resident who now lives in Avondale to be closer to this restaurant, as well as another that he co-owns across the street, Tacos Tequilas,

which focuses on the food and drinks of Mexico while La Celia is more Latin geared. Pizana and a second owner, Jorge Manzano, began cooking together in their native Mexico decades ago, and have since worked in Latin restaurants across the city including tapas hot-spots Emilio’s and Cafe Ba Ba Reeba.

In May they opened La Celia, after revamping and making a name change to the original restaurant they had started in that space a few years ago, La Nacional. They then rechristened the restaurant La Celia Latin Kitchen.

Their luscious food would make Celia Cruz proud. If you get hungry during your holiday shopping, be sure to try this snazzy little place.

And here’s wishing you all a blessed, safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



Holiday art contest for local high school students

Get your artwork on the cover

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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issues through their theatre’s mission, selection of productions, community engagement initiatives, educational programs and/or day-to-day operations.

Significantly, small theatres in Chicago also present a large volume of new work: more than one-third of the 170+ total productions produced by the surveyed theaters last season were world premieres.

“Storefront theaters are the lifeblood of [Chicago’s] artistic vitality, and our recent study proves just that,” said David Farren, executive director of the Foundation. “Our goal is to enable small theaters to continue to push boundaries so that they not only achieve their artistic visions, but also continue to economically and culturally benefit their communities.”

The Foundation supports small theatre companies with multi-year general operating grants ranging

from \$2,500 to \$13,500 annually, plus an array of additional organizational development opportunities including one-on-one feedback from staff and consultants, reimbursements for trainings tailored to grantee needs, and a cash reserve program. Many small storefront theaters have used foundation grants to strengthened operations, produced new works and furthered initiatives that are relevant to the artists and their audiences. Three theaters have recently “graduated” from grantee status, now receiving funding from other foundations that fund larger organizations: The House Theater of Chicago, Porchlight Theatre and Stage 773.

Other items discovered in the survey include:

- Approximately 267,400 audience members attended the theaters’ productions last season.

- 66% of the theatre companies staged world premieres last season, representing 39% of the total

170+ productions produced.

- 100% of the surveyed companies are dedicated to addressing issues of accessibility, diversity and inclusion.

- 56% of the theaters have dedicated educational initiatives, with more than 12,800 students served annually.

- One out of four theaters surveyed charge \$25 or less for one single adult admission ticket, with one out of seven offering free or pay-what-you-can tickets.

- 71% of theaters stated that contributed funds make up more than half of their annual income.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v-
ANTHONY AJISHEGIRI, UPTOWN GOLDBLATTS VENTURE LLC, THE PHOENIX AT UPTOWN HO-MEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2019 CH 04992

4715 NORTH RACINE #C207
CHICAGO, IL 60640

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 6, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4715 NORTH RACINE #C207, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-17-204-005-1031

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/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.

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Case # 2019 CH 04992
I3138436

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-6AR MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-6AR
Plaintiff,

-v-
VICTORIA WELLS-MACCARTHY, COUNTRY-WIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants

2018 CH 13734
1831 WEST BELLE PLAINE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60613

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 23, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1831 WEST BELLE PLAINE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613

Property Index No. 14-18-419-008-0000

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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Real Estate For Sale

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Case # 2018 CH 13734
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, TMTS SERIES 2006-5
Plaintiff,

-v-
MARIA REMEDIOS TELLO AKA REMEDIOS VEGA AKA MARIA TELLO, SALVADOR VEGA AKA SALVADOR VEGA GUTIERREZ
Defendants

18 CH 7167
2224 WEST BERWYN AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60625

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 9, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 10, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2224 WEST BERWYN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60625

Property Index No. 14-07-107-026-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$580,629.69.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/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.

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For information, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F18040175.
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Attorney Code: 58852
Case Number: 18 CH 7167
TJSC#: 39-6588

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Case # 18 CH 7167

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

WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC.

Plaintiff,

-v-
BARBARA M ANDREWS A/K/A BARBARA ANDREWS, 4515-17 N. ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants

18 CH 05506
4515 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT #2S
CHICAGO, IL 60640

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 24, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 2, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4515 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT #2S, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-17-112-039-1002

The real estate is improved with a brown brick, three story condominium with no garage.

