

I've been through it all, baby,
I'm mother courage.
— Elizabeth Taylor

Please Mr. Postman, “Is there any mail for me?”



Residents from mostly the 48th, 49th and 50th wards filled the Bernard Horwich JCC for the Feb. 24 meeting and shared their displeasure concerning mail delivery service.



Randy Stines (right), USPS Chicago District Manager, responds to a resident's inquiry. He said complaints about poor service haven't fallen on deaf ears and a fix will be forthcoming.

Top postal management hears from disgruntled residents

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY BOB KITSOS

You've heard the adage, “the mail must go through” and the paraphrased motto that neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night will keep postal carriers from their appointed rounds. Many residents that shoehorned their way into a packed meeting room at the Bernard Horwich JCC on Feb. 24 probably felt that postal workers and their bosses had forgotten about these phrases as they unleashed a

Post Office seeking Consumer Advisory Council

US Postal Service has promised to hold audits at the local North Side stations on a weekly basis in the hope that things will start moving in the right direction.

They are also forming a Consumer Advisory Council (CAC), which will allow the public to communicate directly with local post offices. The CAC will consist of community members and postal representatives who will meet quarterly to discuss postal procedures and policies. This will open a dialogue between the community and local postal managers with the goal of improving the quality of service.

Requests to be on the committee should be mailed to:

U.S. Postal Service - Postmaster, Attn: CRC, 433 W. Harrison St., 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60699-9996

torrent of complaints about recent mail service on the North Side.

Poor postal service, which has plagued many Chicago neighborhoods in recent years, was the

focus of the town hall meeting chaired by Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] and U.S. Rep. Jan Scha-

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Forum for 12th District State Rep. slot

BY PATRICK BUTLER

The five candidates vying for the 12th District state house seat recently vacated by longtime Representative Sara Feigenholtz seemed to have more in common than not during the hour-and-a-half Feb. 27 meeting of the Gold Coast Neighbors Assoc. at the Ambassador Hotel.

They all favor abortion rights, “reasonable” gun restrictions, and term limits, at least for the house leadership. And all of them want to put some kind of brakes on the state's runaway pension problems.

Two are lawyers, one's a real estate agent, and the others have served in various government posts.

One of the contenders, Jonathan (Yoni) Pizer, is currently filling

the slot vacated recently when longtime incumbent Sara Feigenholtz resigned to fill the seat of former State Sen. John Cullerton in the 6th District. Both Feigenholtz and Pizer were selected by Democrat party insiders to fill the remaining terms in each case.

Pizer then announced his candidacy for the full two years in the upcoming March 17 election. Pizer served as community liaison for U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley [5th] for more than five years, and before that owned a supermarket supply company for 20 years.

Margaret Croke is deputy chief of staff for the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and served on Gov. J. B. Pritzker's transition team; Jimmy Garfield is a lawyer who worked in the State's Attorney's Office when he was in law school; Until

recently, Marty Malone was Cook County director of community affairs and served on boards of directors for both the Lake View Citizens Council; And Ryan Podges has spent most of his legal career working for unions and worker's rights. During the 2015 heat wave, he said he delivered fans and water to homebound seniors.

At least one candidate, Malone, said he entered the race mainly to try to clean up what he described as the “skewed” property tax problem along with the runaway government pensions that are bankrupting Illinois.

“No one wants to take away pensions. Pensions are a promise, but they just can't keep going up three percent every year,” Malone

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Presentation March 10 for 400 N. LSD proposal

An informational community presentation will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, regarding the revised development proposal for the property at 400 North Lake Shore Dr.

The meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel Chicago, 505 N. Michigan Ave.

Hosted by Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] and the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents, in 2018 Related Midwest proposed a mixed-use tower that was broadly rejected by the community and City Hall. Over the past several months, the developer has worked

to address many of the concerns about the hotel use, the tall podium base of the buildings, traffic concerns for East North Water Street, and security issues on the Riverwalk and at DuSable Park.

Related Midwest has submitted a revised proposal for the development of two residential buildings 875' and 765' in height containing approximately 1,100 residential units with ground floor commercial and amenity space.

No reservations are required, for more information call 312-744-3062.

Bridges to be closed downtown

Wabash Street Bridge over the Chicago River will be closed to traffic on Friday, March 6, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., to conduct bridge testing.

Additionally, the Lake Street bridge will be closed from State to Wabash during every weekends

now through March. The closures will take effect at 5 a.m. on Saturday mornings and remain in place until 5 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Lake, between State and Wabash will remain open during the weekdays.

Task force to meet on North LSD improvement study

Two task force meetings on the ongoing North Lake Shore Dr. improvement study will take place Monday at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 233 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 800.

The first session will take place 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., with the second 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The study by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Chicago Department of Transportation encompasses the area between Grand Ave. and Hollywood Ave. along North Lake Shore Dr. For more information call 312-744-3600.

Review proposals for two more pot retailers at meeting Thursday

There will be two more public meetings about potential recreational marijuana retail locations in the Rush St. District this week.

Sunnyside* (PDI Medical III, LLC) has proposed to open a dispensary at 29 W. Division. The meeting will be 6 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Hilton Magnificent

Mile Lakeshore Ballroom, 198 E. Delaware Pl, 3rd Floor.

Meanwhile, Verilife (Pharmacan LLC) has proposed to open a dispensary at 12-14 W. Maple. They are holding a meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Dave and Busters, 1030 N. Clark St.



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WFMT's beloved fans respond



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Are you an Oldies kind of listener who loves to swim in the embalmed memories of high school, or are you a classic Rock and Roller tied to the sound of greying mid-century America?

Perhaps you're an easy-listener type of fan, at home in the comfort of the elevator, the dentist waiting room or the wide open spaces of the supermarket. Or do you search for the twang and the pain of Country Western lore, with the heartache and agony of doomed finances and bitter romance? Maybe it's Hip-Hop or Rap, or you're a Classical music devotee entranced by the methodical history of composition and counterpoint. You know, 'the three B's: Bach, Beethoven and Bartok.

Whatever your passion, there's plenty variety to choose from on Chicago's radio airwaves. Although our classical station, WFMT, often panic peddles their

chances of survival with every fluid fundraising marathon they can muster. Supporters of the 'classical experiment,' as the station is often viewed, are taunted to rescue the station's commitment to classical works. The non-stop financial pleas encourage listeners to dig deep, save the music of the cerebral elite from being washed down the drain.

They list the sad obituaries of other American radio stations gone from the airwaves, whose good intentions simply ended in failure.

I've never been privy to an inside look at their full finances, but it's fair to say that the station is beloved by their Chicago listener base. They continue to keep the music of the masters on the air.

An "A-list" of Chicago's more refined big cheese devotees of the arts, CEOs, arts mavens, silk stocking lawyers and cultural potentates are easily identified sitting on the radio station's boards. Many have been generous with sizable contributions from trusts, wills, bequests and underwriting.

I assume WFMT won't be exiting Chicago anytime soon.

I've listened to WFMT since childhood. I hardly remember a time when it wasn't playing in the background of life. When my dorm room caught fire at school long ago, throughout the mayhem and recovery was the constant



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uplift of Vivaldi, whose "Gloria" happened to be playing on-air at the time.

Norm Pellegrini, the soul of the station long ago, was an old friend, as was the irascible Studs Terkel.

WFMT is a cultural and civic legacy for all Chicagoans to share and celebrate. I wrote a column about this last April. And again last January. I heard from many WFMT listeners who shared my misgivings. My words have been aimed at nothing but helping to maintain the station's value and charm. But I have concerns.

I wrote then: "Why so much music from 'the movies?'" Why so much 'theater' music? Why play the musique déclassé so often? Why is Bach not played more? Come on, it's a classical music station. You can't alter how people respond to it by pretending that it's folk music."

Yesterday my sister rang to say she had just heard WFMT'S on-air announcer say they were about to play some Shostakovich used as part of a movie score. Then they mentioned that some listeners were unhappy that movie scores were being aired on the station. They said that since the music is of such high quality that there was room for all of it. My criticism, however, was never about classical music used as a film score; but the use of music produced for the

movies exclusively.

Sorry, but every time I hear John Williams' "Star Wars" theme, all I can do is see Bill Murray crooning it in a Saturday Night Live skit. What misguided soul, well-meaning they might be, thinks this is appropriate?

Is this some maneuver to attract people with shallow roots in the classical music world? I heard from listeners across the city. No one listens to WFMT to hear more movie music. From where did this idea originate?

The station's fascination with movie music seemed purposeful. Film music, it seems, is just the thing to connect new or younger listeners to the classical station that is free from actual comprehension or knowledge. When trying to get people to join the station's clubby supporters, it's so much easier to identify, apparently, with favorite movie themes, instead of actual classical music.

Film music just dumbs everything down. Do we really need the music from 'Jaws,' 'Schindler's List,' 'Brokeback Mountain,' and 'E.T.'?

It is nice that someone at the station finally acknowledged that some people are unhappy. Many told me no one is listening. The same people are also unhappy with all the chatter from new announcers who must still think they are working for less cerebral employers, like Howard Stern.

Come on WFMT, this is not how I expected you to conduct yourself during the Trump administration. Can you really explain this rationally to Maestro Riccardo Muti?

Back in the 1980s my family had superb seats during the Solti years at Orchestra Hall. A crabby old lady sat behind me who was quite attractive in an aristocratic sort of way. We only exchanged pleasantries. I did not recognize her on sight. That is until I invited a friend who was a composer to join us one night. When she arrived in her plumage of perfume, my friend gasped and acknowledged her as the one and only Claudia Cassidy. Critic at large. Character without portfolio. Unrivaled adjudicator of taste and refined style. Intellectualist. Crotchety pronouncer of judgment on the arts and all around Chicago Tribune powerhouse (1942-1965), always with the final word. Much like Bertha Palmer, she was her own artistic battle fleet. I am keeping myself amused these days, trying to imagine what Madam Cassidy might say about this tea pot and tempest at WFMT. Having spent 15 years with a weekly half-hour program on WFMT, she would have already set in motion the booms needed to be lowered. Clearing all the decks. Washing down the limp thinking of the low grade types. Never having a single moment for mediocrity.

Readers write:
The column this week hit right between the eyes... of WFMT. I am a longtime listener and have so enjoyed the classics through the years. But I must tell you I've

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Get Real! A resale shop on the Mag Mile?



