

Condo deconversion getting pushback from residents at 2 E. Oak St.

The ongoing trend to deconvert large condo buildings into apartments buildings continue to prove controversial with some properties.

A lawsuit brought forward by condo owners at 2 E. Oak St. is just the most recent effort that has found its way into court. Some of the unit-owners of the 38-story tower are now asking a judge to halt a planned sale.

A complaint was filed in Cook County Circuit Court on Dec. 24 by five owners in the building against the condo association, its condo board and the building's management firm. According to Ryan Ori of the Chicago Tribune, ESG Kullen of New York, the firm that has agreed to buy the tower, is not named as a defendant.

The condo owners claim there were improprieties in the voting process to sell the building and misuse of building reserve funds, among other allegations.

In addition to halting the sale, they seek balloting records from the vote to sell, legal costs and other expenses.

The ESG Kullen firm offered \$92 million for the bulk sale. If successful, this would be the second-highest price paid for a Chicago deconversion project. ESG Kullen paid \$107 million last December to buy the 391-unit tower at 1400 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Condominium deconversion involves a bulk sale of all units in a condominium building which are sold in one transaction to a real estate investor who will then turn the property into apartments. This sale type has become prevalent in the Chicagoland area in recent years.

The task was made more difficult in Sept. 2019 when City Hall changed the law to require that 85%

Why are deconversions so popular?

Deconversions happen in small buildings, big buildings, hot neighborhoods, and not-so-hot neighborhoods, and just about every North Side neighborhood has had one in the last year. The one common thread is that the buildings are almost always vintage or mid-century buildings since newer construction condominiums typically hold their values enough that they are too expensive to turn into apartments. Investors are drawn to deconversions for a few important reasons:

- Buildings that were converted before the mid-2000s tend to have dated unit finishes and amenity spaces, making them great value-add opportunities.
- Buildings that were converted just before the crash tend to have less value-add opportunity, but are a source of inventory that did not exist prior.

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- rather than than the previous 75% threshold - of the owners agree to sell out.

The shifting balance between apartment values and condo values dictate the frequency of deconversions, but the appreciation potential for the majority of low-priced condominiums in today's market is very limited, say some real estate experts. Additionally, some condominium properties fall so far behind on their maintenance that a deconversion becomes the only viable exit option for current owners.



A crowded Chicago Riverwalk in front of Tiny Tapp.

City made \$16.5 million last year off Riverwalk concessions

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

It's a lot of beer, wine, and gelato. Mayor Lori Lightfoot says the Chicago Riverwalk in 2019 generated for the city more than \$16.5 million in concession revenue. That is \$2.2 million more than in 2018, according to the mayor.

"The Chicago Riverwalk is an architectural gem that puts our city's second waterfront on display for the world and connects residents and visitors alike through open spaces, locally inspired businesses, public artwork,

and much more," said Mayor Lightfoot. "As we saw in the 2019 season, the Riverwalk continues to draw more people from... our neighborhoods and... from around the world. We look forward to setting many more records in the years to come, as Chicago continues to be a top destination for work and travel."

The city estimates more than 750,000 people visited Riverwalk concessions last year and during the peak of the Riverwalk season, nearly 500 people were employed there.

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Are North Siders fleeing?

With voters set to decide on progressive income tax, Illinois wealth flight among worst in the nation

BY ORPHE DIVOUNGUY
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Have moving vans appeared on your Lincoln Park or Gold Coast block?

While recently released data from the U.S. Census Bureau revealed Illinois was home to the nation's worst loss of residents to other states over the decade, new IRS data shows those leaving the state are taking billions of dollars with them.

For tax year 2018, that amounted to a net loss of up to \$5.6 billion in adjusted gross income to other states, with each person leaving earning on average \$18,000 more per tax return than those who moved into Illinois.

The new data also shows Gov. J.B. Pritzker's biggest policy priority of 2020 - a \$3.4 billion progressive income tax hike that

voters will approve or deny in November - would increase taxes on the Illinoisans already most likely to exit the state, leaving middle-class residents to pick up the tab.

High-income earners leaving Illinois the fastest

The IRS data reveals who is making up the bulk of the exodus from Illinois, and some of them are your North Side neighbors. Of the 2018 income tax returns that Illinois lost on net, 24,834 (58%) of them were prime working-age Illinoisans between 26-54, as has been the case for the entire decade.

IRS data also shows that while Illinois is losing residents of all income brackets to other states, the Illinoisans departing at the fastest rate are higher income earners.

In fact, Illinois is losing people earning more than \$200,000 a year at nearly twice the rate of average-income residents.

The only state to see a higher share of residents making more than \$200,000 leave in tax year

2018 was New York. Gov. Andrew Cuomo put it this way: "Tax the rich! Tax the rich! Tax the rich! We did. Now, God forbid, the rich leave."

These numbers become even more stark when you compare the size of the flows in and out of the

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state by income group. The data reveals Illinois is losing more than twice as many wealthy residents as the state is attracting. In fact, the higher the income level, the larger the gap between Illinoisans who leave and those who come in.

This may explain why many local realtors say that the high end of the Chicago housing market - at \$500,000 and above - has flat-

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Cannabis still the talk of the town, Story on page 5

Upcoming traffic troubles for 2020

Just when you thought it was safe to take the car out again, the bulldozers will be heading out onto area streets.

The Chicago Dept. of Water Management has announced plans for sewer construction on the Near North Side.

Fair warning, Rush St. is going to be tied up a lot this year.

The following water main re-

placements have been scheduled to occur in 2020.

- Rush St., from Ontario St. to Grand Ave.
- Rush St., from Oak St. to Chestnut St.
- Washington, from Desplaines to Clinton
- St. Clair, from Superior to Illinois

Navy Pier tie ups

The Navy Pier Flyover construction has entered its third and final phase. In total, it has been one of the most delayed construction projects in the city's history.

In this phase, crews are rehabilitating the movable bridge over the Chicago River to accommodate the widened Lakefront Trail Path, which will create detours

and traffic delays.

Now through Feb. work crews will close the two center, southbound lanes on Lower Lake Shore Dr. over the Chicago River. Southbound motorists will use the new, western-most lanes and will retain access to Lower Lake Shore Dr. and Lower Wacker Dr.



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Jane's more modern than we thought



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

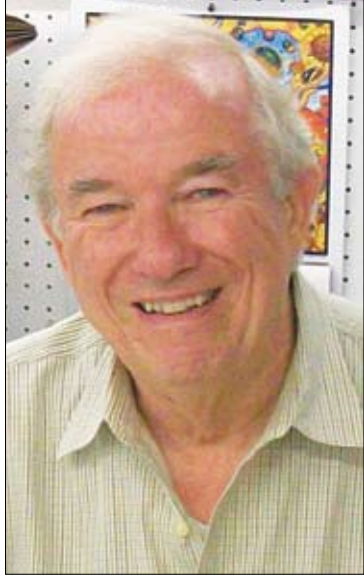
Don't tell me. You've reformed.
Something about the New Year.
And the moon. And the future.
You swear. You're serious.
Me too.
I'm going for an aggressive weight loss regimen.
I also want to enter the world of holistic medicine.
I want the prescription for serious cannabis oil to suck joint pain and foot pain out of my body.
And I have not had a drink since December 27. I'm taking it a day at a time and will refrain, with all my heart, from the extra calories wine gives.
Hopefully this will help me make heart progress. I want to survive. There's next Christmas to plan and think about at Roundwood House.
Even just being off the vino has altered my routines. Night times are more peaceful. I sleep to 9 a.m. I have more energy. If I didn't know better, I'd say this

sounds like the plot of a Jane Austen novel. The one where we live in Notting Hill. Now, that's fiction. Uptown gonna funk you up!
Austen's works are notorious for their excruciating attachment to detail. Every last, thick, creamy drop. Like spilling a cup of morning cocoa in your bed. Or the attempt to collect all your crumpet crumbs off your afternoon tea plate.
A recent burst of cine-magic has produced, over the past decade, a library of devoted films based on Austen's works, or elements of cultural clues she left strewn in ink.
Uptown gonna funk you up.
And even films about people who dare to read her works in the enchantment of book clubs. Austen has become box office delight. Always cloaked in the knowledge that she, herself, will never marry, she will thrive and become her own Dolly Levy, bringing others together with more success than Jew Date.
Netflix now reveals to us that the very literary Mrs. Austen (never married but used title) is actually more like a patron saint in the cultural world of Britain. First and foremost the author of nine of Britain's greatest novels. From her shining star in the galaxy of George III's English shires, Miss Austen is working overtime attempting to fertilize the British imagination and widen



Jane Austen (1775-1817).

the portals of its creative endeavors. In the process, ironically, she does become a cultural midwife, giving assistance to the rebirth of her simple, but exhaustive age of heart-warming fiction.
We all need this.
I've never been one for jigsaw puzzles. The background so vast, the details so complex. The pieces all looking the same.
Until Jane Austen. She is a colossal jigsaw and must be studied until your heart breaks. Then, feel free to roam around the cabin.
She's all sacrifice and scent at her post. What an example of tough love. She'll never give up her independence. Ever. Her liberty as an independent woman. In "Becoming Jane," she won't do it for Tom Lefroy. Not for Mr. Wisley. In "Mansfield Park," she stands back, appalled at the thought of less personal freedom. But always recognizes how much she owes to her singular parents who unleashed such honor and tribal liberty on her.
With cards dealt like that, matrimony is second prize. Maybe she's more modern than we thought.
Women excelled, then, at the zombie-slave expectations, from the excess of childbearing and home making to forced political loyalties placed on them by the 19th century in Metro-London, England's colonies, Britain's leafy shires like Hampshire, and France's revolutionary wracked streets. From childbearing and rule abiding, to the social standards set by enormous class differences. But through it all Jane Austen and her literary brain filled with imagination and dangerous ideas like equality, education, loyalty to others and good penmanship.
She is appealing and remains a woman to reach up to. Seeing beyond the shabby limits and social stigmas the world places on women. And silly men. And the very tiniest detail of everyday life in families and houses across the geographical face of life. Where novel after novel, there seems to be no place for honest, truthful, elegant Jane Austen in the affections of a man.
Austen reaches the very pinnacle of celebrity. In most books, she is a cultural reflection where her presence assumes the role of a mirror giving back to the world perfect pictures of the half-wit and thick-neck. In other words "men." Fellow country folk more at home on horseback. Their Portland Stone country manses may be filled with elegance and

charm, but yet empty of reasoned and intelligent men capable of seeing that literary women hold the key to modernity. The secret of 19th century life.
Austen always appears twilled and knitted into the chilly country life of rural England. Shawls, large cups of tea and woolen jumpers all reason the chill from the air. She is filled with sincerity, like a comfortable boot or a toasty hunting jacket capable of staying a morning's chill or a crispy, warm crumpet dripping with melted butter.
And Austen lets us in on a little secret. None of those who get their man or hold their tongue out of respect for a woman of learning do so because of the division between who is warm and who is chilled.
Austen's glamour and elegance of measured cadence amasses a formidable strength for her and leaves men shivering in their boots, with no more than a chop in their greasy fingers. Miss Austen knows all her dance steps. The latest twills and dips. But it is the reasoned display of her analytical wit that she shows off like armor on a Shakespeare king. Betrayed, abandoned, rejected, deceived, cheated-on, passed-over, and tossed to the side, women of Austen's ilk turn their sorrows on their persecutors and tormentors. Warm, like table toast and with the cold grace of reason and intelligence. Shattering their fullest picture of themselves. Austen becomes a moment's confrontation with the whole self. The full person. The body and soul from head to toe. Naptown funk.

