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Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle.
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Is a new TIF in the works for 'blighted' North Riverfront?

Lots of rumors but no confirmation
BY RONALD ROENIGK

Last week the Chicago Readers' Ben Joravsky broke a story about the North Branch of the Chicago River that everyone is whispering about but nobody is talking about. Those whispers are that Mayor Rahm Emanuel is planning to establish a new Tax Increment District [TIF] along the seemingly booming; but according to state statute, suddenly blighted North and South branches of the Chicago River.

calls to City Hall and Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] office provided no confirmation either way. According to Joravsky, "[It] looks like Emanuel's planning to stick [TIF districts] on both sides of the Chicago River near North Ave.—one of the fastest-growing corners in town. It's called the Cortland/Chicago River TIF District, and it would be located in the area between Webster on the north, North Ave. on the south, Clybourn on the east, and Elston Ave. on the west. The mayor's already moved a fleet facility out of there ... to prepare it for upscale development. The TIF would abet the process."

to understand, a TIF district drains property taxes away that would otherwise go to schools, parks, library's and other governmental bodies. Those diverted TIF funds are controlled by the Mayor's Office. The funds lost to the taxing bodies would then have to be made up by increased property taxes on properties not located within a TIF district. There are now 180 TIF districts scattered across the city including a 'Super' one-mile-wide TIF District running along the Red Line tracks from Lincoln Park north to Devon Ave. Most TIF districts last for 23 years; the Super TIF will last for 75 years.

As many residents have come

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Expansion plans include new boardwalk at North Avenue Beach

\$10 million project could be completed by 2020, private partnerships to help pay for it

The continued privatization of North Ave. Beach rolls along with news that the Chicago Park District [CPD] is working on a new deal with a private concessionaire to build a commercial boardwalk adjacent to the landmark North Avenue Boathouse. The plans call for the creation of a new promenade around the ship-shaped beach house currently home to Castaways restaurant. Additional upgrades to the immediate area will include more public seating, concession kiosks, parking spaces and revised drop-off circle, and relocated CTA bus stop and ride-share drop-off zone near the entrance and exit ramps of Lake Shore Dr.

The CPD reports that Castaways' lease will soon expire, so the city is looking to sign a new 10-year concessionaire agreement for this valuable lakefront space. The CPD says that revenue generated from the deal will be used to cover part of the overhaul's estimated \$10 million cost, demanding that restaurant operators put up the capital investment and pay the CPD a share of revenue in exchange for operating on this prime strip of North Lakefront.

some local park advocates feel that they have been left out of the process.

Great swaths of the North Avenue Lakefront are being turned over to private contractors and for-profit social clubs with hardly any public input on the propriety of privatizing the parklands. Two new restaurants were added last Summer and most all of the beach volleyball courts are under contract to local social clubs. The softball and soccer fields west of the beach and lake Shore Dr. are also in private hands. To the north, the new 19,000 square foot Theater on the Lake has also been turned over to a private contractor who poured \$7 million into the recently completed renovations. Even with them footing the construction bill, they will still have to pay rent and share revenue with

The CPD also hopes that the new tenant will pay for renovations to the beach house including a new rooftop deck.

The boardwalk and traffic circle are expected to be completed in 2020 while the additional parking is slated for 2019.

While the plan claims to create new amenities for beachgoers, improve pedestrian circulation, and cutdown on vehicular congestion,

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With the help of 300 volunteers, the trees were loaded onto trucks. The trees were purchased through private donations.

Photos by Master Chief Petty Officer Alan Haraf

Christmas Tree Ship delivers for 18th year

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

More than 1,200 evergreen trees delivered by the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw last week are being distributed to needy families in Chicago. The trees arrived at Navy Pier on Dec. 1 aboard the vessel nicknamed the "Christmas Tree Ship."

This was a tradition in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The three-

mast schooner Rouse Simmons, with Capt. Herman Schuenemann, brought trees and wreaths across Lake Michigan every year for 30 years until the ship and its crew were lost in a storm on November 23, 1912.

Schuenemann's wife and daughter continued to deliver trees to Chicago until 1934. The Mackinaw has been filling in for the past 18 years.

New surveillance cameras installed in Streeterville



Following the late night fatal Father's Day shooting of a woman in June, and due to the recent increase in quality of life crimes in the downtown area such as car jacking and cell phone thefts, the city has installed two additional surveillance cameras to help the Chicago Police remotely monitor problems along E. Ohio St.

One camera is mounted at the corner of Ohio St. and McClurg Ct. and another camera was installed on Ohio St., between McClurg Ct. and Inner Lake Shore

Camera installed at the Southwest corner of McClurg Ct. and Ohio St.

Dr. The cameras, installed in early November, ensure public safety monitoring of this area on a consistent basis and allow dispatch of officers in real-time, if there are any officers available to respond. Due to city-wide manpower shortages and the inability of City Hall to recruit new police officers, cops are not always available to respond to 911 calls.

In early July, after the shooting, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] reached an agreement with Mayor Rahm Emanuel to lock the Ohio St. Underpass overnight during warm weather months. The underpass gate closure provides an-

other tool to help police officers during their overnight patrols of downtown and the lakefront, by limiting easy access to the lakefront between Oak Street Beach to

"This has been a place where gang affiliated folks hang out," said Ald. Reilly.

Navy Pier. By restricting access to the Trail overnight when parks are closed, Police can better manage the remaining access points.

The Ohio St. pedestrian underpass has been the center of debate over city violence and accessibil-

ity. "This has been a place where gang affiliated folks hang out. There's a lot of open air drinking, drug use, prostitution acts in this tunnel," said Ald. Reilly after the shootings.

Additionally, the city has also introduced an ordinance to establish a "No Parking / Tow Zone" on E. Ohio St. to prohibit late night loitering, curbside "parties" and overnight parking. These new restrictions will ensure groups do not continue to loiter in the late night hours along E. Ohio St.



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Christmas as an adult flows out of that unplanned moment of poetic impact



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Do you have a favorite carol or Christmas meal? A favorite Christmas champagne or tasty holiday dessert? Any special custom for the season, movie you like, or a special place to visit?

My favorite Christmas movie is the Original 1943 "Christmas in Connecticut," with Barbara Stanwyck. At church I have always loved the second Mass following the Midnight Mass. Around 2 a.m. Quiet and simple. Rarely done now.

Obscure, small French vineyards make the best Champagne. You can't go wrong with them. Try Vin on Elston or Binny's. Around \$50. Tastes like \$100.

I treasure smoked Irish salmon with soft scrambled eggs on Christmas morn. And homemade brown bread. And strong Barry's Red Label Tea.

My favorite carol is "In the Bleak Mid-winter." The great Gustav Holst wrote the tune that makes every English Christmas. The words come from the Pre-Raphaelite poet Christina Rossetti. It breaks my heart to hear it. It is beautiful and wise and has always shaped Christmas for me. Its spirituality, sophisticated, yet simple theology. I went to Rossetti's grave in London's haunted Highgate Cemetery once. It was almost inaccessible by the overgrowth of nature. I stood there in early summer, overwhelmed, and sang her carol in a soft voice and

wept.

Christmas for me as an adult always flows out of that unplanned moment of poetic impact. "In the bleak midwinter frosty winds made moan; earth stood hard as iron; water like a stone. Snow on snow had fallen. In the bleak midwinter, long and long ago." Read it. Hear it.

My family is pretty consistent when it comes to our personal Christmas customs. Small, but loving traditions that we kind of established over the past 25 years. They are not the traditions of our childhood when we were running around to obligatory family functions. Big changes come when your parents are no longer here with you. And when you open your table to smaller family invitees and friends. When everyone is an adult of taste, everyone gets a say.

Many of our most cherished customs are just really comfortable traditions we made for ourselves.

Food is a great bonding for us. By popular demand we made a switch from turkey to beef years ago. So we do a full roasted ribs of beef like it was in Dickensian England. There are in fact seven ribs on a full 109, as butchers call it. It's a massive piece of beef worthy of the silver cart at the Savoy's Grill Room in London. It lends itself to the most excellent of Yorkshire puddings which each year becomes the standard for how everything compares to other years.

The beef, of course, delightfully ranges from red and rare towards the middle, and medium pinkish to more well-done moving out from the center of the roast. Pleasing every guest. But the pudding only gets one go. It cooks away



Christmas, simple and fresh.

while the meat sits and salads are served. When all is right, the pudding should puff large and high, turning toasty golden brown from all that beef fat in which it cooks. It should cut like a soufflé when done, ready to absorb the juices of the meat throughout the Christmas feast. It is edible pastry blotting-paper.

Christmas is the one meal during the year when we make some true Irish soul-food. By popular demand we have "colcannon," a creamy mixture of mashed potatoes and shredded cabbage. Add a bit of shallot and go very light on the salt. Yes, thick cream and butter (Kerry Gold)

rounds it off. It's delicious and nostalgic. We have always done a Julia Child creamed onion side that is from heaven. Pearl onions (peeled, blanched and sautéed) with heavy cream, Irish whiskey, fresh Rosemary and pepper. This, I think, is everyone's favorite dish. You can't cook enough and there is never any left. Skinny Haricot Verts (French green beans) are done in a large copper skillet with burnt butter and walnuts. It has become a favorite side vegetable.

Horseradish whipped cream accompanies the beef. Pungent. Eye watering. Peppery. It is amazing with the meat. True crowd pleaser.

My sister, Mary Regina, always makes our grandmother's flakey Irish scones that we lather with Irish butter to accompany our salad. That is also a course voted on by all our guests. It's simple: bib lettuce, cold lobster, a touch of crumbled egg and spicy homemade Thousand Island dressing. We always start with that. A crisp, very chilled vintage French Chablis is our beverage with the lobster. I think those first bites and first sips set the tone for all that follows. That's when the dinner kicks in for me.

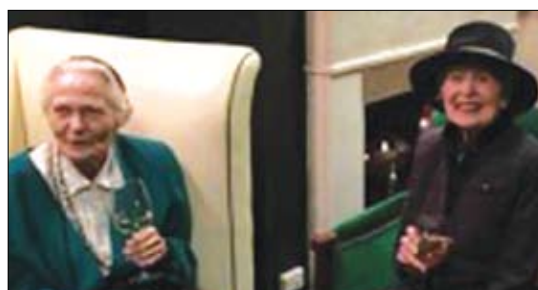
We do limited canapés before dinner with some nice Champagne. Once we are into our main course people can fend for themselves. Reasonable amounts of luscious food, and people have their own methods of eating it. I love thin slices of very rare beef, cut in the English style. Others prefer the Flintstone style of thick slab with the bone in (as big as the plate). Most like rare-ish beef. With variations of pudding, onions, green beans and colcannon. I

now prefer hearty Spanish red wines with this main course. We always did French reds. Sturdy Cote du Rhones. But we have more mature palettes now for Spain's complex and layered flavors. Spice.

Our French cabaret begins on the piano and accordion in the advance of dessert. That tends to be smallish butter cream tortes from nearby bakeries. As well as French macarons. Chocolates are everywhere, too.