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

Chicagoans love to dress up, and now doing so will be a whole lot more affordable, thanks to The RealReal, a luxury resale shop coming this Summer to 940 N. Michigan Ave.

Gasp! Yes, you read that right, resale on the Mag Mile. But this is no ordinary thrift shop, no siree Bob. The RealReal's 12,000-square-foot store will open with two floors of an array of lavish, high-end, gently-used items.

In case you've not heard of the RealReal, they're bigwigs in the business of luxury consignment. They guarantee that each of their items is 100% authentic, so you never have to worry about bringing home a fake Prada or Louis Vuitton, that's for sure.

And just think of how green you'll be if you're a consignor -- recycling your designer clothes that have been sitting in the closet unworn while making some real green -- cash. Declutter and use RealReal's White Glove consignment service, which will pick up items from your home.

The store's main level will house women's (ready-to-wear, handbags, shoes, accessories); men's (ready-to-wear, bags, shoes, accessories); fine jewelry and watches; and home and art. The mezzanine level will have a Luxury Consignment Office and CafeCafe.

Both the store and café will be The RealReal's largest to date, said its head of retail, Michael Groffenberger.

"This is our first Midwest flagship store, though we've had roots here for the past four years with our Luxury Consignment Office (LCO) on N. Michigan Ave.," said Groffenberger. "That said, it's a primed location for us -- we have an established understanding of who our consignor is and already have an experienced team of experts on the ground."

"While we've seen strong demand on the consignor side through White Glove and the LCO, we're also seeing local demand on the shopping side," he said. "We're growing our footprint to support that and better serve our Chicago customers and consignors. And with nearly \$200 billion worth of luxury goods trapped up in homes across the U.S., it only makes sense to open up shop in the country's third largest city."

RealReal currently has three stores total -- two in New York City (Upper East Side and Soho) and one in Los Angeles (West Hollywood), with a fourth being opened in



A storefront sketch of The RealReal, coming to the Mag Mile this Summer.

San Francisco's Union Square in the coming weeks.

"Each store is -- and will be -- unique," said Groffenberger. "Ultimately our goal is to build store experiences reflective of the local community -- be it celebrating local artists through art installations or serving up locally sourced food in our cafes. Chicago will be no exception."

So what sort of items will you be able to find? Sasha Skoda, Head of Women's for RealReal, said in Chicago, they see women's fashion "over-indexing," particularly clothing and accessories.

"We also see strong demand -- especially among women here -- for brands like Gucci, Saint Laurent and Balenciaga, in addition to heritage brands like Burberry and Brunello Cucinelli," she said. "Chicagoans love to dress up and, while they appreciate a strong statement look, they also invest in timeless classics. Our merchandising considerations will be reflective of that."

"We're also changing inventory constantly," said Skoda. "We see what styles and brands are stronger than others in each city and merchandise based on what the local customer is shopping."

For example, she said, with street-wear culture predominant in Los Angeles, RealReal is constantly curating collections of the most coveted and rare sneakers for its L.A. customer to discover.

"We'll be making similar localized considerations for Chicago -- it will be a treasure hunt every time you walk through the doors," said Skoda.

There are about 150 experts employed by The RealReal, who authenticate any items folks bring in. At its in-store Luxury

Consignment Office, consignors can meet with experts and receive free valuations and consign. They also offer, as already mentioned, complimentary in-home pick-up. "Often, consignors with more items --10+-- will choose to have our team come to them," said Skoda.

Consignors typically earn between 40% and 85% of what the item would retail for, depending on the merchandise type and how often a person consigns. As far as shopping goes, you can sometimes save as much as 90%, although, according to the RealReal, hard-to-find items can actually sell above the original price. But the great thing is, at least you can find them, hopefully.

The store will be focusing on service and authentication, as well as the option to shop in person at stores. There are rare and/or high value pieces within each category, said Skoda.

"Right now, we have a \$308,000 Jaquet Droz Bird Repeater Fall Of The Rhine Watch -- it's one of eight ever produced," said Skoda.

(I looked it up. The RealReal website lists it retail at \$472,500. The editor's note says the limited edition 18K red gold watch comes to life before your very eyes. "A pair of hand-painted birds swoop down to feed their young, unfurling their feathers while an egg hatches in front of the waters of Europe's historic Rhine Falls. An exhibition caseback, brown alligator strap with butterfly clasp and mother of pearl subdial completes the elaborately complicated beauty, which glimmers with an extravagant sheen thanks to a higher than usual copper concentration, making it 'red' gold rather than 'rose.'")

Wow. That watch sounds amazing. But coming back down to reality, Skoda said she sees a lot of consumer demand for the famed Hermes Birkin bag. "In fact, our stores are one of the few places where you can actually touch, hold and see them -- I think it's worth coming in just for that!" she exclaimed.

All I know is, who'd have think there'd be a magnificent-sounding resale shop, coming to the Magnificent Mile?

Cookie monster... would have gobbled up the numerous boxes of Girl Scout cookies that were being sold last week outside a local market by 10-year-old Lily Benham of Rogers Park.



Lily Benham has a goal to sell 2,020 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this year.

Lily and her mom, Sarah, boldly braved the frigid temps last week as they sat for two hours outside the market while Lily sold her Thin Mints, Do-si-Dos, etc., for Girl Scout Junior Troop 25536, which is part of the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

Lily has been a Girl Scout for four years, and this year, she set her goal at selling 750 boxes. She has far exceeded that, and as of last week, had sold 1,600-plus. She's now going for 2,020 boxes in hopes of earning an iPod Touch (one of the Girl Scout Cookie Program rewards offered during Cookie Season).

"Troops profits help pay for Girl Scout camp, as well as funding donations to local shelters, first responders, their school and other community organizations," said Lily's mom, Sarah.

You go Lily!

A star-studded show... actress Sandy Duncan; Donny Most, best known as Ralph Malph from "Happy Days"; Chicago native Adrian Zmed, who was Romano from "TJ Hooker"; where else can you find three such well-known and well-loved actors in one place? They're all starring in "Middletown," at the Apollo Theatre in Lincoln Park.

"Middletown," is a wonderful story of

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Local preservation planner to share neighborhood sketches, stories

A local preservation planner will share his neighborhood observations during a program at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Chicago Public Library, Northtown Branch, 6800 N. Western Ave.

Larry Shure has lived in Rogers Park for 20 years. His illustrated presentation will highlight some of his favorite sketches and stories about Rogers Park and West Ridge for an insider's view of the

local community.

The event also serves as the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society Annual Meeting, including the group's annual report to membership and the election of candidates to the Board of Directors.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information call 773-764-4078.

Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year awarded next month

The Boys and Girls Club of Chicago will host its annual Youth of the Year Competition and Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Navy Pier's Aon Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand Ave.

The event will highlight the successes of six Chicago teens who will share their stories of personal growth as they vie for the top honor of 2020 Youth of the Year.

The award recognizes leadership, service and academic achievement for club members ages 14-18.

Nominees include Jones College Prep senior Camila S. from the True Value Club, 2950 W. 25th St. She is a leader for many club programs, including the dance group, where she serves as an instructor and received the Elite Dancer award. She has been on the Eagle Honor roll since 2016 and plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania on a pre-medical

track next year.

Lincoln Park High School senior Evelyn H. of the Pedersen-McCormick Club, 4835 N. Sheridan Rd., is another nominee. She has been a club member for more than 12 years and currently serves as a tutor and mentor to younger members. She also works at the club in the summer, leading art and cooking classes and gardening programs. She plans to become a high school guidance counselor and has been accepted to multiple universities.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago uses a blend of mentoring and programming to provide youth ages 6-18 the tools they need to become well-rounded and successful adults. Filling the after-school hours, the club offers academic, social and leadership activities for students in some of Chicago's most challenged neighborhoods. For more information call 312-565-0044.

Think IKEA when staging in today's youthful market

Staging a home for sale in today's resale-home market involves a shift to linear and modern furniture styles.

"Antiques, traditional art, Oriental rugs, heavy draperies, cherry and mahogany furnishings, four-poster beds and grand pianos are out of style in today's market," said veteran broker Sara E. Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty.



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

"Homes that are selling fast in Chicago's Spring market are professionally staged and designed in a modern, urban-chic style," said Benson, who recently hired Signature Staging to redo the interior of a client's home.

"Visualization for a buyer is key, so we recommend you stage as many rooms as your budget allows to properly tell the story of the home to someone seeing it for the first time," said David Cieslak, owner of Chicago-based Signature Staging. The company has completed \$65-million in staged-to-sold real estate. In 2018, the average market time was 22 days.

Think urban "Ikea" furniture—clean linear styles—with a goal to minimize domestic clutter. The style appeals greatly to the under 30-year-old Millennial home buyer.

For this listing of a \$720,000 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath, 4,000-square-foot home in the North Park neighborhood on the North Side, the staging goals were to create a "wow-factor" for potential buyers.

For starters in the living room, the designers recommended removal of antique Oriental rugs, a grand piano, existing artwork, draperies, and all outdated fur-



(Above) The living room before staging. (Below) Living room after professional staging.

niture. In the family room, the designers suggested removing all existing furnishings. Only holdovers were two recently purchased love seats, accent tables, modern lamps, contemporary artwork, and some fuzzy throw pillows that look like poodle fur.

Highlights in the newly furnished urban living room, family room, media room, and master bedroom include:

- Neutral beige and gray leather or fabric couches and love seats floating on legs.
- Seating areas are clustered around a fireplace, and flanked by metal or glass-topped end tables and coffee tables with geometric

brushed-nickel lamps.

- Abstract-patterned area rugs and bare hardwood floors are in, along with large framed Euro-posters and urban-themed abstract art.

- The master bedroom features modern lacquered white wood night tables with white porcelain lamps. An upholstered chaise sits at the foot of the bed. The room is also appointed with a white dresser and pair of black club chairs.

Staging fees, which vary widely depending on the number of rooms staged and designed, include rental furniture move-in and move-out, 90 days of inventory rental, and design-team planning, consulting and styling.

After the home was professionally staged, Benson called digital photographer and artist Andrew Miller to shoot more than 40 photos. Along with photography, the company does virtual staging, drone videos and photos, video home tours and architectural floor plans.

Since the North Park home was originally listed in late 2019, Benson brought back professional painters for final touch ups. She also asked granite expert Mario Lemoncello of Lemoncello Stone Restoration, a company that specializes in granite and stone restoration, to repair a couple of kitchen granite chips and beautifully polish the travertine marble in the en-suite master bathroom.

