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— Dalai Lama

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Nearly 30 years after first announced, Chicago's long-stalled Du Sable Park still not open

**Park as staging site
for high-rise construction?**

BY PETER VON BUOL

When developer Related Midwest on March 10 unveiled its latest plans for two residential apartment towers slated to be built at 400 N. Lake Shore Dr., it also pledged funds to complete the long-awaited, but never completed, DuSable Park nearby.

But the developer's adoption of the long-delayed project may point to an ulterior motive based on space needs.

Located on about three-and-a-half acres of prime lakefront land at 401 N. Lake Shore Dr., and adjacent to the high-rise residential Lake Point Tower, the still-uncompleted park is surrounded to the south, east and north by the waters of the Chicago River, Ogden Slip and Lake Michigan.

First announced in 1987 by then-Mayor Harold Washington, DuSable Park honors Chicago's Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable, who was Chicago's first permanent, non-native American settler. While little is known about Du Sable's early life, his mother



An artist's aerial view of Lake Shore Dr. with 400 Lake Shore Dr. on the left and a completed DuSable Park on the right.

was recorded as a Haitian-born woman of African descent and his father was a French citizen.

Still closed to the public, the site has undergone extensive environmental remediation to remove soil contaminated with the contaminant thorium. While it seems ready right now for park patrons, Related pledged to pay for a second cleanup before completion once the developer's towers are built. This seems to indicate the

cleaned-up parkland could be used first as a staging area for construction of the towers going up next door.

According to officials at the federal Environmental Protection Agency, from 1902 until the mid-1930s, thorium had been used on-site by the Lindsay Light Company to manufacture incandescent gaslight mantles. A gas-

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Study shows more North Siders are on the edge of financial calamity than many think

The ALICE Report for Illinois is in, and it has found that one in three households in Chicago do not have enough money to afford their basic needs.

Due to low wages, limited work hours, and a lack of savings, many people on Chicago's North Side now live on the edge financially, struggling to meet basic needs and unable to save for the future, let alone weather a setback, such as an unexpected medical bill, car repair or even just that car being towed.

ALICE is shorthand for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. It refers to Illinois residents who work at one or more jobs, but who cannot afford their household's basic needs. United Way just released this report (for the years 2007-2017) on March 4. This report is another resource for bringing evidence-based, data-driven, social service funding to all corners of Illinois. It focuses on both individuals and families, who struggle to pay the bills despite being employed.

Of Illinois' 4,817,547 households, 12% earn below the Fed-

eral Poverty Level and another 24% are ALICE households. Some 36% of households cannot afford basic necessities, including housing, food, child care, health care and transportation. Closer to home, topping the list the report shows that 59% of households in Rogers Park make less than the Illinois survival budget, a measure of being able to afford basic needs. Edgewater and Uptown tied for second at 49%, with West Ridge close behind at 48%. (Levels of hardship vary greatly across the North Side. See the adjacent list for your neighborhood number.)

The report, "ALICE in Illinois, A Financial Hardship Study," also found out that on the low end of the scale, 24% of households in Lincoln Park, 21% of households in the Loop, and 18% of households in North Center make less than the Illinois survival budget.

As one of the most segregated metropolitan areas in the U.S., many of Chicago's neighborhoods with a high percentage of households below the threshold are also communities of color. These pre-

Percentage living below ALICE threshold by neighborhood

Rogers Park - 59%
Edgewater - 49%
Uptown - 49%
West Ridge - 48%
Lincoln Square 34%
Lakeview - 27%
Near North Side - 25%
Lincoln Park - 24%
Loop - 21%
North Center - 18%

dominantly Black and Hispanic neighborhoods were also harder hit by the foreclosure crisis in 2010 and continue to have a high vacancy rate, with as much as 25% of the housing stock vacant in those neighborhoods. The influx of higher-income households into traditionally lower-income areas, such as Logan Square and West Town, has also driven up the cost of housing and amenities, displacing some residents and

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San O, Program Director South-East Asia Center and Ald. James Cappleman [46th] display Census2020 flyers written in Chinese and Vietnamese.

Effort to count us all now underway, so be sure you're included

STORY AND PHOTO
BY RENO LOVISON

About 50 area residents showed up for a community forum at Truman College March 10 to get information about the importance of responding to the upcoming 2020 Census. The event was hosted by aldermen, James Cappleman [46th] and Ariel E. Reboyra [30th], Chairman of the Special Legislative Committee on the Census. Their mission is to strive to ensure a fair, complete, and accurate Census count of every individual living in Chicago.

Residents this year have a chance to complete their forms online. Those who don't will be contacted in-person by a Census representative. Residents can visit 2020Census.gov if you are interested in finding out about job opportunities as a census taker, recruiting assistant, office or supervisory staff in your community. Though jobs are filling fast Angel Rivera, Assistant to the Chairman mentioned that there was currently a need for Polish speakers in the Chicago area.

The number of people counted in the Census determines how funding for transportation, education, healthcare, housing, and other resources are distributed to our local communities. Some of the particular programs affected are funding for SNAP benefits and school lunch programs. The Census also affects the number of Illinois representatives your district will have in Congress, and Illinois is already expected to lose at least one seat due to negative population growth and net out-bound migration.

Those who don't complete their Census form online will get information mailed to the head of

household. Those mailing began going out on March 12. Local area organizations will be available to help those who do not have Internet access, or feel they need assistance. For instance the South-East Asia Center at 5120 N. Broadway will have staff that can help people in English, Vietnamese and Chinese languages. Many in the immigrant communities as well as children under five years old, seniors, and green card holders are often missed or overlooked. They need to be counted. Contact your alderman to learn about specific assistance in your area.

In June 2019, Gov. JB Pritzker signed an executive order that established a Census Office and an advisory panel to guide the public outreach. The state's census initiative will incorporate 30 local community and government organizations serving as regional intermediaries for coordinated census mobilization across the state. All organizations partnering with Illinois Dept. of Human Services [IDHS] on census efforts have received funding.

"[The state] is committed to ensuring a robust census effort that reaches every community in Illinois, especially rural and urban communities that have historically been left out of census counts," said Illinois Deputy Gov. Sol Flores.

Illinois has "made a significant investment in an equity-driven census program that will assure attention is given to communities that may need more engagement and outreach, and which will produce an outcome that benefits all Illinoisans," said Flores. "Our goal is to support IDHS and

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Historic Standard Club to close May 1



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I've always had a love-hate relationship with clubs and membership organizations. The ones that must elect you to their circle so you can golf, use your squash racquet, sip a cocktail or play cards for your mortgage. Over the past 183 years Chicago has been full of them.

I'm not sure if there was an officers' club at old Fort Dearborn back in the day. It may not have been more than a mess hall overlooking the mouth of the river, just a small place to separate the officers from the rank and file troops.

In some ways Mark Beaubien's Sauganash Inn at Wolf Point, where the Chicago River forks, was a club of a kind. Pretty rough and ready. Strictly for the frontier buckskin crowd, neckties not required. But it was a trapper's delight none the less. Food. Booze. And some fiddle playing.

Weapons were checked at the door, so guests had a sense of safety under Chicago's original gun control law.

During this early period of settlement and growth Chicago's industry and commerce were like a runaway train. Success was fast and ripe. The buckskin jackets soon gave way to fancier styles of dress and haberdashery. Hard work and muscle empowered employment and achievement.