We also have stinky English Stilton and Port, that some prefer before the sweets. And there is usually some cold Champagne that comes to the table as well.

We do make one accommodation to the modern age. My niece, Erin, is a bona fide vegetarian, so new and inviting dishes just for her. Easily created vegetable dishes that some people taste and love. Dishes like homemade spinach soufflé and corn pudding. Or a large stuffed mushroom cap, as juicy as a beef steak. And she



Dottie Pattishall and Doe Thornburg, OBE at Casino English Speaking Union Lunch.

can have the rest of our vegetable courses as well.

We welcome our Jewish friends, the Mednicks, as family, to our table. This year will be our 24th together. They come out from Annapolis, MD and have two adorable girls 13 and 11. Two years ago I went to Vienna with them for Christmas. What feasts we had in Strauss' city. It was a Mozart storybook Christmas.

At the table we laugh and howl. Sometimes we burn the wine bottle corks and draw mustaches on each other. Especially if the Champagne flows well. We always put on funny hats. Tam o'shanter from the Scottish Highlands. An Anglican bishop's hat. Helmets from Irish fox hunts. And an elegant black silk tophat that we trim with fresh holly.

The grand piano gets a powerful workout with Edith Piaf eventually turning into Bach and Chopin. We sing Hanukkah songs and carols like we were all Old Etonians. We eventually get to Irish lullabies and tears set up in our eyes. We especially think of friends no longer with us at the table. Our dear friend Karen Skubish from the Newberry Library always arrived with a large silver tureen of classic Sherry Trifle. With appropriate commotion. And our dearest Margaret Dargan always made sure there was extra Champagne. She was a strict observer of the menu detail. Our hearts ache at her leaving at the start of 2017.

Perhaps what all the song and warmth and choice foods are really telling us is that such love never goes away and is stronger than our sicknesses and deaths. We can be confident in the spirit that gathers and nourishes us. That delights in family antics and sweet tunes on the grand piano. Perhaps the Bach

and Chopin point the same direction as the ribs of beef. To Hanukkah lights, and the straw-strewn floor of a Bethlehem stable. There is more than menu making at work here. There is the poetry of human fulfillment that is as near as the smell of a friend.

LUX PERPETUA: This column mourns the death of legendary Yale architectural historian **Vincent Scully**, who had a profound impact on the world of architecture and the world at large including Chicago. He died last week at 97. I remember he was on the jury of experts in 1988 who selected Chicago architect Thomas Beeby's postmodern design for the Harold Washington Library.

GET WELL: **Lissa Piette** at the English Speaking Union lunch at the Casino with her dear mother, **Dottie Pattishall**, rebounding and looking fabulous despite her car accident; also luncheon there was **Doe Thornburg**, OBE, looking splendid.

MISS YOU ALREADY: **WTTW's** journalist/lawyer **Joel Weisman** announcing he will be leaving "Chicago Week in Review," after 40 years. The Chicago Tribune announcing that the newspaper will be leaving its Tribune Tower headquarters in the second Quarter of 2018. The Chicago Sun-Times has already left their Apparel Center home for new digs at 30 N. Racine.

SERVICE CLUB AT UNIVERSITY CLUB: The Cathedral Dining room atop the University Club was the fabulous setting for the Service Club's Christmas Luncheon Fete. It was

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A giving Tree for CPS kids

Plus, inaugural bash raises \$1.7 mil for free Navy Pier programming



Heart of the 'Hood
By Felicia Dechter

'Tis the season to give, and that's what Emerald City Theatre (ECT) is doing -- and will continue to do -- for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) kids. The theater recently delivered books to second and third grade students at Skinner West Elementary.

The book delivery was part of the first phase of Showtime for CPS Readers: Magic Tree House, a program that sees ECT partnering with Magic Tree House author Mary Pope Osborne to serve CPS students for the second time. Through Osborne's Classroom Adventures Program, and with support from the global corporation KPMG's Family for Literacy program, the partnership provides an opportunity for all CPS second and third grade students (about 60,000 of them) to receive a free viewing of a theater performance of "Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare," and a free reading companion "Magic Tree Housebook."

Save the date because at 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 9, ECT's performance of the brand-new family hip-hop musical, "Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare," will be live streamed from Lincoln Park's Apollo Theater to all registered second and third grade classrooms. Osborne and her playwright husband Will Osborne will be in attendance for the event, allowing students the opportunity to meet them, as well.

CPS teachers can register their second and third grade classrooms to receive books and participate in the live stream event online at EmeraldCityTheatre.com. All classrooms registered before the Dec. 22 deadline will receive books prior to the live stream. Also provided will be an original study guide written by ECT Education staff that helps integrate the "Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare," performance and book into Common Core standards. Additional lesson plans for all Magic Tree House fiction books, and nonfiction Fact Trackers, are available for free on Osborne's Classroom Adventures Program website.

We caught up with ECT co-founder/executive director Karen Cardarelli to find out a little more about this wonderful gift to our young school kids.

Q. How did this book giving program come about? And it will ultimately be a giveaway of 60,000 books?

A. This program is an expansion of our annual One Fund program.

About seven years ago, teachers gave us great feedback about how our productions, often based on children's literature, are used in the classroom to help with student's reading skills. When we shared that information with our board of directors, one of the Board mem-



Skinner West Elementary second and third grade students and Principal Deborah M. Clark meet "Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare," cast members Leon J. Evans and Nik Kmieciak after receiving free "Magic Tree Housebooks," from author Mary Pope Osborne and Emerald City Theatre.

bers - who works at KPMG - suggested we create a partnership with KPMG's literacy program, Family for Literacy, which gives away thousands of books every year. We've partnered together every year since then.

Every year about 3,000 donors contribute from \$1 to \$20,000 to help us award a grant to low income CPS schools. Those schools receive a fully-paid for field trip and a companion free book. Teachers receive curriculum support materials. All these things together are intended to inspire young students to read more and to build their literacy skills. We are focused on helping teachers combat testing that shows 50% of our CPS third graders can NOT read at their grade level. When that happens they are potentially behind for the rest of their school years. We dubbed the program the One Fund - one book, one play, one child.

When Mary Pope Osborne heard of this program, she made the incredibly generous offer to donate 40,000 books. And happily, KPMG stepped in to donate another 20,000!

Q. What has been delivered and to who so far?

A. Just before Thanksgiving, the first wave of books arrived at CPS elementary schools all over Chicago. Of the 480 schools, 130 registered online in time to receive this first wave. The schools are spread out across Chicago and touch all CPS networks.

Q. How can more schools/teachers receive some of the books?

A. The next deadline is Dec. 22. Teachers who register by that date will receive their books by late January. That is important so that students may read the book before the Feb. 9 live stream event. All registered teachers have also received an extensive Study Guide which provides in-classroom curriculum support building vocabulary, writing skills, discussion questions, even math exercises.

Teachers may register up until the Feb. 9 live stream event, however they will not receive their books until March.

Q. Tell me more about the Feb. 9 live stream?

A. On that date, Emerald City will perform the stage musical production of "Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare." The performance will be live streamed to all CPS second and third grade classrooms. Teachers will need Internet access and be provided a link they click on in order to view the performance. Many schools will show the live stream through a projector in classrooms, gyms, lunch rooms and auditoriums.

Mary Pope Osborne herself will be present at that performance and speak to the students about her love for reading. Following the performance there will be a Q&A session with Mary and the cast. Students in the theater and students watching over live stream will all be able to submit



their questions.

Q. Why is this important to Emerald City?

A. Our mission is to help young people creatively face the world. What better way to accomplish this mission than supporting their education and their imaginations by inspiring them to read using live theater coupled with a book?

Navy Pier recently held its first-ever fundraising event, "A Celebration ExPIERience," which raised more than a whopping \$1.7 million to directly support the Pier's free public programming available to 9.3 million annual guests.

Co-chaired by Lisa and Jeffrey Aronin; Virginia and Norman Bobins; Joan and Bill Brod-

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Should you prepay next year's property taxes now?

Concerns over tax changes leads some to pay up early

On Tuesday, the Cook County Treasurer's office started accepting online prepayments of next year's First Installment property tax bill.

This is due to proposed provisions in the new Tax Bill in Washington D.C. that may disallow deductions of some property taxes paid in 2018 off individuals 2018 federal income taxes.

This provision would hit many North Side residents who are now paying high taxes on their personal residences.

For taxpayers who prefer to pay by mail or in person, the office will also enable taxpayers to download and print a prepayment bill themselves.

The improvements are being made as the number of prepayment requests surges this year, according to Cook County Treas-

urer Maria Pappas.

Under state law, Tax Year 2017 First Installment taxes, due March 1, 2018, are 55% of the prior year's total tax. To prepay, taxpayers must have their 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN), which can be found at the top of the most recent tax bill, near the amount due. Taxpayers can also use their property address to look up their PIN on cookcountytreasurer.com.

To prepay property owners should go online to cookcountytreasurer.com and select "Prepay Your 2017 Taxes." You can use your bank account or credit card to pay. Download your bill on the homepage and enter your PIN or property address, then send the prepayment bill and your payment to: Cook County Treasurer, P.O. Box 805436, Chicago, IL 60680-4115

Property owners can also pay in person at a Chase branch bank or the Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark St., Room 112.

Free legal advice given Dec. 16

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice this Saturday as part of an ongoing legal public service program offered by the association.

Calls will be accepted from 9 a.m. to noon at 312-554-2001. These events are typically held on the third Saturday of each month.

Citizens can call in and explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will

be advised to contact the Lawyer Referral Service during the week for a referral.

Callers can be referred to attorneys practicing in numerous areas of law including domestic relations, including divorce, custody, support and other family law matters; personal injury including auto accidents, slip and falls, products liability, wrongful death, malpractice and other types of injury cases; estate planning, including will and trust drafting, probate and will contest; real estate, including buying or selling real estate, foreclosure defense and landlord/tenant issues, and employment law, including wrongful termination, harassment and discrimination.

Time to crystal-ball gaze on future of Chicago's housing market



The Home Front

By Don DeBat

It's time for some year-end crystal-ball gazing to see what is in the future for home hunters in 2018.

An informal survey of some leading RE/MAX brokers suggests next year's housing market won't be radically different than 2017 and should be buoyed by an economy enjoying solid rates of growth and job creation. However, the following trends are likely to have a broad impact on the 2018 residential market in the Chicago area, the brokers said.

• **Modest price increases.** From January through mid-November of 2017, the median sales price of a home in the seven-county Chicago metro area rose 5.8%, and RE/MAX brokers project a similar performance in 2018.

"Prices rose noticeably during the first half of 2017, but then we saw real push back from buyers," said Bryan Kasprisin of RE/MAX. "Buyers today can easily access detailed pricing data, and they use it. They know what happened to housing values a decade ago and don't want to overpay."