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

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 2019 CH 01310
TJSC#: 39-6384

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Case # 2019 CH 01310
I3138375

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v-
ALEXANDER ADAMS SCHEINGAUSS, JULIA ADAMS SCHEINGAUSS, PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, THE CITY OF CHICAGO
Defendants

18 CH 01218
5415 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 1715
CHICAGO, IL 60640

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 3, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 6, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 5415 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 1715, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-08-203-017-1196

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$101,210.13.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Commonly known as 3600 N LAKE SHORE DR, UNIT 1310, CHICAGO, IL 60613

Property Index No. 14-21-110-020-1265

The real estate is improved with a condotown-house.

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

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POLICE BEAT *from p. 8*

ibu near the 2000 block of W. Diversey. The license plate provided by the 911 caller matched the plate on the woman’s car.

Area North detectives are investigating. Police said the woman was not injured.

Another shooting in Old Town

Police are investigating another shooting in Old Town. The victim is the fourth person to be shot in the neighborhood since Oct. 23.

A 28-year-old man told police that he heard a gunshot and felt pain as he walked on the 1300 block of N. Sedgwick around 11:45 Nov. 22. He claimed that he did not see anyone shoot him or know where the shots came from.

Other witnesses, though, saw a party bus leave the scene at a high speed followed by another vehicle. About 10 shell casings were found on the street.

The victim walked into a nearby fire station for help. A gray Ford Taurus with multiple occupants was seen leaving the fire station southbound from Division St.

Police said the man, who is “known” to CPD, suffered a gunshot wound to his left shoulder. His condition stabilized at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Area Central detectives are investigating.

The other Old Town shootings occurred Oct. 23, and 24, and Nov. 3.

THEFT *from p. 4*

If you are receiving packages, make sure you have them sent to a location where you or someone you trust will be available to receive them. If you are going to be out of town, make sure to arrange for someone to receive your package. You can also have them delivered to an Amazon or UPS locker. Lighting and door bell cameras have also proved to be good deterrents.

If you’re a victim of a porch pirate yes, call the police. Then call the sender. Most of the time a missing package is something you ordered. In that case, you want to reach out to the seller and let them know that your package hasn’t been delivered.

Most upstanding companies will send out a replacement right away, no questions asked. But not every company will send you a replacement item or refund your money. Be sure to hold on to any proof you have that can help support your claim.

Lakeview garage break-ins

Two Lakeview garage burglaries occurred when an offender made unlawful and forcible entry into the garages through side doors during the morning to overnight hours. Once inside, the offender removed property before fleeing.

Incidents include on on the 3800 block of N. Kenmore Ave., 5:30 p.m. Nov. 20, and the second in the 1400 block of W. Fletcher St., Nov.r 20-21, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

More robberies in Old Town, Lincoln Park

Police are warning residents of Old Town and Lincoln Park about a recent rash of recently reported robberies. In each incident, multiple offenders approached the victims in the evening hours, attacked them using physical force, took their property, and then fled.

Incidents include one on the 400 block of Lower Wabash Dr., Sunday, Nov, 17; another in the 1100 block of W. Dickens Ave., Sunday, Nov, 17; the 1700 block of North Park Ave., Sunday, Nov, 17; 1100 block of N. Clark St., Sunday, Nov, 17; 200 block of W. Eugenie St., Sunday, Nov, 17; 100 block of W. Maple St., Sunday, November 17, in the afternoon hours; 1700 block of N. Dayton St., Sunday, Nov. 17, and the 1000 block of W. Armitage Ave., Monday, Nov.r 18.

The offenders are described as two to five male, African Americans, 14-25 years of age, and one female, African American, 14-18 years of age.

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RESALE *from p. 4*

a Univ. of Illinois economist. “Affordable inventory remains a problem even with low interest rates tempting potential buyers back into the market.”

On Nov. 21, benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates slipped to an average of 3.66% from 3.75% a week earlier, reported Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey. A year ago, 30-year fixed loans averaged 4.81%.

Sales and price information for the Illinois Realtor survey was generated by Multiple Listing Service closed sales reported by 26 participating local realty boards and associations including Midwest Real Estate Data LLC.

For more housing news, visit www.don-debat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Hide that phone

‘Keep it human,’ let that mantra guide you everyday through life. If you do so you will succeed; if you don’t you will fail, it’s just that simple.