Chicago's real estate market, waterways, railroads and meat-packing empires made many people financially comfortable. Just ask the Armours, Swifts, McCormicks, Palmers and Ryersons.

Some, even before the Great

Fire of 1871, had risen to new levels of social achievement. Top hats and good cigars demonstrated a certain "upper crust" commercial success. So too did the various clubs established to provide a comforting oasis in which city business leaders could relax.

These clubs were a mark of Chicago's growing urban maturation. Gentlemen of commerce and industry found a place to go smoke their cigars and talk of big business and political concerns with like minded stakeholders. Just like clubs in London, New York and Boston.

Clubs grew fast and furious, civilly linked around some common thread of identity or civic commitment like education.

The Union League, for example, prided itself on standing firm with the sense of nationhood for which President Lincoln's troops were laying down their lives. The club also defined itself by its non-partisan politics. It was instrumental in helping Chicago to be chosen as the site of the 1893 World's Fair. Daniel Burnham, architect of the fair was, in fact, a Union League Club member.

Clubs were for many members a good way to tie their local fortunes of commerce to the aspirations of national identity and sacrifice.

The Chicago Club was founded by the barons of Chicago commerce in 1869. The Fields, Pullmans and Farwells were front and center for that. Clubs thrived in this era of Chicago life. They offered camaraderie, connections and most of all privacy for its members.

Sadly they also added a tough layer of restrictive admissions on just who could become a member. No Jew, no matter how wealthy, could expect admission to any of the white Protestant memberships.

In an America beset by bigotry and exclusion, financial achievement was not the only path needed for acceptance. Race, religion and foreign birth placed many prohibi-



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tions on membership in the city's clubs. For people of thwarted fortunes, the Standard Club stood as an important expression of citizenship as well as social success. The club was a courageous trailblazer in the path of justice. It was always more than social.

From its founding more than 150 years ago, on April 5, 1869, when 69 leaders of the Chicago Jewish community founded the Club, to the present, the Standard Club has lifted the values of generosity and justice in everyday life. Its name says it all. It was to be the "model." The criterion. The standard set for all to emulate.

The Standard Club always counted among its leadership Chicagoans of deep social awareness with concern for the lives of immigrants and working families. Early members were urban shapers, like erudite architect Dankmar Adler who designed the club's original building at 13th and Michigan Ave.; Philip Stein, future Illinois Appellate Court judge; and Henry Greenebaum, Chicago's first Jewish alderman.

Among its most celebrated philanthropists was Julius Rosenwald, president and chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck & Co., whose deep pockets endowed many cultural projects like the Museum of Science and Industry, as well as educational programs for African Americans and endorsing the Univ. of Chicago.

Industrialist Joseph Regenstein, inventor of the window envelope, gave some \$10 million to the Univ. of Chicago. Daniel J. Edelman, considered the father of modern public relations, the late Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz, Illinois Gov. Henry Horner were all members, as is current Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and his family.

While lunching at the Standard Club as a teenager I still recall the understated refinements of its clubby character. None of that brash mayhem that was so much a part of the Chicago Athletic Association on busy Michigan Ave.

The exterior design of the Standard Club on Plymouth Court by architect Albert Kahn in 1926, remains one of Chicago's finest. Stately and majestic with all the right classical lines and surfaces. It always looked modern to me. My visits there were special and the members stood out as cultural and political celebrities. The

owners of the city's professional sports teams, top city attorneys and fabled jurists.

I couldn't really comprehend all the cultural and political machinations that created the biases for separate membership clubs for Jews back then, and I certainly didn't understand all the nuances of the interior tribal class system of Jewish life here regarding the relationship between high-born German Jews and less gilded groups from Russia, Poland and Lithuania.

But I have always felt the simpatico wavelengths that the Jews of many nations share with us historically. We often have more in common through similar journeys than with anyone else. I am lucky, my Jewish friends have always made me feel welcome under their roofs. I'm sad that the Standard Club now needs to close its doors by May 1. A victim, like many clubs, to the changing world around us. Large financial woes persist. Younger folk don't see expensive clubs that cater to privilege quite the same way as older generations did. It's not the same measure of commercial and social success as it used to be. And the shifting practices of many corporations no longer embrace the expense that such memberships once provided corporate elites. And for the digital set, today there's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

The Standard Club will be remembered as a symbol of hope in the struggle against restrictions and prejudice in Chicago. A victory against the bigotry of the ruling elite. Ironically, today, Standard Club members who once were not permitted admittance to the WASP-ier clubs around town are, of course, more likely to be members of those clubs today. So success is victory, bittersweet. The names of Chicago's most successful families of Jewish fortunes gave the Standard Club an important history of textured elegance ... and the best shrimp salad in town.

CULTURE CHAMP: The Chicago Cultural Alliance honored **Angel Ysaguirre**, executive director of Court Theater, with the Cultural Champion Award for his innovative and inclusive leadership of Chicago's cultural and civic landscape. For the last 20 years, Ysaguirre has been an exceptional cultural leader with

a commitment to strengthening communities through the arts and humanities.

TIDBIT: **Bonnie McGrath** kindly reported the sad news that former Sun-Times illustrator **John Downs** died back in the Fall. His take on Chicago sports was unequalled for its grace, dignity and style. Pax Tecum.

ELECTION 2017: Respected Chicago attorney **Dan Balanoff** in Habana, Cuba getting some much needed R&R after his long campaign for a spot on the ballot for Cook County judge that was kiboshed on a technicality. He's a young man who I'm sure we will be hearing from again.

REQUIEM: **Betsy Loomis Norton** died last week. An alum of North Shore Country Day School ('59) and Finch College in New York, (B.A. '63). For 52 years the wife of **Richard "Buzz" M. Norton**, the acclaimed antiques man at the Merchandise Mart. Betsy was a pedigreed patriot, a Colonial Dame, a real descendant of the Mayflower, the real spirit of the Antiquarian Society, the Alliance Francaise and the Lake Forest Garden Club. A trustee of the Brooks School. A Regent for Gunston Hall in Mason Neck, VA. Elegant. Patrician. A quiet Lake Forester. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 18th at 2 p.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westminster, Lake Forest.

ON THE SET: Fashionista **Mark Roscoe** with **Roz Varon** from ABC7 shooting with fashion photographer **Ernest Collins** for a special project for A Silver Lining Foundation with

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Broken world. Broken promise. Broken heart.

-This is going to seem really trivial in light of what's happening around the globe today, extremely, horribly insignificant. But since none of us really know if we're going to come out of this coronavirus alive, and I may never get the chance to make good on a promise I had to break, I'm writing this for my six-year-old granddaughter, Jordan.

The world is at a standstill, people are sick and some dying, and here I am, worried about breaking a promise to Jordan. Yes. I am.

When my husband was diagnosed with Stage 4, Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in 2016, we grabbed then three-year-old Jordan, our eldest grandchild. We took off for a fabulous road trip, with the final destination being Disney World. We had no idea what the future would bring, so we splurged and treated Jordan like a true Disney princess.

Afterward, Jordan asked if we could go back and take her younger sister Shannon, who was too young at the time to bring. Yes, we told Jordan. We will go back when you're six and take Shannon too. WE PROMISE.

So when Jordan turned six last April, to make good on that promise, we booked a Disney World trip for the whole family. Thirteen of us were to head there in a couple of weeks, including my step-mom and sister, who were flying from California to meet us there. We had reservations to stay at a Disney resort, and had a slew of wonderful, family activities planned.