• **Shortage of listings.** Although the inventory of listings varies by area and price range, the Chicago area generally has a surplus of luxury homes but not enough listings priced at \$400,000 or less. A lack of selection often poses a double challenge for buyers, noted Matt Boemmel of RE/MAX.

"Buyers can have a hard time finding a home that fits their needs, but even if they do, they may feel they haven't looked at enough homes to make a good choice," Boemmel said. "So, rather than buy, they wait, which is too bad because there are good values available now that are likely to cost more in the Spring."

• **Remodel? No thanks.** One recent trend that intensified in 2017 was many home buyers' strong preference for properties in move-in condition, noted brokers.

"A majority of buyers today want homes that are either updated or remodeled," noted Barry Gaw of RE/MAX. "No one wants to do any work. Either they don't have the cash to remodel, or their lives are so busy they don't have



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the time."

According to Rita Neri of RE/MAX, moderately priced homes are "flying off the shelves" if they're in good shape and competitively priced. "That's why painting and staging the interior is so important," Neri said. "Everyone shops for homes online. If they don't like what they see there, they won't bother visiting the property."

"People are less interested in McMansions with \$18,000 tax bills and all the maintenance," said Rita Neri.

• **Demand down for large homes.** Large move-up homes that were so popular with buyers 10 or 15 years ago are attracting fewer purchasers, brokers say.

"People are less interested in McMansions with \$18,000 tax bills and all the maintenance," said Neri. "Move-up buyers today usually prefer homes with 2,500 to 3,000 square feet of living area."

Cindy Banks of RE/MAX believes the lack of interest in large homes reflects the lifestyle choices of buyers now in their 30s and 40s.

"They prefer spending on other things, such as travel or technology, rather than a big house," Banks said. "They're also less inclined to buy houses suited for entertaining large groups, choosing to socialize at venues outside the home."

• **Mortgage rates to rise?** The housing market in 2018 likely will be affected by higher mortgage interest rates, economists predict. On Dec. 7, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey pegged average benchmark 30-year fixed home loan rates at 3.94%, up from 3.90% a week earlier. A year ago, 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 4.13%.

With the economy heating up, analysts expect the Federal Reserve Board to increase the federal funds rate later this month and

more interest-rate increases are forecast for 2018.

"The 30-year mortgage rate has been bouncing around in a 10 basis-point range since September," noted Len Kiefer, Deputy Chief Economist for Freddie Mac. "While long-term rates have been relatively steady week-to-week, shorter term interest rates have been on the rise."

With a narrower spread between fixed-rate and adjustable mortgage rate loans, more borrowers are opting for a fixed mortgage, Kiefer said. The Mortgage Bankers Assoc. reported earlier this week that the ARM share of conventional mortgage applications was 16.7%, down from more than 20% in the Spring.

• **Conventional loan limits increase.** One positive change on the mortgage front for 2018 is the Federal Finance Housing Agency (FHFA) has increased the conventional conforming loan limit for the second straight year to match rising home prices.

The home-loan limit for mortgages purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the secondary market were hiked to \$453,100 from \$424,100 for 2018.

The FHFA's third quarter 2017 House Price Index report, which includes estimates for the increase in the average U.S. home value over the last four quarters, showed that house prices increased 6.8%, on average, between the third quarters of 2016 and 2017.

• **FHA loan limits higher.** Because of higher home prices, the Federal Housing Administration has increased the loan limits on FHA-insured mortgages in Chicago and nearly every area of the U.S. will increase.

FHA is required by the National Housing Act, as amended by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, to set single-family home loan limits at 115% of median house prices, subject to a floor and a ceiling on the limits.

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Robberies, carjackings in Roscoe Village

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

Police say Kemar Matthews-Hill, 20, of South Chicago and an unnamed 17-year-old female juvenile have each been charged with one felony count of armed robbery with a handgun in connection with the incident on Grace St.

There have been no arrests and no charges filed in connection with the two earlier carjackings.

New developments Tuesday following two carjackings in the Roscoe Village area Monday evening provided surveillance footage that appears to show the two carjacked vehicles following a third car moments after the two robberies went down.

A man and a woman are in custody after a third victim was robbed just north of Roscoe Village shortly before 10 p.m. Monday. The offenders were in the process of stealing the victim's parked car when police arrived on-scene.

A 37-year-old man was walking in the 2000 block of W. Grace at 9:55 p.m. Monday when a man and a woman approached him, pulled out a handgun and announced a robbery. The male offender held the man at gunpoint while the woman took the victim's car keys, wallet, and phone. After demanding to know where the victim's car was parked, the pair fled on foot.

Responding officers quickly learned that the suspects had been directed to the victim's car, which had been parked near Roscoe and Claremont. Police swarmed that area and spotted the robbery suspects as they neared the victim's car. The duo fled on foot, but both were quickly taken into custody. A gun was recovered along with the victim's property in the 3400 block of N. Claremont.

Investigators are working to learn if the detained suspects have connections to a pair of armed carjackings that took place in the Roscoe Village area 8 p.m. Monday evening.

In that incident a 47-year-old woman was sitting in her Porsche Cayenne in the 3200 block of N. Hoyne when an unknown offender wearing a ski mask tapped on the

window of the car and displayed a handgun while demanding control of the vehicle. He was last seen heading southbound in the east alley of Hoyne, according to a police source. The offender ditched the victim's phone near Hamlin Park to prevent GPS tracking, police said.

The car is a 2011 model bearing a license plate that begins with K911.

Less than five minutes later, a 25-year-old man walked into a wine store in the 2200 block of W. Roscoe asking for help after he was carjacked in the 3300 block of N. Bell. Once again, the victim said he was sitting inside his car when two men opened the doors on both sides of the car and ordered him out at gunpoint.

The robbers covered their faces with scarves and both brandished handguns as they took the victim's red 2014 Dodge Dart and fled south. The car has a gold racing stripe on the side; gold and

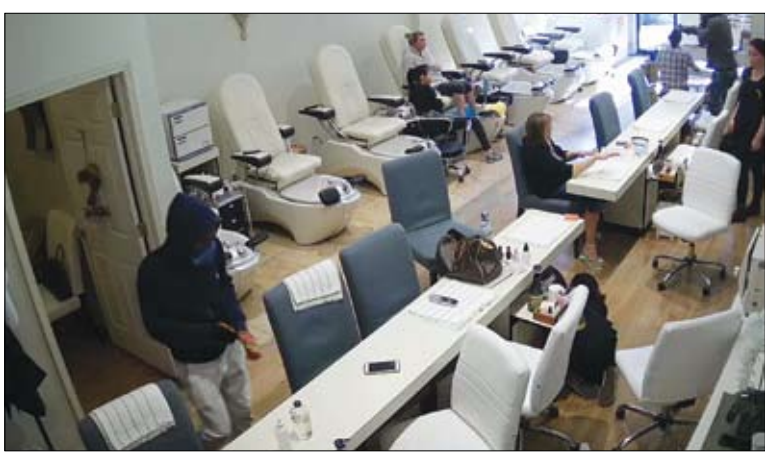
black rims; and a license plate that begins with AJ693, according to sources.

Police said the known carjacking offenders are all men in their early 20's, black, wearing ski masks or scarves over their faces.

The gunman on Hoyne is about 5'-10" tall, has twists in his hair, and was wearing a red and white letterman-style jacket. He had a blue steel handgun. His ski mask has detailing around the eyes and mouth.

On Bell, the suspects are about 5'-9" tall and both wore gray or black hoodies with writing on the front.

Early Tuesday morning, a newspaper source provided surveillance video that shows an unknown car being followed by a red Dodge Dart and a Porsche Cayenne through a Roscoe Village alley moments after the carjackings. That video has been provided to investigators.



Surveillance images released on nail salon robbery, suspects wanted

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

Detectives released a community alert and jarring surveillance images Monday night of a Roscoe Village nail salon robbery.

The robbery unfolded at the 2X10 Nail Salon, 2112 W. Roscoe around 11:40 a.m. on Dec. 1.

Two gunmen rounded up four cellphones and took money from the register before running away, police said.

In addition to the 2X10 heist, police say these offenders held up another salon Monday afternoon

in the 4100 block of W. Peterson. Police said that the duo is wanted for "multiple" nail salon robberies.

Police said the offenders are two black men between 16- and 18-years-old. They stand 5'-4" to 5'-8" tall and weigh 130 to 160 lbs. The robbers typically wear dark hoodies with blue jeans or sweatpants that may have the number "85" on the thigh or hip.

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CHRISTMAS from p. 2

a Chicago "Who's Who" of generosity and glamor. Happy to see such distinguished patrons and guests all welcomed by **Rhonda Pennington Liesenfelt**, **Bobbi Panter** made it back in time from L.A. I know I saw glamorous **Jolanta Ruege**, and **Cathy Bell Bartholomew** in a mink, with **Felicia Ferguson Winiecki** plus **Hazel Barr**, **Karen Peters**, **Sherrill Bodine** (in holiday red), **Kristine Farra** with **Charlene Dame McMahon-Seaman** (also bedecked in red), as well as **Simona Garcia**, **Lisa Kraus** and **Sheree Schimmer Valukas**. **Tammy Nicole** also there looking stunning in a green smart frock, with **Mark Olley**, **Al Menotti**, **Kevin Sullivan** and **Paul Malarik** lifting the level of cheer with **Denise Tomasello**, **Sherry Lawrence**, **Myra Reilly** and **Candace Jordan** (also in red and bringing silver bangles). Then, everyone went to Maple and Ash for the after-party.

SPAGHETTI PUTTAN-



Col. Paul Malarik III and Lynn Graham in front of HM the Queen at British Consulate reception.

presently has. Is the female ring leader an old-fashioned girl who is good with an adding machine? Must explain her Chanel suits.

STAGEBOUND? Randy Buescher, father of young **Nate Buescher**, veteran of the Goodman Theater's "A Christmas Carol" as Tiny Tim three years in a row, is on a roll with his "Your True Voice Studio," with two of his young students on Broadway this year, as well as a healthy group of children in TV ads or signed to record deals. Bravo Randy, I think I might have show business in my blood. I'm ready for my close-up. Gotta check you out.

OH MY, AU CHEVAL: I'm probably the last to make my way

to Au Cheval at Halsted and Randolph, but restaurateur **Brendan Sodikoff** has a big hit there with mouthwatering burgers and first rate french fries. Our shared starter plate of Marrow Bones and Toast with Beef Cheek Marmalade should be the name above the door, it's so incredible. Lots of intriguing beer and good wines. Nice staff. Friendly. Hard working and knowledgeable without being snooty. **Taylor** was our server and he was the best, but everyone chips in on being of service. Not a huge place but packed front to back. Bravo, Brendan. It was toasty warm on a cold, windy night. A winner.

UBER-EXPRESS: Door-men on Lake Shore Dr. are revealing that a certain 40-something Chicago social gal with a well-known pioneer moniker has the custom of always calling for the same Uber driver (30-something) to take her around town to her events. In fact, she has taken to riding in the front seat. Word from the front door is that he is often disheveled when she returns with her Uber-menchen. Hope she's a good tipper.