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3550 N Lake Shore Drive, Unit 2211
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Logan Square property owners sue City Hall to block 'affordable' apartment development similar to proposal in Lincoln Square

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

A group of Logan Square property owners have filed suit against the city of Chicago, asking a judge to block City Hall from continuing with plans to issue \$22.5 million in bonds to support a 100-unit "affordable" apartment complex in the neighborhood.

Those neighbors have been fighting a similar battle as Lincoln Square area neighbors and businesses are now engaged in against City Hall and Ald. Matt Martin's [47th] plans to give away for free a city-owned parking lot to a private developer, and help fund the project with property tax dollars.

The Logan Square complaint was filed on Feb. 21 in Cook County Circuit Court by attorney Thomas J. Ramsdell, of Chicago.

The complaint was filed on behalf of an association identified as the Logan Square Neighbors for Responsible Development. Seven individual plaintiffs were named in the complaint, as well as four corporate entities.

The complaint names as defendants the city of Chicago, as well as Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp. and Rockwell Community Development.

The lawsuit takes issue with the city's decision in January to enact an ordinance issuing \$22.5 million in "multi-family housing revenue bonds," which would then

be loaned to the developers of a seven-story, 100-unit apartment building planned for the city-owned lot at 2638 N. Emmett St. in the center of a triangle formed by the intersections of Diversey, Milwaukee and Kedzie avenues in the city's Logan Square neighborhood. The lawsuit referred to the corridor as the "Logan Square Environs."

In Lincoln Square, concerned neighbors and nearby retailers and property owners are also fighting City Hall over a public parking lot that is at risk of having a high density, six-story Section 8 affordable housing project built at Leland and Western avenues.

The complaint noted the "Milwaukee Avenue Corridor" and

Environs are desired by residents and businesses alike, with hundreds of local businesses and several attractions, which draw many

The project drew protests from some local residents, who said the project would take away one of the neighborhood's key parking lots and a CTA Blue Line Park n Ride.

thousands of visitors every year to the neighborhood and corridor.

According to news articles published about the project, it would be considered wholly "af-

fordable" housing, as half of the units would be designated for CHA tenants, and half would be reserved for tenants who earn no more than 60% of the local median income.

At city hearings, however, the project drew protests from some local residents, who said the project would take away one of the neighborhood's key parking lots and a CTA Blue Line Park n Ride. The complaint noted the lot includes handicapped parking for the Logan Square Blue Line station and grants users easy access

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Misericordia now wants to sell landmark

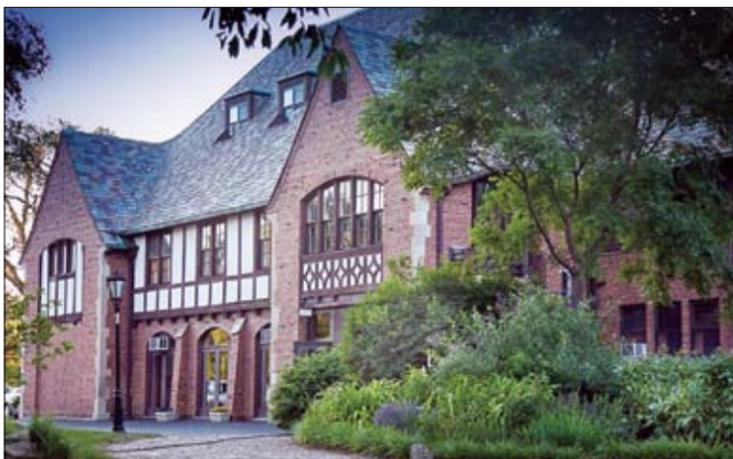
Historic West Ridge building designed by Prairie School Architect is one of city's most endangered buildings

PHOTO AND STORY
BY PETER VON BUOL

West Ridge's historic Chicago Town and Tennis Club building at 1925 W. Thome Ave. has been included on Preservation Chicago's annual list of the city's seven most endangered properties.

And on Monday, the new owner of the property - Misericordia, a non-profit organization operated by the Sisters of Mercy and the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago - said it would seek to sell the historic building on the site rather than tear it down.

The West Ridge-based Catholic charity has been working to expand its campus that provides housing for those with developmental disabilities. In 2018, Misericordia bought the Chicago Town and Tennis Club facility, and later announced plans to raze the nearly 100-year-old building to make way for new housing.



The Chicago Town and Tennis Club, built during the 1920s craze in Chicago for athletic and social clubs, was inspired by the design of the Wimbledon tennis club in England and American tennis clubs such as The West Side Tennis Club - Forest Hills, Queens New York.

Now, Misericordia is seeking a solution that would work for preservationists and for the non-profit. Misericordia is reportedly now looking for a buyer for the historic building and is moving forward with plans to develop its

surrounding land. The picturesque 96-year-old building had been slated for demolition by its current owner, Misericordia. The organization serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental

disabilities. Adjacent to its West Ridge campus, Misericordia purchased the 2.86-acre property in 2018 with the intent of demolishing the building to build additional housing.

Built in 1924, the picturesque Tudor-Revival style building was designed by renowned Chicago architect George Washington Maher and his firm, George W. Maher & Son. Originally, the building was the club house for the now-defunct Chicago Town and Tennis Club. Most recently, it served as the sanctuary for Unity Church.

Speaking to a crowd of about 150 people on Feb. 26 at the auditorium at the Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Wacker, Ward Miller, the group's executive director, unveiled the organization's annual Chicago Seven list.

"George Maher did quite a few

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Upon entrance or exit, one can view the grand staircase of the Nickerson Mansion.



The room pictured is the introduction to the stained glass portion of the exhibit, including a late 19th century piece commemorating the death of 10 women.

Eternal Light exhibit features Tiffany stained glass windows and other masterpieces

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY MICHAELA SCHIRRA
Medill News Service

The Eternal Light exhibition at the Driehaus Museum showcases works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, son of Tiffany & Co. founder, Charles Lewis Tiffany. From stained glass to sketches, the exhibit highlights the creative process and the artisans involved in creating Tiffany's reputation.

Catherine Shotick, curator of the Eternal Light exhibition, spoke about the exhibit and its importance in the city of Chicago.

You can experience the exhibit, extended through March 22, at the Driehaus, 40 E. Erie St. Before exiting, be sure to pick up the brochure and map so you can visit other sites of Louis Tiffany's work throughout the Chicago area. Locations include the Chicago Cultural Center at Michigan Ave. and Washington St., the Second Presbyterian Church at Michigan Ave. and Cullerton St., and the Marquette Building at Clark and

Adams streets.

Q: Tell me about the exhibit and how the idea for it formed.

A: This exhibition started because there used to be the Richard Driehaus gallery of stained glass at Navy Pier for about 10 years, but it had to come down because they were doing renovations at Navy Pier. We had these amazing Tiffany stained glass windows, so we decided to organize this exhibition.

Q: What does the exhibit include?

A: We have the 11 windows on view, but we also have kind of this preliminary gallery which is about the techniques and process behind making a stained glass window at the Tiffany studio.

Q: Can you explain what they preliminary gallery includes?

A: We were thinking that people were going to want to know how these windows were made. So, we got some preliminary design drawings on loan from the Metropolitan [Museum of Art in New York].

Q: What was the purpose to creating these drawings?

A: They'd make these preliminary designs and then they would show them to clients and there would be kind of a back and forth



The Altar Cross presented at the World's Fair in 1893 along with Tiffany's other works.

like 'No, I want this many figures or this many angels.' Once they came upon a final design, they would then go into the actual making stage.

Q: Once the stained glass windows have been made, what are

some of the ways people would see the pieces?

A: One way was that he was kind of a 'marketing genius' in his own right, and he also created an entire Byzantine-style chapel for the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. They [visitors] were surrounded by his ecclesiastical designs, mosaics and the bronze work. After the World's Fair, he really became internationally known and had many more clients.

Q: Aside from the chapel, what other pieces were on display at the fair?

A: The first window that you'll see is the Antependium Window. The designer is unknown, but they've really translated that velvet texture and fabric [modeled after the Antependium cloth] into glass. This next gallery shows some examples of his ecclesiastical designs that aren't stained glass windows including marketing pieces that Tiffany actually wrote.

Q: How many windows do you have on display? And, what time periods are the pieces from?

A: There are 10 windows throughout the rest of the museum and they range from the earliest one, circa 1885, to the latest, circa 1925, before Tiffany Studios closed in 1932.

Q: How did you decide on the sections for the exhibit?

A: It just kind of came naturally. We had the Antependium Window, so I knew that I wanted to do something with the World's Fair. It then went into how he marketed his ecclesiastical designs and then to what went into making a window. I decided to organize it that way by knowing what questions people would ask.

Q: Tell us a little more about museum.

A: We're situated in an 19th century Gilded Age mansion. The Nickerson's, the people that lived here, were living at the same time that Tiffany was living, so it's like an immersive environment.

Tickets to the exhibit range from \$10 to \$20; and is free for children under 13.



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What seniors need to know at tax-filing time

Retirement and the effects of aging come with a lot of changes, but at least one thing remains constant. Every April 15th, Uncle Sam wants to make sure you're paying any taxes you might owe him.

"Whether you're retired or not, the IRS is still going to be interested in your income," says Chris Orestis, the president of LifeCare Xchange.

"There are tax rules that are specific to older Americans, so it's important to be aware of the different ways you might be able to reduce your tax bill that weren't available to you when you were younger."

He says some factors to be mindful of as you plan or file your taxes include:

You may qualify for a larger standard deduction: For many Americans and seniors, there's no reason to itemize your deductions anymore because the standard deduction is so high – \$12,200 for a single person and \$24,400 for a

married couple filing jointly. But you can get an even higher standard deduction if either you or your spouse is 65 or older, and a still higher deduction if either of you is blind. "If you aren't itemizing, then you want to make sure you're getting the maximum standard deduction that you are allowed because that's going to impact how much of your income is taxed," Orestis says.

Yes, your Social Security benefit may be taxed: The rules for how much – if any – of your Social Security benefit is taxed can be tricky, so you want to be extra careful. According to the Social Security Administration, if you're filing as an individual, and your Social Security benefit plus any other taxable income you have is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may be taxed up to 50% of your benefit. If your combined income is more than \$34,000 then up to 85% of the benefit may be taxable. For married couples filing jointly, if

the combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may have to pay tax on up to 50% of your benefits. If your income is more than \$44,000 then up to 85% of your benefits may be taxable.