Daniel O'Donnell
IRISH BIRTHDAY: Lincoln Park's **Daniel O'Donnell**, his family, **Ald. Tom Tunney** and friends celebrated his 80th last Saturday at Ann Sather restaurant, 909 W. Belmont. Dan's been the savior to tens of thousands of visiting Irish students arriving in Chicago each Summer on the K-1 VISA program. He's helped so many youths that he could run for President of Ireland with a good chance of winning.
LEADERSHIP TRANSITION: Service Club announces that **Tracey Tarantino di Buono** is leaving her post at Service Club, and writer **Sherrill Bodine** will assume the presidency for one year fulfilling partially the role her dear friend **Lynda Silverman** was to assume as new

president. We love Sherrill, and I know our readers do. Tracey has been a remarkable leader and has helped transform the Service Club by her willingness to embrace all tasks.
PNEUMONIA: Sadly, former Chicago newsy (NBC) **Mary Laney** has been struck down with pneumonia and has been in Northwestern Hospital, Evanston. She's getting better. Not easy. It's really easy to get and hard to shake. Avoid the damp. Stay warm.
BEYOND A CENTURY: **Marian McCready**, mother of well-respected sociologist, **Bill McCready**, just turned 104 years old. For most of her life Marian was the wife of the Southside's famed "**Doc McCready**," who delivered, it seems, most of that population at Little Company of Mary Hospital. I remember Marian in her younger days, vibrant, chic and elegant. She still is. Always a doctor's wife.
ARTISTS: Old Town's most creative will be at Leslie Wolfe, 1763 N. North Park Ave., now through Feb. 7. Artists include **Norman Baugher**, **Shel Beugen**, **Sandy Bredine**, **Darlene Crampton Fahrenkrog**, **Reven Fellers**, **Hjordis Barr Garner** and **Bekken Geiner**, **Danielle Klinenberg**, **Sherwood Snyder**, and **Sandra Holubow**. Works by the late **Leslie Wolfe** will also be featured.
ARTIST IN HIS OWN WORDS: Old Town artist **Norman Baugher** doesn't just paint for the eye. He takes you inside the Old Town heart, mind and soul of his subjects. For this latest Old Town exhibition he chose

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Recycling [aka, re-gifting] your unwanted holiday gifts

In 2002, then Gold Coast resident Jennifer Molski started Leave it for Love, a unique and innovative recycling, reusing, re-gifting program that currently distributes unwanted or unneeded gifts to isolated, low income seniors at the organization Little Brothers -Friends of the Elderly, 355 N. Ashland Ave.



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

Since then, Molski has put her heart and soul into working with various communities to establish drop off locations, with the one in the city being at Little Brothers. For those of you who will never wear the

Ugly Christmas sweater from Aunt Betty that is not only two sizes too small but also has a llama on it singing, "Falalala llama," or the neon, knock-your-eyeballs-out chartreuse hand-knitted scarf from Grandma Irene, please, send them on over.

They will be well-used and hopefully, well-loved.

"The unique items which are donated are items our seniors enjoy and need," said Sherri Gorski, assistant director of development at Little Brothers. "Some are quite practical while others only catch the eye of some." Besides being used as holiday gifts, the grateful elders have many other opportunities to select items, for occasions such as BINGO prizes and/or during the weekly Coffee Club on Thursday morning, said Gorski.

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly, Chicago Chapter (LBFE) is part of a national network of non-profit, volunteer-based organizations committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly. It is a nonsectarian organization that receives no government backing and is funded by donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.

In 2020, LBFE will support 1,200 Chicago men and women living without family and friends or meaningful connections. They are all 70 or older, with an average age of 83, and from diverse backgrounds. Without LBFE, the elders would have very little personal contact.

The LBFE motto: flowers before bread, expresses its philosophy that people need joy, beauty and friendship as much as life's basic necessities. All programs and activities focus on friendship and are free-of-charge.

LBFE's Elder Holiday Gift Program is so important, said Gorski. With the help of caring donors, it provides more than 1,000 elders with personalized gifts, requested



(Left) Jennifer Molski, founder of Leave it for Love. (right) A grateful LBFE elder receives a holiday gift from Leave it for Love.



by seniors and selected by donors. Elders ask for a variety of things in the \$25 to \$50 price range—a good book, a cozy pair of slippers, bright yarn for craft projects.

"The re-gifted items received through Leave It for Love program are included in the elders' holiday gift making our elders feel special, cheerful, and included in the holiday festivities," said Gorski. "Often, a present from Little Brothers is the only holiday gift an elder will get."

In a season focused on friends and family, it's so important to reach out to isolated seniors and give them a reason to celebrate, said Gorski. Donated gifts enable LBFE to keep expenses low and focus monetary donations toward programs and activities that engage elders, she said.

So, rather than keeping your unwanted presents to sit and gather dust, just think of what your donation could do for someone who might really need that funky llama sweater or extremely-bright, chartreuse scarf just to keep warm this winter.

Leave it for Love accepts all sorts of items and below, founder Jennifer Molski shares her thoughts as she starts her 17th year of the program. We thank her for once again brightening the lives of our city's elderly folks.

Q. What made you decide to start Leave it for Love?

A: I was living in my tiny studio apartment at Ritchie Court and found myself with lots of nice things that weren't being put to good use. They were in my storage unit or hidden away in drawers and closets, adding clutter and collecting dust. I felt guilty and knew there had to be a better way. I thought to myself that someone might really need a warm scarf, a pair of mittens or heavy socks to keep warm. Ritchie Court Cleaners (1313 N. Ritchie Ct. on the Gold Coast) was our very first drop off location.

Q. What sort of items can people donate?

A. Gifts, trinkets, tchotchkes, personal care items, home and holiday décor, jewelry and accessories. Think hostess gifts and teacher gifts. We rarely turn anything down and if we receive something that can't be used we'll donate it to another organization like the Chicago Furniture Bank. The only items not accepted are books and used clothing, due to space limitations.

Q. At Little Brothers, who receives the items? Why did you choose them to be one of your recipients?

A. In my younger days, when I was a social worker at the Counseling Center of Lakeview, I witnessed the amazing work LBFE was doing. Their mission is to provide supportive services to senior citizens who are low income and aging alone. I've always had a fondness and deep respect for older adults. The gifts are given to the seniors throughout the year as a little dose of sunshine and a reminder that they are loved. A few years ago one of the seniors received a tube of lipstick as a gift. She applied it and soon had a huge smile on her face as it made her feel so good.

Q. You've been doing this a long time now. How gratifying is it for you?

A. What I love most about it is the simplicity of it. Such an easy way to make a big difference that requires no money or time. Leave it for Love is a vehicle to circulate good energy and add positivity to the world.

Q. What are your hopes for the future of Leave it for Love?

A. To keep "re-gifting for good," by encouraging more people to give and establishing more partnerships.

Q. You're no longer living on the Gold Coast nor are your family. Yet you say it still, "holds so many wonderful memories for all of us." Tell us more.

A. We get back there as often as we can. I still get my haircut at Joseph Michaels Salon at Ritchie Court and stop in to see Chicago's Greatest Doorman, Anthony Pulliam, at 1300 N. Lake Shore Dr. (he sang at our wedding). Mario's is one of our favorite restaurants in the city.

Q. Why is this so important to you?

A. Leave it for Love is good for the environment as we are reducing over-consumption, easy on the pocketbook as no money is required, and great for the human spirit as both the donor and the gift recipient feel good. A real win-win!

A beautiful night in the neighborhood... was the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents' (SOAR) 2020 Kick-Off Party on Jan. 8 at Robert's Pizzeria and Dough Company, 465 N. McClurg Ct.

"We want to make you feel like you're in a neighborhood restaurant," said owner Robert Garvey said as he spoke to the crowd. SOAR President Debby Gershbein also addressed attendees.

Indeed, that's how SOAR members and their guests felt -- completely at home, as well as fully-satisfied as they munched on the restaurant's artisan thin crust pizzas,

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A North Side awakening

Low rates finally spark home-sales

Chicago's existing home market in four North Side lakefront neighborhoods suddenly awoke in December after a year-long snooze.

Baird & Warner's "January 2020 Market Analysis for Chicago's North Side" reported a whopping 41.9% increase in used home sales on the Near North Side, Lincoln Park, Lakeview and North Center—



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

after a 25 consecutive-month streak of decreases.

Housing analysts noted that affordable home-loan rates likely were the spark that final got the market ignited. On Nov. 7, 2019, benchmark 30-year-fixed mortgages averaged 3.69%, down from 3.78% in late Oct. 2019, reported Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey. A year ago, rates averaged 4.94%.

Rates have stayed low throughout November and December, fueling the year-end market boom.

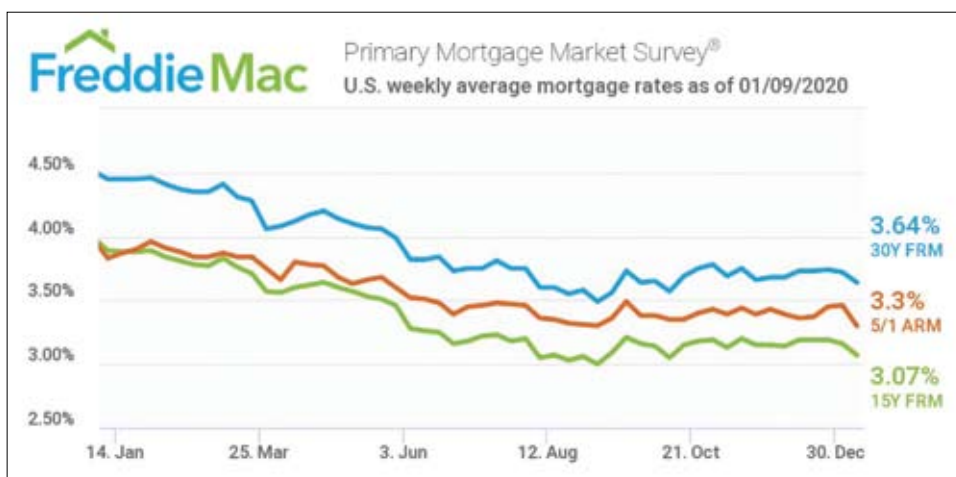
On Jan. 9, 2020, Freddie Mac reported that lenders were quoting an average of 3.64% on 30-year-fixed loans. A year ago, the 30-year-fixed loan average was 4.45%.

"Mortgage rates fell to the lowest level in 13 weeks, as investors sought the quality and safety of the U.S. Treasury fixed income markets," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "The drop in mortgage rates, combined with the strong labor market, should propel a continued rise in home-buyer demand in 2020."

"The results of one month do not represent a trend," said veteran Baird & Warner broker John Irwin, who prepared the market analysis. "However, the December home sales increases came as a big surprise, leading many to pause or revise their 2020 North Side real estate forecasts and projections."

Most of the home sales that closed in December went under contract in November, Irwin noted.

Here are the highlights of Baird & Warner's market analysis,



the December home sales increases came as a big surprise, leading many to pause or revise their 2020 North Side real estate forecasts and projections," said John Irwin.

which the firm compiled directly from the Chicago Multiple Listing Service:

- Home sales. While residential sales were down 6.4% in all of 2019, December transactions on the Near North Side posted a whopping 59.8% gain, compared with the same month last year. Transactions spiked 52.2% in Lakeview, followed by a 34.2% increase in Lincoln Park, and a 17.9% gain in North Center.

- Median prices. While North Side 2019 median existing home prices showed a slight 1.1% decrease compared with 2018, in Dec. 2019 prices rose 1.5% over Dec. 2018—a bright spot in the

analysis.

For the year, North Center posted a 3.4% median price gain, followed by Lincoln Park with 1.7%. Median prices in 2019 declined 3% on the Near North Side, and slipped 4.1% in Lakeview. (The median is a typical market price where half the homes sold for more and half sold for less.)

"With all of the changes that we have seen in the market in 2019, North Side median prices remain generally healthy," Irwin noted.

- Listing inventory. In 2019, inventory levels rose 9% over 2018. Due to the increase in December sales, inventory levels for the month dropped 3.9% for the first

decline in two years.