WHO'S**WHERE:**

Stephanie Emrich at the Teatra Colon in Buenos Aires, Argentina and getting a great look at the Joan Miro exhibition underway there... Miami-bound **Jonathan Wells** checking out the

works on display at Art Basel but last seen wearing a shaggy deep pink coat and going native at that very outré exhibition... **Steven Zick** running down to Miami as well, from Christie's to survey the



Gibson's Peggy Lombardo and guests at the Irish Fellowship Christmas Lunch.

scene too...Hey, lovely **Kipper Lance** is just up the road in Palm Beach... **Spencer Gartner** in the mountains of California, sun-kissed... **Christina Voniatis-Tomblin** at Lucas the Village Inn in Amalia Picridou Louca, in Mesa Chorion, Cyprus... **Bobbi Panter** and **Chef Wolfgang Puck** in balmy - burning - Beverly Hills... **Col. Paul Malarik III** and **Lynn Graham** welcoming the new British Consul General, **John Seville**, to Chicago at a Consulate reception... **Peggy O'Ryan Lombardo** (in festive Kelly Green), **Diane O'Connell**, **Michele Love** and lady-pals were among the 1300 guests at the Irish Fellowship Christmas Lunch at the Hilton Towers... **Kathy Taylor** looked fabulous at the Catholic Charities Ball with handsome **Andrew Barta**.



Kathy Taylor and Andrew Barta.

Andrew Barta.

LOUVRE ACQUISITION: I am getting word that the \$450 million "last" Leonardo di Vinci, "Salvator Mundi," auctioned at Christie's is going to Abu Dhabi's

Louvre. It was never meant to hang in someone's flat. C'est vrai? **Saudi Crown Prince Bader bin Abdullah bin Mohammed** has been identified as the purchaser. A man of quiet but firm orthodoxy.

WEISENTHAL CENTER: The Chicago 2017 Spirit of Courage Award was given to **Leo Melamed** at the Ritz.

General David H. Petraeus was the keynote speaker. The Mercantile Exchanges' longtime leader is a Holocaust survivor and a global leader in financial futures. His escape and rescue during World War II as a child remains legendary and heroic. Congratulations, Mr. Melamed.

WON'T YOU COME HOME, BARB BAILEY?

C A B A R E T UNLEASHED...

What a night. **Barb Bailey** at Davenport's on Milwaukee Ave. she brought



Barb Bailey brought the house down at Davenport's.

the house down... that's just what she did with her bright upbeat engagement of the audience and the full range, rich-toned, sophisticated voice. She wrapped the crowd in a soft, comfortable warm envelope of love on her birthday. More at home on the managerial side of music careers, Bailey stepped out in front and soothed us with ballads and torch songs and stories from a legendary career... she had her great discovery, **Dakota Horvath**, up on stage for some knock-em-dead treats... and surprise songstress **Denise Tomasello** was coaxed up on stage for a show-stopping tribute to the birthday girl. You couldn't find this quality anywhere else in Chi-town, I thought I was at the Carlisle in New York. **Jimmy Sebastian** was king on the piano, as was **Bob Siro**... "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," pushed us all over the top. The night's entertainment was truly a stunner. An evening we will be talking about for many days to come.

HOLIDAY STUDIO SALE: Great bargains at the studio sale. The paintings of **Adam Scott Umbach** and this writer. Visit 1059 N. Winchester. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Enter through garden gate on Thomas St. A painting is the perfect keepsake. Call 312-735-8101 for directions.

TIMBER!: All anyone heard was the sound of organic maple syrup squirting out from the bottle when a long-time unhappy wife accidentally ran into her husband of two decades-plus in a Lincoln Park eatery with a young lady their daughter's age. No one was eating pancakes. As sweet syrup ran down his forehead onto his Ralph Lauren tie. Three ladies, fellow diners, stood and applauded the dousing of the well-known cad, whose secret trysts are famous. He's lucky she wasn't carrying hot coffee or he'd be in ICU.

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Beyond the itch: The real cost of bed bugs

Psychological and financial costs are higher than most think

BY SYDNEY BOLES
Medill Reports

Andrea Sturm was teetering on the edge of homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood when the bed bugs came. Too itchy to focus, furious at her landlord for allegedly neglecting the problem, Sturm sprayed her apartment with alcohol to kill the pests. Then she lit a match.

The burn marks covered her thighs in mottled purple knots.

Hams Peeler, 23, called their landlord right away when the itching started. The pest control company their landlord contracted failed to eliminate the problem, they said, so Peeler was moved to a second apartment while the issue was addressed.

That apartment, too, was infested.

Finally, Peeler abandoned their home and started couch surfing in desperation. In total, they spent

On top of the financial stress is the social stigma. Ninety percent of survey respondents reported feeling shame about having bed bugs.

\$180 replacing clothes and furniture, plus the expense of eating out more without the use of a kitchen.

A 2013 report in The American Journal of Case Reports recounts the saga of a 62-year old woman with bipolar disorder and borderline personality disorder whose recurring bed bug infestations left her in a "negative psychological state." After two infestations and the suspicion of a third, the woman jumped to her death.

Entomologists agree that after a fallow period in the era of effective but dangerous pesticides, bed bugs are back, and they're worse than ever, particularly on Chicago's North Side. Some of Chicago's most desirable neighborhoods are some of the most infected with bugs. Lincoln Park, River North, Lakeview, Streeterville, Uptown... high density living means it's easier for bugs to move from unit to unit. When one unit in a high-rise gets bed bugs then all units are at risk.

Sorry neighbors, but according to the Chicago website bedbugregistry.com, the highest concentration of reported cases is in the high-rises along the North Lakefront.

Because these tiny crawlers don't transmit diseases, scientists have for the most part dismissed bed bugs as annoying but harmless pests. But a growing body of research is showing that the psychological – and financial – costs are higher than one might think.

Scientists believe that cimex lectularius were sucking our blood as early as 1,500 B.C., when they hitched a ride out of Egyptian caves and into Egyptian cities. The tiny insects thrive in warm,

dark places, making our bedding their perfect habitat. They feed primarily on human blood, and, according to a 2011 survey by the National Pest Management Assoc., are most likely to afflict young, urban renters. That's because that demographic is likely to move more frequently, spreading the infestation as they go.

Bed bugs are great hitchhikers because they travel from place to place with ease, including luggage, purses and other belongings. Bed bugs can be found anywhere, from single family homes, apartments and hotel, to public places like movie theaters, CTA trains and buses, libraries and offices.

Stephen Perron, Ph.D., one of the researchers behind the study of the woman who committed suicide after struggling with bed bugs, is also behind a new body of research showing that bed bugs can cause PTSD symptoms like obsessive thoughts, hyper-vigilance, paranoia and depression.

This newspaper collected anonymous data by surveying members of Facebook groups popular among young Chicago urbanites, which confirmed those findings. The physical symptoms of bed bugs (itching, redness, and in some cases shortness of breath) were less common – and less severe – than the psychological impacts. Of 103 respondents, 96% reported hyper-vigilance or paranoia after having bed bugs; 88% reported insomnia. Seventy percent reported stressful or traumatic dreams and a small but noteworthy 8% reported self-destructive or reckless behavior, like Andrea Sturm lighting a match in her pest-riddled apartment.

"It has been six months since we moved," said one anonymous respondent. "And I still freak out and get paranoid about any minor itch or red spot on my skin. I still have trouble sleeping at times and get a psychosomatic 'crawly feeling' when trying to sleep."

Another said, "Whenever I get any kind of bug bite, I still get panic attacks."

Chicago no longer Orkin's #1 Buggiest City

Baltimore tops this year's Top 50 Bed Bug Cities list, announced Orkin Pest Control. Falling two spots, Chicago is now ranked third. Chicago has topped the list four out of the last six years.

Trying harder, Baltimore moved up nine spots since last year to take Chicago's title away. Washington D.C. also slipped past Chicago this year and into 2nd place.

The list is based on treatment data from the metro areas where Orkin performed the most bed bug treatments from Dec. 1, 2015 – Nov. 30, 2016. This ranking includes both residential and commercial treatments:

1. Baltimore
2. Washington, D.C.
3. Chicago
4. New York
5. Columbus, Ohio
6. Los Angeles
7. Detroit
8. Cincinnati
9. Philadelphia
10. San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose

The financial toll was significant as well. Respondents spent an average of \$685 on treatments, laundry, replacing clothes and furniture, and living elsewhere during treatments. Nearly half reported that the process had some impact on their finances; an additional third said bed bug treatment took a large toll on their income. One respondent said they were fired because their employer worried they would bring the bugs to work. Another kept the infestation a secret from the building management – who was legally obligated to treat the problem – because they were afraid telling would mean having

ITCH see p. 13

Your Ventra card may soon expire, new cards to no longer be debit card

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has announced that the Ventra card is getting a makeover and your old cards will soon be dying off. New Ventra cards will be available for sale starting Dec. 18. The new Ventra cards are also being mailed to customers whose current cards are expiring.

The prepaid debit functionality from the card will also cease to be available as of Dec. 31. Customers who have opened prepaid debit accounts as a part of their accounts are being offered the ability to transfer funds to new prepaid debit cards offered by Money Network, which has administered the prepaid debit feature for Ventra. Customers can spend down their prepaid balances, transfer their funds to a new prepaid debit card or have their funds returned to them via check from Money Network.

The first CTA Ventra cards, issued in 2013, will begin to expire Dec. 31, and these expirations will run through 2022. Ventra says that they will send email notifications to registered customers two months before their cards expire.

The email notifications will ask customers to confirm their current mailing address so they can receive their free replacement card through the mail.

Customers who tap their cards at Ventra vending machines will also receive expiration notifications.

The new cards will no longer offer the prepaid debit account feature that was a controversial option when the system first launched. The CTA determined that there wasn't significant demand for this feature in part because of the numerous prepaid debit products in the marketplace and electronic payment options which have become more accessible and provide consumers with increased financial options.

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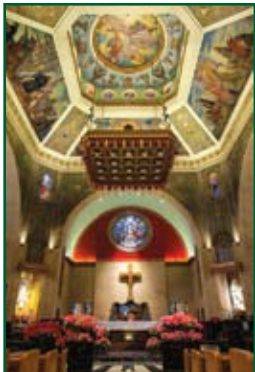
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Carols at 9:30 am. Mass at 10:00 am.

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil Mass - December 16 at 4 p.m.

Sunday Mass - December 17 at 10 a.m.

Mother Cabrini Day in Chicago

Friday, Dec. 22, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

The City Council of Chicago has declared December 22, Mother Cabrini Day!

The Shrine will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mother Cabrini's death and celebrate Mother Cabrini Day with a special prayer service on Dec. 22 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Mass at 6 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil Mass December 23 at 4 p.m.

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Samuel del Real's Latin Quintet will perform a series of international Christmas songs such as "Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "El Burrito Sabanero" and "The Christmas Song" during a concert Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph St. The performers also will discuss the origins of their instruments, providing opportunities for student-to-artist interaction.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center will present the complete Brandenburg Concertos at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park. Tickets start at \$30.