You may be able to deduct long-term care insurance premiums: Owners of long-term care insurance policies can take tax deductions on premiums they pay for qualified plans – as well as other reimbursed medical expenses such as Medicare premiums – as long as the premiums are greater than 7.5% of adjusted gross income.

Selling your life insurance policy has advantages: "There can be significant tax benefits for people who sell their life insurance policy through what is called a 'life settlement,'" Orestis says. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the proceeds from a life settlement are fully exempt from fed-

eral taxes if the policy owner is terminally or chronically ill. Those who are not terminally or chronically ill do pay capital-gain taxes on the proceeds from

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the sale, minus the amount in premiums the policyholder paid over the life of the policy.

You may want to increase contributions to your retirement accounts: Of course, many seniors aren't adding anything to their IRAs or 401(k)s. Instead, they are regularly withdrawing money to pay for monthly living expenses. But if

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Author to discuss aging for 'elder orphans'

Chicago author and active-aging advocate Joy Loverde will speak during a Transition Network event March 24 on the 13th floor at 345 E. Ohio St. in Streeterville.

The workshop is titled "Who Will Take Care of Me When I am Old? 7 things you need to know."

Today, nearly one-third of America's population aged 45-63 is single, and as this trend escalates, millions of people are likely to become "elder orphans."

This growing, yet vulnerable group will require greater assistance because they are aging alone with no known family member or surrogate to act on their behalf.

Loverde's program pushes back on preconceived notions about the challenges associated with aging solo and old age and offers a discussion on a range of issues such as housing, forgetfulness and creating a life that minimizes isolation and loneliness.

The workshop offers guidelines

to help women who are currently aging solo, are in a relationship, or are wondering how to plan for their future.

Mingling begins at 5:30 p.m., with the program 6-8 p.m.

All attendees will receive a signed copy of Loverde's book "Who Will Take Care of Me When I am Old?"

The entry fee is \$30 for Transition Network members and \$40 for non-members. The registration deadline is March 20. For more information call 630-567-0299.

Bach Week pop-up concert in Loop

Musicians from the Chicago area's Bach Week Festival will give a free public performance of music by the event's namesake, German Baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach, from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 20, in the Chicago Cultural Center's G.A.R. Hall, 78 E. Washington St.

The pop-up concert, organized and conducted by Bach Week's music director Richard Webster, is Chicago's link to the international Bach in the Subways movement, a grassroots phenomenon that encourages free classical concerts in public spaces worldwide — not just subways — on or around Bach's March 21 birthday. Bach lived from 1685 to 1750.

All musicians participating in Bach in the Subways events volunteer their services and neither seek nor accept donations from bystanders.

In addition, violinist John Macfarlane of the Lyric Opera Orchestra, a soloist at this season's Bach Week Festival, will play selections from one of J.S. Bach's unaccompanied works for violin.

"Musicians who cannot access subways can perform wherever there are souls to hear the music — in malls, on the street, in churches, schools, coffee shops, airports, and more," said Webster. More information at bachweek.org.

Golden diners

The Japanese American Service Committee serve senior lunches as a part of their Golden Diners senior lunch program.

The lunches are for those 60 and older and operate on a 'pay-what-you-can' system. A recommended contribution of \$2 is suggested.

Lunch is served daily from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 4427 N. Clark St.,

for more information call 773-275-0097.

JASC also offers an in-home care program for any seniors who may need assistance around the house. Contact Sodalene Khee at extension 223 if you know someone in need.

Seminars aimed at Medicare fraud, veterans' benefits

Two Cook County Elder Justice Center Senior Enrichment Seminars will take place this month at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St.

The first, "Medicare Fraud and Genetic Testing/Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)," is 12-1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in Concourse Level Room CL-115. The seminar includes a discussion about Medicare fraud and how to fight it and report it.

The second seminar is 12-1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Courtroom 2005. "Veterans' Benefits: What Am I Entitled To?" offers information to help veterans and their family members and friends get the support they need to identify benefits and services.

For more information and to reserve a seat for the seminars call 312-603-9233.

The RX for healthcare media March 11

The Chicago metropolitan area is home to more than 100 hospitals and dozens of healthcare-related businesses and associations. As a major medical hub, the landscape for Chicago healthcare news is extremely competitive.

The Publicity Club of Chicago is hosting a luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy, 111 W. Grand Ave., 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, to get your "Rx for Healthcare Media." Attendees will hear from leading healthcare

journalists about how to stand out in this competitive market.

Panelists include Scott Becker, Publisher, Becker's Healthcare; Katharin Czink, WGN-TV, Medical Watch producer; Lauren Petty, Reporter, NBC 5 Chicago, and Kristen Schorsch, Reporter, WBEZ 91.5 Chicago.

The moderator will be Stephanie Johnson, of the American Medical Assoc.

Reservations are requested.

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you're still working, you can increase your contributions, which can both reduce your tax bill now and give you an even larger nest egg when you do retire. The IRS limits how much you can contribute each year, but that limit increases once you turn 50. For example, for both traditional and Roth IRAs, people younger than 50 can't contribute more than

\$6,000 annually, but those 50 and older can contribute up to \$7,000.

"The important thing to remember is that you may have options at tax time that you hadn't thought about," Orestis says. "Knowing the tax rules and how they apply to your personal situation, and seeking professional advice, can make a huge difference."

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to one of the region's only handicapped accessible CTA station elevators.

Lincoln Square neighbors are concerned about their parking lot too as it is a critical piece of commercial infrastructure supporting the popular shopping and entertainment district as well as multiple cultural institutions and events.

The complaint also asserts the city did not do enough to study the impacts of the new proposed Bickerdike development on the surrounding neighborhood, or the city's infrastructure there.

The ordinances approving the plan and the bonds were "enacted for the sole benefit of the Private Party Defendants, and over the strenuous objections of the prop-

The lawsuit asks the judge to declare the city's "irrational zoning" violated the rights of local property owners, and to strike down the ordinances approving the plan and issuing the bonds.

erty and business owners actually living in the Logan Square Environs," the complaint said.

The lawsuit asks the judge to declare the city's "irrational zoning" violated the rights of local property owners, and to strike down the ordinances approving the plan and issuing the bonds. Further, the plaintiffs asked the judge to block the city from issuing the bonds and implementing the plan.

According to a source in City Hall, the city reportedly plans to donate the Lincoln Square parking lot's real estate - valued at

\$8 million - to the developers. The Chicago Housing Authority [CHA] also plans to provide rental assistance to the future tenants, and Tax Increment Financing District [TIF] funds are also reportedly being offered by the City. The proposed developers of the Lincoln Square project have also applied for \$1 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Without all the taxpayer-funded aid, TIF funds, CHA rent aid, income tax credits and free real estate, the Lincoln Square project likely could not be done.

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Luise with audience members after presenting in Rio de Janeiro.



Luise Kappe



Luise and her family on her 80th birthday in 2014 in Ithaca, New York.

Luise Kappe: Reflections on a career as a mathematician

As a female in the male-dominated field of mathematics, Clare resident Luise Kappe faced her fair share of challenges. But her unexpected passion for the subject served as her driving force for more than 50 years in the field.

Born in Germany before World War II, Luise grew up with a greater interest in physics and chemistry than in mathematics. The latter she found boring, in fact. But when she studied at the University of Erlangen to become a high school teacher and had to declare which subject she wanted to teach, she decided on physics and mathematics.

This choice shaped not only her career, but her entire life.

“Sometimes fate makes decisions for you,” Luise says. “I’ve always compared mathematics to composing music. It’s a very creative process. You have your freedom of what you put down based on logic.”

Upon graduation, Luise was invited to complete her Ph.D. at the University of Freiburg. While there and working at a research institute, she met her husband, a fellow mathematician. After receiving her Ph.D. in 1962 and getting married shortly after, Luise and her husband immigrated to the United States.

The pair first served on the faculty at Ohio State University. Five years later, they earned jobs at Binghamton University in Upstate New York, where they stayed through retirement.

In the beginning of her career, Lu-

ise struggled to secure a tenured position, while her male counterparts – and even her husband – more easily did so. Maternity leave was essentially non-existent, and her workload was nearly double that of her colleagues.

“If I can help more females to get involved in mathematics and accepted in the field, then I’ve done my job,” says Luise Kappe.

“At the time, I didn’t care too much,” Luise says. “In retrospect, you know that something was not quite right.”

Females in mathematics became a focal point for Luise throughout her career, largely by chance.

In 2000, Luise was asked to fill in last minute for a talk about notable female mathematicians at the 50th anniversary of the New York State Mathematics Teacher Association. After rearranging her schedule and driving two hours to make it for the lecture, she presented for an audience of one.

Since that meager showing for her talk, Luise has presented in three languages, on six continents, and in 10 countries. She even gave the speech at a commencement for her alma mater.

In each presentation, she reflects on her few female role models, ranging from Hypatia in AD 370 to Emmy Noether, one of

the great mathematicians of the 20th century.

Now, Luise hopes that she can also serve as inspiration for the limitless possibilities within mathematics.

“If I can help more females to get involved in mathematics and accepted in the field, then I’ve done my job,” she says.

Luise did more than inspire females in the mathematics field: She worked closely with 14 Ph.D. students over the course of her career, assisting them with their own research and propelling them toward their own careers.

“You cannot ask for more in life than making a difference in the lives of other people,” she says.

Today, despite officially retiring in 2004 and moving on from mentorship, Luise

continues to conduct mathematical research.

“Mathematicians are like oak trees, producing thousands of acorns, of which only a few will develop into trees later on,” she says. “Just as one can’t tell an oak tree only to produce those acorns that will develop into trees, one can’t tell mathematicians to develop only those theories useful for the Einsteins of the future.”

For Luise, mathematics was never work. Rather, it was her calling and true passion.

“As a musician would continue to create music, I stay involved with mathematics,” she says. “It just fits with me, and there’s no limit to it.”



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Police Beat...

Man tried to lure 10-year-old in Old Town

A 10-year-old girl told police that a man tried to lure her as she walked to school in the Old Town neighborhood Feb. 26, according to Area Central detectives.

The girl said the man walked up behind her around 9 a.m. on the 1600 block of N. Orchard and said, "Hey, Princess, where are you going? Can I take you?"

He then followed her as she ran toward her elementary school, police said.

Police said the man is black with light facial hair and 30- to 40-years-old. He wore a black skull cap, red hoodie, baggie blue jeans, and light brown Timberland boots.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact police at 312-747-8380 regarding case JD-165370.

