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Red Light cameras installed on Michigan Ave. intersections

The City has announce that controversial automated Red Light Camera Enforcement (RLC) Cameras have been installed and activated at the intersections of Michigan Ave. and Ontario St., and Michigan Ave. and Jackson Blvd.

Violations will not be issued for the first two weeks, until Feb. 5, after which infractions caught on camera will closet motorists \$100.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] requested that the Chicago Dept. of Transportation have RLCs installed at the intersection of Michigan and Ontario based on residents' feedback about safety concerns. This intersection also has one of the largest pedestrian volumes in the City.

The RLCs replace cameras that were removed from other locations last year. The two new locations that were chosen have consistently scored high for potential red-light camera placement due to the high number of crashes and the unique characteristics of the intersections. Both intersections have large numbers of pedestrians and heavy vehicular movements which make pedestrians particularly vulnerable.

CDOT has posted new signage on the approach to the affected



Red light cameras have been installed and activated at the intersections of Michigan Ave. and Ontario St., and Michigan Ave. and Jackson Blvd.

intersections to alert motorists that the cameras have been installed. Failure to stop at red lights at these intersections will result in a \$100 fine starting February 5.

The placement of these cameras follows the release of a Northwestern Univ. Transportation Center study on the effectiveness of Chicago's RLC program. One of the key findings was that the program's safety benefits can be enhanced if a small number of existing cameras be relocated to more effective intersections. Based on recommendation in the study, in March the City proposed that four

cameras be removed and placed in new locations.

In 2017 the City's beleaguered former red-light camera vendor, Redflex Traffic Systems Inc., reeling from a \$2 million City Hall bribery scandal, agreed to pay \$20 million to the city to settle its lawsuit over the company's admitted fraud.

Since first bringing red-light cameras to Chicago in 2003, Redflex earned more than \$160 million from the city contract, installing nearly 400 cameras and collecting over \$400 million in traffic fines.

Lincoln Towing ICC hearings kick off today

Probe initiated in Feb. 2016

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

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— Lincoln Park Pirates,
Steve Goodman



Lincoln Towing is headquartered at 4882 N. Clark St.

launched evidentiary hearings in the case Jan. 16 in a sleepy 8th-floor office at 160 N. LaSalle.

When the ICC announced its probe into the company in Feb. 2016, it said that its police investigators had handled 166 complaints against Lincoln Towing in the previous six months.

And if recently-posted online anecdotes are any indication, the commission has certainly handled many more complaints since.

Earlier this month, a North Side resident shared her tale of allegedly having her car illegally towed from her private parking space by Lincoln. We are withholding the woman's name because her story was shared in a private chat group.

"To say that these people are the most awful people to deal with, is

an understatement," she fumed.

After confirming with her building's management that Lincoln was not licensed to tow from her residential lot, the woman called Lincoln. "They basically said that I'm mistaken and hung up on me," she said.

Only when the woman demanded that the company provide photographic evidence of their story did the company relent.

Under a 2016 city ordinance, private tow companies must shoot video that establishes the circumstances of each tow.

As this newspaper previously reported, Lincoln crews hauled away an Uptown family's U-Haul and personal car on moving day late last month.

Only after the family filed a stolen vehicle report did they realize what happened. Police were called again and a responding officer confirmed that the company "illegally took two of their cars."

With the assistance of the officer and sergeant, the family recovered their vehicles from Lincoln without charge.

The ICC's hearings are scheduled to continue from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 24, 25, 31, and Feb. 1, 13, and 14. A shortened day of hearings will be held on Jan. 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Riverwalk in front of Tiny Tapp, from across the Chicago River last September.

City Council considers 10-year contracts for Riverwalk vendors

Riverwalk wins two more awards

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

Ten-year agreements will be offered to five Chicago Riverwalk vendors, pending approval by the City Council.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel says the longer terms "will improve the visitors' experience and allow the vendors to establish their destination," but they will only be offered to vendors "making significant capital improvements and expanding their operations and offerings."

The City Council has been asked to approve ten-year contracts –

each with two possible extensions for five years at a time – for the following vendors:

- Island Party Hut, east of Michigan Ave.
- City Winery, between State and Dearborn streets.
- Tiny Tapp and its café and market between Dearborn and Clark streets.
- Frost Gelato, between LaSalle Dr. and Wells St.

A new vendor, Northman on the River, will also be offered a 10-year term. One of 22 businesses that responded to a request for proposals due last March, Northman will offer food and beverages on the west side of Columbus Dr.,

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Lawsuit claims Northwestern injected patient with HIV-exposed syringe

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

A syringe used on an HIV-positive patient was mistakenly re-used on another patient at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, according to a lawsuit filed in Cook County Circuit Court.

A Chicago-area resident, identified in the lawsuit as "John Doe," says he was at Northwestern for outpatient hernia surgery about one year ago. He was told of the incident during a follow-up visit 10 days later but not that the syringe had previously been used on a patient who had HIV.

When hospital personnel admitted the potential exposure a month later, according to the complaint,

they offered to pay for blood tests and screening for HIV, and advised him to use a condom during sex.

The lawsuit was filed on Jan. 17 by the man's attorney, Shawn Kasserman of Tomaski Kotin Kasserman. It alleges battery and reckless endangerment, and accuses the hospital of fraudulently concealing the possible HIV exposure.

"Uncovering the facts of this case, it's become clear that Northwestern Memorial Hospital knew right away – during the surgery – that they had potentially exposed the patient to HIV," says Kasserman, "but instead of informing

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What secrets are you keeping?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

nymity abounds. You are present there behind a veil.

Perhaps your secret-keeping is all about protecting and defending your love. Or you're failure in judgment at engaging in risky behavior that no one must know. Maybe your secret contravenes reason. Perhaps it carries a civil judgement as punishment for being unwise. Maybe your secret is an outrage from which all others would run.

I'm not asking, "Can you keep a secret?" Since this one is about you, and your need to keep the lid on tight. We know you can.

OK. Maybe you have cheated. Or did not tell the whole truth. Or more likely buried the truth.

I remember when growing up that my mother kept money in different places around the house. Always the same trusted places for her stand-by currency in that mostly cash-driven age. Envelopes of tens and twenties at the front of a drawer. That's the source of one of my secrets. I liked to help myself to the cash. Not a robbery. Just a few dollar bills here and there. Never a ten or a twenty. That would be easy to spot. Just a few bucks to tide me over from what I saw as the family kitty. I probably could have asked for the cash and would have been given it. But I had to create the crime-spree. Back then, nothing cost very much. I was probably eight or nine at the time. There was never any audit to reveal my cash swiping. I'm sure my mother knew. And of course I

Is there something you're not telling us?

Are you holding something back? Is there something you don't want us to know? Do you have a secret?

Funny thing about secrets, once you really have one, you can never let it go. Once you commit to guarding their strange potency in your life, there's no going back. And most secrets catch people when they are most vulnerable, in crisis or desperate. Are you keeping one?

Sometimes secrets can be poetic or romantic. A love may be secret. Someone may have a "love that dare not speak its name." Forbidden. Dangerous. Over the line. When love is secret, it's often invisible. Consequences are buried, as long as no one knows the truth. Truth is always the first victim of a secret.

Maybe your secret is a place. A location. A secret piece of geography tied to your emotions. It could be a place you share with another. Someplace where no one knows who you are or what you do. Ano-



Chicago's City Hall, home of secrets.

was the only worthy suspect. My sister was a saint.

If I was ever questioned, I am sure I swore my innocence. No one made a federal case out of it. But, of course, I couldn't lie in the Sacrament of Confession. And by Saturday afternoons I had sweaty hands stepping into the confessional. Where I threw myself on God's mercy. He always understood.

But once you start to keep a secret, there's no going back. I was a Corleone.

This was also the time frame when I think I started to smoke. Just a bit. A pack of cigarettes was only 25¢. There were a lot more questions at the dinner table about who smelled like smoke. I was shaky on my performance. The ground was less solid when I smelled like an ashtray. But I tried to convolute the truth. Concoct alternative stories. Blame my father, a smoker. Or friends who were bad influences with older siblings. Trying to keep secrets was getting harder, not easier.

The trouble is that Chicago is a city of secrets. Always has been. From Fort Dearborn to the present we've been trying to get our stories straight. We're all alibi. We've worked hard so that our

subjects and verbs all agree. But that's hard to do. You know what I mean?

The court subpoenas you in a trial as a powerful political leader. When questioned about the details of your family life in court you are confused, disoriented and not really stringing whole sentences together. The judge dismisses you on medical grounds. You have a secret. Someone who does not meet the city's residency requirements for public office manages to get on the ballot. They know how to keep a secret. They get elected. Or just as it starts to snow, the guys in the snowplows all race to remove snow from the streets of local politicians. They annually say they never suggested their streets be first. Secrecy is in the air. Or someone gets a leg up on a police exam because they're "dating" one of the department's top brass. Or the lines between the courts and City Hall blur all too often with winks and nudges that leverage the outcome of cases. Chicago is a city in which secrets are a way of political life. People carry secrets around with them for their whole lives. Knowledge of secrets often advances particular careers. To know a secret is a powerful career enhancer. Worth more than an

MBA or a PhD. To know a secret makes you an insider. A player.

Secrets are an important component of Chicago governance. Particularly when we have been declared the murder capitol of America. Each week the numbers get tossed around, about how many people have been shot, beaten or just left for dead. As the numbers rise and fall based on interpreted guesstimates, we discover that some of those numbers are altered due to definitions coming out of the mayor's office. Don't worry, we are still the murder capitol. The secrets are in play. Changing all the time. It is no longer just about how many people cast a vote. That should cheer you up in an election year.



The late Lew Manilow and wife, Susan.

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE: **Lew Manilow's** recent memorial filled to the rafters the Chicago Shakespeare Theater that was really his beloved child. **Sugar Rautbord** was there on that bitter cold night. I will borrow her reporter's eye and words. "It was an inspiration to be in this circle of a wealth of accomplishment and love and

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Takin' it to the streets -- once again

**Women's March
draws an estimated
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Heart of the 'Hood

By Felicia Dechter

They came from near and far -- young and old, women and men too -- to the city's downtown, to make sure their voices were heard. They wore their "pussy" hats, and hit the streets in full force, flooding the area with a sea of pink while rallying for equal rights during the second Women's March held last Saturday.

They were making sure their message was heard loud and clear: That equal rights are wanted for all. This year's event, dubbed March to the Polls, was focused on getting the vote out for the upcoming midterm elections being held in the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as the gubernatorial primary election in Illinois in March.

Gold Coaster Dori Wilson attended the rally because she believes in equal access for all women and for those who feel disenfranchised at times.

"It was so empowering to see people of all ages and colors and walks of life all out sharing on the right to equal access," said Wilson. "It was about empowerment."

She said Hedy Ratner, co-founder of the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), is a major force in the movement for women's equality. So when she learned that Hedy was coming up from Florida for the march, "I figured I had to be there," said Wilson.

"We all met at a restaurant down the street from the WBDC and marched over and it was just a beautiful day and such an extraordinary experience to see those throngs of people smiling, happy, cheering with their signs all heading to make an impact for a cause," she said.

Northsider Doris Carroll said she went because she's a nurse, a mother, a sister and a concerned citizen. "I feel it's imperative that as women we inform our government that not only are our rights under attack, but also the rights of LGBTQ, persons of color, those who are practicing Muslims, and immigrants who are lawfully here in the U.S.," said Carroll. "I march in protest, for my daughter, my patients and for all who are in jeopardy of losing their current rights under this administration."

"This is a movement not a moment," said Carroll. "And our voices will be heard."

Also painting the town pink were Edgewater residents Enid Winters and Bill Regan, along with Bill's daughter, Maureen Larsen, who came in from Kenosha, WI, to show her solidarity with the women (and men). Winters called the gathering, "inspiring," just as it was last year.

"Maureen, Bill and I all wanted to be counted," said Winters. "We



Pretty in pink: Edgewater residents, from left, Enid Winters and Bill Regan, with Maureen Larsen, at Saturday's march.

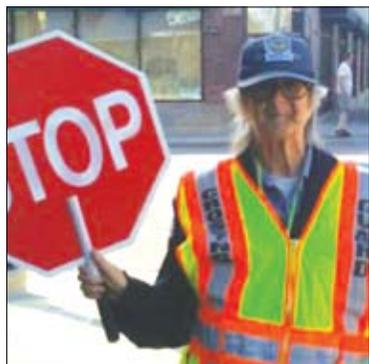


Dori Wilson, left, and MK Pritzker at Saturday's rally.

wanted to show up and express our anger... and hope for the future."

Regan said he not only wanted to voice his distaste for our current president but also display his camaraderie and unity in standing with the hundreds of thousands of gals who gathered downtown.

"I stand for everything the women there want," he said.



Crossing guard Janet Gould is on the road to recovery after being struck by a Lyft car at Clark and Bryn Mawr while doing her job.

Get well soon Janet!... We send our heartiest get well wishes to longtime crossing guard Janet Gould, who was recently struck by a 29-year-old Lyft driver at the intersection of Clark and Bryn Mawr as she was crossing kids from the nearby Peirce School of International Studies. The driver said he was blinded by the sun when the accident occurred and

Gould's family is filing a lawsuit against Lyft to send a message to those in the ride share industry that this kind of driving is intolerable.