During this year's Holly Days, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 27-30 in the Ryan Learning Center at the Art Institute of Chicago, 159 E. Monroe St., families will take inspiration from the exhibition *Rodin: Sculptor and Storyteller*, to create a work of art. Admission to the center is free, and museum admission is always free for kids under 14 and Chicago residents under 18.

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Police Beat....

Felony charges for couple that claimed they were robbed of \$20K

A Minnesota couple that falsely claimed to have been robbed of \$20,000 in cash and property after their GPS led them into Lower Wacker Dr. on Thursday has been charged with felonies, police said this afternoon.



Katie Mager

Katie Mager and Ryan Reiersgaard, both 27, voluntarily admitted to fabricating the robbery story, authorities said.



Ryan Reiersgaard

The pair told police that three men confronted them with a knife near Columbus and Lower Wacker around 1:50 a.m. and took an engagement ring valued at \$12,000; a \$3,000 suitcase; a \$2,000 MacBook Air; a \$300 bag; and a \$150 iPad Mini, according to the department.

An investigation revealed that “the incident did not occur,” police said. Mager and Reiersgaard are each charged with one felony count of disorderly conduct—false report. The two live separately in suburban Minneapolis.

Lincoln Square man threatened to kill Mayor, blow up City Hall

A Lincoln Square man is accused of threatening to kill Mayor Rahm Emanuel and blow up City Hall in a pair of 311 calls. Making things worse for Richard Schmidt are the narcotics that police say they found when they executed a search warrant at his home.



Richard Schmidt

Cops went to Schmidt’s home in the 4500 block of N. Damen on Nov. 6, one day after he allegedly called an armed forces recruitment center in Avondale and said he wanted to attack and bring down the government “and mentioned something about nuking the country,” police said. Detectives had wanted to talk with Schmidt since November about the threats he made to Emanuel and City Hall this summer, according to court records. The alleged recruiter threat put him at the top of their “to do” list.

Officers returned to Schmidt’s home with a search warrant several hours after he was detained. They recovered a bottle containing suspect cocaine, two “cutting” cards packaged with two rolled-up dollar bills, and a bottle of suspected Quaaludes. The 35-year-old is charged with misdemeanor telephone harassment; misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia; and felony charges of possessing cocaine and possessing Quaalude.

Judge Sophia Atcherson ordered Schmidt to be released on a \$10,000 recognizance bond. The Armed Forces Career Center refused to pursue charges.

Another woman groped by bicyclist on North Side



Almost three months after a dozen North Side women reported being groped by a man on a bicycle, Chicago police say there’s been another incident. This time, they have a photo of the suspect.

Police have not officially connected the latest incident with the assaults they detailed in a September community alert. But the cases have similar details and suspect descriptions. Cops released this image of a man who they say approached a woman from behind and inappropriately touched her through her clothing in the 3200 block of W. Foster around 9:20 a.m. Dec. 8.

The victim was walking when he approached her, then he climbed onto his bike and fled northbound on Sawyer, police said. The suspect is a Hispanic man in his early- to mid-20’s who stands about 5’-7” tall and weighs 160-170 lbs., according to the police alert. He was last seen wearing a black and red jacket with the word “CHICAGO” written on the back.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Area North detectives at 312-744-8261. This autumn, police warned of a 25-40-year-old white or Hispanic man who had ridden up on women and touched them inappropriately as they walked. Cases were reported in Ravenswood, Uptown, Lincoln Square and beyond: 5900 block of N. Maplewood on Sept. 3, 3:15 p.m.; 1400 block of W. Pratt on Sept. 14, 9:49 a.m.; 4400 block of N. Ravenswood on Sept. 14, 10:33 a.m.; 4600 block of N. Campbell on Sept. 14, 10:45 a.m.; 4800 block of N. Magnolia on Sept. 14, 10:55 a.m.; 2300 block of W. Sunnyside on Sept. 14, 11:00 a.m.; 2700 block of W. Bryn Mawr, Sept. 14, 11:25 a.m.; 2200 block of W. Leland on Sept. 20, 12:30 a.m., and on the 5000 block of N. Wolcott on Sept. 24, 12:30 p.m.

Closed by quadruple-shooting, Uptown restaurant burglarized

It’s been a bad week for The Jerk Stop, 1132 W. Wilson, a year-old quick-service restaurant in Uptown. Wednesday at 8:15 p.m., four people were shot in a rifle attack outside their front door. The eatery’s windows and glass door were shattered by the hail of rifle rounds.

After taking Thursday off to recover from the drama, workers returned at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning and found the store burglarized. Taken sometime since the shooting were the store’s safe and cash; its cash register, a 45”TV, and seven iPads. Detectives are investigating the burglary (and the shootings). In that shooting, one victim was reported in grave condition as he entered surgery. The other three victims are in good condition. Officially, police are saying that the four victims were standing on the sidewalk when two male offenders exited a vehicle and fired shots, according to CPD’s Office of News Affairs. This newspaper’s reporting has found multiple witnesses who saw a gunman wearing a ski mask open fire with a rifle in front of 1132 W. Wilson around 8:15 p.m. Some said the offender fled

on foot. Others thought he jumped into a light green Subaru Outback that fled toward Racine. Police are hoping that several nearby CTA surveillance cameras captured the attack. One of the victims in good condition is part of a well-known drug operation family in the Uptown area. At least two and possibly all three of the other victims may have been unintended targets, according to a police source. According to police, the victims’ ages, conditions, and wounds are: Male, 19, good condition with gunshot wounds to the upper thigh or buttocks. Police believe he was the intended target of the shooting, a source said. Male, 56, good condition with a gunshot wound to his upper leg. Female, 20, good condition with two gunshot wounds to her buttocks. Male, unknown age, grave condition with multiple wounds to his chest, torso, leg. Two of the victims were transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center by ambulance. Two others went to Masonic on their own. Wednesday’s quadruple-shooting was the third multiple-victim shooting in Uptown since Nov. 1. So far this year, 28 people have been shot in Uptown—five fatally.

Understaffed, but trying

It took nearly eight minutes for the first police officers to arrive at the Uptown shooting scene after calls of shots fired flooded the city’s 911 dispatch center Wednesday. The first calls for help came in at 8:15 p.m., according to the city’s Office of Emergency Management and Communications. The first officer reported being on-scene at 8:23 p.m. But don’t blame the police. They can only do so much. The 19th District’s manpower, decimated by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, continues to operate with 105 fewer cops—that’s 25% fewer officers—than when Emanuel took office. The mayor promised Lakeview Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] and Uptown Ald. James Cappleman [46th] that the 19th District would have a minimum of 384 cops by mid-2016 in exchange for their votes to raise the city’s property taxes in 2015. As of last week, the district had just 362 officers. So far this year, the 19th District has literally run out of cops to handle emergency calls on 160 occasions.

More arrests made in October robbery spree

There is more great news to report about a series of robberies in Southeast Lakeview and Lincoln Park in October. Ongoing investigative work by Area North detectives and the 19th District robbery mission team has resulted in two more arrests in connection with the cases. Last week Deontae Hollins, 19 and Breann Taylor, 22, of Englewood had each been charged with two felony counts of robbery and one felony count of aggravated robbery-indicating the presence of a firearm.



Deontae Hollins

Hollins and Taylor were charged with robbing a 24-year-old woman of her purse and phone while implying that they have a handgun in the 600 block of W. Wrightwood on Oct. 26; robbing a 45-year-old woman of her laptop and wallet in the vestibule of a building in the 400 block of W. Aldine on Oct. 30, and robbing a 20-year-old woman of her purse in the 500 block of W. Surf on Oct. 30. Here’s what’s new: Thomas Wilson, 33, and Keonte Hollins, 18, were arrested by 19th District officers Wednesday evening at a home in the 6300 block of S. Laflin. Investigators learned that both men had been captured on video using credit cards taken in the local muggings, police said. Keonte Hollins is charged with two counts of felony robbery and one

count of felony aggravated robbery. Prosecutors say he participated in the Wrightwood, Surf, and Aldine hold-ups. Judge Sophia Atcherson set his bail at \$100,000.

Wilson is charged with one count of felony robbery for helping others with the Wrightwood mugging. Judge Atcherson released him on a \$10,000 I-Bond.

Court records show that Wilson was charged with a South Side robbery in Jan. 2004. The state eventually



Thomas Wilson

allowed him to plead guilty to a reduced charge of battery for which he was placed on probation for one-year. Police sources said Taylor served as the get-away driver for the robbery crew. The entire crew lived in the same home on S. Laflin and a juvenile offender remains at large, but an arrest is expected soon. Robbery cases generally go unsolved unless offenders are caught quickly after a hold-up. It’s rare to see these aging cases end with the arrests of an entire crew.

On parole for 35 days, convicted robber started robbing Lakeview people again

Kamira Paxton was on parole for 35 days this summer before she started robbing people at gunpoint again, police said. Cops caught up with her last week and she’s now facing four fresh robbery charges—two in Lakeview and two in the Douglas neighborhood.



Kamira Paxton

Early on Aug. 29, Paxton pulled out a handgun, then robbed a man and tried to rob a woman in the 2800 block of N. Seminary. The man lost his phone to the robber, but the woman did not turn over any property, police said. When police walked into Paxton’s bedroom last week, they found a backpack and IIT-logo scarf that was taken in an armed robbery near the IIT campus hours before the Seminary hold-up, authorities said. Paxton is also charged with committing another robbery near the ITT campus on Oct. 21. Altogether, she is facing three counts of Class X felony armed robbery with a firearm and one count of Class X felony attempted armed robbery with a firearm. Paxton was paroled on July 24 after serving half of a 6-year sentence that she received for an armed robbery in the Grand Crossing neighborhood. In July 2014, Paxton pointed a gun at a woman’s face on the South Side and screamed, “Give me the pizza! Give me what you have in your pockets! Do you have a phone?!” Paxton had “several Domino’s pizzas, a 2 liter of Sprite, \$15” and the woman’s phone when cops found her minutes later.

Illinois Dept. of Corrections officials said they will revoke Paxton’s parole. Paxton has been ordered held without bail by Cook County Judge David Navarro.

Arrest made in vitamin shop, dry cleaner robberies

Detectives have arrested a West Loop man who they say robbed a Lakeview vitamin store and an Old Town dry cleaner on Nov. 25. Antonio Sheppard, 46, was arrested in the 1300 block of S. Canal wearing the same clothes that the store robber wore days earlier, police said. Police say video surveillance showed



Breann Taylor

Sheppard entering the 7-Eleven store at 30 E. Jackson shortly on the morning of Nov. 25. He used his personal LINK card to buy a Snickers candy bar. Then, a few minutes later, he returned to the same store, pulled out a knife, and robbed the clerk, police said. Around 11:20 a.m. that morning, Sheppard pressed a kitchen knife to a worker’s skin as he robbed The Vitamin Shoppe, 3325 N. Ashland, prosecutors said. About 30 minutes earlier, he also held up the Best Price Cleaners at 1212 N. Wells while brandishing a knife, according to charges.