This also helped slow the 15.5% rise in 2019 listing inventory (also known as Months Of Supply Of Inventory). A shortage of listings has taken its toll on the market this year, analysts say. December inventory dropped 2.6% to 3.7 months of supply.

"Inventory levels have been and will continue to be one of the most important indicators for real estate health in 2020," Irwin said.

- Market time. Despite the positive December numbers market times continue to increase. December saw an 8.7% rise in market time which was significantly higher than 3.4% for all of 2019.

For more information on Baird & Warner's January 2020 Market Analysis for Chicago's North Side, contact John Irwin via email: john@johnirwinchicago.com, or call 773-294-8664.

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Judge tells Cook County to prove it lost tax money in dispute with Bank of America over 'discriminatory lending'

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

A federal judge says Cook County will need to do more to show why Bank of America should be made to pay the county for lost tax revenue amid the foreclosure crisis, when the county didn't actually lose any tax money, despite the bank's alleged discriminatory home mortgage lending practices.

On Nov. 19, U.S. District Judge Elaine E. Bucklo ordered Cook County to file a brief answering

precisely how the county can demand Bank of America pay the county damages for "tax-related losses," when the county's tax revenues never declined.

The directive comes after Cook County asked Judge Bucklo to reconsider a decision from March 2018, in which Bucklo limited the county's ability to press its payment demands against Bank of America for the alleged misconduct.

In its motion for reconsideration, the county had pointed a recent decision from the U.S.

11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta in a similar case brought against Bank of America and others by the city of Miami, FL, also over alleged discriminatory lending practices.

In that decision, the federal appeals court ruled a Florida federal judge had improperly dismissed Miami's claims against Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

But Judge Bucklo said Cook County's case didn't align neatly with Miami's.

"Unlike the City of Miami ... the County does not allege that its tax revenues, i.e., the taxes it has actually collected over the relevant time period, have declined as a result of defendants' Fair Housing Act violations," the judge wrote. "Indeed, defendants have argued—both in their motion and in subsequent proceedings—that without such losses, the County has suffered no compensable tax injury."

Cook County and Bank of

America have sparred in court since 2014, when the county sued the Charlotte, N.C.-based lender and its subsidiaries, Countrywide and Merrill Lynch, for allegedly violating the federal FHA law. The lawsuit accused Bank of America of making home loans to minorities with rates and terms allegedly more burdensome than loans offered to whites with similar financial history.

The lawsuit was one of several launched by Cook County in the wake of the foreclosure crisis that engulfed the nation amid the Great Recession. Other lenders sued by the county include Wells Fargo and HSBC. Lawsuits against those lenders also remain pending in federal court.

The lawsuits all asserted the banks' practices amounted to so-called reverse redlining and helped fuel the foreclosure wave, as the loans allegedly "strip equity from minority homeowners," and then, in turn, left vacant homes

scattered throughout the county. That further depressed home values and cost local governments, including the county, potentially billions of dollars in lost property tax revenue, while jacking up county costs to pay for services related to the foreclosures and vacant properties.

The bank, however, asked the judge to dismiss the case, saying the county has yet to prove it actually lost money from the foreclosures.

In March 2018, Judge Bucklo refused to completely dismiss the action, but limited the county's ability to collect in the case, only to expenses the county may have incurred.

However, in the months since, similar cases have advanced in the courts. Most recently, the 11th Circuit court handed a loss to the lenders, with their decision in the City of Miami case.

Cook County asserted that decision should allow the county to argue its claims for lost tax revenues should be revived.

But Judge Bucklo remained unsure, ordering the county to demonstrate how its situation is comparable to Miami, where the city showed a loss of actual revenue.

The judge noted in the county's action against Wells Fargo, that lender had also noted the county's tax revenues from 2003-2018 had "remained stable at approximately \$720.4 million per year," because the county continued to levy the same tax request every year, even though home values throughout the county had alleg-

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Cannabis is the talk of the town

Sen. Steans:
'There's still a ways to go before getting it right'

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PATRICK BUTLER

While Illinois officially became the 11th state to legalize recreational marijuana/cannabis on New Year's Day, there's still a lot of work to be done before everyone gets it right, a panel of experts including State Sen. Heather Steans [7th] told a Jan. 11 community forum at the Davis Theater, 4614 N. Lincoln Ave.

Joining Steans were Erica Lindsay, a professor teaching "Cannabis and the Law" at Oakton Community College; Alysia Tate, Cabrini Green Legal Aid; Byron Zises, co-owner of Dispensary 33; Katlyn Johnson, a lawyer and pharmacist; and Wilnise Jasmin, a Public Health Dept. worker.

Under the new law, Steans explained, Illinois residents 21 or older can legally possess 30 grams of marijuana flower; 2.5 grams of marijuana concentrate and 250 milligrams of THC in a "cannabis-infused" product like brownies. Non-residents can obtain and use half that amount.

Sen. Steans said it's legal to

smoke in one's own home or in a cannabis-related business, but prohibited in any public place like a park or on the street; in any motor vehicle; on school grounds (unless they're medical users), near anyone under 21; or near any on-duty school bus driver, police officer, fireman or corrections officer.

And any business or landlord can bar the use of marijuana on private property or colleges and universities.

But despite the "legalization" of pot, "there's still a way to go before getting it right," Steans said.

In fact, it will probably be several years before everything gets worked out, said Tate, who along with Zises noted that because non-medical cannabis is still forbidden under federal law, immigrants in particular who use pot should for the moment at least steer clear of Uncle Sam.

"The FBI would still be able to get at your records," Lindsay said. Indeed, the paperwork associated with purchasing pot is in many ways a written and digital confes-



North Side State Sen. Heather Steans speaks at the cannabis forum.



Byron Zises, co-owner of Dispensary 33 in Andersonville.



Alysia Tate of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid office.

"For one thing, the quality is better. You're not going to get sick" like you often can get dealing with street corner vendors, Byron Zises warned.

sion to a federal crime.

And employers will still have the right to fire you if you don't have a medical card authorizing you to use cannabis.

Zises said repeal of the Illinois state laws against marijuana use will ultimately have a positive impact in neighbor-

hoods where cannabis sales have until now been controlled by the "black and gray markets" which he admits still hold "the lion's share of the marijuana market

in many low-income neighborhoods.

That the high taxes charged today on legal weed are not added to the cost of illegal weed builds in a significant market advantage to the corner drug dealer.

"But I think that's going to change," predicted Zises.

"For one thing, the quality is better. You're not going to get sick" like you often can get dealing with street corner vendors, Zises warned.

On the other hand, the price of legal cannabis is likely to be higher than the street variety for the foreseeable future, Zises conceded.

Despite all that, Steans said she still doesn't regret her role in helping to make cannabis legal

in Illinois.

"Prohibition hasn't worked. It's disproportionately harmful to some communities. We must make sure people from those communities are able to use these new opportunities" to sell legally-produced pot in their own neighborhoods, she said.

She said cannabis shouldn't be considered a "gateway" drug.

"It's a lot less addictive than tobacco. That was a concern of mine before I supported the bill. Tobacco use is going down (among teens)."

At the same time, not everyone will find life smooth sailing, said Johnson, noting that getting a minor cannabis offense record

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Police to boost patrols at CTA's Belmont stop

Growing CTA crime focus of community meeting; Train incidents up 104% in five years

BY CWBCHICAGO

Lakeview residents raised concerns about rising crime on the CTA with Chicago police and transit officials during a Jan. 8 meeting at the 19th District (Town Hall) police station, 850 W. Addison.

Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] arranged for representatives from the CTA and the police department's transit unit to attend the meeting at the request of local residents.

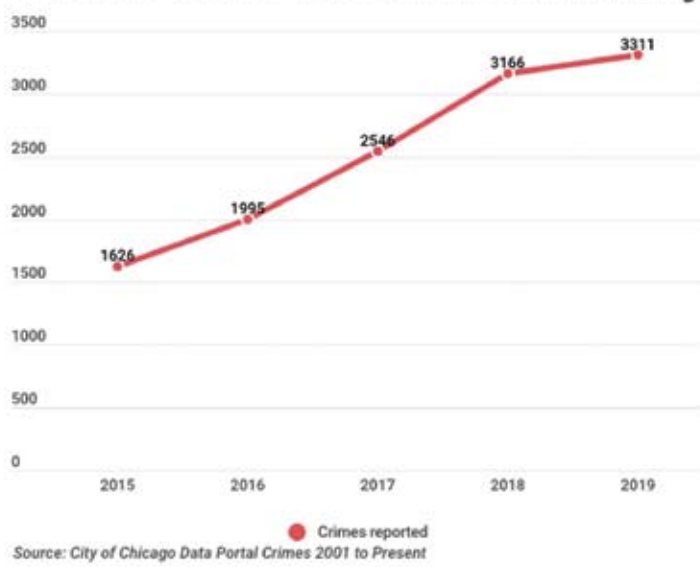
The get-together was held as just-released data from the city shows crime on CTA trains and platforms is up 104% since 2015 with last year showing a 5% increase. The increases are particularly troubling as the CTA has reported decreasing ridership in recent years.

As a result, the city has agreed to increased Police patrols at the Belmont CTA station, where much of the worst of the criminal activity is happening.

CTA riders may see an additional 10 to 15 police and transit officers stationed on the trains and buses, after the department claim that they added over 40 officers to the Public Transportation unit this past summer.

It's "time to demand a 'true' mass-transit detail akin to what NYC and NYPD have done," said

Crimes Reported on CTA Trains and Platforms Annually



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the meeting organizers in their online posting. The Lakeview meeting came in the wake of a series of high-profile crimes on the city's train system.

"I've come away from some of them feeling very disillusioned," one woman wrote in an online group. "The last one I went, it was very short and it seemed as though the panel just could not wait to get the crime stats [review] done so they could exit. Hoping this meeting will be very different. They need to feel the anger and concern in our lovely community about this!"

"I for one care passionately

about this," the woman continued. "I'm a huge fan of public transportation. I want to be able to use it without being in fear of being the victim of violence."

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edly declined.

Under Illinois' property tax system, homeowners' property tax bills can increase, even when their property values decline, if a government body, like Cook County, doesn't decrease its tax levy – or the total amount of property taxes demanded annually – at the same time.

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Metra construction to close down streets

Street closures will continue due to the ongoing Metra bridge work and station construction.

Full street closures are anticipated as follows:

- Leland Ave. at Ravenswood now through Jan. 24 for bridge steel erection
- Wilson Ave. at Ravenswood Jan. 27-Feb. 7 for bridge steel erection
- Lawrence Ave. will be down to a single-lane through Jan. 17 for bridge steel detailing
- Leland Ave. will be down to a single-lane Jan. 27-31 for bridge steel detailing

There will also be permanent staging in the 4601 block of Ravenswood (east side of Metra tracks) and there will be construction staging areas intermittently between Foster and Grace for bridge work throughout January.

CTA service disruptions in Edgewater

Starting this weekend there will be consecutive weekend-long closures of the CTA stations at Bryn Mawr, Thorndale, and Granville. These closures will run Friday 10 p.m. through Monday 4 a.m. each weekend.

The CTA expects this will last at least six consecutive weekends.

During station closures, the CTA will operate a bus shuttle on Broadway making regular stops at Bryn Mawr, Thorndale, and Granville.

These station closures are due to work on the track and embankment for the Red Purple Modernization project. Crews will be working on the northbound and southbound Red Line tracks and trains will be traveling on the Purple Line tracks between Berwyn and Loyola, so passengers will not be able to access platforms between.

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You have a refund coming from ComEd

State seeks accelerated ratepayer refund from electric utilities to repay \$543 million

BY PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

Does ComEd own you money for a change?

Two of the state's largest electric utilities owe their customers a combined \$543 million in refunds, according to state regulators, but there is sharp disagreement over how much time the companies should have to pay it back.