Gould, a veteran crossing guard, is on the mend after being struck as the motorist was turning onto Clark St. She fell into a coma yet she pulled through and is now recovering and steadily progressing. Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] sent out a blanket email wishing Gould a speedy recovery and thanking her for her years of service to children and residents.

"Let this be a reminder to all of us to drive slowly and be aware of our surroundings," said Osterman.

I think crossing guards are taken for granted, as really, they are heroes in many ways. We see them out there every day, no matter what the weather, making sure our kids get to school safely. They are the eyes and ears of parents who can't walk their children to school themselves. They also become a trusted friend to many kids, as well as their mothers and fathers.

The executive director of the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Alicia Tate-Nadeau, also released a statement saying that in her role as a crossing guard with the City, "Mrs. Gould has been dedicated to ensuring the safety of children walking to and from school every

day for nearly 30 years. We thank her for her service to the kids of Chicago and we wish her a very speedy recovery."

You say it's yer birthday... the wishes might be a bit belated but a verrrry happy birthday to Walt Paas, a WWII veteran and longtime reader of this column who turned 94 last week. Here's to many more healthy, happy birthdays Walt!

Tickle your funny bone... during Vienna Juvenile Ensemble's new, full-length sketch comedy revue from Chicago-based comedy duo, Poutine, titled "Thanks for Coming," on Saturday nights through Feb. 3 at the CIC Theater, 1422 W. Irving Park Rd.

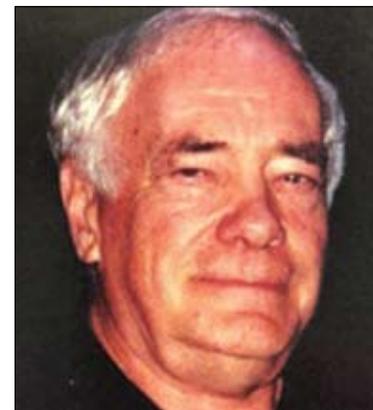
Featuring the combined writing/performing talents of local improvisers Taylor Overstreet and Tim Felton, "Thanks for Coming," introduces the audience to a "Cult of Nice"—a concept Overstreet says pokes fun at the obsessively pleas-

ant personas she and Felton have cultivated in their lives... but that may not tell their whole story.

Apparently, the pair has a knack for what they do best.

"Not only are they simply one of the funniest sketch comedy groups I've ever seen—they're a thoughtful, patient pair of performers," said Vienna Juvenile Ensemble Member and Co-Producer Hank Greene. "They're experts at mining their characters for depth and emotional insight, not just the easy laugh."

Tix are \$10, and available at cictheater.com/shows-tickets.



John Kahoun, owner of Moody's Pub in Edgewater, passed away quietly on Jan. 11.

Our sincerest condolences... to the family and friends of Moody's Pub owner John Kahoun who died at home on Jan. 11 after, "living a full and loving life."

Born in 1933 in the Roseland neighborhood, John led a varied life before restaurants became his vocation. He was a Second Lieutenant in the Army, had attended Kent Law School, and also had received a football scholarship to Ripon College.

It was while he was in the

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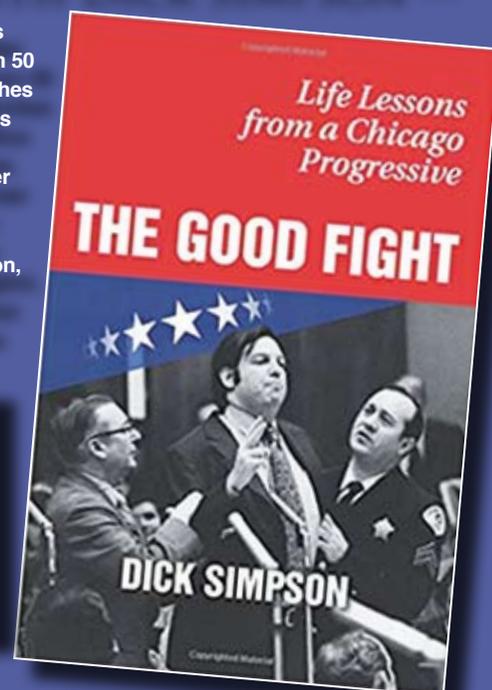
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Borrowers' credit score key with mortgage rates headed toward 5%



The Home Front

By Don DeBat

Wake up home hunters and families who still have not refinanced that old, high-rate mortgage!

Experts forecast that the average interest charge on a benchmark 30-year fixed home loan soon will fly well above 4% on its way to 5% by the end of 2018.

On Jan. 18, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed loans averaged 4.04%, up from 3.99% a week earlier. A year ago—following the election of President Donald Trump—the 30-year fixed loan average was 4.09%.

On Jan. 18, 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 3.49%, up from 3.44% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were quoting an average rate of 3.34% on 15-year fixed loans.

"This is the first time since last summer that the U.S. weekly average for the 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose above four percent," noted Len Kiefer, Deputy Chief Economist for Freddie Mac. The current rate is the highest weekly average for the 30-year fixed

mortgage since May 2017.

"Some borrowers may be wondering if this is the last time we'll see 30-year fixed mortgage rates under 4%," Kiefer said. "Inflation is firming, and the Federal Reserve reports that broad-based economic growth and labor markets are tightening. This means upward pressure on long-term rates, like the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, is building."

With the Federal Reserve Board forecasting at least three or four quarter-point interest rate increases this year, analysts say lenders will be charging credit worthy borrowers 5% for 30-year fixed loans by the end of 2018. But what rate will borrowers with less-than-perfect credit scores have to pay?

A spot Chicago-area survey by rateSeeker.com on Jan. 19 found rates on 30-year fixed loans ranging from 4.001% to 4.106%.

According to a new study by LendingTree, the average interest rates lenders offered to borrowers depends a lot on a borrower's FICO credit score.

Generally, mortgage brokers quote interest rates for a hypothetical borrower with a prime credit score who places a 20% down payment, the LendingTree report said. However, most borrowers do not fit this profile.

The LendingTree report includes the average quoted annual percentage rate (APR) by credit score, together with the average down payment and other metrics. (APR includes the interest rate charged plus lender fees.)

The consumer-oriented LendingTree report measures factors



The latest version of the plan for 633 W. North Ave. was presented at a community meeting hosted two weeks ago.

such as actual APR borrowers are offered, the down-payment amount, loan-to-value ratio, mortgage amount and interest paid over the life of the loan.

The most attractive interest rates are only offered to the most qualified applicants, the report disclosed. Mortgage rates vary depending on parameters such as credit scores, loan-to-value, annual income and type of property being purchased or refinanced.

For the average borrower, LendingTree's report shows that the APRs for 30-year fixed loans used to finance the purchase a home increased 12 basis points in December to 4.42%, the highest interest rate since July 2016.

Consumers with the top FICO scores—those over 760—saw APRs of 4.26% in December, compared with 4.56% for borrowers with credit scores between 680 and 719.

This is a spread of 30 basis points. That's more than a quarter of one percentage point on the interest rate—the widest gap since April 2016.

This could mean nearly \$15,000

in additional loan interest costs for borrowers with lower credit scores over the 30-year life of the loan for an average loan amount of \$233,586, the report noted.

LendingTree reported that average purchase down payments have increased for eight straight months to reach \$63,740 on an average loan amount of \$233,586.

Borrowers with the best credit scores—760 or higher—placed a total down payment of \$82,314 on an average loan amount of \$252,033. Based on that down payment and a 4.26% APR, the borrower with the 760-plus credit score will repay \$180,584 in interest over the life of the loan for the \$252,033 mortgage.

Borrowers with mid-range credit scores—in the 680 to 719 range—place an average \$43,604 to take out a mortgage of \$216,985. Those second-tier borrowers will pay interest of \$183,050 of the life of the loan and be charged an interest rate of 4.31% APR.

However, borrowers with a lower-tier credit score of 620 to 639 are required to place a larger down payment of \$59,962 to take out a

smaller loan amount of \$195,540. Those lower-tier borrowers will pay a whopping interest charge of \$218,347 of the life of the loan and be charged a hefty interest rate of 5.01% APR.

Pizza on the pool deck?

A new project going up in Old Town will replace the now-closed North Ave. Father and Sons strip mall. This site was the location where this writer first launched his famous book "Escaping Condo Jail."

After more than a year of bartering with City Hall and bantering with nearby neighbors, the 11-story mixed-use development proposed for the Father and Son Plaza at Larrabee and North Ave. is back with further changes and ready to get underway.

The latest version of the plan for 633 W. North Ave. was presented at a community meeting hosted by Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], who earlier had rejected larger 365 and 293-unit towers over height, density and traffic concerns.

The updated design further reduces the number of units to 261 along with 183 parking spaces. Developer White Oak Realty Partners and FitzGerald Associates Architects hope to erect the glass and brick building offering a residents deck and outdoor pool. Two retail bays offering a combined 30,000 square feet of commercial space will also be part of the plan and hopefully the noted pizza joint will be back in action on this site.

Ald. Hopkins has yet to state his own position on the updated design.

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Chicago Community Catalyst Fund still waiting to make first investments

BY BRIAN BAKER
Medill Reports

More than a year after it was first announced, the Chicago Community Catalyst Fund has not yet hired investment managers who will be charged with finding investment opportunities—mainly loans to existing small businesses—in underserved Chicago neighborhoods.

Even then the rollout will be slow. The fund will deploy its first capital to investment managers over the next six months and funding should reach Chicago businesses in low-income neighborhoods by the end of the year, according to City Treasurer Kurt Summers.

The city expects to allocate \$50 million to the fund this year and \$25 million in each of the following two years. The money will be managed by professional investors who will have discretion over where investments are made.

"I don't want a single politician to be responsible for these investment decisions," Summers said Jan. 17 when he spoke before

the Univ. of Chicago's Gleacher Center downtown. The talk was part of an ongoing speaker series hosted by the Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation and the University of Chicago Institute of Politics.

The treasurer's office has already heard from 200 to 300 businesses in target neighborhoods that are interested in obtaining financing, according to Summers. He expects loans to reach those businesses later this year.

The fund was established when the City Council approved the 2017 budget and the city committed \$100 million from its investment portfolio earnings to the fund.

"By generating new investment that reaches every neighborhood we can create an even brighter future for all of Chicago," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in September 2017.

The fund is the brainchild of Summers, who said one of the main complaints he's heard from residents was a lack of access to capital. Summers grew up on the South Side before attending Wash-

ington University in St. Louis and Harvard Business School.

In addition to the money provided by the city, the fund is seeking to raise additional capital from private and institutional investors. Summers wouldn't comment on the amount of private money raised so far, but did say about two dozen investors have either committed to or expressed an interest in the fund.

Not everyone is convinced the fund will be a success. Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd] voted against the fund's establishment and continues to have reservations about its oversight.

"It's a nice PR piece, but for me it's problematic," Ald. Waguespack said in an interview. "The money could be spent anywhere."

Despite the fund's clear social mission, Summers says the fund will be expected to earn a return consistent with the overall portfolio.

"This isn't just socially responsible stuff," he said. "This is an investment strategy."

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Cook County Assessor readies to release North Side reassessments

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Despite being under fire for alleged nepotism and other patronage abuses – and even being called on to resign by gubernatorial hopeful Chris Kennedy following release of a report blaming the Cook County Assessor's office for failing to properly assess thousands of properties – the embattled assessor was making no apologies at a recent meeting with local newspaper representatives.

Speaking at a Jan. 11 Cook County Suburban Publishers luncheon at the downtown Renaissance Hotel, the political powerhouse who will be battling for a third four-year term as county assessor steered clear of the critics, focusing instead on a variety of achievements.

Berrios said that since taking over real estate tax collections, the bills have gone out on time for the first time in 34 years. "Some homeowners actually called my office wondering why they were being billed early."

They weren't being billed early, Berrios said. They just weren't used to getting billed on time, which saved millions that didn't have to be borrowed to tide the county over until property owners' money could be collected.

North Siders should note that in 2018 the Assessor's Office will be re-assessing all properties located within the city limits, so property owners should expect to be entangled in establishing new assessed values when your township's numbers come in. And while they do not yet know what those numbers will look like, Berrios said "The city has seen very good growth" in property values since the last reassessment in 2015.

Plain old customer service has also been vastly improved in recent years, Berrios boasted.

Berrios said he also expanded exemptions for senior citizens and veterans and helped get the Illinois General Assembly to increase the Standard Homeowner Exemption benefitting all owners living in the homes being taxed.

The assessor's office also saved the taxpayers more money by cutting the number of staffers from 398 to 263 – a 31% reduction Berrios said was made possible by giving staff better training "enabling us to do more with less."

Plain old customer service has also been vastly improved in recent years, Berrios boasted, recalling how he recently noticed one woman he knew who had for years been coming into the office with books in hand that she planned to read while waiting her turn.

The woman didn't realize that customer service had improved to the point where instead of waiting an hour or two, "she was in and out in 15 minutes."

Of course, he added, "we needed to change the mentality of some of the people working in this office. We had to change the system and the culture. We were able to get

Governor promises to get legislators out of tax appeals process

Gov. Bruce Rauner has signed an executive order over concerns about Chicago property owners who are struggling to hold on to their homes and businesses while paying some of the highest property taxes in the nation, and the order vowed systemic change.