Investigators armed with surveillance photos of the 7-Eleven robber happened upon Sheppard last Tuesday and took him into custody for questioning. Sheppard is now charged with three counts of Class X felony armed robbery. He has been ordered held without bail.

Dead body found in burning charity donation bin

Detectives have launched two investigations after a dead body was found inside a burning charity donation bin in Uptown on the morning of Dec. 7, according to police and sources.

Fire department personnel responded to 1500 W. Wilson around 7:15 a.m. to extinguish a fire inside a donation box that sits outside a Walgreens. Firemen then found the body inside.

About two hours after the body was found, investigators decided to launch a parallel arson investigation to go with the death inquiry, a source said.

It is not uncommon for homeless people to take up residence inside of large charity donation boxes that dot the city. But, ABC7 News reported that the donation box was locked, raising questions about how the dead person got inside.

Wicker Park attacker taught disadvantaged youth, had been wanted by police since 2012

This newspaper has learned new information about the man who followed a 23-year-old woman from the Damen Blue Line CTA station and the brutal attack he unleashed on her in a Wicker Park gangway on Nov. 26.

Deonta Terry, 27, told arresting officers that he was a teacher at Community TV Network, which uses media to

“improve the education, quality of life, and opportunities available to underserved youth in Chicago.” An October post on the CTVN website refers to Terry as an “instructor.” Ironically, the CTVN is celebrating its win of “Best Documentary Short” at a recent film festival in Vancouver. The film title? “How To Be A Man.” Court records say Terry grabbed his victim from behind in the 1600 block of N. Bell “dragged her into a gangway [and] strangled her unconscious” with his bare hands before he “ripped off” her clothes. Terry took the woman’s green coat, purse, iPhone, and cash before returning to the Damen CTA station to flee the area around 3:40 a.m., prosecutors said in filings.

A 24-year-old Glen Ellyn woman found the unclothed victim minutes later. The victim is recovering now, back home in her apartment that’s located precisely one block from the scene of the attack.

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sky; and Yvonne and Devon Bruce; more than 600 guests enjoyed local food, as well as music from locally-based artists. It all started with guests arriving on trolleys to the Aon Grand Ballroom along the Pier's famed South Dock, which included a docent-led tour and a private fireworks display. Custom built 360-degree projection and LED screens created a completely immersive, technological experience that brought the entire Pier to life inside the ballroom and featured the epic talent from Navy Pier's programming roster of artists, including Jabowen Dixon; Bourné Family; Lowdown Brass Band; Alexa Grae; Katie Kadan; Yuri Lane; Reginald Robinson; and the seven time-Jeff Award winning E. Faye Butler; Tony-nominated Felicia P. Fields; and world-class Artistic Director Josephine Lee.

Congrats to Polk Bros. Foundation board chair Sandra Guthman, because the event also honored the Polk Family and Polk Bros. Foundation for their legacy gift and partnership. Guthman is the daughter of Samuel Polk, a founder of Polk Bros.

After Navy Pier became a nonprofit in 2011, the Foundation recognized the Pier's potential to showcase the cultural richness of our city and serve the community. Their \$20 million transformative gift allowed the Pier to convert the 17-acre Polk Bros. Park into a multi-use space.

"The partnership between the Polk Bros. Foundation and Navy Pier has been truly outstanding and, as a result, Polk Bros. Park has definitely exceeded our expectations. We are extremely excited about the oppor-

tunities going forward to offer fabulous, free cultural programming for all Chicagoans and our city's visitors," said Guthman. "I know the current Polk family is thrilled and, I'm sure, so are our ancestors looking down on Polk Bros. Park and Navy Pier."

Bleed for need... Blood donations decline in December but the needs of patients remain steady. So say bother, can ya spare a pint? During the holiday season, set aside an hour to give the most important gift – give blood and give more life. At 7 p.m. on Dec. 19 and 20 there will be donation events at DePaul Univ. at the Ray Meyer Fitness and Recreation Center, 2235 N. Sheffield.

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to replace all their furniture, which they could not afford.

On top of the financial stress is the social stigma. Ninety percent of survey respondents reported feeling shame about having bed bugs, and no wonder: coworkers, friends and family often go to great lengths to avoid possible contamination. There are less savory associations too: poverty, primarily, and uncleanness.

But pest control experts urge citizens to avoid making assumptions about what kind of people get bed bugs. "Anyone can get bed bugs in their home," said Ron Harrison, Ph.D., who works for Orkin Pest Control. "They are not a sign of uncleanness. Bed bugs only need blood to survive. We have treated for bed bugs in everything from million dollar homes to public housing." A surprising number of high end hotels in Chicago have also treated.

Chemistry of Coffee Dec. 16

Illinois Science Council is bringing back its popular "Chemistry for Adults" series for a unique Chemistry of Coffee event this Saturday with chemist-in-residence Dr. Shelby Hatch and the coffee experts at I Have a Bean coffee.

The tasting event will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Latinincity, Block 37, 108 N. State St., 3rd floor. Tickets are \$25.

Whether you're a daily connoisseur or just occasionally partake, come get the in-

side scoop on the coffee bean. This event is not just a talk or tasting, guests will engage in hands-on chemistry experiments and leave with insider info to improve your morning coffee routine and dazzle your friends with your knowledge. No science prerequisites required.

Second Chance Coffee Company, LLC and I Have a Bean aim to accomplish two things: roast and distribute coffee, and help transform the lives of post-prison people in the process.

Free family performances at Cultural Center

The popular free Juicebox series will return in January with a schedule of all-ages music, dance groups and performance at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. Among the season highlights are dance performances from China, Africa, Ireland, Brazil, India and Mexico.

With its engaging music, dance and theater performances in a kid-friendly setting, the free-admission Juicebox programs are geared toward the "stroller set" and enjoyable for the whole family. Children will experience a diverse range of artistic and educational presentations, with hosts regularly inviting youngsters to move, dance and interact with performers.

The winter/spring program begins with the Q Brothers on Jan. 5, and will continue on the first and third Friday of each month at the Chicago Cultural Center through May. All performances take place from

11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

2018 Schedule:
Q Brothers, Jan. 5, 2018, at the Chicago Cultural Center

The Q Brothers-GQ and JQ—are musicians, actors, writers, educators and DJ's, as well as two guys who rap with the kiddies and rewrite Shakespeare plays into hip hop musicals. They conduct hip hop workshops for children of all ages.

Jodi Koplin's Jigglejam, Jan. 19, 2018, at the Chicago Cultural Center

The Jigglejam Band is guaranteed to get the whole audience on their feet, singing and dancing along with engaging and imaginative tunes. Named by Orman Music & Media Group as the "Hottest Kid's Band to Hit Chicago."

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The physical, psychological and financial challenges posed by bed bugs are disproportionately challenging for vulnerable groups, including people in poverty, those with language barriers, and those with other health issues. Therefore, as incidences of bed bug infestations rise, entomologists and sociological researchers agree that governments in cities where bed bugs are rampant

ought to be involved not only in treating the pests but in supporting vulnerable groups who suffer from their presence.

It's impossible to fully prevent bed bugs, but smart guidelines include checking hotel bedding for little black bugs before getting into bed, and avoiding bringing home furniture and clothes by the side of the road.

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

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

For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5pm. McCalla Rayermer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 416-5500. Please refer to file number 9393. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. McCalla Rayermer Leibert Pierce, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE CWBMS INC. CHLMORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2004-12, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-12 Plaintiff,

vs. JOHN CASSERLY; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., A NEW YORK CORPORATION; BEACON TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 16 CH 9438

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-17-123-033-1011 f/k/a 14-17-123-001.

Commonly known as 4453 N. Beacon, Unit 1, Chicago, IL 60640. The mortgaged real estate is a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Klein, Daday, Aretos & O'Donoghue, LLC, 2550 West Golf Road, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008. (847) 590-8700. INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13068525

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

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NEY IN FACT Plaintiff,

- v - REBECCA A. RAMISCAL, 175 EAST DELAWARE PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants, 10 CH 29550

175 EAST DELAWARE PLACE, UNIT 5605 CHICAGO, IL 60611

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 12, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 175 EAST DELAWARE PLACE, UNIT 5605, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-03-220-020-1239.

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$254,839.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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).

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in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 175 E. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Fax #: (217) 422-1754 CookPleadings@hsbatlys.com Attorney File No. 175 E Attorney Number: 40387 Case Number: 10 CH 29550 TJSC#: 37-9489

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 13065948

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Plaintiff,

The Hamlin-Giddings Condominium Association; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Modesta M. Delgado-Kelley aka Modesta Delgado-Kelley; Steffanie Angela Salas aka Steffanie A. Salas aka Steffanie Salas fka Steffanie A. Faust; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Martin V. Kelley aka Martin Kelley; Gerald Nordgren Special Representative; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants, Case #15CH17449 Sheriff's # 170226 F15110116SVT SLS

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 9th, 2018, at 1pm in room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: Common Address: 3750 West Giddings Street Unit 3750-1, Chicago, Illinois 60625 P.I.N: 13-14-104-067-1001 Improvements: This property consist of a Residential Condominium.

Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and

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the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. Premise will NOT be open for inspection. Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney ANSELMO, LINDBERG OLIVER LLC 1771 W. DIEHL, Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Sales Department foreclosurenotice@fal-illinois.com 866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620

For bidding instructions, visit www.fal-illinois.com This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

-v- LEANDRO FERREIRA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC, PARK SHERIDAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 10954 4144 N SHERIDAN RD UNIT 311 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 October 10, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 11, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4144 N SHERIDAN RD UNIT 311, Chicago, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-17-404-065-1030. The real estate is improved with a single unit dwelling.

The judgment amount was \$222,615.34. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without

recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: WEISS MCCELLELAND LLC, 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 605-3500 Please refer to file number IL-001552. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. WEISS MCCELLELAND LLC 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 605-3500 E-Mail: intake@wmlegal.com Attorney File No. IL-001552 Attorney Code. 56284 Case Number: 12 CH 10954 TJSC#: 37-9461 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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still happen to you. I know I learned my lesson.” Terry is charged with felony counts of robbery, kidnapping by force or threat of force, aggravated battery-strangulation, and attempted criminal sexual assault by force. He is due back in court on Dec. 20.

According to a police source, Terry has been the subject of an investigative alert from Chicago detectives for nearly five years. Cops have been waiting to talk to him about a felony theft from a Loop restaurant on Dec. 1, 2012. Maybe he'll find some time to connect with them now.

Catalytic converter thieves struck Lakeview Dec. 5

Catalytic converter thieves are once again touring North Side neighborhoods, according to two residents who contacted this newspaper last week. Both readers reported seeing the car part thieves at work in separate locations and at different times—but their descriptions of the offenders are similar.