We scrimped and saved to make the trip be an amazing one -- not only for Jordan, but for everyone else. We were planning on doing what a family headed by two cancer survivors tries to do: Make memories. Magical, amazing, Mickey Mouse memories, from the happiest place on Earth.

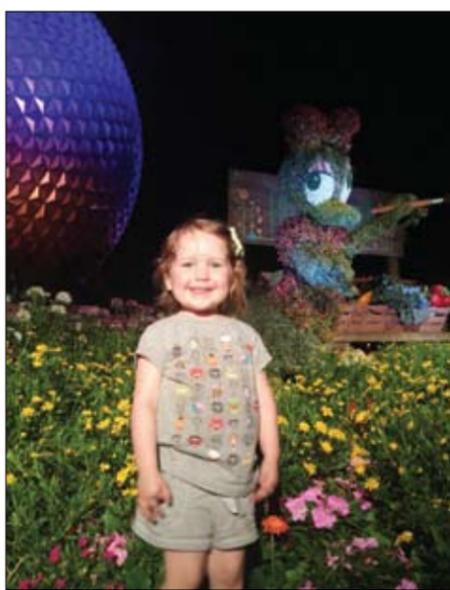
But now, that all has changed. I can live with not taking the trip. But breaking my promise to Jordan breaks my heart. You see, my precious little girl will be seven on April 27, and the promise was for when she was six. I know that you just can't help breaking some promises and this one is way out of my control, but breaking my promise to a six-year-old is a first for me.

Yes, I know, this seems like a small sacrifice in light of current events. But it still hurts.

I'm not sure how this all will play out, I realize that everyone's health is what is really crucial here. My teeny tiny heartbreak



Heart of the 'Hood
By Felicia Dechter



Three-year-old Jordan at Disney World, May 2016.

is very insignificant compared to the thousands of sick and dying people around the world. This is just a small story regarding the trickle down effect.

But I just hated to break my promise, especially since cancer patients are at a greater risk and even further, people like my husband with blood cancers such as Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma are at an even greater danger.

I just hope and pray that we'll both make it through this and be able to keep our promise at a later date - a wish I have for all our readers who have made their own sacrifices as well. Stay safe and be well folks. Because when we do eventually get to Disney World, you'll hear all about it.

Coloring our world... Rogers Parker Radha Das, a freshman at Illinois State U., will be the executive branch manager for College Works Painting this summer as part of a paid internship.

Das, 19, who is pursuing a degree in Engineering Technology, will be participating in a program where students are given the chance to run their own business and make money. She will be lining up interior and exterior paint jobs for hopefully somewhere between 24 to 32 clients.

"My goal is to provide every client with superior customer service and workmanship," said Das, who found out about the opportunity when a recruiter came into her classroom at the Chicago Math & Science Academy in Rogers Park. "With all of my workers, I stress cleanliness, reliability, and integrity, and I will not accept full payment until my clients are completely satisfied with all areas of the job."

"This opportunity not only helps the students but also the community," said Das, who was born in Mumbai, India, and



Need your house painted? Call Radha Das.

came to Chicago when she was six-years-old and has lived in Rogers Park ever since. "My area is Wilmette-Chicago and I will be hiring students from my high school to work for me this summer as painters. Not only does this help grow jobs for students in the summer but it also gets people's house painted!"

Das is now working on finding customers. Soon she will go door-to-door to try and drum up some clients. Meanwhile, she is learning skills like how to communicate with adults, and run her own business.

"I didn't know where to go, what to do," she said. "I now feel like I'm doing something with my life, something that will challenge me and I can learn a lot. I'm excited for the future."

College Works Painting is fully licensed and insured and carries an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. Its interview process was rigorous, said Das.

"Only five-percent of the people actually make it through the entire interview process," she said. "This internship really challenges you and makes you work hard."

Das is looking for high school and college students and even painters to work for her this summer. All will be trained to sling a brush by the professionals at the paint company Sherwin-Williams.

"It's super, super, super cool," said Das. "I have an amazing district manager who is very helpful and teaches us everything he knows. I am super excited to be running my own business and learning/challenging myself this summer!"

Ridin' high... recently was the nonprofit Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation, which is dedicated to eliminating



Bear Necessities Founder/CEO Kathleen Casey and her daughter, Courtney Krupa. Photographer: Mila Samokhina | Photography by Timothy Hiatt Photography

pediatric cancer and providing hope and support to those touched by it.

The organization, founded by Gold Coaster Kathleen Casey, last month raised \$450,000 at the 27th Anniversary Bear Tie Ball "Boots & Bling" at The Geraghty. Inspired by western glamour, the event was co-chaired by D.C. and Alayna Crenshaw with festivities led by emcee Ryan Baker, weekday Morning News anchor at CBS2 Chicago.

Casey shared the impact her son Barrett "Bear" Krupa's passing had on her family, and Bear's inspiration behind the organization's ongoing mission. In addition, the William J. Casey Hope Award was presented to the Foglia Family Foundation and the Panzino Family for their continuous support of Bear Necessities. Special guests included "American Idol," power couple Diana DeGarmo and Ace Young, whose premiere musical, "Hit Her With The Skates," will [maybe, hopefully] open in April. (With the ongoing flu panic nobody can be sure?)

More than 350 attendees kicked up their heels on a mechanical bull and ate, drank and were merry. The hoedown concluded with line dancing and entertainment from the multi-genre group, Front of House. All funds raised will benefit pediatric cancer research grants through Bear Discoveries and customized memories through B e a r Hugs.

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Flabbergasted property owners brace for more hefty tax increases in 2020

Reeling from years of real estate tax increases, “Ma and Pa” owners of small apartment properties are wondering what hikes are on the horizon for 2020.

When the first installment of 2019 Cook County real estate tax bill recently arrived in property owners’ mailboxes, every one included an automatic 2019 first installment estimate based on 55% of the 2018 total taxes was included. The first installment was due March 3, 2020.

All money saving exemptions, such as homeowner and senior exemptions are reflected on the second installment which is due Aug. 1.

The 2018 reassessment of North Township—which includes the wealthy Gold Coast and the upscale neighborhoods of Old Town and Lincoln Park—has left thousands of long-time property owners flabbergasted. The 2019 reassessment of the north suburbs may have the same effect on those homeowners.

Some 65,000 homes, townhomes and small apartment buildings were reassessed in 2018 in North Township, along with 5,000 condominiums. The assessment level is 10% of market value

for residential property.

The market value for homes, townhomes and apartment buildings with six units or less in these prime neighborhoods surged to \$1.3 million from \$1.1 million—an appreciation of more than 18% in only three years. The median assessed value of one to six-unit properties increased to \$129,082—a whopping gain of 23.32%.

The Assessor’s lofty market-value increases translated into sharply higher assessed values, and sparked some mind-bending real estate tax hikes when bills arrived.

For many of the properties the assessments have increases ranging from a manageable 12% to an excessive 112%, according to a spot survey by The Home Front column.

In 2019, Michael Griffin, a Chicago real estate tax appeal attorney, urged North Side property owner to file appeals of the new assessment. Many owners did, and earned substantial reductions, especially at the Board of Review.