At issue for Ameren Illinois and Commonwealth Edison is money they collected from their customers to pay future tax bills before the federal tax cuts President Trump pushed through took effect in 2018. Those tax cuts lowered those anticipated rates.

When the corporate tax rate was slashed from 35% to 21%, both companies found themselves holding onto large surpluses, known as "excess deferred income taxes," or EDIT.

For ComEd, which serves 4 million customers in Chicago and northern Illinois, the excess amounted to \$385 million.

In a pair of rulings last year, the Illinois Commerce Commission, which regulates public utilities, said ComEd could pay off its EDIT over 38 years and Ameren could pay off its bill over 35 years. But on Jan. 6, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced he is asking the ICC to reconsider that decision and shorten the payout period to just five years.

"Consumers paid public utility rates to ComEd and Ameren reflecting the higher federal tax rate, and now that the federal tax rate has lowered, fairness dictates that consumers should get that money back," said Raoul. "Allowing an unreasonable refund period of close to 40 years nearly guarantees many customers will never get their fair share of the refunds."

The issue has to do with how utility rates are set and regulated.

ComEd acknowledged that the Trump tax cut reduces their cost of service, but they argued that the duty to return the excess deferred \$385 million in tax money they collected should be spread out over 40 years so that both current and future ratepayers will be treated evenly.

Essentially, companies are allowed to recover their cost of providing service and make a "reasonable" rate of return, or profit. The cost of service includes such things as the cost of building and operating power plants and transmission lines. It also includes the cost of taxes owed to various levels of government.

When a company builds a plant, it recovers that cost over the expected useful life of the plant, typically around 40 years.

In their cases before the ICC, ComEd acknowledged that the Trump tax cut reduces their cost of service, but they argued that the duty to return the excess deferred tax money they collected should be spread out over the life of their facilities so that both current and future ratepayers will be treated evenly.

But it also means customers will see a reduction in their bills of only a few pennies per month instead of a few dollars, according to Jim Chilsen, spokesman for the Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit entity established by the state to represent residential and small-business customers in utility rate cases.

In testimony before the ICC, both Raoul's office and CUB argued future customers are not entitled to the benefit of a refund because they aren't the ones who paid the higher-than-necessary rates. They also argued the longer payout period will mean that many customers who were charged higher rates prior to the change in tax law will never see their full refund.

CUB argued in favor of a seven-year payout schedule while Raoul's office argued for five years.

"We completely agree that it's only right that consumers get their money back over a more reasonable time period," said Chilsen. "Making customers wait decades to get their money means that a significant number of those customers won't be able to enjoy their full refund. That's not right, that's not fair."

He also noted that many other states have adopted 10-year payout schedules.

The ICC has not said whether it will grant the request for reconsideration.

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expunged can take as much as a year because of the backlogs in the courts responsible for erasing literally thousands of records.

And it could take several years before all the records are expunged, she added.

"Eventually, there will be financial benefits to the state of Illinois once the costs for the expungement process and other administrative expenses are paid off," Sen. Heather Steans said.

And left unspoken at this forum are the mental health costs to legalized pot use. Studies show that between 10-12% of the population suffers mental health issues tied to the regular use of marijuana.

But eventually, there will be financial benefits to the state of Illinois once the costs for the expungement process and other administrative expenses are paid off, Steans said.

She estimated that two per-

More weed shops coming

More people are lining up to get into the legal weed business.

But first the city's Zoning Board of Appeals would need to approve the new applications, and the marijuana stores would need licenses from the state.

The latest round of companies are applying for licenses to open stores on Weed St. near Clybourn Ave. shops, and in the River North neighborhood.

PharmaCann is seeking approval to open a location at 444 N. LaSalle St. They are now the fourth company to apply with the city to open a store in River North. Other applications have been submitted for 214-232 W. Ohio St.; 436 N. Clark St., and at 612 N. Wells St. Other applications were submitted for 807, 810 and 935 W. Randolph St.

Meanwhile in Lincoln Park, MedMen has applied for a permit at 1001 W. North Ave., adjacent to Lululemon's first-of-its-kind flagship store with meals and drinks. There are also rumors circulating in Lincoln Park that an application may soon be put forward at a site east of Sheffield on Wrightwood.

cent of that windfall would go for public education and safety campaigns; eight percent for law enforcement and training; 35% would go for the general revenue, with the remainder used for preventive substance abuse and mental health programs, as well as miscellaneous costs associated with passage of the cannabis legalization bill.

"We still have a way to go before getting everything right," Steans admitted.

Hawaiian Slack Key masters return to Old Town School

BY PETER VON BUOL

The snow, cold and ice that blew in last weekend of course means the mind turns to Hawaii.

George Kahumoku Jr., Ledward Ka'apana, and Kawika Kahiapo, three masters of Hawaiian music, will be returning Friday to perform at the Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.

Here's hoping they ditched the flip flops and brought some sturdy winter boots.

On the island of Maui, the three musicians frequently perform together at the Napili Kai Beach Resort's weekly Slack Key Show hosted by Kahumoku. In Chicago, the three will be performing at the Gary and Laura Maurer Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$26 for the general public and \$24 for Old Town School members.

Slack-key guitar, known as kīhō'alu in the Hawaiian language, uses guitar-tunings modified from standard guitar tunings. By either raising or lowering the tunings of the individual strings, slack-key guitarists achieve a sound recognizable as distinctly Hawaiian. The style originated during the 1830s among native Hawaiian cowboys (paniolo in Hawaiian). Until recently, many of these tunings were considered family secrets and were not shared with others.

The Hawaiians had been trained in cattle-ranching techniques by Spanish-speaking cowboys from Mexico (Vaqueros). The visitors, many of whom were skilled musicians, enjoyed performing for their Hawaiian hosts. Upon their departure after their two-year contract ended, many gave their guitars to their Hawaiian hosts.

According to Kahumoku, the Mexican vaqueros had played three types of guitars and had usually performed as a Mariachi trio. These trios consist of a four-string bass guitar (guitaron); a six-string rhythm guitar (guitara); and a 4-string tenor lead guitar.

"Hawaiians combined the sound of these three into one. They slackened or loosened the strings, picking bass, rhythm and lead all at once, and the art of slack key guitar was born. Families developed their own tunings and incorporated old Hawaiian-language chants into modern songs with melodies," Kahumoku said.

For decades, Kahumoku's ancestors were farmers and ranchers. As such, they were connected to the land and considered themselves to be stewards of the land.

"Songs were written for loved ones, hoaloha (dear friends) wahi pana (special places) and family events, such as weddings and baby parties. These songs are a reflection of 'aina aloha (love for the land) that has been a theme for my entire life," Kahumoku said.

In addition to his illustrious career in Hawaiian music, Kahumoku has also spent decades in education, both as an administrator and as a classroom instructor. While he is proud of his work in the classroom, he also appreciates



George Kahumoku Jr, Led Kaapana and Kawika Kahiapo will perform Friday, Jan. 17, 8:00 p.m. at Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.

the education he received from his parents, grandparents and ancestors.

(Apparently though, they forgot to teach him about not leaving Hawaii for Chicago during winter.)

"My father, George Kahumoku, Sr. quit school after eighth-grade and broke horses for McCandless Ranch in South Kona (on the Big Island of Hawaii). My great-grandfather, Willy Kahumoku, was instrumental in building the stone walls that contained the cattle [on the Big Island] from Kona, all the way to Waimea. My parents, grandparents, great grandparents all played Kih'olu guitar. I've been playing and performing slack key guitar farming, and ranching all of my life," Kahumoku said.

For Kahumoku, performing Hawaiian music is a way to share his knowledge with others in a meaningful way.

"I keep the pulse of the everyday music and spirit of Hawai'i tied to this sense of place from the mountains to the ocean and everything in between. My music contributes to the connection to our 'aina (land) and kai (ocean) through my experiences with

farming and fishing from my 'Ohana and lifestyle, which I continue through to today. When you listen to the three of us, on our Masters of Hawaiian Music tour, you get to experience and make a connection to the past, present and future of Hawaiian music," Kahumoku said.

slack-key music, Kahumoku emphasizes that each plays a style that is individually unique.

"Ledward Ka'apana brings a legacy of the past; of times gone by singing songs created by our Kupuna (elders). He plays Old-Time Hawaiian music," Kahumoku said.

"What makes Old Town so special for us is the aloha we get from the many people of Chicago who have a connection to our Hawaiian culture and music. People love Hawai'i and its sense of place. Many people who once lived in Hawai'i relive and revive that connection when they hear us perform live and listen to our music," Kahumoku said.

For most of the 20th century, slack-key guitar had been overshadowed by Hawaiian steel-guitar music. By the late 1960s, interest in traditional Hawaiian folk music was revived during a movement that became known as the Hawaiian Renaissance. Among those in the forefront in this revival was The Sons of Hawaii, a now legendary band which featured the late Gabby Pahinui on slack key guitar.

While all three play Hawaiian

er Nedward and Cousin Dennis Pavao, Ka'apana first achieved commercial and critical success in the 1970s while performing as Hui 'Ohana.

According to Kahumoku, Kahiapo (the youngest of the three performers) is someone who is not afraid to innovate.

"Kawika is always pushing the limits by creating new songs for future generations to learn and to sing. He is the future of Hawaiian music. He's already won song of the year and group of the year at the Hawaiian version of the Grammys, the Na Hoku Hanohano Awards," Kahumoku said.

Kahumoku has been coming to Chicago's Old Town School on an annual basis for quite a while, usually during the winter. He considers the venue a special stop on his tours.

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After every show, Kahumoku and his fellow performers eagerly meet their fans and sign autographs. For Kahumoku, it is an integral part of being a performing artist.

"It is our responsibility, our Kuleana, to maintain connections to this Honua (earth) and to each other and our resources. We are blessed and thankful that our Hawaiian music helps us to maintain these connections to people who love our music and love Hawai'i," Kahumoku said.

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Norman Baugher, "The Sentinel," among others will be on display at Leslie Wolfe, 1763 N. North Park Ave. in Old Town.



Myra Reilly with Margaret Wenzel and friends including Paula Borg, Cathy Bell Bartholomay, Susan Colletti, Katie O'Shaughnessy Wenzel and Mom, Pam Lombardi Wenzel.

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one piece from among his four separate series of paintings: "The Sentinel" from his Roomscape series; "In line and Impatient" from Ovation; "Before the Plow: Bison, Prairie, and Prairie Groves" from Bison and Other Species; and "Egyptian Deities, Nut & Geb" from Saints and Legends. For all of the pieces in this show, he used oil color applied thickly with palette knives on canvas. While Roomscapes is his current series, all are ongoing.

Baugher's paintings range from representative to pure abstraction. Regardless of where on the realistic/abstraction spectrum a work may fall, he uses abstract principles giving particular attention to color and composition. These elements are integrated with memories, observations, and imagination to create thoughtful, lucid, and coherent work. Whether realistic or abstract, painted roughly or smoothly, his paintings, thought provoking or whimsical, are always a pleasure to experience.

TIDBIT: Sauté one thinly sliced shallot into sizzling butter. Add two fists of sliced mushrooms. Lots of black pepper. Then 8 oz of beef broth. Then 8 oz of heavy cream. Cook for 5 minutes. Lower heat. Add three fistfuls of shredded cheddar. Also 6 oz pearl onions. Simmer 4 minutes. Spoon into baked potato.

GALA BIRTHDAY: The Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, was the scene of the **Margaret Wenzel** birthday lunch that Aunt **Myra Reilly** hosted for **Meg** and friends including **Paula Borg**, **Cathy Bell Bartholomay**, **Susan Colletti**, **Katie O'Shaughnessy Wenzel** and **Mom, Pam Lom-**



Nancy and Jim O'Shea.

bardi Wenzel. As always the cake knocked everyone's socks off.