Around 3:50 a.m., two men in hoodies got out of a black sedan in the 1400 block of W. Waveland and sawed the catalytic converter off of a Jeep, one reader said.

Then, just after 6 a.m., another reader saw two men in hoodies get out of a black sedan and cut “something” off of a vehicle in the 3300 block of N. Clifton. The two then fled westbound. Thieves love stealing catalytic converters be-

cause the parts contain expensive metals including platinum and palladium that can demand payments of \$100 to \$200 at scrap yards. SUVs are often targeted because their high ground clearance makes it easier to access the undercarriage with a saw.

Victims almost never know that their catalytic converter has been stolen until they start their car. That's when they'll be startled by a loud, roaring sound of their freshly-unmuffled engine. Some suggestions to make it more difficult to steal your catalytic converter include: Welding the converter's bolts in place or having the bolt heads cut off to make removal nearly impossible; Having your license plate number engraved on the part to make resale more difficult; Always park your car in a garage, if available, and install a catalytic converter theft prevention kit that essentially places a cage around the part, making theft impossible.

Ripping off The Ritz: armed robbery on exclusive street near Mag Mile

A 33-year-old man was robbed at gunpoint on Dec. 4, just steps from the Magnificent Mile on one of Chicago's most exclusive residential streets.

Police said the victim was loading “purchased consumer merchandise” into his car in the 100 block of E. Lake Shore Dr. when a gunman approached him from behind around 8:30 p.m. The offender announced a robbery, pulled out a handgun, and took several items from the car

before running away, police said.

They said the suspect is a black male between 25- and 30-years-old. Police did not list the exact address of the robbery, but a source said the hold-up occurred outside of the Drake Tower, 179 E. Lake Shore Dr. Residences in the tower typically span a half-floor and owners pay \$4,000 to \$5,000 a month just for homeowners' association fees.

Home burglaries in Uptown, Edgewater

Residential burglaries have occurred in the area from Ainslie to Balmoral, and Glenwood to Winthrop. In these burglaries, the offender(s) force their way into the apartments through an entry door or side window. Once inside the offender(s) remove property from the apartment.

Incidents include one in the 1200 block of W. Winona on Nov. 16, between 7:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.; the 5400 block of N. Winthrop from Nov. 20-25, between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., and the 4900 block of N. Glenwood from Dec. 1-2, between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Another delivery driver robbed in Lincoln Park

Another North Side restaurant delivery driver was robbed early Nov. 29 in Lincoln Park. It's at least the third hold-up of a food delivery person on the North Side since Thanksgiving. Police said a woman went to the 2600 block of N. Mildred around midnight to drop off food from a nearby Thai restaurant. Two men confronted her

as she approached the delivery address and one of the men flashed a handgun in his waistband. One robber wore an orange jacket. He was white, about 6' tall and 190 lbs.

The other man wore a black jacket with a hoodie and was armed with a nickel-plated handgun. He was black, 5'-8" tall, 170 lbs., and cleanly shaven. On Nov. 26, delivery drivers were robbed in the 4200 block of N. Winchester in North Center and the 4400 block of N. Greenview in Uptown.

Police issued a community alert about Sunday's hold-ups yesterday.

The Winchester robbers are described as two black men 20- to 22-years-old. One is about 6' tall and weighs 180 lbs. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with black jeans. The other man is about 5'-7" tall.

On Greenview, both offenders were black men who wore black ski masks, police said. Both are believed to be 17- to 20-years-old. One stood about 5'-10" tall and weighed 160-180 lbs. He wore a dark hoodie. The other man is slightly shorter and weighs 150-160 lbs. He was wearing a yellow patterned jacket and black pants, police said today.

Police believe the two offenders crashed a stolen Jeep in Lakeview near Berneau and Ashland, around 9:30 p.m. Sunday. The occupants of the vehicle ran from the scene before officers arrived. Anyone with information about these cases is asked to call Area North investigators at 312-744-8263.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, County Department, Chancery Division. BankFinancial, N.A., formerly known as BankFinancial, F.S.B, Plaintiff, vs. Jamie C. Ozman a/k/a Jaime C. Ozman, et al., Defendants. Case No. 17CH 5301. NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order of Summary Judgment and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 5, 2017, the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois will on January 10, 2018 at the hour of 1:00 P.M., in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Room L06, Chicago, IL 60602 or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Cook and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN Nos. 17-03-234-043-1081 & 1486. Improved with a single condominium unit. Commonly Known As: 33 West Ontario St., 38D, Chicago, IL 60610. The Judgment amount was: \$356,690.10. Sheriffs No. 170272-001F. Sale Terms: At least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price due at sale, and the balance within two (2) business days by certified funds. No refunds. The subject property is subject to 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. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which 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.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Attn: Daniel L. (D.L.) Morris, 222 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 704-3000. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 13069777

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

vs. LYNDIA KNOTT; ALBERT PAUL KNOTT, AKA ALBERT PAUL KNOTT, JR.; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; STATE OF ILLINOIS; THE WARWICK CONDOMINIUMS; URBAN PARTNERSHIP BANK FKA SHORE BANK Defendants, 16 CH 14535

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-03-100-013-1001. Commonly known as 1501 NORTH STATE STREET 3A, CHICAGO, IL 60610. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 16-026898 F2

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13069998

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

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SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, - v - PATRICK R. CALKINS, LILY LUI-CALKINS, PARKVIEW AT RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 17 CH 006485 505 NORTH MCCLURG COURT #701 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 7, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 17, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 505 NORTH MCCLURG COURT #701, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-218-010-1027. The real estate is improved with a c o n d o m i n i u m u n i t .

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-17-04542. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-17-04542 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 17 CH 006485 TJSC#: 37-8452

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 13068986

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff, - v - UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF FRED SPECHT, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., TWO RIVER PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, JOHNNIE FUCHS BRICKLEY, AS HEIR OF FRED SPECHT, GERALD G. FUCHS, JR., AS HEIR OF FRED SPECHT, WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS

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SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF FRED SPECHT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 16 CH 13238 720 N. LARRABEE STREET, APT. 1102 CHICAGO, IL 60654

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 18, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 720 N. LARRABEE STREET, APT. 1102, Chicago, IL 60654 Property Index No. 17-09-113-017-1080 Vol. 500; 17-09-113-017-1341 Vol. 500. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$384,102.40. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 16-3-770.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. 16-3770 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 16 CH 13238 TJSC#: 37-9720

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 13067533

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

vs. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LYLUS G. BRASH, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; 50 EAST BELLEVUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; SCOTT D. BRASH; RICHARD A. BRASH; CARY ROSENTHAL AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LYLUS G. BRASH, DECEASED Defen-

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dants, 16 CH 11440 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-03-202-065-1053. Commonly known as 50 EAST BELLEVUE PLACE, APT 1202, CHICAGO, IL 60611. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 16-022323 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13069114

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC. MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST SERIES 2007-AR3 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES; Plaintiff,

vs. JEREMY T. KUNTZE; PATRICK T. PILEWSKI; THE CONCORD SHEFFIELD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JEREMY T. KUNTZE, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICK T. PILEWSKI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 17 CH 6818

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 12, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-32-423-058-1008 and 14-32-423-058-1010.

Commonly known as 1701 North Sheffield Avenue, Unit 402 & P-2, Chicago, IL 60614. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 WA17-0236. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13069393

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

vs. ROSAMARIA WINDISH; MICHAEL C. WINDIS H; MADISON CLUB CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROSAMARIA WINDISH, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL C. WINDISH, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 17 CH 3848

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-17-200-026-1037. Commonly known as 1155 West Madison Street, Unit 502, Chicago, IL 60607. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The

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purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W17-0090. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13068496

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEW PENN FINANCIAL LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, - v - AMAYA B. OCHOA, THE HERMITAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 17 CH 006317 70 W. HURON ST APT 1407 CHICAGO, IL 60654 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 10, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 70 W. HURON ST APT 1407, CHICAGO, IL 60654 Property Index No. 17-09-212-027-1116; 17-09-212-027-1379.

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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).

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-17-03348. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-17-03348 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 17 CH 006317 TJSC#: 37-8791

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Prac-

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tices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 13068041

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

KRZYSTOF KARBOWSKI, 1432 NORTH WOOD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KRZYSTOF KARBOWSKI, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 1432 NORTH WOOD STREET UNIT 2S CHICAGO, IL 60622

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 1, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 11, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1432 NORTH WOOD STREET UNIT 2S, CHICAGO, IL 60622 Property Index No. 17-06-209-048-1003. The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

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For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5pm. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 416-5500. Please refer to file number 8926. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 416-5500 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 8926 Attorney Code. 61256 Case Number: 09 CH 23072 TJSC#: 37-10334

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CTA seeks proposals for building \$2.1 billion RPM project

The Chicago Transit Authority [CTA] is taking the next major step in the Red and Purple Modernization Program (RPM) by selecting three contracting teams to develop proposals to design and build the first phase of the project that will rebuild the Red and Purple lines on the North Side.

The first phase will rebuild four of the oldest Red Line stations (Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr) and make them fully accessible to people with disabilities and completely reconstruct 1.3 miles of adjacent track structure.

The CTA selected three contracting teams that they think have demonstrated the ability to design and build RPM Phase One: Walsh Fluor Design-Build Team, Chicago Rail Constructors and Kiewit Infrastructure Co.

The CTA expects major construction of

this project to begin in 2019.

Phase One also includes the construction of an expensive and questionable rail bypass flyover bridge that will force the taking of 19 parcels of private property through eminent domain near Roscoe and Clark streets.

The CTA claims this bypass should hasten travel through the Belmont junction where Red, Purple and Brown Line trains currently intersect. The CTA thinks this project will increase the number of trains it can run along the Red Line.

“The Red Line is our busiest line,” said CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. “It is critical that we find the most qualified builders in the industry to construct this project, which is one of the biggest modernization projects in CTA history.”

The entire RPM plan, to be completed in

multiple phases, will rebuild part of CTA’s Red and Purple lines, sections of which are more than a century old. The tracks, structures and stations are well past their useful

Part of paying for this plan included the formation of a new ‘Super’ TIF taxing district that includes a massive amount of valuable North Side real estate. The new TIF is ‘super’ in both it’s size and for the length of time -- 75 years -- that it will consume property tax dollars.

lifespan, and can no longer handle additional trains to meet the increasing demands of growing ridership – which is up 40% during the rush hours since 2008.

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formation of a new ‘Super’ TIF taxing district that includes a massive amount of valuable North Side real estate. The new TIF is ‘super’ in both it’s size and for the length of time -- 75 years -- that it will consume property tax dollars. The new TIF zone picks up in Lincoln Park and runs north to Howard St. and takes in tax money from those properties sitting within one-half mile east and west of the tracks.

Now that the pool of candidates is finalized, CTA will issue a Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite the potential bidders to submit proposals on how they would design and build RPM Phase One. The proposals will be considered on a variety of criteria, including experience, price and other factors.