For example, after the owner of a vintage Old Town 3-flat was hit with an astronomical 93% assessment hike to \$197,361. A successful appeal at the Board of Review reduced the assessed value 28% to \$141,919. However, based on the final 65% assessment increase, the 2018 tax bill still jumped a hefty 27.5% to \$28,033 from \$21,991 in 2017.

Griffin said the property owner likely has a strong case for a further reduction in 2020 by appealing at both the Assessor and the Board of Review levels because many comparable properties in the neighborhood only received reassessment increases of 28% to 34%.

Here are other examples of successful assessment appeals:

- The owner of an historic red brick 6-flat in Lincoln Park filed an appeal when the assessed value of her building jumped 34% to \$137,351 from \$102,210. The Board of Review reduced the assessment nearly 19% to \$111,443. The property owner was relieved to learn that the 2018 tax bill rose only \$59 to \$21,335 from \$21,276 in 2017.

- A Logan Square greystone 3-flat owner was shocked when his property’s fair market value skyrocketed 61% to \$683,000 from \$424,010. The assessed value jumped to \$73,263 from \$42,401. After an appeal, the assessed value was reduced to \$68,300.

After the successful appeal to the Board of Review, the 2018 tax bill still jumped a whopping 52.5% to \$12,812 from \$8,401 in 2017.

- Irving Park. The 2018 assessed value on a red brick 6-flat

in the Old Irving Park neighborhood jumped to \$94,919 from \$44,835. After a successful appeal to the Board of Review, the assessed value was lowered 25.8% to \$70,420 from \$94,919. However, the 2018 tax bill still jumped a hefty 43.3% to \$13,888 from \$9,688 in 2017.

- North Lincoln Square. The 2018 assessed value on a 1920s yellow brick 4-flat in the Arcadia Terrace section of the neighborhood increased to \$50,658 from \$36,010. After a successful appeal to the Board of Review, the assessed value was lowered 22.1% to \$39,435 from \$50,658. The 2018 tax bill rose only \$38 to \$7,789 from \$7,751 in 2017.

Tax hikes coming in August

In the north suburbs the 2019 expected property tax bill increases will come due in Aug. 2020, when the second installment of the bill arrives. Many North Side apartment building owners instituted hefty rent increases last year to pay the sharply higher 2019 tax bill.

However, crystal-ball gazing into the outlook for the expected 2019 property tax hike, payable in 2020 is cloudy, experts say.

“The property tax bill is determined by four factors: the assessment, the equalization factor, or

‘multiplier,’ the tax rate and the exemptions,” said Griffin.

Homeowners also should review their exemptions because they can reduce their tax bill if they have the proper exemptions applied to their tax bill, Griffin noted. The three main exemptions are the Homeowner’s, Senior Citizen, and Senior Freeze.

The Homeowner’s exemption recently was increased to \$10,000 from \$7,000, and the Senior Exemption was hiked to \$8,000 from \$5,000. Those amounts are deducted from equalized assessed value of a home to which tax rates are applied to determine individual tax bill.

Also, more seniors can qualify for the Senior Freeze because the Illinois Legislature increased the maximum annual income to receive the freeze to less than \$65,000 from less than \$55,000.

“Every homeowner should review their last tax bill to see if they received the proper exemptions and contact the assessor if the exemptions are wrong,” Griffin advised.

Real estate taxes for 2019 are expected to rise when paid in Aug. 2020. However, predicting a hefty property tax increase this year really centers on two wild

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City sold parking lot to developer, then denied permit needed to operate parking lot

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

The developer of a condominium project in the River North neighborhood has sued the city, claiming the city sold it a parking lot, but has now moved to block them from continuing to use the parking lot.

On March 3, the corporate entity known as Morningside Huron LLC filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court against City Hall and the Chicago Dept. of Transportation, among others, over the decision by Chicago zoning administrator Patrick Murphey to deny Morningside’s request for a permit for a commercial driveway to the parking lot at 365 W. Huron St.

Morningside purchased the parking lot at the corner of Huron and Sedgwick from the city in 2018 for \$3.86 million.

Morningside has drawn up plans to build a 10-story high-rise tower on the site, marketed to include perhaps about 45 luxury condominiums, selling for about \$1 million to \$2 million each.

According to its complaint, Morningside has not backed off its condo development plans, but has chosen to continue to operate the parking lot at the corner in the meantime.

The developer said it has sought proper city permits and licenses to allow a commercial parking lot operator to run the lot.



Morningside purchased the parking lot shown above - at the corner of Huron and Sedgwick - from the city in 2018 for \$3.86 million.

However, in January, Murphey reportedly denied their request for the driveway permit needed to obtain the proper license.

Morningside said the denial caught them by surprise, since at no point during talks to buy the parking lot did any representative of the city express concerns about allowing the parking operations to continue on the site until the developers were ready to build their tower.

“If granted, the ... permit would merely allow (Morningside’s) tenant the continued operation and use of a non-accessory parking lot at 365 W. Huron St., Chicago, which same Parking Lot the City itself operated until it sold it ‘as is’ to (Morningside) in 2018,” the complaint said.

Morningside said the city’s denial of the permit is arbitrary, and its reasoning to support the denial was “circular and illogical.”

The complaint noted, among other reasons, Murphey allegedly denied the permit because the city had “no valid driveway permits or licenses on file” for the parking lot. That, Murphey said, means the developer lost the right to operate a “legally non-conforming use” on the site, which is now zoned to allow for the condo project.

“(Morningside Huron) could not have maintained a valid business license because there was no business license to maintain,” the developers wrote in their complaint. “The City does not issue itself a business license and MH bought the Parking lot owned and operated by the City from the City.”

The developer has asked the judge to order the city to issue the permit and pay its attorney fees for having to sue over the matter.

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BY STATE REP.
GREG HARRIS

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Preventing the spread of COVID-19, and ramping up care and treatment for those who are sick - particularly older and more vulnerable people - is now our top priority.

This will not be a quick process and it will get more difficult before it gets better. There will be many inconveniences and sudden policy changes as researchers learn more and science guides new policy decisions. We are all going to feel anxious about getting the most up-to-date information about jobs, finances, food, access to healthcare and assistance for our businesses.

My staff and I will do our best to provide current information, to update you on important an-

nouncements about financial support and jobs, children and schools, small business information, seniors, people with disabilities and pre-existing conditions, food and nutrition, healthcare and prevention information. We know

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people will have many different questions and many specific needs. Call or email us at any time and we will do our best to assist you as quickly as possible.

In times of crisis, Americans have always pulled together for the greater good in the face of disease and disasters and we will now too.

With businesses temporarily closing, workers have many questions about unemployment benefits during this time. The Illinois Dept. of Employment Security has put together a list of resources and application forms which can be accessed on their website.

Chicago Public Schools will

be providing free lunches for CPS students during the upcoming school closure. All families will be able to pick up meals at their nearest CPS school beginning Tuesday, March 17, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. For more details, and other information about the CPS school closure, please visit the CPS website.

Gov. JB Pritzker has ordered the closure of on-site dining at restaurants and bars in Illinois, now through March 30. He is also working with the federal Small Business Administration to put together a relief package for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. We will send more details and a link to the application as they become available.

If there is any way we can assist you or your family in the coming weeks, please call or email me at Greg@GregHarris.org or 773-348-3434 and we will get back to you promptly.

Everything is closed

BY PATRICK BUTLER

If you were planning on attending [fill in the blank] then just forget it.