PAX ET BONA: Tommy Carey died last week. He was a legend. I only knew Carey in a slight social Chicago Irish way. His son **Tommy Carey** once worked for me at City Hall. Father and son were beloved. I'm sure it was because they were so well-mannered, well-dressed and well-spoken. They were the Irish who gave as much as they received from Chicago. The **Carey Family** helped to make Chicago a racing capital in America. Wife, **Sue Carey** also helped to make it elegant and poised. Tommy was a classic. Gold with pigskin or horsehide. He had long illness. Now, God, give him peace, and goodness to his tribe.

CHICAGO THEATER WEEK: Tickets are now on sale for Chicago Theater Week which runs Feb. 13-23, and will be priced at \$30 or less. More than 100 productions are expected to participate. Buy tickets at ChicagoTheaterWeek.com.



Naimh King and Courtney Thompson.

TIDBIT: "An American in Paris," 1928 production of the beloved **George Gershwin** musical. Opening night celebration. Drury Lane, Oakbrook. Thursday, Feb. 6.



Shelley Howard with Jennifer Sutton Brieva and Joaquin C. Brieva.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Feb. 26. **WHO'S WHERE:** **Sean Es-haghy** in Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico... **Charles Verrill** working his fly rod in Zihuatanejo, Mexico... **Maestro Stanley Paul** visiting at the Annenberg Estate, Sunnylands, at Rancho Mirage, CA with **Mark DeMoss** guiding folk through... Honorary Mayor of Old Town **Shelley Howard** at chic and fabulous Marchesa with **Jennifer Sutton Brieva** and her better half, **Joaquin C. Brieva**, where they hosted a Golden Globe bash... **Ken** and **Dana Li-**



Maestro Stanley Paul and Mark DeMoss.

brot Dooley still lapping up the sea sun in CA... **Ikram** and **Josh Goldman** with the **Samurai Bros** in Four Seasons Resort at Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rico... **Nancy** and **Jim O'Shea** in sun-

ny Mexico... writer **Sherrill Bodine** early morning flights for Japan, first time there... **Niamh King** and **Courtney Thompson** lunching in Georgetown making spirits bright... **Sherry Lea Fox** lunching with the Greek goddesses **Toni Di Meola**, **Lorelei Knutson Beaucaire**, **Frances Renk**, **Kathy O'Malley Piccone**, **Nikki Friar**, **April Schwartz**, **Patricia Maxwell**, and **Whitney Reynolds** at "It's Greek 2 U Grill"... **Gordon Sinclair** situated comfortably in the mountains of San Miguel in Mexico, and now lovely **Cynthia Olson** has arrived on the premises at San Miguel and promises to add the right touch of 'mad dogs and Englishmen,' what great theatre that must be, it's been a British enclave for generations.

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO: It's the final month for viewing **Andy Warhol** — From A to B and Back Again. Follow-

ing the throngs of crowds, fans hungry to see the artist's work, the exhibition must sadly come to an end. There is still time to see Warhol's works, through Jan. 26, amid the splendor of its context. Open til 8 p.m. three nights per week. Illinois residents now receive free admission on Wednesday nights from 5 to 8 p.m.

TIDBIT: From Warner Bros backlot... **Edd "Kookie" Byrnes**, 86, has died, parking lot attendant at 77 Sunset Strip and the barometer of cool cat hairdos before the Beatles. Responsible for initial hair/libido tangles on screen.



Deputy Prosecutors, Sarah Gorecki Konieczny and Brody Shoffner, sworn in by Judge Stalbrink.

LA PORTE, IN LEGAL: Deputy Prosecutors, **Sarah Gorecki Konieczny** and **Brody Shoffner**, sworn in by **Judge Stalbrink** this past week. Bravo as they begin their careers of public service, having taken their oaths to uphold the laws of the State of Indiana, and the Indiana and United States Constitutions. Congratulations to both.

MANGE, MANGE: When friends, one boy and one girl, agreed to meet for dinner at a fancy lakefront Italian restaurant, while their spouses were out of town, they agreed no hanky-panky. But after way too much vino and a snooze at their table, did they awake, rolled off their seats and on to the floor. One needing to be revived with splashes of Pellegrino.

CHICAGO LIGHTS: The premiere black-tie fundraising gala will be held at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, 221 N. Columbus Dr., on Friday, March 6, with a cocktail hour starting at 5:30 p.m. and dinner, celebrations and entertainment led by **Ron Magers** lasting until 11:30 p.m. The annual celebration, co-chaired by **Andy McGaan** and **Dianne Blanco**, supports programs benefiting youth and adults living in under-resourced areas throughout Chicago.

The substitution of authenticity for solid thinking is not even an argument — it's an emotional appeal. — **Ben Shapiro**

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Judge: lower black enrollment caused teacher layoffs, not racism

BY DAN CHURNEY
Cook County Record

A federal judge has dismissed a teachers union class action against the Chicago Public Schools board, which alleged discrimination against blacks was behind teacher layoffs, instead finding color blind bureaucracy, not racism, determined who received pink slips.

Judge Jorge Alonso, of U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, threw out the suit Jan. 3, ending, for now, a nearly eight-year-long action by the Chicago Teachers Union.

The union sued the board in 2012, alleging the board sent layoff notices to 1,470 teachers and paraprofessionals in summer 2011, of whom 630 worked in predominantly African-American schools on the city's south and west sides. Those 630 employees were the members of the class action.

The board asked Judge Alonso to toss the discrimination suit for several reasons. Alonso agreed with enough to doom the case.

Alonso agreed with the board that enrollment at the schools in question was the controlling factor. He noted the number of black students declined 25% between 2001 and 2011, a reflection of a decrease in the overall black population in Chicago during those years.

"The layoffs were not the product of intentional discrimination; rather, they were the product of a regular bureaucratic pro-

cess by which the number of positions and amount of funding allocated to particular schools dropped when the schools' enrollment dropped, which triggered layoffs if the drop in positions and funding impelled individual principals to close positions to balance school budgets," Alonso wrote.

Alonso described the process as "essentially a mechanical, bureaucratic one that depended on fluctuations in enrollment and enrollment-based funding," with the decline in students providing a "legitimate business justification" for the layoff notices.

Alonso said he agreed with the school board there was nothing else the board could have done, short of layoffs. There were teacher and staff vacancies at other schools, but the union did not show the laid-off employees would have qualified for transfer to the open positions.

More importantly, Alonso noted the Illinois School Code gives principals the final say in filling vacancies at their schools.

"It is hard to see how a transfer alternative that complied with this law would differ significantly from the layoff practice the Board employed; under any transfer alternative, it seems the Board would be required at least to give the principals veto power, and some of the would-be transferees would end up left out," Alonso said.

The judge also said the board and union acknowledged in their Collective Bargaining Agreement that layoffs were possible under certain circumstances.



DANK hosting first-ever German-style Karneval

Looking to indulge in a delicious, multicultural "Fat Tuesday" bash? No one parties like Germans at Karneval, their version of Mardi Gras.

Those so inclined can don their craziest hat and come help DANK Haus celebrate its first ever Karneval with music, food, live entertainment and decadence to go around 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

DANK Haus, 4740 N. Western Ave., will blend Cajun flavors with the best of local German culture to bring this über-festive tradition to their historic 5th floor ballroom in Lincoln Square.

Thanks to a Creole and Bavarian-inspired tasting stations by Funkenhausen, a premier Ukrainian Village eatery, guests will wine, stein, dine with generous portions of Gemütlichkeit alongside locally brewed German craft beer from Dovetail

and spirits from Koval Distillery.

The Lakeside Pride Music Ensembles has created a completely unique zydeco-polka-jazz soundtrack for dancing the night away.

Traditionally meant to counteract the harsh medieval rules of the time, a European Karneval is an invitation to break the rules and poke fun at those who make them while indulging in every form of revelry. "A real German Karneval is the most celebratory way we could imagine to fill up our party room with as many new friends as possible in 2020," says DANK Executive Director Monica Jirak.

Early bird ticket prices are \$60/\$90 per couple. All proceeds from the event will support cultural programming at the DANK Haus. More information visit www.dankhaus.com.

Beethoven's 250th marked with line-up of composer's classics

In 2020, the musical world celebrates the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven, one of musical history's greatest creative geniuses. Marking this special occasion during its own milestone 30th anniversary season, Rembrandt Chamber Musicians [RCM] will devote an entire concert to the works of the revered composer 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 18 at The Cliff Dwellers Club in Chicago, 200 S. Michigan Ave.

The program will encompass three of Beethoven's masterworks. One is "Duet with Two Obligato Eyeglasses" ("Eyeglasses Duo") for viola and bass, the musical equivalent of an inventive conversation between two friends. Rembrandt also will present the String Trio No. 4 in D Major, op. 9, no. 2, known for its virtuosic violin pyrotechnics.

The evening will close with one of the pinnacle achievements in chamber music—the thrilling Piano Trio #7 in B-flat Major, op. 97 ("Archduke Trio"). Still regarded as the greatest of all works for piano, violin and cello, the Archduke is considered by many to be the most beautiful of all

Beethoven's piano trios.

RCM may be Chicago's premiere ensemble focusing on classical chamber music and adventurous new works. In the Beethoven 250 program, RCM fans will witness the musicianship of Rembrandt ensemble members Sandra and Robert Morgan, this year marking their 30th since founding the ensemble, and longtime ensemble members John Macfarlane, violin, Carol Cook, viola, and Calum Cook, cello.

For Beethoven 250, Rembrandt's core group of musicians will be joined by renowned pianist and Northwestern professor James Giles, and Ian Hallas, Assistant Principal Bassist of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestra.

Tickets for Beethoven 250 are \$38. Student tickets are \$10. For tickets or more information, visit www.rembrandtchambermusicians.org, call 872-395-1754 or contact info@rembrandtchambermusicians.org. Attendees are invited to join the musicians for a complimentary encore reception after the performance.

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meatballs and arancini, which are stuffed rice balls coated in bread crumbs and deep fried.

A longtime Streeterville resident, Garvey consumed a "slice a day" when he lived in his native New York City. Here in Chicago, he decided to recreate the pizzas he remembered, thinking, "It can't be hard." With his wife, he tried several hundred versions, tested with friends in his home. When wifey finally told Garvey to open a business, he opened close to home, now in his second Streeterville location, at the Ogden Slip.

Thanks to Garvey, who hosted the event and also distributed discount coupons for a next visit to all who came. They'll be back!



Streeterville Organization of Active Residents (SOAR) President Debby Gershbein, right, with Robert Garvey, owner of Robert's Pizzeria and Dough Company in Streeterville. Photo by Jeff Brown, All Events Photography



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Police Beat...

Cops make three arrests in Wrigleyville

Chicago police have recently arrested three people in connection with separate robberies around the Wrigleyville and Boystown neighborhoods. Two of the alleged offenders were arrested months after the reported robberies took place.

Police arrested Gary Myles, 21, on the 3600 block of N. Halsted around 6 p.m. Jan. 4 after he was recognized as the person who allegedly robbed a man inside the Center on Halsted shortly before Thanksgiving.

Prosecutors said Myles battered and robbed a 19-year-old man of his wallet inside the LGBTQ service center at 3656 N. Halsted around 8:30 p.m. Nov. 24. The victim later identified Myles in a photo array, police said, and officers arrested Myles when they saw him back in Boystown last weekend.



Gary Myles

Judge Mary Marubio set bail at \$3,000 and ordered Myles to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a \$300 deposit bond.

Another alleged Lakeview robber wound up in police custody last week after he returned to the area of his alleged crime.

Police arrested Joseph Anderson, 23, of Homewood on the 3500 block of N. Clark around 12:30 a.m. on New Year's Day after he was recognized as the person who allegedly robbed a man on the same block last summer.

Prosecutors say Anderson battered and robbed a man of a shopping bag that contained two baseball hats outside of Old Crow Smokehouse, 3506 N. Clark, at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 1.