The context is immaterial. What is material is the process and learning and following that behavior.

Don’t let wires stick out of your ears while looking down at your phone, getting “text neck,” even while crossing through a busy intersection, unaware of your surroundings, and the dangers created for yourself and others.

Keep your head up, shoulders over your hips, spine neutral and look people in the eye. See and be seen.

Educate yourself about proper disposal

[Regarding your Nov. 20 story about recycling] here are some additional suggestions to increase recycling:

1. Education in recycling and trash disposal for all residents, beginning in K-12 schools
2. Kitchens in new and rehabbed construction should include bins in the base cabinets to begin sorting recyclables at the point of origin in homes. Non-residential real estate should also have sorting bins for users and guests.
3. There should be a law requiring increasing recycled content in all single-use paper products, including toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue.
4. Styrofoam is recyclable and is being recycled, though not anywhere near enough. It has to be clean. In our neck of the woods, there’s a bin for it in the parking lot of the Streets & Sanitation facility on Ravenswood, just west of the Chicago Police Department’s 24th District station. The rules are posted on the bin. To learn about more places to recycle Styrofoam, Dart Industries is the company to ask.

Readers need to know about recycling Styrofoam, because many will get large appliances packed with Styrofoam during the holiday shopping season. This produces a

Cell phone users, please don’t carry them sticking out of your back pocket. There are fewer excellent ways to encourage others to assault you and steal your expensive object. Perhaps worse than the assault may be the result of such an incident, often resulting in an unfortunate altercation. Keep your valuables out of the sight of others, why tempt fate? Why cheat yourself, do everything you can to keep yourself safe and not become a victim. A safer life is a more satisfying life, and suffering is optional.

Leon Hoffman
Lakeview East

large volume of clean Styrofoam in a short span; all of it not kept should be recycled.

Styrofoam is the main type of insulation used in Insulating Concrete Forms [ICFs]. ICFs, with reinforced concrete inside the “sandwich,” are used to build very strong and protective building envelopes. ICFs will stop wayward cars and many tornadoes.

5. Trash where it doesn’t belong - caused by littering and improper disposal of waste - is not that tightly linked to the need for recycling. Even if all waste were disposed of properly, we’d still need to maximize recycling. We have laws banning littering, and requiring proper disposal of waste, so that it is put where it’s supposed to be put for collection, and doesn’t inadvertently become litter. Enforcement, especially of littering, can be hard and is not a police priority, except with fly-dumping.

Education about proper disposal of trash should be done in schools beginning with the youngest children, and refreshed every semester. We now see parents littering in front of their children, and teenagers littering brazenly in front of the public.

Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

mation by the court.
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Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
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Real Estate For Sale

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TJSC#: 39-5218
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I3137391

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SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DARIUSZ GLAB MARCHAJ, 555 WEST ALDINE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2018 CH 10528
561 WEST ALDINE AVENUE UNIT 2
CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 7, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 9, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 561 WEST ALDINE AVENUE UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-312-048-1019
The real estate is improved with a condominium within low-rise with no garage.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TCF NATIONAL BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
STEVEN HERMAN, CARA HERMAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 04422
2137 W. MORSE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 12, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 17, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 2137 W. MORSE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-31-119-004-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$40,273.86.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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Edgewater Chamber holiday mixer Dec. 5 at Colvin House

The Edgewater Chamber of Commerce is hosting a holiday mixer Dec. 5 at Colvin House, 5940 N. Sheridan Rd., 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5. Food and drinks will be served. For more information call 773-561-6000.

This event is open to the general public – whether you're a Chamber member or not, the cost is \$30-\$35. The chamber will announce the winner of the Year of Chicago Theatre Edgewater People's Choice Award during the mixer.

Guests can park for free in the back lot of Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Rd., but beware, towing in the lot starts at 11 p.m.

Woman who died in Andersonville car fire was living in car

In a sad start to the holiday season, a homeless woman burned to death in her car last week while parked on an Andersonville side street.

Early on Nov. 22, Chicago Fire Dept. crews responded to a 911 call on the 1400 block of W. Farragut that nearby residents had called in... the neighbors had woken up to the sound of explosions around 1 a.m. Neighbors, police and fire officials quickly found a vehicle engulfed in flames with a body laying in the back seat.