Just about everything on Chicago's North Side has been canceled, postponed or will take place by phone or over the Internet.

Everything from the College of Complexes' Saturday evening forum, to 6th Dist. State Sen. Sara Feigenholtz' info session on the Real ID, book lectures at Sulzer Library, to just about every theater production has been postponed as a result of COVID-19.

Even the storied Admiral Theater announced it will be closed for two weeks. Sorry ladies, put the clothes back on, and gentlemen - go home to your girlfriends and wives.

But there are still some determined businesses still soldiering on. This newspaper for instance! Who wants to buy an ad?

There is also the beauty shop on the corner of Lincoln and Montrose with the impossible-to-miss "we're open" sign.

Or Dr. Katie Ray, local chiropractor and founder of the New Day Wellness Network who spends a lot of time these days teaching other small business owners how to survive and get ahead in what was an ever-challenging environment even before the advent of COVID-19. For the past six years, she's not only maintained her practice, but holds monthly network events focused on healing, entrepreneurship and networking.

And while most every chamber of commerce and community group on the North Side has cancelled its programming, local business and neighborhood groups are encouraging neighborhood residents to support local businesses whenever possible.

A new One Fair Wage campaign was announced Monday which hopes to launch of a massive online fundraising effort to support an emergency fund for tipped workers and service workers suffering unprecedented economic hardship as restaurants, bars and other establishments close nationwide. The fund will provide free, cash assistance to

"The time for persuasion and public appeals is over. The time for action is here. This is not a joke. Nobody is immune to this and you have an obligation to act in the best interests of all the people in this state," said Gov. Pritzker.

restaurant workers, delivery drivers and other tipped workers and service workers who were already struggling financially and are bearing the economic brunt of this crisis.

Several local chambers are encouraging residents to start buying gift certificates from favorite shops, theaters, restaurants or service provider to be given to a friend or loved one - or as a future treat for them or yourself. Even though restaurants and bars aren't offering table service, many restaurants are still offering takeout service.

Sen. Feigenholtz noted that help is coming from the U.S. Small Business Association to offer low-interest, federal disaster loans for neighborhood businesses suffering financially as a result of COVID-19. To learn more, call 1-800-659-2955 or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for details. She is also suggesting people now out of work apply for unemployment benefits at the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security or by calling 1-800-244-

5631.

And everyone from President Trump on down to Gov. Pritzker has warned shoppers to avoid panic buying, but buy only what they need when they need it. "Please do not hoard food. Buy what you need" and there should be enough for everyone, said Pritzker.

Regarding the forced closure of all bars and restaurants, Pritzker said he "tried earlier to appeal to everyone's good judgement to stay home, to avoid bars, not to congregate in crowds. It's unfortunate that many people didn't take that seriously. The time for persuasion and public appeals is over. The time for action is here. This is not a joke. Nobody is immune to this and you have an obligation to act in the best interests of all the people in this state."

Other things to remember during the current emergency, said Ald. Michele Smith [43rd], are that while the Chicago Public Schools will be closed, CPS students will be able to pick up packages with three days worth of breakfast and lunch for each child in a household from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents with questions, she added, can e-mail familyservices@cps.edu.

For seniors and those dependent of Federal aid, all local Social Security offices are now closed to the public for in-person service. So if you cannot complete your Social Security business online, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Top restaurateurs urge mayor, governor to reduce restaurant taxes

BY APRIL BAMBURG
Chicago City Wire

Some well known restaurant owners including Rick Bayless owner of Frontera Grill and Cruz Blanca, and Nick Kokonas, co-owner of Alinea, Next, and the Aviary, Inc., among others, called on Gov. JB Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot to reduce restaurant taxes, which went into effect with the new budget year.

Over 50 area chefs and restaurant owners have now gone public asking for immediate relief for furloughed workers with a two-week ban on dining in. They spoke in unison stating that "[we] will not survive this closure without immediate, decisive action from the government."

Bayless posted a message saying that "We are living in perilous times. But let's not forget the most vulnerable among us. And those who strive daily to make our city one of the best and most delicious places in the country."

On March 8, Kokonas tweeted that the hospitality industry is "about to get crushed" due to the effects of the travel restrictions and quarantines caused by the COVID-19 strain of the coronavirus.

This is one of the largest industries in Chicagoland with profit margins usually in the mid-single digits. The closure order by the governor along with the heavy sales dip will affect the roughly 600,000 restaurant workers statewide.

The shutdown does allow delivery and curbside pick-up, but for many North Side restaurants, delivery and pickup sales generate only around 10 to 20% of gross revenue. Bar, tavern and saloon owners have no option but to close if they don't serve food.

In its 2020 budget, Chicago increased the restaurant tax from

0.25% of retail price to 0.50% of retail prices for all food and beverages sold at retail establishments.

"Hotels and restaurants will be the second wave of (businesses) needing help, especially mom-and-pops with low margins," wrote Kokonas in the original tweet.

Following up with a response to his original tweet, Kokonas implored Lightfoot to reduce the sales tax and go further.

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"Ultimately, when demand dries up, a vicious cycle will ensue," Kokonas wrote. "Higher sales tax right now will exacerbate the problems."

Further in the thread, in response to a question about the easiest way to help the restaurant industry, Kokonas suggested, in addition to reducing the sales tax to incentivize diners, that governments institute "payroll tax credits for employers to keep on hourly workers."

"Beyond that, there is little government can do to reduce costs to small operators," Kokonas wrote.

The sales tax isn't the only tax that Chicago restaurants have to contend with. For the restaurant industry, those include the general sales tax of 10.25% and a 1% restaurant tax imposed by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

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Statehouse property tax reform efforts appear stalled

Two months after task force report, no major initiatives have come forward

BY PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

Last week Illinois House Republicans said they believe efforts to enact property tax relief have stalled in the General Assembly, and they accused Chicago Democrats of using a task force that was formed last year to push for higher income and sales taxes.

“Illinois’ convoluted and broken property tax system has been driving the high cost of living that’s pushing families and businesses out of our state,” said State Rep. Deanne Mazzochi during a news conference at the Capitol.

“Despite the fact that homeowners have been crying desperately for relief, Democrats last year failed to produce any significant action.”

Chicago and other Illinois residents have complained for years that the state has the second highest property tax rates in the nation. That’s largely because most Illinois schools’ and municipalities’ have massive, unfunded government pension liabilities that have forced local leaders to continuously hike property taxes to cover those costs.

In an annual analysis of the property taxes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, finance website WalletHub placed the Illinois at 50 out of 51. This is the second year in a row the study ranked Illinois’ property taxes second-highest in the nation. New Jersey took the top spot both years.

The average U.S. household pays \$2,279 in property taxes each year on a home valued at \$193,500, the nation’s median. But Illinois homeowners pay nearly double that amount, at \$4,476, for an identically priced home. The median home value in Illinois is \$179,700, lower than the nation’s median. Still, Illinois homeowners average \$4,157 in property taxes on that home.

The new, higher, progressive income tax being pushed by Illinois Democrats now may in the end do nothing to lower property

taxes in Illinois. In fact, all seven states with zero income tax – Texas, Florida, Washington, Alaska, Nevada, Wyoming and South Dakota – each enjoy lower property taxes than Illinois. New Jersey’s progressive income tax structure, meanwhile, has failed to rescue residents from a property tax burden that ranks highest in the nation, according to the WalletHub study.