Weeks after prosecutors dropped murder case against him, man's accused of grabbing teen girl

Last month, Joshua Holt got some very good news in court.

Prosecutors were dropping two counts of first degree murder that he faced in connection with the 2012 strangulation death of a woman in Edgewater.

On Feb., police arrested Holt on the Northwest Side after a 17-year-old girl said he grabbed her and tried to take her away while ordering her to "come with me," according to a police spokesperson and court records.

Prosecutors charged Holt, 30, with one count of misdemeanor battery and he went home on his own recognizance.

Around 7 a.m. on May 12, 2012, the dead, partly-clothed body of 34-year-old Denise Ayers was found in the alley behind 5625 N. Broadway. She was strangled, the medical examiner would later say. Her death was ruled a homicide.

A man told police that he was talking with Ayers around 3 a.m. when Holt approached and then walked away with Ayers. It was the last time Ayers was seen alive, police alleged.

Ayers denied having sex with her and said she tried to pick him up on the day she died, but he declined her offer.

Laboratory tests later determined that DNA recovered from Ayers' mouth, vagina, anus, and fingernails belonged to Holt, according to a CPD report. Prosecutors charged Holt with the murder on Dec. 1, 2016.

Holt remained in jail on \$900,000 bail until Jan. 9. In court that day, the state dropped all charges against him.

A spokesperson for the Cook County State's Attorney told this reporter that Holt's prosecution was hampered by a 2017 Illinois Appellate Court ruling "that impacted the DNA evidence in this case."

"After a review, it was determined that the remaining evidence was insufficient to meet our burden of proof to move forward with the prosecution of this case."

Less than two months after he got out of jail, Holt allegedly grabbed a teenage girl as she walked near Oak Park Ave. and Higgins Rd. in the Norwood Park.

"Come with me," he allegedly told the girl as he tried to lead her away by the arm around 1:55 p.m.

But the girl said she broke from his grasp and caught the attention of a passing patrol car. The officer arrested Holt moments later on the 5400 block of N. Oak Park.

He was released from police custody without appearing before a judge because misdemeanor battery cases are automatically assigned a recognizance bond under Illinois court rules.

Holt is due back in court on Apr. 7.

Woman says Uber driver sexually assaulted her after leaving bar

Chicago police are investigating after a 28-year-old woman reported being sexually assaulted by an Uber driver who picked her up at a Lakeview bar on March 1.

A staff member at Redmond's Ale House, 3358 N. Sheffield, hailed the Uber for the woman around 7:40 p.m., according to police records. The driver then sexually assaulted the woman in his SUV before dropping her off near her destination on the 3300 block of N. Karlov, the victim reported.

Police already have the driver's name, license plate number, and other information from the Uber app. He lives in the Humboldt Park neighborhood.

The victim was taken to Community First Hospital in good condition, police said.

After years of steady declines, officer-involved shootings rise again

Feb. 28's police shooting of a man in the Grand Red Line CTA station was the fourth on-duty shooting by Chicago cops this year. And, after years of steady declines, the pace of CPD shootings this year is on the rise.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot called the officer's decision to shoot an apparently unarmed man, "potential[ly] criminal." The FBI has launched a criminal investigation in addition to the city's standard Civilian Office of Police Accountability probe.

Video posted online shows officers pepper-sprayed the man and deployed at least one Taser before an officer shoots him at the base of a subway escalator. The man then heads up the escalator and a second gunshot is heard as the two officers follow behind him.

One shot struck the man in the abdomen. The other in the buttocks, according to his attorney, Gloria Schmidt Rodriguez.

Last year, on-duty Chicago officers shot 10 people in the line of duty. That was by far the fewest number of police-involved shootings in more than a decade. And 2019 was the eighth consecutive year to show a decline in police shootings.

One particularly concerning aspect of Friday's shooting: The two involved officers have each been on the force for little more than two years. While that gives them relatively little on-street experience, it also means their academy training involved the latest in de-escalation and use of force training.

One year ago a SPD spokesperson pointed to that training as one of the key factors driving down officer-involved shooting incidents.

"This new training also includes more scenario-based instruction and a cultural awareness training at the DuSable Museum of African American History for police recruits to delve into topics such as the history of African Americans in Chicago," CPD's Howard Ludwig said at the time.

"The latest revision of CPD's Use of Force policy dates back to Oct. 2017 and places the utmost emphasis on the sanctity of human life," he said.

The use of force policy change was accompanied by a new emphasis on the use of force training, crisis de-escalation training, and community building at the Chicago police academy beginning that same year, according to Ludwig.

Police shootings hit a record low in Chicago last year, with 10 persons shot by on-duty CPD officers.

But now, just two months into the new year, the department has logged four on-duty officer-involved shootings. The increase in police-involved incidents comes as the city's homicide and shooting numbers are also on the rise.

Through Feb. 20, homicides are up 45% compared to last year, CPD said in a media release early Sunday. Non-fatal shootings were up 34% during the same time.

Armed robbery at Lakeview GameStop foiled by elusive safe code

A knife-wielding man tried to rob a Lakeview gaming store Feb. 26, but he got away empty-handed when the clerk could not figure out the safe's code. Charges have been filed.

Police said the offender walked into a store around 12:15 p.m., pulled out a knife, and demanded money from the cashier. A police report lists the store as GameStop, 3951 N. Broadway.

The clerk reported that the assailant demanded the safe code and asked, "Do you value your life?"

But the employee couldn't figure out the code and the would-be robber fled empty-handed.

Police searched the area and detained Darius Todd, 24, of Little Village nearby. The clerk then identified Todd as the offender, police said.

Prosecutors charged Todd with one count of felony attempted armed robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was due in bond court on Thursday.

CPD won't file charges against suspect shot on the Red Line

Chicago police will not pursue charges against the apparently unarmed man who was shot by an officer at the Grand Red Line CTA station on Feb. 28, according to CPD's chief spokesperson.

"Chicago Police Supt. Charlie Beck has asked Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx to drop the resisting arrest and criminal narcotics charges that have been lodged against [Ariel Roman] by the CPD," Anthony Guglielmi said in a press statement. "Given the totality of circumstances and the department's significant level of concern around this incident, it would be insensitive to advocate for these charges."

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Friday called the officer's decision to shoot Roman, "potential[ly] criminal."

Video posted online shows officers pepper-sprayed Roman and deployed at least one Taser before an officer shoots him at the base of a subway escalator. Roman then heads up the escalator and a second gunshot is heard as the two officers follow behind him.

One shot struck Roman in the abdomen. The other in the buttocks, according to his attorney, Gloria Schmidt Rodriguez.

"While we will not rush to judgment, the level of concern over the tactics used in this incident is significant," Guglielmi continued. "We are

cooperating fully with the independent use of force investigation by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and the underlying criminal review being conducted at our request by the Cook County State's Attorney and the FBI."

Roman was listed in critical but stable condition on Friday night.

Legghette trial starts, accused of killing Cmdr. Bauer

Opening statements were given Tuesday in the trial of a four-time felon charged with murdering decorated Chicago Police Cmdr. Paul Bauer.

Cook County prosecutors say Bauer, a 31-year CPD veteran, was shot by Shomari Legghette as the two men struggled in a stairwell outside the Thompson Center in Feb. 2018.

Legghette, 46, faces a life sentence if jurors find him guilty. In addition to 24 counts of first-degree murder, Legghette was also charged with multiple weapons- and drug-related charges.

Jurors in the case were selected over two days last week from an extra-large jury pool.

Evidence has emerged during pre-trial hearings since Legghette was arrested two years ago seconds after bursting out of a stairwell with a gun in his pocket, while Bauer's body lay on the stairway landing. Witnesses and surveillance camera footage lay out the fateful minutes that bracketed the discovery of Bauer's body.

On the day of the shooting plainclothes officers said they noticed Legghette, who appeared to be urinating on a support column on Lower Wacker Dr. at about 1:30 p.m. When an officer called out to Legghette, Legghette reportedly took off running — prompting a call out over police radio that sent officers swarming through the Loop's government complex. It was that call out that Bauer heard that got him involved after he saw Leggett run past him in the Loop.

CPD claims violent crime is down 3% this year, but it's actually up 13%

For the second month in a row, the Chicago Police Dept. issued a press release that claims violent crime is down 3% in the city this year. It's not.

"Chicago's overall violent crime, which includes murders, robberies, burglaries, thefts, and motor vehicle thefts, fell by 3% compared to the same time last year," said the PR piece, released minutes after midnight on March 1.

That's nearly identical language to the statement released by police minutes after midnight on Feb. 1: "Overall violent crime, which includes murders, robberies, burglaries, thefts, and motor vehicle thefts, fell by 3% in January, compared to January 2019."

But there's a problem: Violent crime in Chicago is actually up 13% this year.

Across the country, crime statistics are organized by a system established by the FBI in 1929. Generally speaking, the bureau considers four crimes to be "violent" — murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Burglaries, thefts, and motor vehicle thefts, which CPD inexplicably lumped into its "violent crime" category for the past two months are not violent.

Contacted by email on Sunday morning, the CPD's chief spokesperson agreed, "we should say overall crime."

In fact, through Feb. 20, violent crime in Chicago was up 13% com-

pared to last year. This year's violent crime count is also higher than in 2014 and 2015, but it's well behind the 10-year high seen in 2017.

But, even before the sun rose on Sunday, CPD's "3% reduction" press release was being reported as fact in the media.

We'll be anxiously anticipating the police department's April 1 press release.

Laundering illegal narcotics proceeds

A federal jury in Chicago has convicted a Chinese national of laundering illegal narcotics proceeds on behalf of drug traffickers in Mexico.

On three occasions in 2018, Xianbing Gan schemed to have narcotics proceeds totaling approximately \$534,206 picked up in Chicago and transferred to various bank accounts in China, in order for the money to ultimately be remitted to drug traffickers in Mexico. Gan is a Chinese national who facilitated the money transfers while residing in Guadalajara, Mexico. Unbeknownst to Gan, a purported money courier who picked up the drug proceeds in Chicago was actually an undercover law enforcement agent.

U.S. authorities arrested Gan in November 2018 at Los Angeles International Airport during a brief layover on a flight from Hong Kong to Mexico. He has remained in U.S. custody since then.