Police records show the explosion happened at 12:48 a.m. Friday. When officers arrived they found a grey 2019 Nissan Sentra sedan with California license plates on fire. Crews quickly put out the blaze and found a woman in her 20s in the back seat. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Edgeville Buzz reported that as authorities investigated the incident, piles of clothes and personal belongings could be seen laying just outside the vehicle. According to police, the car was parked in the spot since at least Oct. 31. The woman was apparently living in the car.

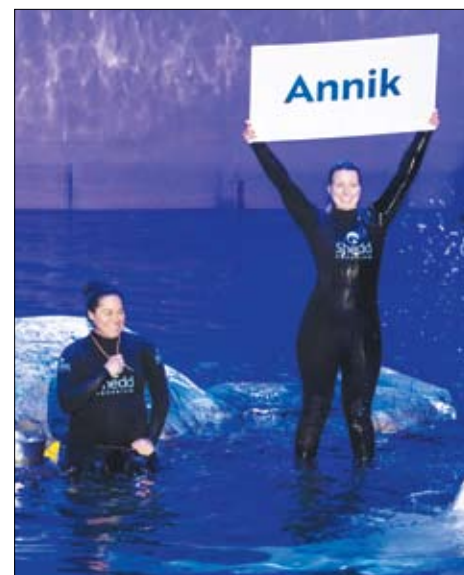
This should be a reminder to all residents that as winter approaches good citizens should keep an eye out for the homeless and helpless within the community.

The identity of the woman has not been released. Area North detectives are currently conducting a death investigation.

And the winner is "Annik"



It's official, Chicago has finally named its largest baby. Mother Mauyak gave birth to a male calf named Annik (AH-nik) on July 3. The name was announced Nov. 21. Annik means "blizzard" in the Inuit language. Annik is the first beluga born at the aquarium since Aug. 2012. Mother and child are doing swimmingly over at the Shedd Aquarium.



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its list of the most endangered buildings in Chicago. The list included Roman Catholic churches as an entire category.

"Over the past three decades, the Archdiocese of Chicago and its holdings have been substantially trimmed and reduced, with many religious buildings closed and merged, including parochial schools, which have often left communities without their cherished houses of worship and a building vacant and devastated," said Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago in February.

Miller noted how construction of many of Chicago's opulent churches had been built with the contributions from the faithful and not wealthy donors.

"[Churches] were often built with the pennies, nickels and dimes of the faithful. These structures were given to the Archdiocese of Chicago to care for, maintain, staff and steward. In recent years, this has proven to be a challenging task," Miller said.

Designed by Hermann Gaul, a prominent German-born architect of the early 20th century, St. Matthias is listed in the Chicago Historic Resources Survey by the city's Dept. of Planning and Development. Buildings designed by Gaul and included on the survey are St. Benedict Church, 2201-2205 W. Irving Park Rd., and the St. Alphonsus Athenaeum, 2932-2944 W. Southport Ave. While based in Chicago, Gaul designed buildings throughout the Midwest and Great Lakes region. Several of Gaul's buildings are listed on the National Park Service's National Registry of Historic Places.

Supported by more than 3,000 people, the online petition drive was started by Chloe Hasmonck, a 19-year-old parishioner and college student who happens to



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also be an alumnus of the parish's grade school. Hasmonck tells Inside Publications she had been spurred into action immediately after she had heard the archdiocese's decision to close the parish.

"When I got home from church after they told us the news, I started the petition right away. In my head, I would do whatever I could to try to keep it open. It was really crazy how the petition blew up. My mom just shared it on Facebook once and in 24 hours, it had almost 1,000 supporters. [Within] the first week, it hit 2,000," Hasmonck said.

For Hasmonck, St. Matthias has always been her parish home and losing it will be deeply personal.

"I am 19 and I have been going to the church there ever since I was born. My

parents have been actively involved since 1995, when they got married there. My aunt and uncle were baptized there in the 1950s, before my grandparents moved out to the suburbs. My two siblings and I were all baptized and received all our other sacraments there. We all went to St. Matthias School. I have been going to St. Matthias since before I could walk, I can't imagine life without it," Hasmonck said.

If the Archdiocese follows through with its current plan, the church will close in July and St. Matthias School, 4910 N. Claremont Ave., will remain open as an archdiocese school. School officials have said the archdiocese has informed the school the church building will remain available to the school through Advent 2020.

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