In 1996, property taxes in Illinois hovered around the national average. But as pension obligations for government workers have skyrocketed, so too have Illinois taxpayers’ property tax burdens. Pension costs have taken about .50¢ of every property tax dollar raised during the past two decades.

Last year, as lawmakers were debating Gov. JB Pritzker’s proposed constitutional amendment to overhaul the state’s income tax system, they also passed a bill establishing a Property Tax Relief Task Force that would meet throughout the Fall to study ways to provide property tax relief and deliver a final report by the end of the year.

So far, though, the task force has produced only a draft report that Republicans said was simply a list of topics that had been discussed by various subcommittees of the task force, while none of the recommendations had been considered by the full 80-member group.

Meanwhile, Republicans have said they have introduced numerous bills they believe would provide property tax relief, including bills calling for overhaul of public pension benefits, limiting workers

let that happen.”

State Rep. Michael Zalewski, who chairs the House Revenue Committee, did not immediately respond to the Republicans’ charges but said through a spokesperson that he would make a statement later in the week after that committee has met.

But other Democrats have said the GOP’s chief proposal, for further pension reform, is off the table. They note that Illinois passed significant pension reform in 2013 when it established the “Tier 2” system for newly-hired employees. That package included reduced cost of living increases, higher retirement ages, and limited the amount of salary that was covered by pensions.

Some Republicans have called for even further reforms such as a constitutional amendment that would allow the state to reduce pension benefits that have already been promised. But in his budget address in February, Pritzker said that idea would not pass federal constitutional muster.

“The fantasy of a constitutional amendment to cut retirees’ benefits is just that – a fantasy,” Pritzker said. “The idea that all of this can be fixed with a single silver bullet ignores the protracted legal battle that will ultimately run headlong into the Contracts Clause of the U.S. Constitution.”

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compensation awards, repealing what Republicans call “unfunded mandates” on school districts and expanding property tax exemptions for seniors.

“We want these bills that we’ve proposed, that were suggested at the property tax committee level, but then we’ve introduced in bill form, to have their opportunity to be heard in committee and voted on,” said State Rep. Joe Sosnowski during the news conference. “The taxpayers of Illinois deserve this, and we call on the House Democratic leadership to

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Coalition looks to end Com Ed’s gas bill surcharge

BY JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

A 2013 state law allowing utilities to tack natural gas surcharges onto consumer bills for the purpose of funding infrastructure improvements is under scrutiny at the Capitol.

At a Statehouse news conference March 3, lawmakers and consumer advocates called for ending that state law on Jan. 1, 2021, three years earlier than its Dec. 31, 2023, statutory sunset date.

They claim allowing the surcharges “helps major utilities sidestep the regulatory process, automatically raise heating bills, and force many customers into financial crisis to cover billions of dollars in reckless utility spending.”

Illinois has some of the highest energy and heating costs in the nation thanks in part to all the taxes and fees added to customers monthly bills.

State Sen. Ram Villivalam, said his Senate Bill 3497 and its companion House Bill 5247 are aimed at starting “a conversation centered on the accountability, the safety, and the affordability of utility bill increases that our families are facing in the state of Illinois.”

He was joined by State Rep. Joyce Mason who sponsors the

House bill, and representatives of AARP Illinois, the Citizens Utility Board, the Illinois Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) and the Environmental Law and Policy Center. They’re among more than 20 groups supporting the effort.

The coalition criticized a 2013 state law which allowed for Qualified Infrastructure Plant, or QIP, surcharges to be applied to consumer bills. The measure was written to allow utility companies to replace outdated pipes, including cast iron piping that was an explosion risk.

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“Seven years ago, the Illinois Legislature gave gas utilities permission to charge their customers more in order to make urgent repairs, such as replacing old cast iron pipes – repairs that were needed to keep us all safe,” Mason said. “Unfortunately, instead of just making the necessary safety repairs, the utilities are now spending money on things like

installing new meters and replacing perfectly safe pipes and we’re all getting stuck with this bill.”

The coalition said that “regulatory shortcut” allows the utilities to recoup infrastructure spending more quickly by charging ratepayers once the new infrastructure is up and running. They also said, however, the process does not require the rigorous regulatory investigation that a regular effort to adjust consumer bills does.

Illinois PIRG Director Abe Scarr said while there is a reconciliation process each year in which utility companies “get some review” for their QIP spending, he said “that’s mostly an accounting exercise, not an accountability exercise.”

“No one here is suggesting that we compromise the safety of our infrastructure. No one here is suggesting that we need to look at the types of jobs that are being utilized or are being worked on here,” Villivalam said. “...We want this work to be done; how it’s done and at what rates and at what expense of our consumers, that’s the question that we’re trying to address and have a conversation about.”

Mason said the General Assembly was told in 2013 by Peoples Gas, which serves customers on Chicago’s North Side, that the program would cost about \$1.14 per month on a consumer bill or

about \$2 billion total. Currently, she said, that company is charging a fee greater than \$9 per month and the estimated cost of the program is nearing \$11 billion.

Peoples Gas representatives, however, said the cost over the next 20 years “is forecasted to be \$6.8 billion if completed by 2030 or \$7.8 billion if completed by 2040.”

In a statement, a spokesperson for the company pointed to a four-percent rate cap on what can be recovered by the utility in a year, and said the “urgent need for the System Modernization Program has recently been confirmed by an independent engineering study ordered by the Illinois Commerce Commission.”

“The study found that over 80% of the pipes in the Peoples Gas delivery system – some more than 100 years old – have an average remaining life of less than 15 years, and the SMP will increase public and customer safety by significantly reducing risks in Chicago’s natural gas delivery network,” said Danisha Hall, director of corporate communications for the company.

She added the average cost of a consumer bill is six percent lower than it was six years ago when the law was passed.

Armed with video of nightmare Airbnb party house, alderman aims to bolster city regulations

BY CWBCHICAGO

Last week Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] distributed video showing just how big some Airbnb parties can get. The clip shows dozens and dozens of people entering a rental home on the 1700 block of N. Sedgwick to party in February, March, April, May, and July of 2019.

It also shows cops driving throngs of people out of the home to re-establish the peace.

Ald. Smith included the video in an email to update constituents on her efforts to strengthen the city's short-term rental ordinance. She said the current ordinance is cumbersome and ineffectual, noting that it took more than three

years to revoke the Sedgwick home's license to list on sites like Airbnb.

"In another example, CPD seized 24 illegal guns, including an automatic weapon and extended magazines at an Airbnb party in Wicker Park," Smith said, referring to a Feb. 1 incident that led to charges being filed against four felons.

"That one incident consumed at least \$50,000 in police resources," Ald. Smith said.

Officials want to modernize the ordinance to bring it in-line with other cities that have "gone beyond Chicago," according to Smith. Among the changes being sought by city's Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection



Police prepare to clear out a packed Airbnb party in Old Town in April 2019.

(BACP), Smith said:

- pre-approval by the city before a short-term rental unit is listed on any platform
- requiring platforms and hosts

to "respond directly and immediately" to safety concerns

- the "immediate availability of data" to the city

Under current arrangements,

the unit "does not even have full access to the identities of hosts, making it difficult to verify ownership, and making it impossible for the police to respond effectively to incidents," Ald. Smith wrote.

"Unlike cities all over the world, BACP today must subpoena short-term rental platforms for information about hosts and rental information, a time-consuming process."