His order calls for legislators to make it illegal for state lawmakers to also act as

property-tax appeals lawyers, profiting from a property-tax assessment system that many have decried as fundamentally unfair. Legislation will be introduced when the General Assembly returns later this month.

Gov. Rauner issued an executive order, effective immediately, directing members of the Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board to prohibit state legislators from participating in appeals coming before them.

"The system is rigged so that only those with clout have the resources to fight it," Rauner said.

"Property taxes are through the roof here. It's unfair, it's unjust. It's forcing people to move, forcing small businesses to leave ... We've got to change the system."

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Legislators already are restricted from professionally representing individuals before the Workers' Compensation Commission and the Court of Claims. This proposal simply adds the Property Tax Appeals Board and local government bodies to the list. He said that people frequently cite property taxes as a top reason for leaving the state. Illinois' population declined by an estimated 33,700 in 2017, dropping from the fifth-largest to the sixth-largest state.

people to do more with additional training."

"They got comfortable doing their job and were able to get more done," Berrios said.

Often, Berrios and his staff still have to reassure taxpayers that they won't be penalized for appealing their tax bills.

"In fact, we'll help you do it," he said, adding there are three ways to appeal real estate taxes – going through the assessor's office, the Board of Review, or the Property Tax Appeals Board.

"And it costs the taxpayer nothing," he added.

Another thing people often don't realize is that if there are two people on the deed and only one is old enough to qualify for the senior exemption, it only takes one to get an exemption on that property.

A graduate of Lane Tech High School and the Univ. of Illinois where he got an accounting degree, Joe Berrios was one of seven children who grew up in the Cabrini-Green housing project on the North Side and even in his mid-teens helped support the family by working in a restaurant.

The only time he got into trouble was when he was discovered to be filling in as a bartender at 16. Before hearing the case, the judge mentioned in passing that "the organization was looking for some Hispanic kids to get involved. Are you interested?"

"Of course I was," said Berrios. "I thought it was that or go to jail."

Joe Berrios not only stuck with the "organization," but became

the first Hispanic elected to the Illinois legislature.

One of the first things he noticed was how Democrats and Republicans actually worked together.

"That's what's missing today," he said, adding that the Democrats and Republicans often aren't even talking to one another these days.

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Senior Freeze Exemption application deadline Feb. 7

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' Office has already mailed Senior and Senior Freeze Exemption renewal applications for Tax Year 2017.

Legislation crafted by the office will result in additional savings for these exemptions that will appear as deductions on Second Installment Property Tax Bills mailed this coming summer.

Nearly 300,000 applications were mailed to seniors who received the exemptions last year. The application deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 7 and state law requires annual renewal in order to continue to receive exemption savings.

The Senior Exemption application is part of a booklet sent to eligible seniors. The booklet also contains the separate, income-based Senior Freeze Exemption application.

"It may be a minor inconvenience to return the renewal applications, but it is even more important for seniors to receive their exemptions this year," Berrios said.

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption for Tax Year 2017, a taxpayer must have been born prior to or in the year 1952, a total household income of \$65,000 or less for [income] Tax Year 2016, owned the property during 2017 or have a lease or contract for 2017 which makes them responsible for

the real estate taxes and used the property as his or her principal place of residence in 2017.

The new law will increase savings this year from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV).

There is also a new minimum \$2,000 EAV deduction for the Senior Freeze, which will help offset increases in assessed value and help ensure that more seniors benefit from the Senior Exemption.

"If you don't qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption because you exceed the income level, this does not mean you will not be eligible for the Senior Exemption," Berrios said. "The Senior Exemption has no income restrictions and I'm concerned that seniors might discard the entire booklet and not receive the Senior Exemption savings to which they are entitled."

Seniors receiving the Senior Citizen Exemption automatically receive the Homeowner Exemption. Seniors receiving the Senior Freeze Exemption automatically receive both the Homeowner and Senior Citizen Exemptions.

Eligible seniors who have never applied for the Senior and/or Senior Freeze Exemptions in the past may visit the Assessor's web site at www.cookcountyassessor.com and download an application or contact the Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550 and request a form be mailed to them.

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Old Town author and women's advocate shares her marriage's lessons learned

New book on the pros, cons of owning a husband

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Old Town resident Judy Schindler became a skier at 50, an actor at 64, and an author at 75.

The author of not just any book, but a humorous guide to the care and feeding of "Husbands: An Owner's Manual" a compilation of lessons learned after 53 years of marriage.

Topics cover everything from why women should avoid professional athletes and Justin Bieber; that the phrase "I need to find myself" really means "I have a girlfriend;" the pros and cons of pre-owned husbands; and why straight women should seriously consider same-sex marriage.

For one thing, the toilet seat will always be down, said Schindler, adding that sex is sometimes overrated.



Judy Schindler

"Women should consider how much of their lives is spent on sex and how much is spent on other things. I want them to stop and figure out whether they have sex more often than doing other things like emptying the dishwasher," she explained.

The book, she says, is a must-read for "everyone from new brides and husband-seekers of any age" to "anyone who understands that a sense of humor is essential to any long term marriage."

Looking back, "the secret of my marriage is that my husband and I have never had a meaningful conversation," laughed Schindler - adding that - seriously, while a

successful marriage takes commitment and levity, "I hope readers will learn some useful strategies for staying married for life."

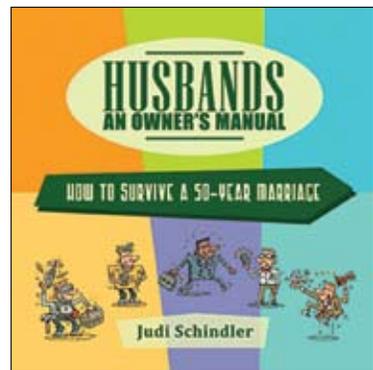
"There's enormous gratification that comes with creating a family and growing old with the same person."

The book, Schindler added, is actually an outgrowth of a multimedia show on marriage she's been performing before women's groups over the past five years. Her next show is booked for 5:30 p.m. June 21, at the Wintrust Bank, 100 W. North Ave.

The show and book are the dual result of her early interest in both theater and journalism, Schindler said. She majored in journalism at the Univ. of Illinois so she could be a newspaper reporter like her two role models, Brenda Starr and Lois Lane.

In addition to writing her book and earlier work as an actress, Schindler is creator of her weekly blog, "The Toilet Seat Must Go Down," where she shares viewpoints about dating and mating.

During her 40 years running her own public relations firm, Schindler was named 1988 Chicago Business Owner of the Year and the Small Business Administra-



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tion's 1986 national "Women in Business Advocate."

So does she plan a sequel to "Husbands: An Owner's Manual"?

While it's too early to tell, Schindler says her husband, Jack, keeps unwittingly giving her more material every day.

Her hardcover, 80-page "Husbands: An Owner's Manual," priced at \$16.50, is available at Amazon.com and www.jdischindler.com/book.

Gifts keep giving for local teachers at Swap Circle

Businesses donate supplies to aid teachers and students

BY LABRON BOUDREAU

Teachers can receive needed supplies and students will be inspired to work harder thanks to donations of surplus materials and supplies by local businesses to Swap Circle.

The Creative Chicago Reuse Exchange (CCRx) is inviting Chicago businesses to donate surplus and overstock items to Chicago teachers to enhance the learning experience of thousands of students.

Teachers can "shop for free" from the donations at CCRx's Swap Circle for Teachers on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Victor Hall Chicago, 3636 S. Iron St.

Local businesses can also drop off donations through Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featured items include science equipment from the Univ. of Chicago, materials from Chicago Architecture Biennial, and 300 "left-foot only" Ugg shoe samples.

CCRx surveyed 500 Chicago teachers for their material needs and dreams. They reported spending \$500 to \$1000 out-of-pocket every year for basic office supplies - xerox paper, pens and pencils, glue, even cleaning and personal hygiene supplies. Teachers dream of getting musical instruments, calculators, sewing machines, fabric, wood-working tools, storage containers and shelving, games and graphic novels.

"Teachers always scramble for materials to engage their students," said Barbara Koenen, CCRx founder. "We're excited to



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tap Chicago's businesses to share their surplus and encourage creativity in Chicago's teachers and students."

"When you have a five classes of 30 young minds to engage every day, you need to inspire them," said Marnie Ware, Science Teacher at Prosser Career Academy. "You'd be amazed what you can do with the darndest things - from shoes to pvc pipe."

The list of "Most Wanted Items" is on the CCRx website, www.cre-

ativechirx.org. All donations are tax-deductible. People with large items or quantities should contact CCRx for special arrangements at info@creativechirx.org or 312-909-5902.

"We are creating a pipeline for teachers to access things they couldn't afford or find, but can really use," said Carolyn Ottmers, CCRx Donations Director.

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The Sears, Roebuck and Co. store on South State Street at Congress Parkway in Chicago, built in 1891 by William LeBaron Jenney. Courtesy of Chicago History Museum



A Columbia Gramophone Grand, pictured in a Sears Roebuck catalog from 1902, is shown in this photo. The exhibit model with a 42-inch amplifying horn was designed for large audiences and could be had for \$69.95. AP file photo

Commentary

Cassidy, Steans kick off petition campaign for legal cannabis

BY REP. KELLY CASSIDY AND SEN. HEATHER STEANS

We have kicked off hearings about the public health aspects of cannabis legalization in Illinois. But before we do, we need your help. While we work to pass full legalization, tens of thousands of Illinois residents are suffering with chronic pain conditions and have few choices for relief besides dangerous opiates.

We have perhaps the most restrictive medical cannabis law in America. The Court has ordered the State of Illinois to add chronic pain to the list of conditions in the Illinois medical cannabis program.

Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration has promised to appeal rather than allow people in pain access to medication safer than addictive opioids. His administration has consistently fought to keep serious illnesses from qualifying, which only adds to the already devastating opiate crisis in this state. Pain isn't going away, but we can fight to give folks safer alternatives.

But to do that, we need you to let Gov. Rauner know that it's time for Illinois to move past the "reefer madness" of the past and embrace safe medication.

To add your name to the petition call 773-784-2002 or write care of Repcassidy@gmail.com.

Sears created modern retail in Illinois



Sears, Roebuck and Co. founder Richard Sears. Courtesy of Chicago History Museum

As the home of Sears since the late 19th century, Illinois is the birthplace of modern retail

More than 20 newspapers affiliated with the Illinois Press Assoc. are creating stories about the state's history, places and key moments in advance of the Bicentennial on Dec. 3, 2018. This is one of the stories in that series.

BY ERIC PETERSON
Of the Daily Herald

As the home of Sears since the late 19th century, Illinois is the birthplace of modern retail.

Even today's colossus, Amazon, can trace the roots of its business model to Sears' original mail-order business that popularized the notion of buying products at home without first seeing and touching them in person.

"There were some small mail-order companies before, but Sears became the largest, the most successful, the giant," said Libby Mahoney, senior curator of the Chicago History Museum.

And if it seems strange that such a retailer could grow strong enough to make its headquarters the tallest building in the world as Sears did in Chicago in 1973, consider today's intense competition among cities to house Amazon's second headquarters, she said.

It was Chicago's central position in the nation's railroad and highway networks that made it a better place for Richard Sears to operate the mail-order watch company he'd started in Minneapolis the previous year, 1886. In Chicago, Sears partnered with

watchmaker Alvah C. Roebuck, leading to the longtime name of the firm being Sears, Roebuck and Co. Its first catalog featuring only watches and jewelry was published in 1888, while its first large catalog of general merchandise came along in 1896. Sears wooed customers with promises of savings gained by eliminating the middleman. It popularized the money-back guarantee to build trust with the consumer, Mahoney said.

The gradual diversification of the company's products seemed to know no bounds, perhaps best illustrated by the advent of Sears Modern Homes. Between 1908 and 1940, Sears sold about 75,000 such homes around the country by mail-order. Many of the homes, which came in 447 different designs, exist today.

Such a company at that time was largely dependent on the U.S. Post Office for its success and reliability, Mahoney said.

But eventually, Sears, Roebuck's original mail-order business began to be threatened by the greater urbanization of the country after World War I. The solution

— championed by then-vice president and future company President Robert E. Wood — was the introduction of brick-and-mortar stores in the 1920s.

Many other innovations followed under Wood's guidance, including getting into the insurance business during the Great Depression with the creation of Allstate Insurance. Like several other Sears-created brands, Allstate eventually would be spun off as an independent company, but not until 1993.

Although Sears has never been a manufacturer, its brands such as Craftsman tools, Kenmore appliances and DieHard batteries helped build the company's reputation.

Even as the biggest of all, Sears didn't take customer loyalty for granted, Mahoney said.

"They were really trying to improve the appearance of their products and make them stylish in the 1930s," Mahoney said. "I think they were really savvy merchants."

The nation's economic recovery after World War II was what enabled such imitators as Kmart,

Target and Kohl's, but probably not until the 1970s or 1980s did they start to have a significant impact on Sears' business, Mahoney said.

Even in the mail-order years, the Chicago-based Montgomery Ward was the country's distant second-place retailer, despite having started earlier.