After a nearly two-week trial, a federal jury in Chicago on Thursday convicted Gan, 49, on three counts of money laundering and one count of operating an unlicensed money transmitting business. The jury acquitted Gan on one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Each money laundering count is punishable by up to 20 years in federal prison, while the maximum sentence for the money transmission crime is five years. U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin set sentencing for May 21, 2020.

Binny's sued for illegal finger-printing

A new class action takes a shot at the company that operates Binny's Beverage Depot, accusing the liquor store chain of violating an Illinois biometrics privacy law in the way it has required workers to scan fingerprints when punching the clock.

On Feb. 14, attorneys James X. Bormes and Catherine P. Sons, of the Law Office of James X. Bormes P.C., of Chicago, filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court against Gold Standard Enterprises, accusing the company of breaking the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act.

The class action complaint was filed on behalf of named plaintiff Pete McNulty, identified only as a resident of Illinois who worked at a Binny's store operated by Gold Standard.

The lawsuit asserts Binny's required its workers to scan their fingerprints when beginning and ending work shifts, or when taking breaks. However, the complaint claims the company did not first obtain written authorization from the workers to scan their fingerprints, nor did the company provide notifications to the workers, as allegedly required by the BIPA law, concerning how the employer would store, use, share and ultimately destroy the scanned fingerprints. Fingerprints are considered a "biometric identifier" under the BIPA law.

The complaint seeks to expand the case to include everyone who worked at Binny's stores in Illinois and were required to scan their fin-



Joshua Holt



Shomari Legghette



Darius Todd

Partial red light camera ban passes, but some call it 'piecemeal'

Bill allows home rule communities to continue using the devices

BY JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois House advanced a partial ban of red light cameras in the state Feb. 26 with strong bipartisan support, but some said the bill was a "piecemeal" approach because it does not apply in several communities.

Red light cameras are devices some municipalities install at intersections to detect drivers running through red lights or turning without coming to a full stop. Those who are caught violating traffic laws on camera are sent citations by the municipality where the offense occurred.

A separate bill introduced in the Illinois Senate would ban the red light cameras statewide. Senate Bill 2902 is sponsored by State Sen. Mattie Hunter. "Traffic laws should be driven by safety, not bribery, shakedowns or the need to boost revenue," said Hunter. "An industry that benefited from foul play shouldn't be able to continue to siphon money from the pockets of motorists."

Red-light cameras in Illinois have amassed over \$1 billion in revenue since 2008.

House Bill 322, sponsored by

State Rep. David McSweeney, would prohibit non-home rule units of government from enacting or enforcing red light camera ordinances starting Jan. 1, 2021.

Home rule is a status that state law confers to any municipality - like Chicago - with more than 25,000 residents or other municipalities that choose to adopt it by referendum. Those municipalities have greater authority to control their own local affairs.

Hunter's bill would include home-rule municipalities - meaning the cameras would be outlawed throughout Illinois, including in Chicago. Home-rule municipalities have powers over revenue and other issues that the state has not reserved for itself, so taking away a home-rule power usually takes a three-fifths vote in the Illinois General Assembly.

According to the Illinois Municipal League, 217 of Illinois' 1,298 incorporated municipalities have home rule powers.

Per state law, however, red light cameras are currently only allowed in municipalities within Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair and Will counties, so opponents of the bill said only 20 municipalities that currently have red light cameras would be affected.

McSweeney's bill advanced

amid growing opposition to the red light camera industry as Safespeed LLC, one of the state's main companies that supply the machines, has been the subject of ongoing federal investigative activity.

"Traffic laws should be driven by safety, not bribery, shakedowns or the need to boost revenue."

"An industry that benefited from foul play shouldn't be able to continue to siphon money from the pockets of motorists," said State Sen. Mattie Hunter.

McSweeney said the measure was similar to one he passed in the House in 2015. He alleged that bill was killed in the Senate at the time by now former-Sen. Martin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat who recently pleaded guilty to bribery and tax fraud charges and admitted in court that he viewed himself as a "protector" of red light cameras.

The Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times each reported that during a Tuesday, Jan. 28, hearing in which Sandoval pleaded guilty, he told a judge, "I used my office as state senator to help SafeSpeed - er, company A ... (and) be its protector in the Illinois Senate and influence other officials to roll out the red light camera program in Illinois."

McSweeney said his bill was about fighting corruption and a program that targets low-income Illinoisans.

"I am fighting hard to end the corrupt Illinois red light camera program," McSweeney said in a statement. "These cameras are not about safety. They are all about producing revenue and lining the pockets of political insiders. It is wrong; it is corrupt and it must stop."

Like the 84-4 vote to advance the bill on the House floor, criticism of red light cameras has been largely bipartisan in recent weeks.

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza echoed that sentiment in January when she announced the state would no longer assist municipalities in collecting red light camera fines.

But much of the floor discussion Wednesday centered on why McSweeney's bill exempted home rule municipalities.

"My question, ultimately, is

RED LIGHT see p. 15

Feds offer \$10K bounty for Uptown mail thieves

Federal investigators are offering a sizable reward for information that leads them to a pair of mail thieves who struck in Uptown last month.

The thieves stole mail from a building on the 1000 block of W. Leland around 3:30 a.m. on Feb. 7, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

One of the thieves wore an arm cast, the agency said, and the duo used a white Nissan Rogue to pull off the heist.

A reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered for information that leads investigators to the identification and successful prosecution of the thieves.

Anyone with tips about the case may contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 regarding case 2700868-MT.

House committee approves bill addressing domestic violence

BY REBECCA ANZEL
Capitol News Illinois

State lawmakers on a human services panel were visibly emotional Feb. 26 as they listened to a domestic violence survivor recount how her estranged husband killed her 18-month-old son.

Cassandra Tanner-Miller was standing in her kitchen in Sept. 2019 when "this monster" entered her home through the back sliding doors, asked if she and her two children were "ready to die today" and beat her "relentlessly" and "violently."

He shot her son, Colton, 10 times in the head before Tanner-Miller came to and, with "a mother's strength," she said, ran with her daughter, then age 9, out of the home to a neighbor's garage as her estranged husband was shooting at them. He later turned the gun on himself.

"I followed everything I was supposed to do to escape this monster, ... and realized while I held my son for the last time ... that I had to be the voice for so many who have fallen before me in the hands of an abuser," Tanner-Miller said. "I needed to make sure that my son was not just a number that people tally on a sheet on statistics when there are things that we could be doing in the state of Illinois to protect, to serve and to ensure that Illinois has a future for families."

She asked the 12 representatives on the committee to approve the Domestic Violence Task Force Act, which would "incorporate all aspects that failed not only my family, but every single other family that has experienced domestic violence in any way, shape or form." The commission did so unanimously.

Proposed by State Rep. David Welter and supported by 84 other legislators from both parties as co-sponsors, the task force would reform Illinois' criminal justice system by pinpointing loopholes in the enforcement of domestic violence laws and close them. Ultimately, according to the bill, the state's laws would better protect those subjected to such abuse and apprehend perpetrators.

The 20-member task force would also consider creating a specialty court to handle domestic violence cases - such as those that exist for drug offenses and mental health matters - and carve-outs for bail in such trials.

"By working together to identify and correct the lapses in our laws that heighten the risk for more women and children to be abused or killed, we can honor the life of every victim of domestic violence in the State of Illinois and save others from suffering a similar fate," Welter said in a statement. "This is our moment to make clear that the people of Illinois will no longer tolerate

domestic violence to take innocent lives, devastate families, and harm communities in every corner of our state."

State Rep. Joyce Mason, who serves on the committee, told her colleagues she "strongly support[s]" the bill as both a domestic violence advocate and survivor.

She said she was sponsoring a package of related measures addressing "little, tiny things" in current law, but she admitted that is not broad enough to prevent the rash of violence in Illinois.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, about 24 people are victims of domestic violence per minute in the United States, affecting more than 12 million women and men each year.

"We're grasping at things like, how do we fix this, and tweaking little things and we need to get to the root of this epidemic," Mason said. "We need to do a comprehensive study to figure out what can be done to change our culture. It's a big ask - it might be an impossible ask - but we've got to start somewhere."

The legislation is House Bill 4262. It is dedicated to Colton Miller's memory and "the countless lives that have been lost as a result of domestic violence," according to the bill.

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Adam Scott Umbach and Nora Dankner.



Bennett Lawson and Pete Mendoza (center) with friends.



Irene Michaels with Robert De Niro



Ernie with rubber duckie.

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grown increasingly frustrated by the various changes in format. Of course they nearly lost me when I heard Carl Grapentine was retiring... well, Dennis Moore is fine... when he's there. He's been gone more than he's been there since he took over the early morning spot. I don't care much for the "movie themes" and I turn off some programs that I out and out don't like, usually between 8 p.m. to midnight. If I want the "chatter, I could turn on some AM programs. I do go "off" to listen to the White Sox games....so anyway now I have to be more "choosy." Just glad to know someone else feels somewhat like I do.

-Jan H.

I read this sad but excellent article about the "demise" of WFMT. How sad. I have been listening to WFMT since 1957 when my parents would have it on when I returned each day from high school. It, along with WNIB when it was around, have been the only two radio stations that I have listened to over the years. I do understand that WFMT is trying to entice younger listeners but they are apparently doing so at a huge price.

-Mike R.

I have my radio tuned to WFMT all day. I'm really curious, when

you wrote about the employee bloodbath this past summer, what firings, hirings, and re-hirings you're referring to. If you can fill me in, I'd really appreciate it. I miss Carl Grapentine a lot, and I do not enjoy listening to certain new hires.

-Margo T.

MYRTLE AND ROSEMARY: Chicago/Brooklyn artist **Adam Scott Umbach** and Brooklyn art psycho-therapist **Nora Dankner** will wed this July with some New York festivities for Chicagoans now in the works. Love bloomed in the Hamptons amid the canvases and oil paints of a career that is taking the art world by storm.

PAX: Judd Weinberg, Northwestern Univ. life trustee and alumnus, and one of the school's most generous benefactors, died Feb. 20. He was 93 years old. This column sends its sympathies to his widow, **Marjorie**, and sons. A true lover of Chicago and the arts.

TIDBIT: 'He slipped away peacefully': Monkees bassist **Peter Tork** dies at 77.