"Many of us have had good experiences with short-term rentals in our travels," Smith concluded. "But as a business, it should be regulated, with transparency of data and safety for the community."

Fake online personas one more thing to worry about

One more thing for renters to fear when booking short term rentals are scammers who exploited Airbnb's loosely written rules and even looser enforcement.

In a Jan. 31 article in Vice, senior staff writer Allie Conti shared her story of a disastrous vacation to Chicago where she stumbled onto a nationwide scam while renting a unit in Bucktown.

"I had unknowingly stumbled into a nationwide web of deception that appeared to span eight cities and nearly 100 property listings—an undetected scam created by some person or organization that had figured out just how easy it is to exploit Airbnb's poorly written rules in order to collect thousands of dollars through phony listings, fake reviews, and, when necessary, intimidation. Considering Airbnb's lax enforcement of its own policies, who could blame the scammers for taking advantage of the new world of short-term rental platforms? They had every reason to believe they could do so with impunity."

It seems the modern, upscale unit she viewed online wasn't exactly what she found when she arrived on the block. In fact, that exact address didn't exist.

"After walking up and down N. Kenmore Ave., we were able to find a guest house hidden in a back alley that had a keypad on its front door. Once inside, we discovered what looked more like a flophouse than someone's home. While, at three levels, it was quite big, almost everything else seemed off. The pantry housed a single bottle of soy sauce. The couch looked nothing like the one in the photos. The bedrooms were filled with a large number of bizarrely arranged beds. The whole place felt grimy, and there was a hole punched in a wall. The only decor was a giant wooden cross and a few pieces of generic Chicago-themed artwork, and the dining room's barstools looked as if they would turn into dust if you sat on them."

When she asked for a refund, the unit's owners ghosted her, which led her to contact Airbnb.

"Though I had been moved to a flophouse and then told to leave early, [the unit owners] only refunded me \$399 of my \$1,221.20, and only did so after I badgered a number of Airbnb case managers over the course of several days. The \$399 didn't even include the service fees Airbnb charged me for the pleasure of being thrown out on the street."

"After walking up and down N. Kenmore Ave., we were able to find a guest house hidden in a back alley that had a keypad on its front door. Once inside, we discovered what looked more like a flophouse than someone's home," said Allie Conti.

It didn't take her long to discover the red flags in her transaction that she missed at first glance. First, the phone number that the Airbnb host had called with was a Google number that couldn't be traced. Through a reverse image search, she also realized that the profile picture the scammers had used on Airbnb was a stock photo from a website that hosts surfing-themed desktop wallpapers. And when she started going through

other people's reviews she noticed some other renters had reported experiences that strangely mirrored her own, like a woman who said she was forced to switch up her itinerary three minutes before check-in due to alleged plumbing issues. A man said that he was promised a refund because his rental was "falling apart," though it never materialized. Then she found the same couch, coffee table, dining room set, and wall art images were all the same one she saw on several other listings.

"It seemed as if one person or group might have created numerous phony accounts to run a much larger Airbnb operation. It meant whoever ran the five accounts I'd located was controlling at least 94 properties in eight different cities. How many other people who had been scammed out of money like me?"

When she contact Airbnb about the scam, she says they "seemed to have little interest in rooting out the rot from within its own platform. When I didn't hear back from the company after a few days, and saw that the suspicious accounts were still active, I took it upon myself to figure out who exactly had ruined my vacation."

What she discovered on the Cook County Assessors site was that a LLC owned the house and had an association with lawyers in Chicago and New York.

Long story short, what Conti had accidentally stumbled upon was a larger, more metastasized version of what researchers at a Los Angeles-based advocacy organization uncovered themselves while researching Airbnb in 2015: the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy [LAANE] released a report that said large rental companies in Los Angeles had started to profit off Airbnb by creating pseudonyms that helped them appear to be normal homeowners. The most prolific host that LAANE identified in LA was "ghe," or Globe Homes and Condos, a now-defunct company that at one time ran an Airbnb profile using fake images and pseudonyms.

James Elmendorf, a senior policy analyst at LAANE, told Conti that Airbnb's weak verification process created the opportunity for those who were willing to exploit the platform through the creation of "faux, just-like-you personas."

There are other versions of this scam; another common scenario

is claiming that a party trashed the house and it's now temporarily uninhabitable. In all cases, the aim seems to be either getting to rebook the Airbnb at a higher price to someone else, to get the guest to cancel without the host incurring penalties, or getting people to agree to move to a different, less-desirable Airbnb. "It's often unclear if hosts aim to get guests to switch houses because the original listing doesn't exist or because they've found new renters who will pay more," said Conti. "In either case, we received multiple emails from people who said they'd been asked at the last minute to move to a new house or apartment, often promised that the new listing was bigger and better in every way than the one they'd originally booked. Spoiler: that was never the case."

Perhaps the most socially awkward bait and switch is this one: renting an Airbnb where you believe you have booked the whole residence, only to arrive and find

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One person's trash may hold another person's treasure

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY JAKE HOLLAND
Medill News Service

Eleanor Ray weaves through rows of picture frames, thread, yarn and oil paints as she walks through her shop, pointing to miles of fabric, a mountain of art supplies and decorations for all seasons.

Her store, the WasteShed, 2842 W. Chicago Ave., sells the fixings of any arts-and-crafts store, along with more eclectic items such as microfiche, sombreros, vintage scarves and old kimono fabric. There's one key difference, however, between a Hobby Lobby and Ray's venture — everything here is secondhand.

"The cool thing about art is that you can really make it out of anything," Ray says. "If you put your mind to it there's no reason to buy new stuff."

To produce a single new item, component parts must be extracted. After production, it's shipped, stored and then shipped again before it's placed on shelves. Goods not purchased by consumers are often thrown away without being repurposed.

Ray's store, on the other hand, takes donated secondhand items and sells them at a discounted price. It's a win-win situation: customers get affordable materials, and otherwise unwanted goods are kept out of trash heaps and landfills.

Though the price varies by the item's condition, a ball of wool yarn goes for about \$3, a used board game for about \$10 and a tube of acrylic paint for \$5.

The WasteShed prices most items at one-quarter to one-half of their original costs. If it's near-

ly new or a rare vintage find, it's more expensive, and if it's in not-so-great shape, it costs less.

Ray's goal, besides providing for the community, is to implement a miniature "circular economy," keeping already produced items in use and repurposing them rather than just discarding or recycling them.

Nestled between gray train tracks and the greenery of nearby Humboldt Park, the WasteShed has served community members and customers from much farther away since 2014.

Ray views the shop as both a reuse center and an environmental education hub, and it's grown so big in recent months that the team has had to put a temporary suspension on new donations. This, to her, is a win — not a loss.

"We're taking stuff that would be going to rot in a landfill and using it to replace things that people would buy new," Rays says. "We're carbon negative — that's about as sustainable as you can get."

Getting off the ground

Ray, who is in her mid-30s, estimates the shop kept \$412,000 worth of material out of landfills in 2019. That same year, the WasteShed diverted and repurposed over 45,000 pounds of materials, or about 23 tons.

Creatives and people looking for quirky art supplies buy there. But Ray pursues ways to give back to the community as well. Last year, goods from The WasteShed made their way into at least one school in each of Chicago's 50 wards.