The victim later identified Anderson in a photo line-up, police said.



Joseph Anderson

Judge David Navarro set bail for Anderson at \$6,000 and ordered him to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post the required \$600 deposit bond.

Workers at Wrigleyville Sports, 959 W. Addison, say they told Roderick Barnes, 45, to get out of their store on the afternoon of Dec. 28 because he had been banned for shoplifting.

Prosecutors say Barnes responded by raising his coat to expose a bulge in his waistband and yelling,



Roderick Barnes

"I don't give a f*ck! I have two loaded Glock ready!"

Three store employees fled into a back room as Barnes collected merchandise and fled to the nearby Addison Red Line CTA station, police said.

Officers who monitor the 19th

District's surveillance camera system spotted Barnes on the train platform and they were watching when he discarded stolen merchandise as police moved in.

Cops took Barnes into custody, earning him his 43rd arrest in the city since Dec. 2014.

Prosecutors charged him with three counts of aggravated robbery. Judge David Navarro then released him on a recognizance bond.

Streeterville targeted by muggers

A group of robbery offenders that has plagued a two-block stretch of Streeterville mugged two more women on Jan. 8. The crew is now responsible for attacking at least 10 victims in eight separate robberies since Dec. 24.

Police now believe the crew is using a different car to carry out the crimes.

At 7:44 p.m. Jan. 8, a 55-year-old woman told police that a man stepped out of a white sedan and robbed her of her purse as she walked on the 200 block of E. Delaware, according to CPD Officer Jessica Alvarez.

Another woman reported that the exact same thing happened to her ten minutes later as she walked nearby on the 200 block of E. Walton, Alvarez said. Chicago police saw the Kia speed away southbound on Lake Shore Dr. after the attack.

Both women said the offenders used a white sedan in the crimes. Police at the scene said the vehicle is a Kia, which bears a vanity license plate beginning with "BIT." The car was recently reported stolen in southwest suburban Lockport.

Earlier victims reported that the robbers used a white Jeep Grand Cherokee with tinted windows. That vehicle had been reported stolen in southwest suburban Homer Glen, according to a police source.

But the robbery team may have been motivated to change cars after Chicago police tried to pull the Jeep over three times in four hours on Sunday night.

Police said the offenders in the robberies are two to three black males in their early- to mid-20's who stand 5'6" to 5'10" tall and weigh 145 to 185 lbs.

The two robberies reported on Wednesday night are part of a crime pattern that includes at least six other cases:

One in the 900 block of N. Dewitt at 11:04 p.m. Dec. 24; the 200 block of E. Pearson at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 30; the 800 block of N. Dewitt around 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 30; the 800 block of N. Dewitt at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 2; the 900 block of N. Dewitt at about 6 p.m. Jan. 3, and on the 200 block of E. Chestnut at 8:35 p.m. Jan. 6.

Anyone with information about the robberies can contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8380.

Other muggings continue

While a robbery crew is grabbing headlines for its two-week mugging spree near Lake Shore Park in Streeterville, there have been a number of unrelated robberies over the past week in nearby areas. And one of those hold-ups is believed to be the work of yet another robbery team.

The most recent incident unfolded around 7:45 p.m. Jan. 8 at the intersection of LaSalle and Oak in River North. A woman who lives in the neighborhood told police that two men approached her from behind, punched her in the nose, and took her phone as she walked on the sidewalk.

The men then returned to a beige pickup truck that was driven by a third man. They were last seen speeding away southbound on Clark St., the victim said. Police believe this incident may be connected to a series of muggings in the area over recent weeks, according to a source.

Man used North Side locker room to boost financial crimes effort

A grand jury has returned 32 felony counts against a man who prosecutors say broke into gym lockers across the North Side and used the proceeds to build a financial crime enterprise.

In September police connected Hector Roman, 19, to a handful of locker break-ins after cops caught him driving an allegedly stolen car in Lakeview.

Four days after that Sept. 7 arrest, Roman pleaded guilty to theft from a locker at LA Fitness, 1804 W. Lawrence, and to battering a police officer who arrested him in connection with a related debit card forgery investigation. A judge sentenced Roman to 12 months of court supervision for the theft and 38 days time served for battering the officer.

Since then, police in Chicago and the north suburbs continued to investigate a series of locker room burglar-

ies and financial crimes against the victims of those break-ins.

Roman wound up in a heap of trouble when it was all said and done.

A Cook County grand jury has now charged him with 17 counts of identity theft, eight counts of burglary, two counts of wire fraud, two counts of using a forged debit or credit card, two counts of unlawful possession of a debit or credit card, and two counts of operating a continuing financial crime enterprise.

According to court records, the pending charges have their roots in a



Hector Roman

No descriptions of the offenders were available.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, three men in a small SUV pulled three guns on a carload of friends during a robbery in River North. The victims were in a vehicle near Ohio and Wells around 11 p.m. when a small black SUV with three occupants pulled alongside them, the men said.

The occupants of the SUV pulled out three handguns with extended magazines and robbed the car's occupants, according to police.

The offenders reportedly drove a stolen Mazda CX5 that bears a license plate beginning with "FP87." They all wore black hoodies, but the victims were unable to give more detailed descriptions.

On Jan. 2, a woman told police that she was mugged by a man who approached her as she walked near the intersection of Chestnut and Rush streets at 9:20 p.m.

She said the offender got out of a black four-door sedan, robbed her, and then returned to the car, which fled northbound on Rush and then eastbound on Delaware.

A police surveillance camera captured images of the entire incident.

The offender's car bears a red license plate, but police had no further description of the robber available.

Area Central detectives are investigating all the incidents.

Robbery alert on Brown/Red Lines

Police issued another community alert on Jan. 8 to warn CTA train passengers about robberies aboard Red Line and Brown Line CTA trains on the North Side.

According to the alert, a man approaches passengers while riding trains and then takes the victim's property before running off at the next station.

Detectives have connected four robberies to the offender: At the North-Clybourn Red Line station in the morning of Dec. 18; at the Chicago Brown Line station late on Dec. 18; at the Grand Red Line station in the evening of Dec. 31; and at the Chicago Red Line station in the afternoon of Jan. 4.

Police said the robber is a black man between 17- and 20-years-old who stands 5'9" to 6' tall and weighs 140 to 170 lbs.

Anyone with information about the incidents can contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8380 regarding pattern P19-1-414B.

Rash of ride share robberies in Near North

Police are warning residents of robberies and thefts by offenders who pick up the victim's in a vehicle believed to be a ride share.

Once inside the vehicle, the offenders then rob the victims by force

series of fitness center locker room break-ins that took place between May 12 and Oct. 12 last year.

Prosecutors say Roman took wallets and car keys when he broke into lockers at an XSport location in Skokie last summer. He then used stolen credit cards to make purchases worth hundreds of dollars at stores, police say. He also stole property from vehicles on the gym's parking lot after he used stolen keys to open the cars, according to allegations in court records.

Roman is also accused of carrying out similar crimes after he broke into lockers at Planet Fitness, 3636 N. Broadway, in Lakeview, and LA Fitness, 6107 N. Broadway, in Edgewater. He is being held without bail, and is due back in court on Jan. 23.

ACPD fugitive apprehension team arrested Klevontaye White, 32, on the 1400 block of N. Hudson around 6:30 a.m. Jan. 6. White agreed to surrender to police at that location,



Klevontaye White

according to Officer Jessica Alvarez, a police spokesperson. Alvarez said White drove up to a woman on the 1600 block of W. Congress around 4:20 a.m. on May 26, 2018. After the woman got into White's car, he threatened her with a knife and sexually assaulted her, according to police.

White then allegedly took the woman's valuables and forced her out of his car.

An ambulance crew transported the victim to Rush Hospital where her condition stabilized.

The sexual assault and robbery took place less than three years after White received a five-year sentence for vehicular hijacking, according to state records.

Prosecutors have now charged White with aggravated criminal sexual assault with a weapon and armed robbery. A judge ordered him held without bail.

White previously received a six-year sentence for shooting someone in May 2005.

Catalytic converter thieves sweep through Lakeview again — and get away

A long-operating catalytic converter team swept through Lakeview again Jan. 10. And, once again, they got away before police could catch up with them.

The thieves, who get around in a black Dodge Challenger with black rims, black tinted windows, and White Sox plates, struck on the 900 block of W. Oakdale shortly after 9 a.m.; on the 2900 block of N. Lakeview around the same time; and again on the 3800 block of N. Paulina around 9:55 a.m.

Multiple witnesses reported seeing two men sawing parts off of cars while wearing ski masks, but the team managed to slip away before police arrived.

The same men are believed to have struck across the North Side repeatedly in recent weeks.

On Dec. 19, witnesses saw two men in a black Dodge Challenger sawing off car parts on the 3700 block of N. Fremont around 3:30 a.m. But, again, the men got away before police could catch up with them.

Homeless women face heightened threats of violence on streets

Numbers growing in Loop, Uptown and Edgewater

BY SALLY EHLMANN
MedillNews Service

The woman's full name in this story is being withheld to protect her privacy.

Jen struts through the Harold Washington Library Center, stopping only to drop a few fraying books into the return bin. She produces a deep guttural laugh as she steps outside into the brisk November air and lights a cigarette.

She is a mother to an adult son and two cats. She is a sister, a friend and an animal lover. She is working toward her associate degree at Harold Washington College.

The 54-year-old Chicago-area resident faced hardships in her life, molding her into the woman she is today. Recently, she faced a roughly yearlong bout of homelessness.

"I may be down, but I will never be out," Jen said. "I'm like a cat. I will always bounce back. I didn't let it break me. It didn't break my spirit. I had dark days, but I got out of it."

Jen is not alone in her experience as a woman experiencing homelessness. According to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, about 39.5% of all homeless individuals in Chicago in 2018 are female. While women may be the minority, experts agree that women face greater threats of violence, harassment, assault and hygiene problems when living on the streets.

"If you're female, you already are in a position where you're in a public place subjected to violence," said J. Talmadge Wright, a professor emeritus of sociology at Loyola Univ. Chicago and lecturer in sociology at Sonoma State Univ. "Just public harassment alone is what every woman faces in these public spaces, but if you multiply that by the fact that you have no safe place to be, women are consistently having to deal with physical assaults, rapes, all kinds of misogynistic behavior on the streets."

Experts agree menstruation can be a particular challenge for women experiencing homelessness. Kathleen Maas Weigert, a professor at Loyola Univ. Chicago, said menstruation problems are daily living experiences homeless men don't face.

From not having access to feminine products to a lack of bathrooms, biological factors cause more stress to homeless women, Maas Weigert said.

Wright also explained "survival techniques" women use to protect themselves on the streets. Women will not bathe to ward off the advances of men or adopt schizophrenic behavior so that men think they are "crazy."

Domestic violence plays a large role in female homelessness, according to experts. A nonprofit on Chicago's North Side serving



While homeless women may be the minority, experts agree that women face significant threats of violence, harassment, assault and hygiene issues when living on the streets.
Photo by Lloyd DeGrane

homeless females, Sarah's Circle, found that one in five women list domestic violence as a direct cause of their homelessness.

The organization also found that homeless women are three times more likely to experience sexual assault than homeless men or women in the general population.

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Chris Jelkes, a special projects coordinator at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, shares the story of one woman living in a cardboard box, kicked by "ignorant people" at night. Jelkes reached out to place her into a shelter, but he had a hard time convincing her to stay there once she was in because of children disrupting her sleep.

Female-only shelters exist throughout Chicago. Such organizations are meant to provide safety, shelter and resources to wom-

en, according to Maas Weigert.

"A key benefit to having a female-only program is it helps us take a trauma-informed approach to maintain a feeling of safety," said Anna Withers, a donor relations manager at Sarah's Circle. "The women in our programs are able to engage with one another without feeling so threatened. They can also build community together and enjoy a sense of belonging to the other women who have similar experiences."