GREAT FIRE AT 150: This writer is excited to sign on to a project to tell the true history of the most critical event in Chicago history, the Great Fire of 1871. Next year will mark the 150th anniversary of the disaster that became the making of Chicago. Thrilled to be joining eminent

history writers **Neal Samors** and **Christopher Lynch** for this adventure.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Scintillating and incisive" (The Straits Times) pianist **Bertrand Chamayou** makes his CSO debut March 5-7 with a performance of **Mozart's** delightful Piano Concerto No. 23 under the baton of **Herbert Blomstedt**.

IRISHFELLOWSHIPCLUB DINNER: Friday evening, March 13, 6:30 p.m., the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. Gathering Chicago's Irish celebrities, politicians, saints, scholars, potentates and poets. Representatives of the Irish government as well. Join them for cocktails, dinner and dancing. Call **Kathy Taylor** (Ex. Dir.) for reservations 312-858-0628. **Marcy O'Keefe Twardak** (Dinner Chair) and **Rose Doherty** (President).

WEDDING GALA: Bravo and best wishes to two super guys, **Bennett Lawson** and **Pete Mendoza**, who tied the knot and celebrated at the Kimpton Hotel Allegro last week. They don't make them any nicer or confident than these two. Affirming to see **Chris** and **Lindy Fleming McGuire** were matched up long ago as students by Bennett who has the magic touch. Friends had a spectacular time. It was poetic, lyrical, fragrant and indulgent. Like Paris in Autumn. On a wet morning. Or when there is too much sun. Il était la scène. Poétique. Lyrique. Parfumé. Indulgent. Comme Paris à l'automne. Un matin humide. Ou quand il y a trop de soleil.

HOLLYWOOD MOMENT: **Irene Michaels** reports **Martin Scorsese**, the "Irishman" direc-

tor, announced that his latest film, "Killers of the Flower Moon," will be a Western, marking a genre first for the man who made the mob his muse, reports IndieWire. The project will reportedly star **Leonardo DiCaprio**, 45, and **Robert De Niro**, 76, in the duo's first on-screen collaboration in 24 years. DiCaprio, De Niro and Scorsese have never worked together on a film, despite their illustrious film histories.

TIDBIT: Leonardo Di Vinci exhibition that closed last week in Paris smashed the Louvre's all-time records. Over 1.1 million people saw the show commemorating the artist on the 500th anniversary of his death.

WHO'S WHERE? The irrepressible **Shelley Howard** leading Boys Night at Tavern on Rush on Thursday. Nice! — with **Robert Murphy**, **Jim Coston**, **Jay Jerome Barksdale**, **Dennis Donn** and **Shaun Howard**... **Rosemary Fanti** celebrating the best dinner company and lemon chicken with **Richard Koranda** at Tufanos (Vernon Park Tap)... famed Chicago restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair** wintering "downunder" in Australia where its Summer... attorney **Scott Seaman** and wife, **Dame Charlene**, in London eating up the culture and the sales... **Antionette Cahill** with **Sara Wisnoski** at Old Post Office... **Sherry Lea Fox** with **Mark Olley** and **Frances Renk** at Campiello's in Naples, FL... realtor supreme **Jim Kinney** off to London for a bit, while **Brian White** recuperates from the flu (someone send chicken soup)... **Melinda Jakovich-Lagrange** sitting for a new team photo with **Frank N. Jeffery** and **Julie Latsko**, very good looking... her fabulous architect husband **Luc-**

ien Lagrange reading the papers in the morning sun at the Ritz in Naples, FL... **Thomas Cooney** at the Wing & Clay dinner with **Edmund Lester** at University Club of Chicago with one thing on their minds. Go Bears... **Rich Daniels** backstage at Empire with friend and production partner **Jeff Morrow** and legendary photographer, **Paul Natkin**... **Peggy Denton** celebrating Olympic gold 40 years ago to the day watching "Miracle on Ice"... lovely **Nancy Kelley** celebrating with high heart her boy **Heyden's** 23rd birthday, he's excited to share his day with 'Lovely' this year... **Dayle D Ann Edgworth** gathered up four generations of family for a keepsake photo... **Jane Yount** and sister-in-law, **Jan Taffee** taking in Chicago Theatre's production of the **Donna Summer** musical... **Paul Hickey** and **Michael Fustin** have been in Australia long enough to pick up an accent.

MONUMENT LAMB: Did you see "Monument Men?" It opens with the Nazi's historic theft of the great altar panels from Ghent. But **George Clooney's** artsy soldiers are able to rescue this treasure from German treachery. Recent restoration of Ghent Altarpiece today reveals many hidden delights unseen before. Like the surprising face on the "Lamb of God." Painstaking removal of overpainting has brought the public closer to the **Van Eyck** brothers' original work.

TIDBIT: Johann Sebastian Bach, Matthäus-Passion, BWV 244, Karl Ritcher, director, Grabación de 1971. Part I and part II. Excellent for Lenten listening. A performance at your fingertips on Youtube from 50 years ago.

TIDBIT: 50 years ago last week Ernie sang "Rubber Duckie" in the bathtub for the first time on Sesame Street.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3 Plaintiff,

-v- MARILYN LONGSWORTH, VELOCITY INVESTMENTS, LLC, LVNV FUNDING LLC, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants

17 CH 004879 1506 W. THOME AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 23, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 2, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 14-05-108-025-0000

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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Case # 17 CH 004879 I3146780

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF BCAP LLC TRUST 2007-AA4 Plaintiff,

-v- DEBBIE PINES MANSFIELD, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE AMBANCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, LAWRENCE MANSFIELD A/K/A LAWRENCE J. MANSFIELD, CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO COLE TAYLOR BANK AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 10, 2004 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 01-041170, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

09 CH 35324 545 WEST ALDINE AVENUE, UNIT 6E 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 January 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 14, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 14-21-312-053-1029

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$3,762,949.10. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer,

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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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Case # 09 CH 35324 I3146389

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE CORONADO INVESTMENT CORPORATION Plaintiff,

-v- EUGENE NWACHUKWU, APOLONIA ADAMA NWACHUKWU, 6118 SHERIDAN CONDO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants

18 CH 01390 6118 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APARTMENT 303 CHICAGO, IL 60660

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Property Index No. 14-05-210-023-1017

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$69,649.53.

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 18 CH 01390 TJSC#: 40-521

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Case # 18 CH 01390 I3146218

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

-v- CHRISTINA CAPRI AKA CHRISTINA KOOPMANS, EGON MAX KOOPMANS AKA EGON M. KOOPMANS, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWHEQ INC., CWHEQ REVOLVING HOMEQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-D, 4216 NORTH ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants

19 CH 01174 4216 N. ASHLAND AVE GARDEN, UNIT G CHICAGO, IL 60657

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 13, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4216 N. ASHLAND AVE GARDEN, UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-18-410-044-1001 fka 14-18-410-024-0000

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$237,280.71. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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gerprints. The complaint does not estimate how many people that might include.

According to Binny's website, the chain operates more than 40 stores in Illinois, including three on Chicago's North Side.

Suspects in Lincoln Park stabbing have been released without being charged

Three persons of interest detained for questioning after a 16-year-old boy was critically wounded in a Lincoln Park stabbing Feb. 24 have been released without being charged, a CPD spokesperson said.

A police department spokesperson said that three had to be released due to "lack of victim cooperation" and a denial of felony charges by prosecutors.

Two people chased down and stabbed the teenager seven times on the 1600 block of N. Bissell around 1 a.m., police said after the attack.

The victim and another male were walking on the sidewalk when two male attackers emerged from a silver Charger and began chasing them, police said. Officers on patrol stopped a silver Charger nearby and its male passengers were identified by a witness as the attackers. Police also detained the car's female driver.

A police department source said later on Monday that the stabbing was part of an attempted robbery during a drug deal.

The victim is in critical condition at Lurie Children's Hospital with stab wounds to his chest, arm, and leg. He has been arrested four times for felonies as a juvenile, according to a source.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION S/II TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB Plaintiff,

-v- CARRIE CARMICHAEL A/K/A CARRIE E CARMICHAEL, RESIDENCES AT RIVER EAST CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/II TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

14 CH 07229 512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 1104 CHICAGO, IL 60611

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Commonly known as 512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 1104, CHICAGO, IL 60611

Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1074

The real estate is improved with a high rise condominium; parking garage.

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

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Real Estate For Sale

AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 16 CH 15254

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on Monday, April 6, 2020 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 17-03-207-068-1010.

Commonly known as 950 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, UNIT 31A AKA UNIT 3106, CHICAGO, IL 60611.

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

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 16-029872.F2

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF BOSCO CREDIT II TRUST SERIES 2010-1 Plaintiff,

-v- ANGELA C. LOISI A/K/A ANGELA LOISI A/K/A ANGELA C. LIOSI A/K/A ANGELA LIOSI, ANTONIO JONES, NORTH TOWN VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A., STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

2017 CH 03388 1326 NORTH BURLING STREET CHICAGO, IL 60610

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Prairie Style buildings, which are almost on a par with those designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. He was definitely in the same circle of Prairie School architects. His son Phillip Maher was also a remarkable architect. Phillip designed many prominent buildings. Most of his designs in the 1920s were of Art Deco and classical design throughout the Chicago area. Many of their buildings are either landmarks or located within landmark districts," Miller said.

Due to its size, for city zoning purposes, the Misericordia campus is designated as Planned Development 253. This designation provides the city with more oversight than it has with smaller properties. Currently, about 600 children and adults live on campus and there is a waiting list of more than 300 hoping to find space. According to officials at Misericordia, the addition allows for the construction of 16 new group homes, each providing housing for six to eight residents.

Misericordia had filed an application for a demolition permit on Dec. 20, 2019. That action triggered an automatic 90-day hold because Chicago Town and Tennis has an orange rating on the city of Chicago's official list of historic architectural properties. Orange is the second highest designation for preservation. The delay has already been extended for an additional 90 days, beyond the mandated 90-day delay.

Preservation Chicago is working together with other architectural preservation advocacy groups to try to locate a buyer who would be interested in moving the building in its entirety to another location. One possible solution would be to slide the building south to Louis Emmerson Park, 1820 W. Granville Ave. to serve as its park fieldhouse.

"Misericordia [could] conduct a land swap with the Chicago Park District [CPD] and the adjacent Emmerson Park. The park was once part of the Chicago Town

and Tennis Club grounds, so reconnecting the park land and the original historic clubhouse would be a natural choice. Misericordia could give the Chicago Town and Tennis Club/Unity Church building and gardens to the park district. The park district would then exchange an equivalent amount of land from Emmerson Park to Misericordia," according to a written publication distributed by Preservation Chicago at the meeting.