"Sears always seemed to have the upper hand," Mahoney said. Nevertheless, Montgomery Ward's successfully carved a niche for itself by deliberately selling different products than Sears did, she added.

For the past 25 years, Sears has made its home at the 780-acre Prairie Stone Business Park it created on the west side of Hoffman Estates. Though the now-vanished Poplar Creek Music Theater was probably the first name that put Hoffman Estates on the regional map, Sears was an even bigger one, Mayor Bill McLeod said.

"When it was announced, it was a really big deal," McLeod said. "Sears was an iconic retailer. It

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Police Beat....

Another accused robber released on Recognizance Bond and ankle bracelet

Cook County's new "affordable bail" program for accused criminals continues to amaze.

This newspaper has learned that yet another accused criminal, charged with Class X felony robbery, has been released on a recognizance bond, a curfew, and electronic monitoring.

Class X felonies are the most serious class of crimes in Illinois.

Not only that, but the accused woman previously skipped bail in an assault case.

T'Keyah Herbert, 23, is accused of robbing three stores with a stun gun before she was arrested last week.

Herbert was charged with Class X felony armed robbery, felony retail theft, and aggravated assault in connection with three separate incidents since Dec. 26, 2017.

Judge Stephanie Miller allowed Herbert to walk free on a \$50,000 recognizance bond, a curfew, and electronic monitoring.

Court records show that Herbert skipped bail in 2016 when she was awaiting trial for an assault and criminal damage to property case. Herbert also has a previous conviction for receiving-possessing a stolen motor vehicle, according to court documents.

According to Chief Judge Timothy Evans, the county's new "affordable bail" system is not supposed to put allegedly violent people back on the streets.

"If they are not deemed a danger to any person or the public, my order states that they will receive a bail they can afford," Evans told the Sun Times in July, 2017.

One must wonder exactly what it takes to be deemed a "danger to any person or the public" in this new Cook County Court system.

On Jan. 19 another defendant accused of Class X armed robbery had been released by Judge Miller.

Derrick Robie, 20, is accused of robbing a man at the Morse Red Line CTA station. During the mugging, Robie allegedly lifted his shirt and displayed the grip of a handgun in his waistband, police said.

Three teens mug woman in Lincoln Square, flee in stolen car

Three juveniles are facing charges after they mugged a woman in Lincoln Square and fled in a stolen car, police said.

The victim was walking near her home in the 4500 block of N. Leavitt when she was jumped and robbed of her purse around 1:15 p.m. Jan. 11. Three offenders got into a blue sedan and sped away.

Officers tracked pings from the victim's phone for several minutes and found the get-away car in the 5000 block of N. Lawndale. All three occupants were arrested after a short foot pursuit, according to a police spokesman.

Police later learned that the car that had been reported stolen on Dec. 30.

According to police: a 16-year-old girl is charged with felony robbery and misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle; a 16-year-old boy is charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle and misdemean-

or theft of lost or mislaid property, and a 15-year-old boy is charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle.

Two men charged with burglarizing cars near Wrigleyville

Two brothers are facing multiple charges for allegedly breaking into cars near Wrigley Field and leading cops on a dangerous foot chase across icy streets.

A resident told police that he saw Navon and Narquist Dukes trying door handles on at least fifteen vehicles in the 3700 block of N. Wilton shortly before midnight on Jan. 3.

Arriving officers found the two brothers hiding behind a car in an alley, according to court records. A foot chase broke out, and one officer suffered a knee injury while running on icy pavement, police said.

The brothers, ages 21 and 22, were captured minutes later and identified by the resident who called 911.

Both men gave police fake names, authorities said, and were found with



Navon Dukes

a black tablet that they did not know the password to.

At the police station, officers who transported Navon Dukes found a plastic key card in their back seat where Dukes had been riding. Officers later determined that it belonged to a woman who lives on Wilton.

Both men are charged with misdemeanor anti-theft laws; two counts of misdemeanor reckless conduct; misdemeanor obstruction of identification; and misdemeanor theft of lost or mislaid property.

Navon Narquist has been on parole since Sept. 17 for possessing a stolen motor vehicle and aggravated assault to a police officer, records show.

Cook County Judge Anthony Calabrese ordered Narquist Dukes held on a \$5,000 deposit bond, and Navon Dukes held on a \$10,000 deposit bond.

Cushy sentences handed down in recent drug, burglary cases

A 33-year-old Lincoln Square man has pleaded guilty to manufacture-delivery of cannabis in exchange for a two-year prison sentence.

Police raided Justin Sharp's home near Rosehill Cemetery in September



Justin Sharp

and allegedly found \$123,000 worth of heroin, a trove of other drugs, and two stolen handguns. Late last month, Judge Arthur Hill approved a plea agreement that has Sharp pleading guilty to the cannabis charge while charges of possessing 400-900 grams of heroin; possession of methamphetamine; possession of cocaine; possession of testosterone; two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm; and two counts of theft were dropped.

With a 50% reduction in his sentence for good behavior, Sharp is scheduled to be paroled on Aug. 2.

GPS leads cops to Boystown bank robber on Sunday

A suspect is in custody after a Jan. 14 morning bank robbery in Lakeview East, police said.

Officers responded to the TCF bank inside of Jewel-Osco, 3531 N. Broad-

way, shortly after 10 a.m. Within seconds, they learned that a GPS tracking device located within the bank's stolen money was moving southbound on Broadway.

Cops quickly caught up with a black Hyundai being driven by a man who matched the offender's description outside of the Mariano's store at 3030 N. Broadway.

The car was pulled over and the driver was identified by the bank teller as the man who passed a note demanding all of her money during the hold-up. No weapon was implied or displayed during the robbery. The suspect was taken into custody.

On parole for five days, man charged with robbing Lakeview East store

Raymond Bensfield, 42, walked out of the Lawrence Correctional Center Jan. 5 after serving half of two concurrent four-year sentences for robbing retail stores in Lakeview East and nearby Lincoln Park.

On Jan. 10, he was in jail again—accused once again of robbing a store in Lakeview East.

Police say the neighborhood nuisance walked into Walgreens at 3201 N. Broadway around 10:55 a.m. Jan. 10

and tried to walk out with two large bottles of booze. Security approached Bensfield, who responded by swinging a bottle at them and threatening to throw it, police said. One bottle crashed to the floor and Bensfield fled.

Cops caught up with him in the 600 block of W. Belmont a few seconds later. He's charged with robbery and resisting police. He's being held without bail.

In January 2016, Bensfield walked into the 7-Eleven at 2619 N. Clark St. and claimed to have a gun as he took five packs of Marlboros and two bottles of Jack Daniel's. The next morning, he walked into the Walgreens at 2817 N. Clark St., took a bottle of Jägermeister, and then claimed to have a gun when an employee confronted him.

He was sentenced to four-years in prison for each case, to be served concurrently. His previous convictions include six-years for robbery in 2010 and three years for arson in 1995.

Bensfield collected three arrests for his alleged violent criminal behavior in Lakeview East and Lincoln Park.

Old Town, Lakeview robberies may be connected

Three people were robbed in two separate hold-ups early Saturday and police were working to see if the cases are related.

Just after 2 a.m. in Old Town, a 37-year-old man was walking in the 1600 block of N. Orleans when three or four men exited a gold vehicle and approached him.

At least one of the offenders pulled out a handgun as the others demanded his property, according to police. The crew took the man's wallet and phone, then asked for the victim's PIN. He gave them a fake one and they took off.

Police said the offenders were black men with hoodies pulled over their faces who rode in a small, four-door gold car. About 15 minutes later, a man and woman were robbed near Boystown in the 3100 block of N. Broadway.

Police said the 25-year-old man and 24-year-old woman were walking when a silver or gold four-door sedan pulled up and three men emerged. At least one of the men had a handgun, police said.

The robbers took their victims' valuables and returned to the car which sped off in an unknown direction. Police said the descriptions of the offenders on Broadway generally aligned with the descriptions given by

the victim in Old Town.

On Thursday, police issued a community alert to warn about a robbery pattern in the Old Town area. The suspects in those hold-ups were reportedly using a white Nissan Maxima.

Lakeview menace back in Boystown

It's been six months since a Florida tourist in Lakeview East refused to press robbery charges against Derrick Robie, 20. Since then Robie, of Dolton, has been arrested repeatedly for weapons and theft charges along the Boystown Halsted St. bar strip.

Late Monday night, cops stopped Robie on Halsted St. because they had been told by a detective that he was wanted for an armed robbery on the Morse Red Line CTA station platform.

According to prosecutors, Robie approached a 27-year-old Rogers Park resident at the Morse station around 3:30 a.m. on Jan. 8 and asked for money. When the man refused, Robie lifted his shirt and displayed the grip of a handgun in his waistband, police said.

Faced with the threat of being shot, the victim opened his wallet and Robie used one hand to take the victim's money while keeping his other hand on his waistband, according to court records.

Robie was charged with armed robbery with a firearm Jan. 17.

Despite the fact that Robie is charged a Class X violent crime; that he has a pending court case for sale or possession of a weapon; and the fact that he has previously jumped bail on an assault charge, Cook County Judge Stephanie Miller ordered him released on electronic monitoring with a \$50,000 recognizance bond.

In June, a 22-year-old college student from Florida told police that Robie shoved the victim into a wall near Halsted and Belmont, pressed a knife to his stomach, and said, "Gimme the phone, you know what this is."

Cops said they recovered a knife from Robie that the victim identified as the weapon used in the hold-up, but the man refused to press robbery charges because he lives so far away. Robie was convicted of sale or possession of a weapon.

One week after the Florida man accused him of robbery, Robie was arrested in Boystown and charged with theft for allegedly knocking a 60-year-old beggar's change cup from his and stealing money at Halsted and Roscoe. Charges were dropped when the victim failed to show up in court.

Man threatens CTA riders with flammable liquid

A man is in custody after he reportedly threatened fellow Red Line CTA passengers with a flammable liquid and a lighter and then set a book bag ablaze at the Argyle station during rush hour, according to police and witnesses.

One police officer suffered minor injuries when as they tried to arrest the suspect on the Argyle platform, 1118 W. Argyle. An officer on-scene said that the cop's pant leg had caught fire during the suspect's apprehension. But a police spokesman said the officer's injuries were "not related to the fire."

A CTA employee suffered smoke-related injuries and is reported in stable condition at Weiss Hospital. No passengers were injured.

Just after 5:15 p.m. Jan. 17, police received calls from passengers who reported that a man had "gasoline and bottles" onboard their southbound train. The man had pulled out a lighter and threatened to set himself on fire, some 911 callers said according to emergency radio traffic.

An arriving officer said the platform

was packed with passengers who had evacuated the train and the man was also on the platform—"holding lighter fluid with a lighter"

The offender, believed to be in his mid-20's, was taken to Weiss Hospital with reportedly minor injuries.

Police and Fire officials said a book bag had been set ablaze.

A passenger who had been on the train told this reporter that the man began acting erratically as the train reached the Berwyn station. One passenger told the Chicago Tribune that the man splashed her with a chemical that he carried in a water bottle.

Shortly after 6 p.m., a conductor moved the train to the Howard train yard where the police and fire department's bomb and arson teams were waiting to begin their investigation.

CTA robber charged with theater holdup

New information about the arrest of a man who allegedly robbed a CTA passenger at gunpoint onboard a train in the Loop on Jan. 7.

Police arrested John Peralta, 20, Jan. 18 outside of the Cadillac Palace Theatre around 4:40 p.m., moments after the robbery took place at the Washington/Wells station.

The cops who made the arrest were reportedly on their way to a second robbery taking place near the Palace Theatre stage door entrance on Wells St. As they neared the theater, the cops said they saw Peralta drop a gun in the crosswalk at LaSalle and Randolph, authorities said. He picked it up, put it back in his waistband and shuffled away, they said.

He didn't get far.

Peralta is charged with two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. A judge ordered him held without bail. Police said the victim was not injured. Robberies in the Loop are up 132% since 2014, according to city data.

Man with gun arrested at Lakeview convenience store

Police responding to a "man with a gun" call at Lakeview 7-Eleven store Jan. 12 took a man into custody, authorities said.

Around 11:30 p.m., officers responded to the convenience store at 1153 W. Belmont and saw Juan Canas-Perez, 26, in possession of a handgun, according to the police.

Canas-Perez "failed to produce a concealed carry license" and was arrested, a spokesman said. A 25-year-old man who was also detained has been released without charges.

Canas-Perez is charged with one misdemeanor count of failure to disclose concealed carry license for a firearm and disorderly conduct.

Five robberies in South Lakeview, Lincoln Park area

At least five robberies have been reported in southern Lakeview and nearby Lincoln Park over the past week, continuing a trend of muggings in the area that began on New Year's Day.

Shortly after noon on Jan. 12, a man armed with a gun entered Crossroads Trading at 2711 N. Clark and announced a robbery. After collecting the store's cash, the offender fled southbound on Clark.

He was described as an older black male who stands about 5'-11" tall and has a thin build. He was wearing a black jacket, a beany cap with a red ball, and is said to have "messed up teeth" and a scruffy beard.

The other two incidents involved robberies of people as they walked in nearby residential areas.