However, Jen shares stories of "dorm-like conditions" with "bullies and judgment."

A growing number of people experiencing homelessness in Chicago choose to spend time in Edgewater, according to the City of Chicago's 2018 Homeless Point-In-Time Count & Survey Report. The number of all Chicago homeless staying in Edgewater increased from 0.3% in 2015 to nearly 1% in 2017 and 2018.

Uptown counts a larger portion of where the homeless settle in Chicago, counting 3% of all Chicago homeless in 2017. However, the issue is widespread across the city, with the most people settling near the Loop.

Wright emphasized how gentrification is an important process leading to homelessness in neighborhoods in many different cities. Other experts agree affordable

Volunteers needed for the homeless count

The Chicago Dept. of Family and Support Services (DFSS) is looking for volunteers for the 2020 Point-in-Time Homeless Count on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 9 p.m.-3 a.m.

The Point-In-Time Homeless Count provides DFSS and the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development with a "snapshot" of Chicago's homeless population. Collecting the data every year allows Chicago to demonstrate the need for funding, helps with service and resource planning, and raises public awareness about homelessness.

During the hours of the count, the City shelters conduct a tally and survey of every homeless person while volunteers canvass the streets and public spaces.

Volunteers will be placed in teams and will be assigned to specific areas of the city to look for homeless persons. Volunteers may have an opportunity to interview homeless persons to gather data about street homelessness.

Individuals must be 18 years of age or older to volunteer. For more information contact homelesscount@cityofchicago.org, or call 312-746-8864.

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Detectives later released a community alert connecting the Fremont theft team to catalytic converter thefts on the 3700 block of N. Wayne at 5:35 a.m. on Dec. 19 and on the 3100 block of N. Honore at 3:36 p.m. on Nov. 28.

Catalytic converter thieves saw the devices from under vehicles and then sell them for \$100 to \$200 each at scrapyards. The parts are especially valuable because they contain expensive metals.

Cars thefts

Police say that cars are being robbed on the Near North Side. In each of the incidents, the victims' vehicle is parked inside of public or private parking garages when offenders will enter and check for unlocked vehicles. If keys are discovered, the offenders will then drive off with the victim's vehicle from the scene. These incidents include one on the 400 block of N. Clark St., Monday, Dec. 23, 2019; 400 block of N. Franklin St., Monday, Dec. 23, 2019; 100 block of W. Illinois St., Dec. 23, 2019; 400 block of N. Franklin St., Dec. 23, 2019; 100 block

of E. Chicago Ave., Dec. 27, 2019; 0-100 block of W. Delaware Pl., Dec. 27; 0-100 block of E. Ohio St., Dec. 29, 2019; on the 0-100 block of E. Chestnut St., Dec. 30, 2019, and on the 400 block of N. State St., Dec. 30, 2019.

The offenders are described as one to three male, African Americans, 15-20 years of age.

Two men shot on Lake Shore Dr. near Oak St.

Two men are recovering after they were shot while traveling on Lake Shore Dr. near Oak St. early on Jan. 8, police said.

The victims were heading southbound just north of the S-curve when a silver sedan pulled alongside and someone opened fire from the other vehicle around 1 a.m.

Police said the victims continued driving until they arrived at Stroger Hospital, where they sought treatment.

A 25-year-old man sustained a gunshot wound to his left thigh while a 24-year-old man was shot in his left ribs, according to police. Their conditions have stabilized and no one is in custody.

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Police and court records show that the younger victim has a record for being a felon in possession of a firearm and manufacture-delivery of narcotics.

Strike four! "Probation" sends accused robber back on the streets again and again

Since Tyrese Parris pleaded guilty in September to a reduced charge of theft from person in connection with a violent robbery, he has been arrested three more times — including once for allegedly headbutting a cop in the nose and battering a CTA Red Line passenger. But Cook County's feckless court system has released him back on the streets each time.

Back on May 8, prosecutors charged Parris with felony robbery, battery, and three counts of theft of lost or mislaid property after he mugged a



Tyrese Parris

21-year-old man in Uptown.

Prosecutors said Parris, 21, and two others beat the victim in the face, threw him to the ground, then took the man's phone, headphones, and credit cards.

When officers located Parris a short time later, they allegedly found the victim's property in his possession along with a wallet, a debit card, and a Venra card that belonged to three other men. Police said Parris "made statements admitting his participation in the robbery" after being advised of his right to remain silent.

On Sept. 16, Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer sentenced Parris to two years probation after he struck a deal with prosecutors in which he pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of theft from person.

On Dec. 5, prosecutors charged Parris with two counts of possessing a controlled substance on the 900 block of W. Belmont. He was subsequently released.

On Dec. 21, police arrested Parris as he allegedly prowled cars inside a parking garage on the 3400 block of N. Broadway. Prosecutors charged him with possessing burglary tools

and trespassing. He was released on his own recognizance.

That gets us to his latest episode.

On Jan. 1, a 28-year-old Gold Coast resident flagged down police at the Roosevelt CTA station and reported that Parris punched him as they rode a southbound Red Line CTA train near Monroe. Police said the victim suffered "blunt force injuries" to his face.

Officers arrested Parris on the platform. He immediately began resisting and he headbutted one cop in the nose, causing the officer to become disoriented, police said. Parris later kicked a second officer during a custodial search, according to CPD records.

Prosecutors charged him with felony aggravated battery of a police officer, two counts of battery, and two counts of resisting police.

Despite the fact that he is on probation for a felony and has two other pending cases that appear to be violations of that probation, a judge allowed Parris to go home after posting a \$100 deposit bond.

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Case # 2019 CH 05278
13142632

19 CH 3388
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL M. CELLO, THE POINTE AT LINCOLN PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,
19 CH 3388
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, February 21, 2020 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. 14-33-132-045-1112.
Commonly known as 430 WEST ARMITAGE AVENUE, UNIT #E, 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 Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 19-01993
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13142318

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
SONIA ALVAREZ, BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK MIDWEST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, DEARBORN TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 07872
818 N. DEARBORN #BF
CHICAGO, IL 60610

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 6, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 27, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 818 N. DEARBORN #BF, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-449-042-1001
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$191,249.65.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity

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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 380655.
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Case Number: 19 CH 07872
TJSC#: 39-7251

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Case # 19 CH 07872
13141086

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Plaintiff,
-v-
WILLIAM B. STEVENSON, STATE TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
18 CH 13953
1230 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10D
CHICAGO, IL 60610

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1230 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10D, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-224-049-1022
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$150,912.77.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its

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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, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 18-02335.

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TJSC#: 39-7550

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC F/K/A NEW PENN FINANCIAL LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,
-v-
CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2012 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 8002360802, SCOTT D. TOMCZYK, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, 50 EAST BELLEVUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2019 CH 06938
50 E BELLEVUE PLACE UNIT 1101
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 29, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 7, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 50 E BELLEVUE PLACE UNIT 1101, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-03-202-065-1046
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

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

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, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2019 CH 06938
TJSC#: 39-7125

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Case # 2019 CH 06938
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-SAR Plaintiff,
-v-
DENISE B. SZTUK AKA DENISE SZTUK, JOHN F. CLOUTIER AKA JOHN FRANCIS CLOUTIER, AS TRUSTEE OF THE 111 W. MAPLE TRUST DATED 10/23/2013, GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, GOLD COAST GALLERIA GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE 111 W. MAPLE TRUST DATED 10/23/2013, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 1060
111 WEST MAPLE STREET, UNIT 1309 AND G483
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-

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ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 11, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 111 WEST MAPLE STREET, UNIT 1309 AND G483, CHICAGO, IL 60610

Property Index No. 17-04-422-039-1256; 17-04-422-040-1018
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$142,131.04.

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, or a unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

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For information, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F18120088.
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City to start ticketing in Bus-Only lanes

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation (CDOT) has announced that the City is now enforcing the No Stopping/No Standing restrictions during the morning and afternoon rush periods on the new Chicago Ave. and Western Ave. bus-only lanes.

The new bus only lanes are the latest improvements in the City’s Bus Priority Zone Program, a joint Chicago Transit Authority and CDOT initiative designed to improve bus travel times and make service more reliable on bus routes, including the #66 Chicago, #49 Western and #X49 Western Express.

Enforcement of the No Stopping/No Standing restrictions will occur on weekdays along the

following portions of Chicago and Western avenues: Chicago Ave. (Larrabee to Michigan) Eastbound: 7 a.m. –9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Mon-Fri Westbound: 7 a.m. – 9:30 a.m . and 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Mon-Fri Chicago Ave. (May to Sangamon) Eastbound: 7 a.m. – 9 a.m., Mon-Fri Westbound: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Mon-Fri Western Ave. (Bloomingdale to McLean) Southbound: 7 a.m. – 9 a.m., Mon-Fri Northbound: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Mon-Fri

State’s Attorney community forums

First St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is hosting five separate interviews with candidates for the State’s Attorney in Cook County. The forums are presented by the Clark and Division Collaborative and will be held at the church, 1301 N. Lasalle St.

Christopher Pfannkuche was held on Jan. 21; Bob Fioretti

will be tonight, Jan 22; and Pat O’Brien is on Jan. 30. The two other candidates have committed, but a firm date has yet to be agreed.

Lexi Sutter of NBC Chicago and Gold Coast resident is the moderator.

For more information write to chicagocadc.org@gmail.com.

Noise ordinance passes in City Hall, pilot program to start up

A motorcycle noise monitoring ordinance was heard in City Hall as part of a motorcycle noise and safety hearing during the Jan. 9 Committee on Public Safety meeting.

The request for noise monitor installation has been approved as a pilot program and will be installed in the coming months, reports the law’s co-sponsor Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd].

The ordinance (O2019-9420) calls on the Office of Emergency Management and Communication (OEMC) to install noise monitors along Lake Shore Dr. The

noise monitors are similar to the technology already in use near O’Hare and Midway airports, which detects and reports back on excessive noise emitted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The intent of the ordinance is to collect and report back excessive noise triggers to establish patterns that the Chicago Police and other agencies can use to better predict and enforce excessive exhaust noise violations.

Also heard at the Committee on Public Safety was a Resolution introduced by Ald. Pat Dowell [3rd] (R2019-740) calling on the

Chicago Police Dept. and OEMC to detail a plan to thwart unruly motorcycle and stunt bike groups in 2020.

“Last summer, Chicago residents made more than 1,100 calls to 911 to report dangerous motorcycle groups,” said Ald. Hopkins. “Chicago Police intend to be more proactive this summer, and will monitor social media to attempt to shut down big rides throughout Chicago before they begin. I look forward to the efforts to crack down on these loud and dangerous group rides.”

Lincoln Park networking Thursday

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce is hosing a networking event 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Wintry, 2040 N. Halsted St.

For more information or reservations call 773-880-5200.

Year of the Rat celebrated Feb. 1 in Uptown

The annual Argyle Lunar New Year celebration is a decades-old Uptown tradition celebrating the start of the new Lunar Year.

This year kicks off the Year of the Rat with music, colorful lion dances, live entertainment, and a community parade which will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1. The full festival runs from noon to 4 p.m.

The parade will kick-off at Argyle and Winthrop and will head east along Argyle St., south along Sheridan Rd., west along Ainslie St., and north along Broadway back to Argyle St.

Festival promoters are seeking volunteer parade marshals. Those who are interested in joining this effort, can email Gooden-Smiley at pc@48thward.org.

Warren Park Youth Baseball registration open

Registration is now open for Warren Park’s spring 2020 baseball season. Spots are available for players of all levels, ages 4-16. The season will kick off in mid-April or early May, depending on the division.

Sign up at www.warrenparkyouthbaseball.org. Space is limited and divisions fill fast.