More than 20 of the buildings Maher designed have been listed on the city's historic resources survey.

"[In its heyday], it was a snazzy club, where the Hollywood types like Bing Crosby used to hang out and play tennis. It later became an Elks Club. Later, it was mothballed for a decade and later became Unity Church Chicago. Maher was a significant and well-recognized architect of the Prairie Movement in America,

also fitting criteria for Landmarks. It was a significant part of the community and built with fine craftsmanship," Miller had said in an earlier interview with this reporter. Miller has a special affinity for the building. In the late 1990s/early 2000s, Unity Church hired the architectural firm of Vinci-Hamp to restore the building and Miller was one of the architects that worked on the project. The building retains much of its original stained glass, tile, and plasterwork. On the exterior of the building, original stone carvings which depict a pair of tennis rackets can still be seen, according to information posted on the web site of Preservation Chicago.

In addition to adding the parcel to campus, officials at Misericordia had previously proposed a vacation of parts of Thome and Winchester. After a recent meeting with neighborhood residents, that request will no longer be pursued.

"It is really a remarkable little structure that we would like to see preserved. We are working with Misericordia to try to get



Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago, unveiled the organization's annual Chicago Seven list.

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a good preservationist outcome. The park currently has a tiny field house. This building would be a first-rate fieldhouse for the community, and the CPD. It would be very successful as a venue for special events. This would be a really great asset for the community in the future," Miller said during the unveiling of the Chicago Seven.

In addition to the Chicago Town and Tennis Club, the Chicago Seven list also includes The James R. Thompson Center/

State of Illinois Building by Helmut Jahn; The South Shore Cultural Center, Jackson Park and Midway Plaisance; the Art Moderne/Art Deco Union Station Power House designed by Graham, Anderson, Probst & White; the Washington Park National Bank Building in Woodlawn; the Central Manufacturing District (especially its Pershing Road District) and the Roseland Michigan Ave. Commercial District.

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two couples and their decades-long friendship, and the ups and downs of their lives. And although I mentioned the more renowned actors, the local, multi-Jeff Award-winning actress Kate Buddeke, who plays Dotty, is just as great as the others.

There are no props or a set and the stars read directly from scripts. I wasn't sure how I'd like that when I attended a preview last week. But surprisingly, I really enjoyed this show.

The big-staged, popular, downtown shows can be fantastic, but there is some-

thing about bare-boned community theater that I love. A small, intimate spot, a respite from a busy day, a time to sit back and just enjoy what one's community has to offer. Sure, you can get that from a grand-staged performance, but a small stage, small scale show can be just as grand.

I think anyone over 50 could really take pleasure in seeing "Middletown," but I did see young people there who seemed to be engrossed also. This oh-so talented group of actors has given us so much pleasure throughout the years. Go support them and see their first-rate show. They've earned it.

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why not wait and run a bill that actually bans them in their entirety, because what this does is a piecemeal approach," State Rep. Grant Wehrli said in floor debate, adding that it could be misinterpreted as a complete ban by news consumers.

McSweeney said he would be ready to support a complete ban if the bill got as far as a floor vote, but no such measure has done so.

State Rep. Diane Pappas argued the bill takes aim not at red light cameras but smaller communities that are already restricted on what safety measures and revenue streams they can put in place.

"What we're doing by passing this bill is not banning evil red light cameras, we are depriving non-home rule communities of rights that home rule communities will continue to have," she said.

State Rep. Anthony DeLuca suggested

that taking away red light ticket revenue might cause affected municipalities to raise property taxes, but McSweeney said those communities should cut costs.

DeLuca said the red light camera program should be reformed rather than partially banned.

"I believe you're doing this bill to create a headline, you're not doing this bill to solve corruption," Rep. Thaddeus Jones said.

Rep. Rita Mayfield however, strongly supported the measure, saying red light cameras "have been a crux in the black and brown communities for years. Red light cameras have not helped anyone in the communities," she said.

While only four representatives voted against the measure, five voted present and 17 did not vote on the matter. It will head to the Senate for debate in committee before it can come to a vote in the full chamber.

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North Side's most dangerous 'L' stops

BY MICHAEL J. PETRO

As many people know, traveling on Chicago's 'L' system can be dangerous. Stats show that crime on the system of public trains has been going up in the last few years and ongoing violence is well-documented.

And to a large extent, many of the criminals are not being caught and those crimes are not being prosecuted. Almost 90% of the serious crimes reported on CTA 'L' trains and buses and at stations in Chicago go unsolved. An arrest was reported with only 13.6% of the crimes. And prosecution of these quality of life crimes in Chicago is weak now that a social justice agenda has overtaken the Cook County Courts and Prosecutor's Office.

The majority of the crime is isolated to certain areas of town – particularly in neighborhoods on the South and West sides. But the North Side is not without its problems too.

The CTA has been expanding the installation of its much-publicized \$26 million HD surveillance network consisting of 3,600 cameras on rail cars and platforms.

But if you hear City Hall or the CTA talk

about a reduction in crime, what they're referring to is an on-paper crime "reduction" – one that is driven not by a decrease in crime, but by the Chicago Police Department's decision to virtually eliminate the "crime" of fare-jumping and to substantially reduce narcotics arrests.

An investigation by Chicago's NBC5 found that violent crime rates across a recent three-year period fell by about 10%. At the same time, however, thefts on the CTA spiked more than 68% during the same period. Sadly only three-percent of those thefts resulted in an arrest.

In short, some areas in Chicago are safe, but others are dangerous.

As such, riding the 'L' with savvy can certainly help Chicago commuters and tourists avoid high-crime areas. Further, what 'L' riders perceive to be the worst stations aren't necessarily the most statistically dangerous.

Chicago Tribune readers recently voted the O'Hare station on the Blue Line smelliest due to the smell of urine, but only 24 crimes were reported there in 2016, compared to 169 at the more pleasantly fragrant Belmont CTA Station.

So what do the North Side's savvy, stat's

obsessed 'L' passenger need to know? Based on open data of Chicago crimes – a list of all reported crimes that occurred at CTA stations, platforms, on trains or within 100 feet of a station in recent years is available. The results show that the most

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dangerous 'L' stop is the Belmont stop, as it has the most assault and batteries calls.

The stop with most Robberies and Burglaries is State/Lake Brown, Green, Orange, Pink, Purple lines.

The stop with most Sex Crimes is a tie between the Belmont Red, Argyle Red, Grand Red, Washington Blue line stations.

The line with most total crimes reported is the Red Line, while the safest line is the Yellow.

The most common crime reported was Pocket-Picking (698), second was Theft under \$500 (688).

The Addison Brown line CTA stop had the only report of Sexual Exploitation of a

Child.

About 43.5% of the crimes reported occurred on a CTA train and 35.6% occurring at a CTA station or platform.

Data provided by a CWBChicago study shows that from 2002 through May 2018, despite declining ridership, CTA crime was up for the third straight annual increase.

Violent crime peaked during the Great Recession, but continues at a rate significantly higher than pre-recession years. Aggravated batteries hit the highest level on record in 2017. They were up again in 2018.

Robbery reports on CTA remain elevated after being driven back from recession highs, but Chicago Police essentially stopped arresting fare jumpers in mid-2014, immediately "cutting crime" on the system by 15%. Yes, according to statisticians, if there is no paperwork, then on paper no crime occurred.

Narcotics arrests on CTA have plummeted, further driving down "crime" reports, so by not counting fare-jumpers and narcotics cases, 2018 was the second-worst year for crime on CTA since 2002 (Crimes per million boardings); For CTA trains, 2018 was the worst for crime in a decade.

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kowsky [9th]. Complaints have grown in areas like Rogers Park, Edgewater, Lincoln Park, River North and in eight ZIP codes covering the Loop.

A little less than two years ago, complaints of poor service city-wide forced intervention by top USPS officials.

Dan Luna, chief-of-staff to 48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman's, and Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] also attended the meeting as Chicago Post Office officials listened to complaints and suggestions from mostly dissatisfied residents. "All of us have been inundated with numerous phone calls regarding poor mail service," said Ald. Silverstein.

Questions were submitted on index cards for the post office's top management team, although that didn't prevent some residents from speaking up from the seating area. The Rogers Park Post Office, 1723 W. Devon, and the Northtown office, 3401 W. Devon, were the epicenters for most residents.

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delivery, misdirected mail, long wait-times on phone calls and frequent changes in carriers. USPS Chicago District Manager Randy Stines fielded the brunt of the missiles and said, "These complaints have not fallen on deaf ears; a fix will be forthcoming."

Although he didn't attend the meeting, Mack Julion, president of the National Assoc. of Letter Carriers, said the growing complaints can be traced to unfilled vacancies across the Chicago area.

Stines said, "As a result of increased staffing, you're going to see changes over the next couple of weeks." There are 2,100 mail routes and 3,400 carriers covering the city of just under 3-million people. "What we're seeing is a management problem in

the area," said Rep. Schakowsky.

Post office officials said that when mail is not delivered, it is returned to the post office, analyzed and delivered the next morning. One resident said that her 84-year-old mother received a mail delivery at 10 p.m. and another said he received a letter for someone in Texas. Manager of Post Office Operations Wanda Prater acknowledged the problems and said, "We need to keep training. Train, train, train."

Some other unsolicited suggestions for improved service included a call for a Congressional investigation. Another resident said to management, "You were probably

carriers at one time. Get back on the streets and figure it out."

The hope for those at the meeting was summed up by Ald. Hadden. She said, "We need the postal service to work for the residents of the community."

The postal service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. The U.S. Postal Service employs some 617,000 workers, making it the third-largest civilian employer in the United States behind the federal government and Walmart.

At least one candidate, Marty Malone, said he entered the race mainly to try to clean up what he described as the "skewed" property tax problem along with the runaway government pensions that are bankrupting Illinois.

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warned. "I'd like to see us get in there and eliminate the COLA (Cost of Living Allowance). What we should do is tie it to the national rate of inflation."

Podges said the "budget crisis was the number one issue that got me into this race. While there's no one solution, passing the Fair Tax Amendment (a proposal to replace the current flat income tax to a graduated tax based on a person's earnings) would be

a great start."

For Garfield, the main issue that made him run for the race was ethics. "I'm really tired of our state being the butt of jokes about how corrupt we are. We need lobbying reform. Right now, you can retire from the legislature one day and become a lobbyist the next day. If you want progressive reform, this is what has to happen first."

The primary election will be held on March 17.

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