At 7:15 p.m., a woman was jumped and robbed of her purse near Lakewood and Barry, police said. The offenders were last seen

Robbers fire on couple in Old Town despite getting away with the money

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

An armed robber opened fire on two mugging victims in Old Town late Sunday night, escalating the violence in a week-long robbery pattern that has plagued the normally-quiet neighborhood.

Just after 10:30 p.m., two men emerged from an SUV and approached a man and a woman who were walking in the 1800 block of N. Sedgwick. The robbers demanded the victims' property while displaying a handgun, police said.

The male victim, 26, handed over cash. As the robbers returned to their vehicle, one of them fired a single shot at the couple, but did not strike anyone.

Witnesses said the robbers were

last seen heading north on Sedgwick toward Armitage in a light-colored SUV with a dark gray rear bumper that was occupied by additional persons. The offenders who approached the victims are described as two black men in gray sweaters. Each was armed with a chrome handgun, according to the victims.

Sunday's hold-up was the fourth in a week for Old Town and the second since Chicago police issued a community alert about robberies in the area on Thursday [see this week's Police Beat for more details]. In the pattern, armed men and sometimes women, are emerging from vehicles to accost innocent victims who are merely walking in the neighborhood.

Police suspect that a similar

robbery near Boystown this weekend may be connected to the Old Town cases.

In her weekly newsletter Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] has again "demanded that the 18th District visibly increase patrols in our area and assign additional personnel to our area . . . which they have agreed to do."

But despite promises from the CPD and Mayor's Office to increase hiring, Police staffing is down significantly throughout the city over the last few years due to budget restraints caused by the city's dire financial state, and an inability to recruit new hires due to low moral and a general degradation and disrespect of the department by anti-police activists and politicians.

Cook County again lands prime spot on 'Judicial Hellholes' list

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

Cook County's courts have again landed a top billing among America's worst "judicial hellholes," sharing the designation with downstate Madison County on the annual list calling attention to some of the country's most litigious local court systems.

On Dec. 5, the American Tort Reform Assoc. [ATRA] ranked Cook and Madison counties a combined No. 7 on its list, which is also annually pilloried by trial lawyers in Illinois and elsewhere as a "publicity stunt" designed to continue to promote what the trial lawyers have called a "myth" of lawsuit abuse in courts in Chicago and elsewhere.

"Christmas comes but once a year for most of us, but for the personal injury lawyers who have turned the Cook County courthouse into their own personally profitable playground, it's Christmas every day," said Travis Akin, executive director of Illinois Law-suit Abuse Watch (I-LAW), a legal reform group focused on behavior in Illinois' courts, reacting to the ATRA report.

"Our judges have allowed greedy personal injury lawyers to turn Cook County courts into their own personally profitable playground," Akin said. "These personal injury lawyers spend millions on ubiquitous TV ads and billboards that encourage people to sue, resulting in a flood of frivolous lawsuits that clog Cook County courts and delay justice for people with legitimate claims."

In a letter to the editor, the Illinois Trial Lawyers Assoc. [ITLA] responded to the ATRA report, calling it part of an "ongoing campaign to deny citizens access to

the court system that their tax dollars fund."

"ATRA's allies want to change Illinois law to shield corporations and insurance companies from accountability when their irresponsible behavior results in

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the serious injury or even death of innocent people," the letter, attributed to ITLA President John Scanlon, said. "To maximize its benefactors' profits, ATRA also would shift the responsibility of paying to care for those sickened or injured away from the companies that caused the harm and onto the backs of taxpayers."

In the ATRA report, Cook and Madison counties combined ranked behind the states of Florida, California and New Jersey; New York's asbestos litigation courts; city courts in St. Louis and Philadelphia on ATRA's list. The state of Louisiana rounded out ATRA's list of top "Hellholes."

While Madison County landed on the list once again largely on the basis of its national fame as a destination for asbestos-related personal injury claims, the Hellholes report blasted Cook County for its range of litigation of all kinds.

As in years past, the report noted Cook County hosted two-thirds of the state's lawsuit activity, even

though the county is home to a significantly smaller portion of the state's population – and that number continues to decline.

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Two Cook County judges were removed from the bench this year for misconduct.

Judge Jessica O'Brien was indicted on federal mortgage fraud charges, and Judge Richard Cooke was forced to step down after he refused to work in traffic court and defied orders to do so for months.

On Dec. 1, the Illinois Courts Commission forced another Cook County judge, Valarie Turner, into retirement after she revealed she had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, after she had allowed a now-fired law clerk to hear cases in her courtroom, from her bench, while wearing her robe. That law clerk, Rhonda Crawford, had been a candidate for judge at the time, running unopposed as the Democratic Party nominee for a seat on

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Court says Park Dist. off the hook for bicyclist's injuries on Lakefront Trail

BY DAN CHURNEY
Cook County Record

The Illinois Supreme Court has tossed an appellate court decision in a suit, which claimed the Chicago Park District [CPD] was liable for a bicyclist's injury on the city's Lakefront Trail, saying a Cook County judge was right to declare the district immune from liability, because the trail is a recreational pathway.

The Dec. 29 ruling was laid down by Justice Anne M. Burke, with concurrence from Chief Justice Lloyd Karmeier and justices Charles Freeman, Robert Thomas, Rita Garman and Mary Jane Theis.

The ruling favored the CPD in a personal injury suit brought by Isaac Cohen, upending an Illinois First District Appellate Court decision, which, in turn, had overturned a Cook County Circuit Court ruling.

Cohen was riding a bicycle in July 2013 on the Lakefront Trail near Shedd Aquarium when the front tire of his bike caught in a crack in the concrete pavement. He fell and injured his shoulder, then got back on his bicycle and rode home.

In May 2013, a park district employee received a report of the crack. The employee inspected the crack, decided it needed repair, but did not take immediate steps or mark or barricade the section of the trail in question. The crack was fixed three days after Cohen's fall as part of the district's regular repair schedule.

Cohen sued the CPD in May 2014 for not maintaining the trail and causing his injuries.

Cook County Judge William

Gomolinski threw out the suit on the grounds the district was immune, under the Illinois Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. The section protects public entities from liability for injuries caused by conditions of a "road which provides access to fishing, hunting, or primitive camping, recreational, or scenic areas."

Gomolinski also ruled that even if the act did not apply, the district was still in the clear because the law strips immunity if the entity committed "willful and wanton conduct." Gomolinski found the district had not engaged in such conduct.

Cohen appealed the matter to Illinois First District Appellate Court in Chicago, which unanimously ruled in October 2016 neither section protected the district. The district then asked the Illinois Supreme Court to take it up.

The state high court agreed with the appellate court that the act did not carry any weight, but averred that it did immunize the district.

Justice Burke noted: "Cracks and potholes in paved surfaces are an unfortunate but unavoidable reality, particularly in climates such as Chicago's," but there were no prior injuries on the trail that would have alerted the district the crack represented an "extraordinary risk." Further, although the district did not immediately repair the crack, the trail was inspected, and that particular crack was put on a repair list.

The district did not engage in "foot-dragging," much less willful and wanton conduct, in Burke's view.

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Teen opportunity fair Feb. 10

The Chicago Park District [CPD] will be hosting a Teen Opportunity Fair Saturday, Feb. 10. 10a.m.-2p.m., at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave.

These fairs offer an opportunity for Chicago teens, ages 13 to 19, to learn about programs available throughout the Chicago area as well as the CPD in the following fields: Recreation, Educational/Vocational Opportunities, and Job Readiness.

Teens will be offered the chance to gain a variety of information on educational and/or vocational topics and get exposure to job readiness opportunities including interviewing skills and resume writing.

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the Cook County judiciary. While she won her election, the Illinois Supreme Court stepped in to prevent her from being sworn in as a judge.

The ATRA report also drew attention to Cook County's notoriety as a destination for "meritless lawsuits filed there each year as personal injury lawyers scramble for the next 'golden ticket,'" the report states.

"These lawyers spend millions of dollars on advertising that encourages Illinoisans to sue over anything and everything, clogging the county courthouse with litigation that invariably delays justice for those with legitimate claims.

"These very same lawyers then contribute millions to Cook County judges' election campaigns, hoping to cultivate a plaintiff-friendly bench," the report continues.

The report particularly called out a rash of lawsuits filed against retailers in the wake of Cook County's decision to slap a 1¢-per-ounce tax on soda pop and other sweetened beverages, as plaintiffs lawyers moved quickly to drag into court a host of beverage sellers, from McDonald's, Subway

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and Walgreens to 7-Eleven and even the Art Institute of Chicago, for improperly collecting the tax.

"As should be expected any time a new tax is added, it created some confusion for merchants and customers alike," ATRA said in its report. "But rather than allow a reasonable grace period for glitches to be fixed, trial lawyers struck quickly."

And ATRA drew attention to an ever-growing slew of lawsuits brought against employers of all sizes under a state privacy law, in which the employers are accused of technical violations of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, for scanning employee fingerprints for use in recording employee work hours, but allegedly doing so without first collecting written permission from the employees to scan their biometric identifiers.

The list of those companies sued under the law includes prominent

Illinois companies, like United Airlines, American Airlines, Aramark, Hyatt, Hooters and many others, including a host of janitorial service providers and health care and elder care organizations.

"It is unlikely that any of these recently filed cases will ever make it to trial," ATRA wrote. "And it is even more unlikely that, if any did, evidence of real harm to any class members would be adduced. Because, with a big assist from the Illinois lawmakers whose reelection campaigns they generously support, the class-action lawyers driving these suits are much more interested in pre-trial settlements."

In disputing the basis for the report, ITLA's Scanlon said data from the state's courthouses indicate the state has actually grown less litigious in recent years.

"The number of civil cases filed in Illinois dropped 43% between 2010 and 2015. The number of

medical malpractice cases has decreased 32% since 2003. More than 60% of the cases in our courts today involve businesses suing other businesses or individuals," Scanlon said.

"Illinois' courts are fair and provide an avenue for people of ordinary means who are victims of wrongdoing to hold perpetrators accountable. They serve as a powerful deterrent against corporate misconduct and that's precisely why ATRA is so determined to shut down the ability of individuals to access them for help.

"ATRA and its supporters feign concern about 'frivolous lawsuits' but what they truly fear are meritorious lawsuits that force them to return ill-gotten gains to the people they have hurt."

At I-LAW, Akin called on voters to hold judges accountable at election time, taking stock of those who accept campaign donations from the same trial lawyers who file these lawsuits in their courts.

"Judges can create jobs by stopping lawsuit abuse in their courts," Akin said. "... We need judges who will not allow Cook County to remain a 'judicial hellhole.'"

- Heather Isringhausen Gvillo contributed to this report.

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running eastbound on Barry and then south on Racine. Police described them as one man and one woman, both black, both about 5'-10" tall and both wearing black coats with scarves.

Around 3:30 a.m. Jan. 13, a Lakeview man was jumped from behind, kicked, and robbed as he walked near the intersection of Southport and George.

The victim was not able to offer a description of the two offenders because they approached him from the rear. He did say that one of the robbers held a knife to his back while the other took his wallet and messenger bag.

Two Lakeview residents were mugged Jan. 9 as they entered their apartments between 7:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., police said. No one is in custody.

The first victim was robbed at gunpoint by two men as he entered his apartment in the 1300 block of W. Nelson shortly after 7 p.m. The offenders had been walking behind the victim before they circled back and produced a handgun at his front door.

Police said the offenders are two tall black men. One wore a white or gray vest with a black coat underneath, and the other wore all black. They were last seen heading eastbound on Nelson with the victim's phone, wallet, and large blue backpack.

Then, shortly after 10 p.m., a woman was attacked in front of her apartment in the 2800 block of N. Lakewood. The victim said "multiple" white or Hispanic men knocked her down and took her purse before they jumped into a dark sedan that was waiting nearby. The primary offender was wearing a dark hoodie.

Since Jan. 1, at least eight robberies have been reported in south Lakeview and nearby Lincoln Park. Police have yet to issue a community alert about the pattern.

Four-time convicted robber, on parole since November, is charged with North Side carjacking

A four-time convicted robbery offender who's been on parole for less than two months is accused of trying to carjack a man in Albany Park.

And the arresting officers' report paints a humorous picture of how the hardened con's apprehension played out.

Cops said they were on their way to a "man with a gun" call around 8:15 p.m. Dec. 30 when they pulled up behind a Ford Explorer at a stop sign in the 3600 block of W. Leland. The driver didn't move the car even after the cops blasted their air horn repeatedly.



Thomas Elliott

to the man in his passenger seat.

As cops spoke with the apparent victim, an officer allegedly saw Thomas Elliott, 42, crawl slowly out of the passenger door as if he were trying to avoid detection. It didn't work. When officers arrested Elliott after a brief foot chase, he was still wearing a black ski mask. A black replica handgun was recovered from the victim's car.

According to the victim, he was driving in the 4600 block of N. Monticello when Elliott—wearing a ski mask and a dark hoodie around his face—jumped into his passenger seat, pulled out a gun, and told him to "drive and give me all your money."

The car had traveled less than a block when police drove up behind them.

Elliott, also known as Talmas Elliott, is charged with felony unlawful vehicular invasion; Class X felony robbery with a firearm; and Class X felony aggravated kidnaping-concealing identity.