Warren Park Youth Baseball

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale					
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<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA MR. COOPER; Plaintiff, vs. MELISSA T. BARNETT; 2930 SHERIDAN TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 19 CH 299</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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> <p>P.I.N. 14-28-118-053-1037.</p> <p>Commonly known as 2930 North Sheridan, Unit 410, Chicago, IL 60657.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.</p> <p>For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 18-039233 F2</p> <p>INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122</p> <p>l3142065</p>	<p>Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:</p> <p>Commonly known as 2242 WEST IRVING PARK ROAD, UNIT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60618</p> <p>Property Index No. 14-18-324-047-1002</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a single family residence.</p> <p>The judgment amount was \$520,331.83.</p> <p>Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If this property is a condominium unit, or a unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>For information, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.anselmolindberg.com. Please refer to file number F19050046.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC</p> <p>1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120</p> <p>NAPERVILLE IL, 60563</p> <p>630-453-6960</p> <p>E-Mail: foreclosurenotice@anselmolindberg.com</p> <p>Attorney File No. F19050046</p> <p>Attorney ARDC No. 3126232</p> <p>Attorney Code. 58852</p> <p>Case Number: 19 CH 6413</p> <p>TJSC#: 39-7599</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Case # 19 CH 6413</p>	<p>Corporation will on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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> <p>P.I.N. 14-17-410-028-1092.</p> <p>Commonly known as 4240 NORTH CLARENDON AVENUE, 213N, CHICAGO, IL 60613.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.</p> <p>For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 19-021245 F2</p> <p>INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122</p> <p>l3141578</p>	<p>erty Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For information, MARKOFF LAW LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 29 NORTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 1010, CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 698-7300.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>MARKOFF LAW LLC</p> <p>29 NORTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 1010</p> <p>Chicago IL, 60606</p> <p>312-698-7300</p>	<p>Fax #: 312-698-7399</p> <p>E-Mail: service@markofflaw.com</p> <p>Attorney Code. 55932</p> <p>Case Number: 19 CH 03230</p> <p>TJSC#: 39-7677</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Case # 19 CH 03230</p>

Unearthing 19th and 20th century remnants of Chicago’s forgotten infrastructure



Originally built on a swamp, layers of Chicago’s past dating back to the 1850’s can be seen today at excavations sites. The city sits on a massive amount of rubble from previously demolished buildings.



BY ERIC NORDSTROM
Urban Remains

A photographic study of excavated utilitarian objects and architectural artifacts from Chicago’s past are now on display at Urban Remains and Bldg. 51, an archive and showcase of architectural artifacts collected by this writer. Images show building ornament, layers of ash, and common brick “in situ.” The fragments were discovered at dig sites across the city. These items were found in 2015 at the site of the former Howard Johnson Hotel in downtown Chicago, and demolished

by Heneghan Wrecking. Several terra cotta fragments and joliet limestone of past buildings that occupied the site were used as fill when “HoJo” was built there in the 1960’s. In preparation for a high-rise development that was constructed on the site at the corner of LaSalle and Superior streets, the wrecker spent weeks systematically “potholing” the site to make way for drilling the caissons that serve as the foundation system for the high-rise. A great majority of

material consists of stone and brick rubble from the buildings that were likely constructed there



Cobblestones are heavily concentrated under downtown Chicago streets.

shortly after the Great Chicago Fire swept through the area in

1871. Much of this was discovered during while scavenging at the cleared site. Nearly all of the buildings that occupied the lot were of masonry construction. from what I could see, the foundations consisted of both brick and limestone - likely recycled from the fire.

Common brick from demolished buildings was a popular “fill” material before rules and regulations were changed to required any and all demolished building materials to be trucked off to landfills.

Remnants representing 19th and early 20th century Chicago remain deeply buried beneath our feet; each and every excavation offers a rare opportunity to identify and document these objects. They are literally portals to the past. These subterranean locations they dwelled in for so many years will once again be quickly forgotten when new construction further disrupts the site. So much history, frozen in time beneath our feet, will be forever lost unless urban archaeologists like myself take the time and effort to uncover it.

Lincoln Park Conservancy needs help, volunteer training begins Feb. 29

The Lincoln Park Conservancy and the Chicago Park District are seeking volunteers to interact with visitors to the Lincoln Park Conservatory and Gardens and the Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool in Lincoln Park.

Volunteer greeters and docents welcome visitors, assist with questions and directions, and share their knowledge of these National Historic Landmarks. Additionally, docents give both formal and casual tours of the sites.

Beginning Feb. 29, new docents will attend training on six Saturday mornings with experts on plants, the art of interpretation, architectural design, and the history of Lincoln Park. Greeters attend a one-day training on March 21.

The deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 21. For more information contact Rebecca Conant at 773-883-7275, or Volunteer@LincolnPark-Conservancy.org.

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
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Defendants
19 CH 04737
6623 NORTH GLENWOOD AVENUE 2N CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 14, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6623 NORTH GLENWOOD AVENUE 2N, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-32-312-017-1002
The real estate is improved with a brown brick, three story condominium with no garage.
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Case # 19 CH 04737
I3142044
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
ATANDA MUSA, 2045 WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, 2045 W. MORSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
17 CH 16539
2049 W MORSE AVE APT 1W CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE
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Property Index No. 11-31-120-064-1009
The real estate is improved with a condo/town-house.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not

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to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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Case # 17 CH 16539
I3141662
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC D/B/A IMORTGAGE
Plaintiff,

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-v-
DONNA OVERTON AKA DONNA R. OVERTON, COLUMBIA PARC CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 02216
1620 W COLUMBIA AVE, UNIT 2S 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 24, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 18, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Unit number 1620-2S in the Columbia Parc Condominium, as delineated on a survey of the following described tract of Land:
Commonly known as 1620 W COLUMBIA AVE, UNIT 2S, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-31-408-021-1010
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$162,277.33.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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 THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC3 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
Plaintiff,
-v-
SHYAM NAKARA, SUNUNDA BATTA, HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III
Defendants
2016 CH 16638
2723 W GREENLEAF AVE 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 October 31, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 3, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2723 W GREENLEAF AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-36-210-035
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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale

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Due to Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Substation upgrades, from now through April the Lake St. substation will be undergoing improvements.

In order to allow for this work, Lake St. between Wabash and State has been reduced to one traffic lane.

There will be "No Parking" signs posted in the north parking lane, under and next to the elevated track while the work is being performed. The adjacent sidewalk and bicycle lane will also be closed.

Trench warfare

Is there anything more jarring than hitting the filled-in portion of the city's trench work in your car or on a bike?

Trenches dug for the following project will be filled with gravel and concrete until asphalt is available in the springtime.

This year the city will install conduit for the length of 125' on the south side of Division St. between Astor and Lake Shore Dr.

Conduit installation the length of 21' into the south alley between Stone and Lake Shore Dr. Alley closure will be needed during construction. Conduit installation is scheduled at the intersection of Goethe and State St., and at the intersection of Goethe and Astor.

Work for each location is not expected to last more than a few days.

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lined.

The highest income bracket reported by the IRS is \$200,000 and up. Pritzker's progressive income tax proposal would hike taxes on those earning \$250,000 and up. But without spending reform, Illinois will be forced to hike income taxes beyond Pritzker's introductory rates.

Outmigration continues

Illinois saw a net loss of 43,498 tax returns to other states in tax year 2018, representing a net loss of 87,882 residents, as measured in exemptions from the IRS data release. Illinois lost residents to 43 out of 49 states on net.

Illinois gained residents on net from Vermont, New York, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey, but the gain

was only 191 income tax returns.

When local residents leave Illinois, they don't go empty handed. They take with them jobs, opportunity, financial assets and talent that would otherwise have remained in Illinois. In 2018, while Illinois gained \$6.6 billion from other states, \$12.2 billion moved from Illinois to other states. 2018's net loss of up to \$5.6 billion in adjusted gross income, or AGI, is improved from the record loss of up to \$6.9 billion in 2017, but greater than the loss in any other year on record.

Since 2010, Illinois has failed to register a single year in which the state gained AGI on net from other states. Instead, during the decade, it has lost up to a cumulative \$32 billion in income to other states. That loss is the second largest loss of any state in the nation in both raw dollar terms and on a percentage basis. Only New York lost more income in absolute terms and only Alaska saw a larger percentage decline.

Illinois is home to one of the most skilled and productive workforces in the world. However, the IRS data reveals the state is shedding workers who earn more than those who come into the state. After adjusting AGI to reflect what those who left the state likely would have made had they remained during tax year 2018, those who left made nearly \$18,000 more per income tax return than those who moved in.

This earnings gap makes "wealth flight" from Illinois even worse as the income earned by those who move in isn't enough to offset the loss in income earned by those who left.

What this means

Illinois' people problem cannot be ignored. The state's population decline has resulted in an economy nearly \$80 billion smaller than it should be. It has also meant less tax money for the state as the tax burden has grown for the fewer taxpayers left behind.

Lawmakers have enacted major tax hikes on a regular basis for those fewer state tax-

payers. Now, voters have been asked to approve Pritzker's \$3.4 billion progressive income tax hike at the Nov. 3 election, with proponents promising this is what Illinois needs to turn itself around.

However, taxes are already the No. 1 reason Illinoisans say they want to leave, and Gov. Pritzker and the Statehouse is specifically proposing to raise taxes on those who are already most likely to leave.

Despite data that consistently confirms this, and feedback from Illinoisans explicitly stating taxes are the main reason they want to leave, local politicians claim tax hike won't push out more Illinoisans.

California already conducted a similar experiment with state tax policy. Instead of increasing funding for education and put-

ting the state on a firm fiscal footing as promised, a major progressive income tax hike in California was diverted mostly to pensions, and funding for many services now makes up a smaller share of the budget than before. A new paper by Stanford Univ. researchers shows wealthy residents were about 40% more likely to leave after Californians in 2012 passed a progressive income tax hike. Those departures and other responses to higher taxes eliminated 45.2% of the revenue the state expected to get from high earners. The "temporary" tax is still in place and the continuing budget pressures has hurt California's middle class.

Illinois must first address its pension problem, which continues to grow despite two record income tax hikes within the past decade. While government pensions take up more than 25% of general fund expenditures, the pension funds' debt is still growing. If the state could amend the Illinois Constitution to allow for the adjustment of the growth rate of not-yet-accrued benefits, the state could reduce pension debt and ensure the plans can support retirees without overwhelming taxpayers.

But so far nobody in Chicago's City Hall or the Statehouse is attempting to do that.

Such changes could include increasing

the retirement age for younger workers, tying annual benefit increases to the actual cost of living and making retirement plans more closely resemble 401(k)s for new workers.

A spending cap could also help the state meet its constitutional balanced budget requirement, which has been ignored for 18 years. One proposal would be a spending cap that ties government spending growth to Illinois' total growth in gross domestic product. Texas and Tennessee have implemented something similar to this, and both have budget surpluses, no state income tax and lower property tax rates than Illinois.

If the state substitutes tax hikes for reforms, Chicago's North Side and Illinois can expect continuing population decline, a loss of wealth and economic activity, and softening home prices as residents seek better opportunities elsewhere.

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- Deconversions can create inventory in areas of low supply.

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Last season was the first year for eight new dining and retail locations within a new Community Marketplace stretch of the Riverwalk, located in space reclaimed from Lower Wacker Dr. between Wabash and Michigan avenues.

Including Community Marketplace concessions, there are now 18 vendors on the Riverwalk. The mayor says that "based on their success in 2019," Batter and Berries, Beat Kitchen, Chiya Chai Café, Gordo's Homemade Ice Cream, Justice of the Pies, Neighborly, Shop Small Chicago, and Twisted Eggroll will return this year. She says many vendors should be open by May, weather permitting.

From the \$16.5 million the city received from vendors last year, \$1.3 million will help pay back the \$98 million loan from the Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act Fund that helped expand the Riverwalk west of State St. It is now 1.25 miles long, connecting Lake Michigan to Lake St.



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