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

-v- TESFAY GIRMAI AND 6454 NORTH SACRAMENTO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 15 CH 16410

6454 N. SACRAMENTO, UNIT 3 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 January 24, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 9, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6454 N. SACRAMENTO, UNIT 3, Chicago, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-323-060-1004. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$82,178.90.

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

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

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Aaron Spivack, LAW OFFICES OF AARON SPIVACK, 566 WEST LAKE ST., LOWER 1, Chicago, IL 60661, (312) 775-9060 E-Mail: law@aspivack.com Attorney Code: 20481 Case Number: 15 CH 16410 TJSC#: 37-10666

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.; Plaintiff,

-v- HEATHER McDONALD; GOLDEN COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 17 CH 7938

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 19, 2018, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-30-315-024-1025 (11-30-315-001-0000 UNDERLYING P I N).

Commonly known as 2057 W. FARGO AVE., UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60645. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. Ref. No. 17 - 0 1 2 3 8 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13070304

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

-v- BRENT BEDELL, EDGEWATER FLATS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ELSPEETH BEDELLOESCH, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CARL B. BEDELL, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, GERALD NORDGREEN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CARL B. BEDELL (DECEASED) Defendants 17 CH 001495

1219 W. GRANVILLE AVE UNIT #2B CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 20, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 22, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1219 W. GRANVILLE AVE UNIT #2B, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-119-034-1018, Property Index No. (14-05-119-006-0000, underlying), Property Index No. (14-05-119-007-0000, underlying). The real estate is improved with a c o n d o / t o w n h o u s e .

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the s a l e .

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 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) .

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-16-16244. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-16-16244 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 17 CH 001495 TJSC#: 37-9822

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 13070094

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(DECEASED) Defendants 17 CH 003242

5815 N. VIRGINIA AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60659 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 22, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5815 N. VIRGINIA AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60659 Property Index No. 13-01-310-013-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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 s a l e .

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-17-02489. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-17-02489 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 17 CH 003242 TJSC#: 37-9767

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

-v- MARIAN A. GHECIU, RALUCA E. GHECIU, CITI-MORTGAGE, INC., NORTH PARK SQUARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 17 CH 002931

3201 W. BALMORAL AVENUE UNIT #301 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 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 16, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3201 W. BALMORAL AVENUE UNIT #301, CHICAGO, IL 60625 Property Index No. 13-11-217-035-1011, Property Index No. (13-11-217-017-0000 / 018 / 019 / 020 Underlying).

The real estate is improved with a r e s i d e n c e . Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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

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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 s a l e .

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 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) .

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-17-01554. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-17-01554 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 17 CH 002931 TJSC#: 37-9481

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BMO HARRIS BANK, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HARRIS, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK Plaintiff,

-v- TAIWO J. KULAWOLF A/K/A TAIWO KOLAWOLE, BMO HARRIS BANK, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HARRIS, N.A., THE PARKLAND C O N D O M I N I U M ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 16 CH 1395

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 11-31-203-023-1015. Commonly known as 1627 W. Touhy, #303, Chicago, IL 60626. The mortgaged real estate is a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act .

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Gabriella R. Comstock at Plaintiff's Attorney, Keough & Moody, P.C., 114 East Van Buren Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540. (630) 369-2700. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13069120

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff,

-v- IVAN SCHIFF, BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 6442 MOZART CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 13 CH 26750

6442 N. MOZART ST., UNIT 1 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 June 19, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 10, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6442 N. MOZART ST., UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60645, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6442 N. MOZART ST., UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60645-1001. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$311,546.18. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 19, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 10, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth

below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6442 N. MOZART ST., UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-326-046-1001. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$311,546.18. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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 s a l e .

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 2120-6544.

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Fax #: (217) 422-1754 CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 2120-6544 Attorney Code: 40387 Case Number: 13 CH 26750 TJSC#: 37-10276

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 13068148

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

-v- SEI H. PARK, HEE SOOK KUK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 17 CH 612

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2017, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 13-02-203-029-0000. Commonly known as 6228 N. Drake Ave., Chicago, IL 60659.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The

property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Kimberly S. Reid at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 East Wacker Place, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13068528

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOUHY COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- 1813 TOUHY LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2017 CH 04215

1813 W. TOUHY AVE, PARKING SPACE 4 CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 10, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1813 W. TOUHY AVE, PARKING SPACE 4, Chicago, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-31-201-081-1024. The real estate is improved with a parking space. The judgment amount was \$8,129.01.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1800, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 431-1455 Please refer to file number 1926-21.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. NOONAN & LIEBERMAN 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1800 CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 431-1455 E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com Attorney File No. 1926-21 Attorney Code: 38245 Case Number: 2017 CH 04215 TJSC#: 37-9452

North Side struggles to keep up with demand for affordable housing

BY SIMONE MALCOLM

About 50 Rogers Park residents were in attendance at the Ethiopian Diamond II restaurant on Nov. 27 to discuss their concerns about the affordable housing crisis in the neighborhood and how it impacts them.

This as Ald. Joe Moore [49th] announced plans for another Transit Oriented Development in Rogers Park at Clark and Estes. That development is supposedly going to offer 57 units for low income housing.

The forum, titled "What Does Affordable Housing Development Mean?," which was presented in partnership with the Rogers Park Business Alliance and Northside Community Resources [NCR], held a panel that included members from the Illinois Housing Council, Chicago Housing Authority and the City of Chicago Dept. of Planning & Development to discuss affordable housing and what that will look like in Rogers Park and what communities can do to maintain its economic diversity.

NCR is a housing agencies providing counseling, education, and resources.

Along with the Northside Community Development Corp. [NCDC], NCR helped take control of a problematic building at 1530 W. Morse Ave. in the mid 1990s. The immediate area was ridden with drug use, crime, and prostitution when NCDC put forward plans to rehabilitate 1530 W. Morse. The end result was a much needed affordable senior apartment building.

The area has steadily improved ever since, and today the neighborhood breathes new life and activity.

But demand for affordable housing on the North Side remains. In fact, with the quick pace of gentrification now going on in Uptown, Rogers Park may offer the last chance to establish affordable housing on the North Side.

"The CHA is the second largest housing authority in the nation and one of the things that's under our plans for transformation [is that] we have set a goal in creating 25,000 units of affordable housing. At the end of 2016, we [were] at 93% of our goal in delivery of units," said Cary Steinbuck, the Director of PRA Acquisitions and Special Initiatives for CHA.

The CHA provides homes to more than 50,000 families and individuals, while trying to support healthy communities in neighborhoods throughout the city. Their mission is to leverage the power of affordable, decent, safe and stable housing to help communities thrive and low-income families increase their potential for long-term economic success and a sustained high quality of life in a town with a very high cost of living and costs for housing.

"Our goal is mixed income buildings, so that's what we're trying to do is to create new opportunities across the city," Steinbuck said.

But the CHA also has long waiting lists for affordable housing units after decommissioning Cabrini Green and Lathrop Homes developments. Having your name on the CHA list does not guarantee housing. It simply puts people one step closer to participating in the agency's programs. Still records show residents can wait years to be called in for CHA housing. The average household waits 4.3 years to obtain a "housing choice" voucher, commonly known as Section 8, CHA records show.

During the Q&A portion of the forum emotions ran high from residents. Their concerns ranged from housing vouchers, market rates housing, the Republicans' recently passed tax bill and, of course, affordable housing.

"I think it's appalling that the main emphasis in this ward are affordable housing

and market rate. You talked about the average rent on the South Side being \$900, well up here the average rate for a one bedroom is getting close to a thousand. Now in my building there is a market rate, one bedroom about 330 square feet for \$975 and it's going to go up. I think this ward really needs to do something for the elderly and for regular renters," said one woman who attended the forum.

Though the recently passed tax plan may result in less affordable housing on the market. The plan keeps the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit but removes the private activity bonds (a tax-exempt bond issued

by the municipal government) that helps finance some projects.

"There will be affordable housing, but there's going to be less of it because there's going to be less resources to go around," Steinbuck said.

Ald. Moore offered his insight on why mixed-income housing is important in Rogers Park. "It should stay a mixed-income neighborhood. We're one of the most economically diverse communities, not only in Chicago but in the entire nation. So, the challenge is maintaining that economic diversity and not have it go one way or another," he said.

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TIF legislation was initially created to help raise money to fund development in poor and blighted communities. But like everything else in Illinois, loopholes in the law meant wealthy areas such as the Loop, River North, Near North, Lincoln Park, and Ravenswood also were eligible for a TIFs.

There is in fact already a TIF district in place on the North Branch. The 160-acre North Branch TIF is located along both banks of the river running from Cortland in Lincoln Park north to Wolcott Ave. in Roscoe Village. The TIF was created to reinforce employment opportunities in the North Branch Industrial Corridor by supporting industrial projects and by assisting efforts that redevelop existing buildings for new industrial purposes.

Only that area is no longer targeted for 'industrial' development. It is now one of the hottest commercial development sites in the Midwest.

The North Branch TIF was designed to help eliminate unnecessary streets, alleys

and railroad right-of-ways and to protect existing industrial land by creating buffers and transitional areas near residential neighbors. Only that is no longer the city's working narrative.

Rumors now have the TIF stretching from North Ave. north to Webster St. That means the rumored new TIF districts may overlap the existing one, allowing for portability of funds. That means the Mayor could legally move funds out of one district into an adjoining district.

Ten days ago this newspaper called Ald. Hopkins office and was told that they had not been informed yet about a proposal for a new TIF district in the 2nd Ward. The City's Inspector General's Office said the same thing. Phone calls and emails sent Monday to Ald. Hopkins' office were not returned or answered prior to deadline.

But Ald. Hopkins was quoted by Joravsky saying, "Any consideration of extending a TIF district or creating a new one in this area will be part of a public process that I will oversee."

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the CPD for 10 years.

Juanita Irizarry, executive director of Friends of the Parks, says that her group was similarly left out of talks on the new boardwalk and also North Avenue Beach's Shore Club—the 13,000-square-foot bar and restaurant space that opened near Castaways this Summer. "We're concerned they keep trying to expand the footprint of concessions along the lakefront without public debate around that," Irizarry told the Chicago Tribune. According to Ellen Isaacson, president of the Lincoln Park Advisory Council, her group also was not informed about the boardwalk project or the Shore Club prior to the deal.

The CPD's proposed \$462 million budget for next year projects \$3.8 million in revenue from concessions at North Avenue beach. According to CPD records

City cuts ribbon on lakefront trail separation

Last week Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Park District Supt. Michael P. Kelly celebrated the completed section of the lakefront trail separation project from Fullerton to North Avenue. Chicago's entire 18-mile Lakefront Trail, which runs from Ardmore Ave. on the north to 71st Street on the south, will be separated for cyclists and pedestrians, and is expected to be complete in 2018.

Initial funding was provided by the City and completion of the project was only made possible by a major donation from financier Ken Griffin, Founder and C.E.O. of Citadel.

Castaway paid \$291,464 in rent this year.

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