Elliott has a lengthy criminal record and was most recently paroled on Nov. 8, 2017, after serving half of an eight-year sentence for aggravated robbery.

Before that, he received two concurrent eight-year sentences for separate robbery and armed robbery cases in 2007.

Then, there was a four-year sentence for aggravated robbery in 2001; two years for narcotics in 1996; and a concurrent four years for drugs in 1996. Elliott made his rookie prison debut in 1992 when he was handed a four-year sentence for burglary. Cook County Judge John Lyke

ordered Elliott held without bail.

"Just a pellet gun"

An admitted gang member was released on a \$120 recognizance

bond after he brandished a handgun that turned out to be a pellet gun in Uptown last month, police said.

Police say Isaiah Hughes, 21, tried to gain entry to an apartment building at 840 W. Sunnyside by asking a guard to buzz him in around 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 22. But the guard told cops that he refused to let Hughes in because he was holding a gun in his right hand.

A covert police unit that was working a narcotics case in the area also saw the gun being brandished, according to radio traffic.

Cops stopped Hughes nearby and recovered a black and silver handgun from his waistband. The gun turned out to be a BB gun, prosecutors said.

An admitted member of the Traveling Vice Lords street gang, according to police, Hughes was charged with an ordinance violation of possessing a replica firearm. He was released on a \$120 I-Bond without seeing a judge.

Just five days before Hughes' arrest, witnesses reported that several people who were being shot at (by real guns) fled into the same building around 7:50 p.m. No one was arrested in the case and no shooting victims ever emerged.

Muggings, commercial burglaries on Near North Side

Two evening time muggings Jan. 14 in the Old Town neighborhood have sparked a community alert from Chicago police.

In both robberies, offenders have emerged from a white Nissan Maxima, pushed their victims to the ground, and stolen valuables before escaping in the car, police said.

The first robbery in the pattern was reported around 8 p.m. on the 1500 block of N. Wieland and the second at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the 500 block of W. Wisconsin, according to the alert.

Police said the Wieland robbers were two men. One is black, stands about 6'-1" tall and weighs about 165 lbs. The other was described only as black and about 5'-10" tall.

The suspects on Wisconsin were described as two black men who stand 5'-9" to 5'-11" tall.

Anyone with information about the robberies is asked to call Area North detectives at 312-747-8380.

Police are also warning businesses in Old Town of a rash of commercial burglaries that have occurred during January. In each incident, the offender forces entry through front glass doors/windows.

Once inside, the offender will pry open cash registers and remove the money. Incidents include one on the 1000 block of W. North Ave., 12:40 a.m. Jan. 13; one on the 0-100 block of W. Huron St., 2:17 a.m. Jan. 13; the 1500 block of N. Clark St., Jan. 13, between 7:30 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.; 1500 block of N. Clark St., Jan. 13, between 7 p.m. - 6:45 a.m.; the 1500 block of N. Clark St., Jan. 13, between 7 p.m. - 6:30 a.m., and on the 1500 block of N. La Salle Dr., Jan. 13, between 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Police describe the offenders as male, African-American, 5'-10", 180 lbs.

Uptown bank robbed, reward offered

An Uptown bank was robbed of \$1,000 Jan. 4 and the FBI is offering a modest reward for information that leads them to the offender.

The man entered Chase Bank at 5134 N. Clark just after 11 a.m. and handed a note to a teller demanding cash. No weapon was used.

Police said the man is white, in his 30's, thin, and just under 6' tall. He was wearing a puffy black coat that extended to his thighs, a black scarf over his face, sunglasses, black pants, and dark gloves. In true North Side fashion, he also had a cup of coffee.

A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for "information leading directly to the arrest" of the suspect, the FBI said. Tips may be directed to the agency's Chicago Field Office at 312-421-6700.

Accused Lakeview burglar faces 14 felony counts

Just before Christmas, we shared news of an easy-going burglar who spent nearly an hour breaking into cars and picking locks at two condo buildings near the Paulina Brown Line CTA station.

Chicago police now say they've caught the guy: Mark Walker, 48. He's charged with 16 criminal counts including burglary, bank fraud, and more.

Shortly after noon Jan. 18, 20th

District cops were called to the 5400 block of N. Broadway to handle a car break-in case. When they arrived, they found Walker and the car's owner on-scene. Walker "admitted to breaking the back passenger window" of the man's Range Rover.

He also told police that he arrived in Edgewater via taxi. And the cab was still there with its meter running as he ran "errands."

Cops inspected the taxi and found a bag full of burglary tools—a screwdriver, a window punch, a pry bar, box cutter, socket, ratchet, he had it all, they said.

Detectives quickly connected Walker to a month-long, one-man crime spree that stretched from River North to the United Center to Lakeview. Nine of the criminal charges against



Mark Walker

Walker stem from his two alleged break-ins of Lakeview condo buildings on Dec. 21.

Walker is charged with burglarizing one condo residence in the 1600 block of W. Belmont that night and then burglarizing or damaging eight cars in a condo building garage in the 3200 block of N. Paulina minutes later.

On Dec. 22, Walker broke into an office building in the 200 block of W. Superior, cops say. Later that day, he allegedly tried to use a check that he stole from one of the offices.

On Jan. 8, prosecutors say he tried to cash a stolen check made out to his name at a currency exchange near the United Center.

Walker is charged with nine counts of burglary, one count of residential burglary, two counts of bank fraud, criminal damage to property, theft of lost or mislaid property, possession of burglary tools, and illegal possession of eight hydrocodone pills.

Judge Stephanie Miller ordered Walker released on electronic monitoring with a \$25,000 recognizance bond. Walker lists a homeless shelter on the Near West Side as his residence.

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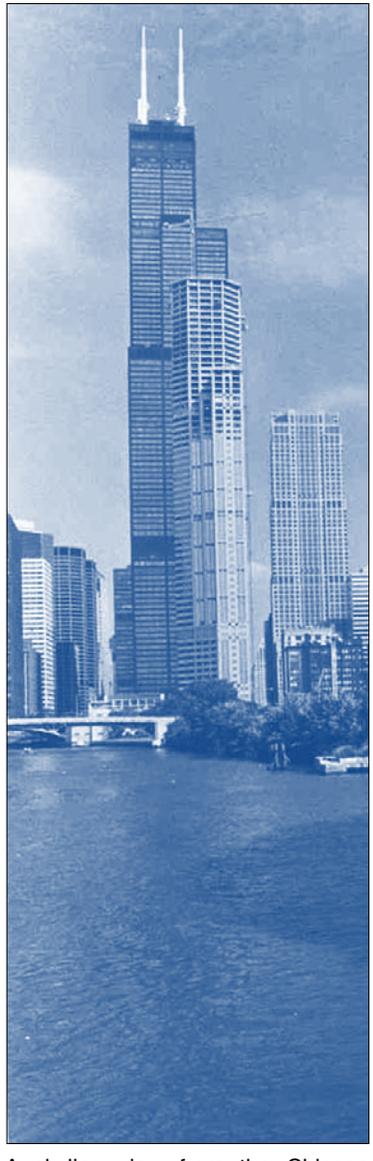
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The application period is open through 5 p.m., Feb. 28.

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A skyline view from the Chicago River looking north toward the Sears Tower in August 1989.

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Construction workers put finishing touches on the exterior of Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s new headquarters in Hoffman Estates on July 30, 1992.

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obviously brought a lot of attention to the village. Sears made a big difference."

Among the other developments that have located around it are the Sears Centre Arena — now home to the NBA G League's Windy City Bulls — and the Chicago region's 185,000-square-foot Cabela's store.

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"There was very little housing on the west side of the village before Sears came," McLeod said.

Though headlines today often

chronicle the company's present struggles, reminders of Sears' heyday are all around. These include the call letters of Chicago radio station WLS — which stands for "World's Largest Store" for the four years Sears owned the station in the 1920s — and the name of Schaumburg's massive Woodfield Mall, which honors both Robert Wood and iconic Chicago merchant Marshall Field.

But for a business based in the greater Chicago area for more than 130 years, Sears' longevity and influence are historic, Mahoney said.

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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.
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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-16-00263
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 16 CH 005392
TJSC#: 38-257
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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The real estate is improved with a c o n d o m i n i u m unit.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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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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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-16-09183
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 16 CH 010646
TJSC#: 37-10793
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 26, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 718 W. ALDINE AVENUE UNIT #1, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-309-081-1001,
Property Index No. 14-21-309-057-0000 (underlying pin).
The real estate is improved with a c o n d o m i n i u m unit.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
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Attorney File No. 14-17-03515
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 17 CH 004271
TJSC#: 38-11
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. MEGAN E. FERRELL, CHARLES A. HORN, TCF NATIONAL BANK, 4601 N. MONTICELLO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 17 CH 004346
3614 W. WILSON AVENUE, UNIT #3E CHICAGO, IL 60625
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 2, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3614 W. WILSON AVENUE, UNIT #3E, CHICAGO, IL 60625
Property Index No. 13-14-113-032-1011.
The real estate is improved with a r e s i d e n c e .
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE KACZYNSKI, FOUNTAIN PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 17 CH 10452
5941 North Odell Avenue, Unit 2W Chicago, IL 60631
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, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5941 North Odell Avenue, Unit 2W, Chicago, IL 60631
Property Index No. 12-01-401-041-1005.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$88,927.30.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-CB6 Plaintiff, vs. JOE W. MCDANIEL, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants 16 CH 005392
3843 W. MONTROSE AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60618
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 5, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 14, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3843 W. MONTROSE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60618
Property Index No. 13-14-302-006-0000.
The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. ERIC A. WHITE A/K/A ERIC ANDREW WHITE, BRIDGET J. DOHERTY WHITE, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE 718 W. ALDINE CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 17 CH 004271
718 W. ALDINE AVENUE UNIT #1 CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 19, 2017, an agent for The

Grant will help preserve collection documenting local German-American community

The DANK Haus German-American Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave., has received a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This grant is designed for small and mid-sized institutions to improve the preservation and care of their humanities collections.

With this grant, the DANK Haus will conduct a general preservation assessment of the recently acquired archive of the Eintracht German-language newspaper that was published in Chicago from 1922 to 2017. The collection was donated by the owner of the Eintracht, Klaus Juengling and Family, with guidance from the editor

Annerose Goerge and processed with assistance from the Chicago Cultural Alliance.

The Eintracht collection consists of past editions of the newspaper, several photographs from local events, club paraphernalia, obituaries, and printing materials. At its peak, the Eintracht (meaning “harmony”) purportedly served over 300,000 members in the local German-American community. The collection documents the development of the German-American community in the Chicago land area.

Soon after acquiring the collection, the DANK Haus began the archival process with assistance from a research fellow through the Univ. of Chicago.

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Army, stationed in Germany, that John first became enamored with beer gardens. He opened his first Moody’s Pub in 1959, in Old Town, and a decade later, John designed and built the Moody’s at 5910 N. Broadway, in Edgewater. On a nice day, there’s nothing quite like sitting on the outdoor patio at Moody’s while munching on one of the restaurant’s renowned burgers.

According to John’s obituary at legacy.com, he is survived by his

beloved wife of 34 years, Katie; his daughter Christine (Patrick) Veech; son “Jake” John, Jr. (Marina); daughter Cindy Dobbins; grandchildren Patrick, TJ, and Wilson Veech, Kelly, and Will Dobbins, and Liana Kahoun; and brothers Ira (Vicky), Tom (Cindy), and David.

Visitation was already held, but memorial donations can be made to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL. 60660 or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls at donate.mercyhome.org.



National Geographic Birds of Paradise exhibit opens at Nature Museum

See exotic behaviors of an extravagant species

North Siders can take a journey to New Guinea and the exotic world with Birds of Paradise: Amazing Avian Evolution, a new exhibition at the Chicago Academy of Sciences / Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum [CAS].

Featuring the extravagant plumage, crazy courtship dances and bizarre behaviors of the extraordinary birds, the exhibition is born out of the research of National Geographic photographer Tim Laman and Cornell Lab of Ornithology scientist Edwin Scholes’ work studying these birds. The exhibition will run through June 17.

For 160 years, the CAS has connected people to the environment and natural world through education, science and timely exhibits. Birds of Paradise allows people to discover more about the lives and

habits of these species through games and hands-on activities.

“[This show] takes our visitors deep into the rainforest and brings these extravagant birds to life,” said Deborah Lahey, CAS CEO. “Every exhibition is designed to create a closer connection between our community and the fascinating flora and fauna that surrounds us, making Birds of Paradise a perfect addition to our lineup of guest experiences.”

Equal parts natural history, photography and science exhibition, this show gives visitors an in-depth look into the lives of birds-of-paradise. Visitors will be greeted with natural soundscapes, traditional wood carvings and a montage of the dozens of birds-of-paradise species.

Since their partnership began in 2004, Laman and Scholes have been dedicated to documenting and understanding the lives of

birds of paradise. During 18 expeditions over eight years, the two were able to capture photographs, videos and detailed observations of these important species of birds. Known for their unique looks and mating rituals, the birds of paradise are a prime example of sexual selection and are surely one of the most elegant examples of extreme evolution on Earth. The birds are found in one of the most untarnished environments in the world: the remote rain forests of the New Guinea region.

The CAS will also be showcasing some live, loud and beautiful macaws, stunning aracari, exotic serama chickens and native bobwhite quails featured in a special exhibit titled The Bird House.

For more information visit naturemuseum.org or call 773-755-5100.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY F/K/A NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff,

-v- ARMANDO ROMAN, ARGELIA ROMAN A/K/A ARGELIA A. ROMAN, SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC., LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 13 CH 009759

3022 N. KEATING AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60641 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, 2014, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3022 N. KEATING AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60641

Property Index No. 13-27-108-032. The real estate is improved with a single unit dwelling.

The judgment amount was \$346,898.81. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in AS IS condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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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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foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Plaintiff’s attorney: WEISS MCCLELLAND LLC, 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 605-3500 Please refer to file number IL 004583.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. WEISS MCCLELLAND LLC 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 605-3500 E-Mail: intake@wmlegal.com Attorney File No. IL 004583 Attorney Code. 56284 Case Number: 13 CH 009759 TJSC#: 38-240

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff,

-v- RICARDO A. MORALES AKA RICARDO MORALES, NIDIA MELISA PORTILLO AKA NIDIA M. PORTILLO AKA NIDIA PORTILLO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 17 CH 4142 2636 WEST CARMEN AVENUE Chicago, IL 60625

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 28, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 13, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2636 WEST CARMEN AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60625 Property Index No. 13-12-402-050-0000. The real estate is improved with a apartment. The judgment amount was \$628,888.66.

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

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

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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, contact the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www. AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F17020302. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120 NAPERVILLE, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 E-Mail: foreclosurenotice@anselmolindberg.com Attorney File No. F17020302 Attorney ARDC No. 3126232 Attorney Code. 58852 Case Number: 17 CH 4142 TJSC#: 38-232

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

-v- MIRNA CASARRUBIAS, JAVIER CASARRUBIAS, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants 16 CH 04027 2325 NORTH MOODY AVENUE Chicago, IL 60639

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 28, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 16, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2325 NORTH MOODY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60639 Property Index No. 13-32-105-022-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the

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For information: Visit our website at service. atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5pm. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff’s Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 416-5500. Please refer to file number 254469.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 416-5500 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 254469 Attorney Code. 61256 Case Number: 16 CH 04027 TJSC#: 38-46

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

-v- FRYDERYK ZMUDA, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Defendants 16 CH 009968 3069 N. HAUSSEN COURT CHICAGO, IL 60618

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 17, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 6, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3069 N. HAUSSEN COURT, CHICAGO, IL 60618 Property Index No. 13-26-109-013-0000. The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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formation. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) .

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(312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-16-08850 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 16 CH 009968 TJSC#: 38-34

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff,

-v- CHAD LARSON, SHANNON LARSON, EVERGREEN BANK GROUP FKA EVERGREEN PRIVATE BANK, THE LARRABEE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 17 CH 09280 873 NORTH LARRABEE ST., UNIT 306 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 October 18, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 873 NORTH LARRABEE ST., UNIT 306, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-324-104-1018. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$275,126.81. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property

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

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HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Fax #: (217) 422-1754 CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 2120-13816 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 17 CH 09280 TJSC#: 37-9528

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Letters to the Editor

What to pair with fine champagne

Valentine's Day gives everyone a chance to celebrate, and embrace, what, and whom, they love. It is a day to cause everyone you care for to feel valued. Feeling valued is the most important experience all people in the world want more than anything. If you cause someone to feel valued, you can do anything you want with that person.

Our city is challenged in myriad ways. Regardless, I hope that every Chicagoan finds a way to feel sincerely pleased about something on that special day.

Finally, we know that many people (over 21) choose to drink some bubbly libation on Valentine's Day. Apropos that, what is the most important thing to pair with your favorite champagne? That's easy: the person you love (or at least like) the most.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Leon J. Hoffman, Lakeview East

Still don't like the Packers

It's presumptuous - and incorrect - to think that the Green Bay Packers would have been Chicago's home team if the border with Wisconsin had been set at the original latitude [story Jan. 3]. This is because the final location was important to many economic and political events which followed in both states. Change the latitude, and many of these events would have been different.

One sequence which is very important is that which led to the Packers being owned by Green Bay, instead of a private company - a unique situation. I think the final southern Wisconsin boundary was an important part of this sequence. The explanation to answer the question "How so?" is one that could only be answered by historians doing a lot of research. It might make a very interesting TV show!

Jean SmilingCoyote, West Ridge

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to know the talented young pianist and musicians and singer performing at the service were Susan and Lew's gifted grandchildren. The circle continues on life's stage."

BIG SALUTE: Congratulations to **Roger Owen** who was awarded the two highest Platinum Awards at the National Association of Home Builders in Orlando, FL last week. Wife, **Janet**, is still cheering.

CATHEDRAL SQUARE: Looks like it's green lights for the big high-rises to go up in the former parking lots of Holy Name Cathedral at State and Chicago. A 50- and 70-story residential tower have cleared the hurdles. Big change to the neighborhood there. Best is they will re-do the bridge at the river on Chicago Avenue that has been clogged since the Model T. Vast improvements are promised. We'll see. More people. More stores. More business. The garage is supposed to have 275 parking places set aside for Cathedral-goers. Amen.

HALF-CAF: The largest Starbucks in the world is getting set to transition into the Michigan Avenue Crate and Barrel where **Howard Schultz** plans on reshaping the contours of coffee in America with his Starbucks Reserve. You won't believe it. Stay tuned.

BUT DARING! Who is the long-time Chicago politico hard at work attempting to placate his Mrs., who has been getting feisty about the young ladies he has been hiring of late? Seems her rage reached the surface during the gnarly Catholic Hospital vote in City Council that had the mayor on his toes because of aldermanic

resistance. It is said her bad mouthing of her husband made some friends turn foe to him and then the boss. Someone needs to clean up their act.

MOUSE-KEETER RIP: Variety has reported the death of **Doreen Tracey**, 74, one of the original Mickey Mouse Club's musketeers from the legendary television show in the 1950s. London-born, Tracey moved to Hollywood when she was four when her theatrical father opened a dance studio there. She later worked for **Frank Zappa** and was in management at Warner Bros. It's scary when the musketeers start dropping.

O MON DIEU: **Peter Mayle**, 74, the facile British writer who made you want to run away to the South of France and eat cheese, has died in Provence. Adieu.

HUBER OR UBER? What Chicago pioneer family descendent has ceased taking taxis and seriously invested in Uber? The doorman says she has the same one all the time, day or night. Not sure her fancy, fancy husband gets it.

EXCELSIOR: Restaurateur **TJ Callahan**, a partner in the highly successful "Farmhouse" restaurants in Chicago and **Evansston**, has bragging rights for his family. **TJ's** brother **Michael Callahan**, and sisters, **Connie** and **Micki Callahan**, all recently climbed Africa's tallest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro. His four



Chaz Ebert at Sundance on the jury.

nieces and nephews, **Robin, Michelle, Quinn** and **Cash**, also made the climb. WOW. Now what do you talk about at Thanksgiving?

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: **Maestro Muti** will conduct Aaron Copeland's "Lincoln Portrait."

One of American music's most stirring works. The 16th President's words are woven through the performance. Good news is that Illinois native and Steppenwolf Theater member **John Malkovich** will perform on April 12-14 and 17. Tickets for the Symphony Center performances are available at cso.org.

WHO'S WHERE? It's Award Season, so our town's **Irene Micheals** caught up with Grammy nominee (and 2018 inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame)

Jon Bon Jovi in LA before changing coasts for New York where the 60th Grammys will be held ... **Mamie Walton, Nancy Kelley** and friends dining in the warm breezes at LeVallauris Restaurant in Palm Springs,

CA. **Newsie Lilia A. Chacon** in heavenly Chulamar, Guatemala watching the clouds roll in from the ocean ... fashion man **Christopher Mason** visiting a friend's plantation in the russet sunsets of South Carolina ... **Barb Bailey** and musical protégé

Dakota Horvath bringing the house down at **Herb Alpert's Vibrato Grill Jazz** in LA ... **Jolanta Ruege**, sipping a regal cocktail at **Lon's** at **Hermosa Inn** in Paradise

Valley, AZ ... **Chaz Ebert** on her way to the Sundance Film Festival where she has been named a member of the jury. **Newsie Jim Williams** with **Common** and **Michael Phelps** at the Kennedy Forum on mental health ... **Bruce DuMont** on the road from LA to Palm Springs making a pit stop at Big Boy. **Christie's Steven Zick** at the prestigious Cleveland Museum of Art, at the opening of the Rafael Vinoly new addition and peeking at Caravaggio's "Crucifixion of St. Andrew"... Minnesota sculptor, **David Cook**, formerly of Chicago, is making his big flowers getting ready for his annual flower-bombing of Cocoa Beach, FL. **Paul Malarik, III** in Bloomington last weekend for the rites of initiation at Indiana University for

32 new members of **Acacia Fraternity**. **COCONUT LAYER CAKE:** **Ralph Laurel Bar and Grill** has a new coconut layer cake on the menu. It's stunning. Like nothing I've ever tasted. And the joint was jumpin' ... **Curt Rose** was in hilarious

spirits, entertaining patrons in the bar car. So much fun in the dining room to run into **Michael Kutza**, founder and CEO of the Chicago International Film Festival. He was a friend and fan of my predecessor, **Ann Gerber**. And I know

Ann took delight in him. He was bubbly and encouraging to me. Also had a chance to talk to family friend **Diane Keliher Ferrah**, a Sacred Heart (Sheridan Road) pal of my late Palm Beach cousin **Julie Weyforth Stoll**.

You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake. It's like, 'See if you can blow this out.' -- **Jerry Seinfeld**



Irene Michaels and Jon Bon Jovi.



Jolanta Ruege



Doreen Tracey, Mouseketeer.



Barb Bailey with Dakota Horvath.

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<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2007-KS2 Plaintiff, -v.- CHARLES WHITTAKER A/K/A CHARLES B. WHITTAKER, CITY OF CHICAGO, STATE OF ILLINOIS, 2608-10 NORTH ORCHARD OWNERS ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 13 CH 008710 2610 N. ORCHARD AVENUE UNIT B CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 4, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2610 N. ORCHARD AVENUE UNIT B, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-303-081-0000; 14-28-303-075-0000. The real estate is improved with a c o n d o / t o w n h o u s e . Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.</p>	<p>765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 6.05/1.8.5 (g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-12-35539. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cselegal.com Attorney File No. 14-12-35539 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 13 CH 008710 TJSC#: 37-11030 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. 13072872</p>	<p>Plaintiff, -v.- JACQUELINE SMITH, YVONNE FINCH FKA YVONNE SMITH, AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, THE CITY OF CHICAGO, CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CAPITAL ONE, FSB, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. FKA CAPITAL ONE BANK, 111 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DISCOVER BANK Defendants 10 CH 00492 111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G 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 December 7, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 8, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 111 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 45G, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-03-225-078-1333. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$441,712.80. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.</p>	<p>in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 6.05/1.8.5 (g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 53129. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Fax #: (217) 422-1754 CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 53129</p>	<p>Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 10 CH 00492 TJSC#: 37-11083 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. 13071886</p>	<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff, vs. LYNN LUCHTENBURG, AKA LYNN M. LUCHTENBURG; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; 230 EAST ONTARIO OWNERS ASSOCIATION A/K/A 230 EAST ONTARIO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants, 17 CH 4043 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 17-10-203-028-1007. Commonly known as 230 EAST ONTARIO STREET 306, CHICAGO, IL 60611. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-005588 F2 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13073958</p>	<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff, vs. YALE M. SCHIFF; AMERICAN CHARTERED BANK; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN); FIRST AMERICAN BANK; MADISON MANOR 2 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MB FINANCIAL BANK, N.A.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; AS NOMINEE FOR REGIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; JASON SCHIFF Defendants, 11 CH 22155 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: All that certain parcel of land lying and being Situated in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, to wit: P.I.N. 17-08-448-010-1167 and 17-08-448-011-1148. Commonly known as 910 West Madison Avenue, Unit 802, Chicago, IL 60607. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-005588 F2 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 13073086</p>

Experts say blockchain technology will be useful in many industries

BY ALEXA ADLER
Medill News Service

As bitcoin prices fluctuate, indicating uncertainty about the ultimate viability of cryptocurrency, other use of its underlying blockchain technology is increasing and may represent the future of information transfer technology in many industries, including banking, media and to some extent, healthcare.

In downtown Chicago, cryptocurrency experts gathered Jan. 17 to discuss future uses of blockchain in multiple industries before an audience of many developers at a Future of Blockchain meetup at mHub, 965 W. Chicago Ave.

“I think everybody views bitcoin as the first proof of concept of blockchain and everybody is waiting to sort of see what’s next, what happens, and how does it evolve,” said Dr. Tejas Shastri, vice president of data science at

GreenKey Technologies.

In blockchain transactions, data is transmitted and stored in multiple nodes distributed throughout the cloud. While it has potential applicability in many industries, some industries might be better suited for it than others, the experts said, notably industries that handle transactions and data fully digitally.

According to Daniel Mason, vice president of business development at Springcoin, “Things like file storage, identity management, things that involve digital rights management, like music, content or stock photography, or things where the actual licensing or the information and the assets themselves are all digital are where I think there are easy wins. People talk about real estate and medical and supply chains and these are great use cases, but when you have to tether an off-line thing to an on-line thing, it adds a lot

of difficulty.”

In healthcare, Dr. Conrad Bar-ski, CEO of Forward Blockchain, said he believes that while there are many immediate uses for blockchain technology in improving hospital quality by creating auditable records to better keep track of things like medical licenses and equipment inspections, privacy concerns and the HIPAA privacy law will limit its immediate use in keeping track of patient records. He stated that HIPAA may have to be amended to accommodate the use of blockchain for patient records.

One of the goals of blockchain technology is to eliminate intermediaries. This poses a potential problem for banks, which of up to now have served as the intermediaries in virtually all on-line transactions. For example, when you pay your credit card bill online, the credit card company contacts your bank and it is actually

the bank that makes the payment.

In blockchain technology, parties contact one another directly, thereby eliminating the need for a bank to act as intermediary. By eliminating this intermediary role, for which banks are compensated, banks could lose a source of revenue.

While experts such as Shastri acknowledged that blockchain can “abridge” a bank, he said there’s utility for banks in using blockchain technology. “There are plenty of advantages that blockchains have for banks. Banks don’t want to be a point of failure. There have been times when banks have made mistakes, such as where there is a bad trade or a rogue trader out there who loses billions of dollars. Having a record of transactions that have happened across multiple financial institutions that no single party can tamper with is a huge advantage.”

Shastri sees advantages to

banks in using blockchain technology to “help them work with other financial institutions and to take away some of the costs that they incur on central recordkeeping that they do themselves.”

In Oct. 2017 banking giant JP Morgan Chase announced that with the participation of Australia-based ANZ and the Royal Bank of Canada (Australia), it would launch a new interbank payments platform powered by blockchain on the Quorum blockchain network that will save time and costs associated with interbank payment delays. Experts predict that as blockchain technology develops, and additional ways to maintain privacy for blockchain transactions are created, banks will find ways to use it not just in interbank transactions, but in transactions for retail customers as well.

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY;
Plaintiff,
vs.

MARY MASON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BERWYN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA 2775 WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION;
Defendants,
17 CH 8828

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 26, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 13-12-227-053-1004. Commonly known as 2755 Berwyn Avenue, 2W, Chicago, IL 60625. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochanski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611.
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INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON TRUST, NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF REGISTERED HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2 0 0 7 - A R 5 , MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2 0 0 7 - A R 5 , MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2 0 0 7 - A R 5
Plaintiff,
vs.

LYUDMILA BERYOZKIN, WINSTON TOWERS NO. 1 ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,
17 CH 5457

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 16, 2017 Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 10-36-119-003-1151. Commonly known as 6933 N. Kedzie Avenue, Unit #1007, Chicago, IL 60645. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385.

INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff,
-v.-

H. ROBERT BARTELL III, MARIA MANOLAS, JP-MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER OF BANK ONE, N.A., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 6769

5455 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 3102 Chicago, IL

Real Estate For Sale

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NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 30, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 1, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5455 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 3102, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-203-016-1349
Vol. 477.
The real estate is improved with a c o n d o m i n i u m .
The judgment amount was \$35,975.15.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale .
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) .
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 17 - 4 9 4 1 .
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710
E - Mail : ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg . c o m
Attorney File No. 17-4941
Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 17 CH 6769
TJSC#: 37-11061
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.
13073221

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
PRISCILLA DRAGOI AKA PRISCILLA M. DRAGOI-ZULICIC AKA PRISCILLA M. DRAGOI AKA PRISCILLA MARIA DRAGOI, NIKOLA ZULICIC AKA NERMIN NIKOLA ZULICIC, BMO HARRIS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA HARRIS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, MALIBU EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
16 CH 01165 CONSOLIDATED WITH 15 D 6025
6033 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 18F CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 1, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6033 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 18F, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-215-017-1169.
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$183,073.50.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale .
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 required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) .
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 2120-11796. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719
Fax #: (217) 422-1754
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Attorney File No. 2120-11796
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 16 CH 01165
CONSOLIDATED WITH 15 D 6025
TJSC#: 37-10807
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
BONIFACIO B. ELLAZAR, 5650 CALIFORNIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2017 CH 11030
5650 N. CALIFORNIA AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60659
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant

to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 27, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 1, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5650 N. CALIFORNIA AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 6 0 6 5 9
Property Index No. 13-01-328-066-1004 / 1 0 0 6 .
The real estate is improved with a c o n d o m i n i u m .
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale .
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 required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 6 0 5 / 1 8 . 5 (g - 1) .
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THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
WEISS MCCLELLAND LLC 105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1850 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 605-3500
E-Mail: intake@wmllegal.com
Attorney File No. IL-004771
Attorney Code. 56284
Case Number: 17 CH 7344
TJSC#: 37-10792
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AYAD PAUL JACOB, MAYRA JACOB, M O R T G A G E ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,
17 CH 931
NOTICE OF SALE
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P.I.N. 13-01-318-039.
Commonly known as 5730 N. RICHMOND ST., CHICAGO, IL 60659. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. The successful purchaser is entitled to possession of the property only. The purchaser may only obtain possession of units within the multi-unit property occupied by individuals named in the order of possession. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff,
-v.-
H. ROBERT BARTELL III, MARIA MANOLAS, JP-MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER OF BANK ONE, N.A., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RDG FUND-5 LNS LLC, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 6769

5455 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 3102 Chicago, IL

Real Estate For Sale

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Plaintiff,
vs.

MARY MASON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BERWYN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA 2775 WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AKA WEST BERWYN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION;
Defendants,
17 CH 8828

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON TRUST, NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF REGISTERED HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2 0 0 7 - A R 5 , MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2 0 0 7 - A R 5 , MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2 0 0 7 - A R 5
Plaintiff,
vs.

LYUDMILA BERYOZKIN, WINSTON TOWERS NO. 1 ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,
17 CH 5457

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Defendants
17 CH 6769

5455 N. SHERIDAN RD., UNIT 3102 Chicago, IL

Real Estate For Sale

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Plaintiff,
vs.
AYAD PAUL JACOB, MAYRA JACOB, M O R T G A G E ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,
17 CH 931
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Property Index No. 13-01-328-066-1004 / 1 0 0 6 .
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E-Mail: intake@wmllegal.com
Attorney File No. IL-004771
Attorney Code. 56284
Case Number: 17 CH 7344
TJSC#: 37-10792
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AYAD PAUL JACOB, MAYRA JACOB, M O R T G A G E ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AYAD PAUL JACOB, MAYRA JACOB, M O R T G A G E ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,
17 CH 931
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AYAD PAUL JACOB, MAYRA JACOB, M O R T G A G E ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants,
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Fighting the war against phosphorous

A year after the settlement between environmental groups and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, progress is inching forward in reducing dangerous levels of phosphorous in the Chicago River

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It's common knowledge that phosphorous is a harmful nutrient in bodies of water, making them uninhabitable for marine life by spurring algae growth and choking oxygen levels. The western basin of Lake Erie has had large blooms for several Summers now and the Gulf of Mexico also has a particularly large problem where the Mississippi River meets the Gulf.

Closer to home, phosphorous has been detrimental to the water quality of the lower Des Plaines and Illinois rivers.

It's particularly destructive in waterways that flow out of cities, where highly polluted effluent spreads downstream, contaminating tributaries and entering larger bodies of water. The problems in the Gulf are in large part our doing.

Chicago sits nearly 800 miles away from the Gulf of Mexico, yet phosphorous from the Chicago River has a damaging reach and historically has been the single largest contributor to what scientists call the "dead zone," an area in the Gulf roughly the size of New Jersey where fish can't survive.

That's why in January 2017, after six years of litigation between local environmental groups and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago [MWRD], a settlement was reached to prioritize the determination of what constitutes a healthy phosphorous level in the Chicago River. Now a year after the agreement was brokered, the process of redefining permit levels is proving to be slow, but the groups involved remain hopeful they are finally on the right track.

"Algae is a huge problem downstream of the plant," said Ann Alexander, senior attorney for the Lands and Wildlife Program of the National Resource Defense Council [NRDC], of the MWRD's treatment plant in Stickney. "The point of settlement was basically to study what needs to be done in order to ultimately put together a fix to the problem, which isn't going to happen tomorrow."

Alexander was the attorney that negotiated the phosphorous settlement in her previous role as the NRDC's legal advocacy director of the Midwest Program. As part of the settlement a Nutrient Oversight Committee will be established in 2018, comprising members of MWRD, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and a representative from the environmental groups. The committee will then hire a consultant to determine the exact levels of nutrient discharge required and make suggestions to the Illinois EPA, which will use the findings to mandate statewide permit limits.

"The expectation is that they'll likely come up with a number by the end of next year," Alexander said.

The initiative's ultimate goal is to get phosphorous levels, which are measured in milligrams per liter, to a point in which they will not degrade the quality of the water that flows out of the city. While the MWRD has been operating under a self-imposed permit limit of 1 milligram per liter, Alexander said scientists agree that number needs to be closer to — if not under — 0.1 milligram per liter.

"You need to get below 0.1 [milligram per liter], which is sort of the functional limit of available technology," said John Quail, director of watershed planning at the advocacy group Friends of the Chicago River.

An interim backstop goal of 0.5 milligram per liter by the year 2030 was written into the settlement, ensuring the process could move forward. This aligns with the



The Chicago River is the single largest contributor to the Gulf of Mexico's "dead zone," but recent recovery efforts seek to reduce dangerous levels of phosphorous making its way south.

city's plans to complete its Deep Tunnel project by 2029, which will manage Chicago's stormwater runoff and make it easier to monitor the river's water quality.

Phosphorus is a harmful nutrient in bodies of water, making them uninhabitable for marine life by spurring algae growth and choking oxygen levels.

Prior to the agreement, the MWRD already employed technologies in its water treatment process to recover phosphorous from raw sewage and stormwater runoff, before it hits the river. The most productive system being utilized locally is from Ostara Nutrient Recovery Technologies. Installed at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, the Ostara equipment is capable of recover-

ing phosphorus that is already dissolved in water.

"It's allowed the largest plant in the world to achieve very low discharge numbers in terms of phosphorus," said MWRD Executive Director David St. Pierre. And because of the Ostara process, the MWRD claims the Stickney plant is ahead of schedule, already recovering enough phosphorous to drop its discharge to 0.5 milligrams per liter.

The Ostara technology also essentially pays for itself as a revenue offset for the MWRD, according to agency officials. It turns the recovered phosphorous into non-water soluble fertilizer pellets, which are then sold as a product called Crystal Green.

"What's nice about this product is that the nutrient value gets to the plants and it doesn't dissolve in the water and runoff into the waterways," St. Pierre said.

Other nutrient-recovery processes would be pricey, at a factor of ten times the cur-

rent cost, according to St. Pierre. "For the taxpayers it's an excellent way to get to the type of numbers that we need to be responsible," he said.

Still, environmental groups insist that Ostara cannot be the only process the MWRD relies on to reduce phosphorous levels. Plus, it's not even installed at all of the MWRD's plants. "Ostara is only at Stickney, and that's pretty far downstream, so we need it installed at O'Brien and Calumet also," said John Quail of Friends of the Chicago River.

Both Quail and Alexander insist the MWRD must invest in new technologies in order to meet the levels the Illinois EPA will likely set next year. Chicago's MWRD is by far the largest wastewater discharger in the state of Illinois, so environmental groups are hopeful that if it can make an impact on Chicago's MWRD it can influence change statewide.

"If you can get the MWRD to agree to do something then it's hard for somebody that's a lot smaller to say they can't do it," Quail said.



City Winery, seen from State Street Bridge in 2015.

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and specialize in cider, according to the city.

A full lineup of 2018 vendors will be made public "in coming weeks." The city says it will include "educational, cultural, and recreational activities," along with dining, live entertainment, kayaking, cruises, boat rentals, and water taxis.

One vendor that will not be returning is Cyrano's. According to Michelle Woods of the city's Dept. of Fleet and Facility Management, the café west of Columbus Dr. did not submit a proposal to operate a concession in 2018.

The city said last April it would be offering 10-year contracts along with three-year contracts. Money the city gets from vendors goes to pay back loans from the federal government to construct six new sections of Riverwalk between State and Lake streets that were finished in 2016.

Riverwalk wins two awards, bringing total to 20

Now 1.25 miles long from Lake Shore Dr. to Lake St., the Chicago Riverwalk recently picked up two new awards, bringing its total number of major awards to 20. Along with the Chinatown branch of Chicago Public Library, the Riverwalk received the Institute Honor Award from American Institute of Architects.

Last November, the Riverwalk was among 13 winners of a Global Award for Excellence from Urban Land Institute. Winners included projects in Canada, Japan, Singapore, Spain, and United States.

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him of the mistake and outlining his options for treatment, they said nothing and sent him home."

Kasserman says his client is a "well-educated, high-achieving professional."

The man has not tested positive for HIV but, says Kasserman, still must live with "the physical and emotional distress of the exposure and the loss of trust in the doctors and hospital responsible for his care."



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