"We're growing 50% year over year," Rays says, noting the store passed the \$1 million in



Eleanor Ray, owner of the WasteShed, stands in front of donated fabrics. She says the store kept 45,000 pounds of material out of landfills last year.

sales mark last fall. "Change and growth is our norm now."

A Chicago transplant originally from Boston, Ray founded the shop after stints at other creative reuse centers across the country. She graduated from Portland's Reed College in 2007 and stayed local to volunteer at Scrap, where she first gained exposure to creative reuse shops.

After moving to Chicago, Ray took the foundation she had gained at Scrap and used her knowledge to serve local communities here.

"Chicago is enormously wasteful relative to some East and West Coast cities that have more awareness and infrastructure over the reuse and recycling of materials," Ray says.

While some creative reuse centers operate on a free-to-free basis — giving donated items for free to community members — the WasteShed follows a more revenue traditional model. Ray's shop derives around 75% of its funds from in-store transactions and another 25% from grants and private monetary donations.

Ray says the average donation is around seven pounds.

"We're providing people a service by absorbing these materials, and we don't get paid when people drop things off," Ray says. "We get paid when people buy them."

It takes a village

Emily Saiter, the store's administrative assistant, carefully arranges a spread of vintage stencils, making sure the table looks just right. She is setting up the spread to post on Instagram. Unlike a traditional arts store, where customers can look online to have a rough idea of what kinds of items it carries, WasteShed patrons rely on word of mouth and social media posts to know what hot items are in stock.

"We post pictures to our Instagram in the hope that we can boost our business," Saiter says, holding up one of the vintage stencils to the light. "Paints and standard art supplies, [as well as] quirky items like this, go before the end of the day."

Because the team consists of only three full-time employees, the WasteShed relies on volunteers to help sort through its high volume of donations.

Krysta Williams, an artist from

Albany Park, on the city's Northwest Side, donates to and buys from the WasteShed whenever she's in the area.

"I've been wanting to volunteer more in general this year," Williams says, organizing a bin of donated colored pencils and sorting them into different displays. "And with the climate crisis, the world burning, that whole thing ... this just felt in alignment with what's important to me."

Volunteering, however, isn't the only form of community engagement baked into the WasteShed's operating model. Ray and her team cordon off a section of the shop specifically for teachers. Educators, many of whom work in cash-strapped Chicago schools with little art funding from the city, can take goods for free and use them within their classrooms. To date, educators from more than 300 schools in the Chicago area and across the U.S. have made use of the WasteShed's free teacher section, Ray says. She estimates the shop gives around \$1,300 of free material away per month.

In addition to community building, though, Rays says the shop seeks to address problems caused by the way capitalism functions in America today. She views her shop as a small piece in a larger resistance to the "abundance of stuff out in the world."

"What kind of society can we build without Amazon?" Ray asks, furrowing her brow. "How can we construct an economy and a culture around things that already exist rather than creating demand for and extracting more crap for things nobody needs?"

Ray says her shop isn't the answer, but rather a start.

Making art accessible — and sustainable

Samantha Johnson, a freshman at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, says she appreciates the sustainability aspect of the WasteShed. But the real draw to her is the store's affordability, and she says she's able to buy good quality materials for her school and personal artwork without breaking the bank.

"My teachers [at SAIC] recommend this place highly," Johnson says. "There's not been one time I've come here where I didn't get what I needed."

Allegra Harvard, also an SAIC

student, says she heads to the WasteShed before going to more high-end retailers like Blick.

"I like poking around and seeing what's new," Harvard says. "There's little treasures and things you wouldn't normally expect."

Indeed, the WasteShed has some oddities, like 4H trophies, ceramic angels, vintage fashion magazines and foam stickers. Adrian Jacobs, the shop's marketing assistant, says she works primarily in multimedia and finds it rewarding to repurpose odds and ends into something beautiful.

"I've always used cheaper materials in my artwork because it's all I can afford," Jacobs says. "To be able to get that all here is incredible."

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The path forward

Ray says she was approached last summer by the Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, which sells reclaimed building materials and uses the proceeds to support education and job training in Evanston.

The Evanston nonprofit plans on moving to a larger space this spring, Ray says, and will use part of that space as a "reuse hub" and "reuse incubator" that will feature the WasteShed and other green groups.

The collaboration will provide an opportunity for the WasteShed to develop a presence on the North Side, Ray says. The shop is beginning its fundraising efforts to launch a second location there.

"We want to have small spaces across the city that respond to the needs of that neighborhood," Ray says. "It's more sustainable and more useful than having one giant warehouse full of junk."

In the end, Ray says she hopes her shop does more than keep goods out of landfills. She wants to teach people how to repurpose the items already in their lives.

A century ago, Americans would mend clothing and repurpose packaging into household goods. But today people buy, consume and discard without much thought. Now, Ray says, is the time to educate and deal with our overabundance of things — before it's too late.

"We're trying to move the window on our cultural priorities for things that will exist after a potential climate collapse," Ray says. "Stuff. Lots of stuff."

Illinois Arts Council updates on grant deadlines

The Program Grant application deadline of the Illinois Arts Council has been extended until 11:59 p.m. March 23. At this time there are no other IACA grant programs open.

For questions or information regarding ArtsTour contact George Tarasuk at george.tarasuk@illinois.gov; Individual Artist Support contact Teresa Davis at teresa.n.davis@illinois.gov; and Short-Term Artists Residencies contact Danielle Heal at danielle.heal@illinois.gov.



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City promises no adverse actions taken for not appearing at hearings

All administrative hearings to receive continuances

The City on Monday announced that the Dept. of Administrative Hearings [DOAH] will not take any adverse action against citizens who do not appear on their assigned court dates, effective immediately and until further notice, by order of the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

That is the faux court that hears many housing and parking tickets

cases.

Continuance orders with new court dates will be mailed to Respondents, who are encouraged not to travel to the hearing locations, which are located throughout the city.

Cases involving preliminary hearings for vehicle impoundment/towed vehicles and vacant property will continue to be heard in person.

Respondents who must file Motions to Set Aside previous de-

faults are directed to the DOAH website for online filing instructions at <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ah.html>

The DOAH is an independent body manned by non-judges that decides legal matters related to ticket violations, public health, safety, welfare and economic well-being. The hearings are held to avoid the step of going to Cook County Courts over certain municipal matters.

When does hoarding become a problem?

BY PATRICK BUTLER

When is a person just collecting a garage full of old magazines or “treasured keepsakes,” and when does he or she become a full-blown “clinical hoarder?”

Not long ago, most people just considered it an annoying eccentricity that often just involved a visitor having to squeeze through someone’s apartment to find a place to sit down.

In some cases today, the problem can be much more serious, Kerry Peck, a lawyer specializing in legal issues stemming from hard-core hoarding, warned during a recent seminar at Artis Senior Living of Lakeview, 3545 N. Ashland.

As of May, 2013, full-blown “hoarding disorders” are now classified as mental diseases by the American Psychiatric Assoc., said Peck, noting that hoarding often accompanies self-neglect, which often means the person starts ignoring regular meals and hygiene, and often becomes a safety hazard to the person and others.

Simply put, Peck said, there have been extreme cases of hoarders who became so disconnected they were unaware of animals or even a spouse or roommates who had died in the home and were starting to decompose.

More often, they become forgetful of paying bills or meeting other obligations and become targets of scam operators who have managed to get control of the victim’s finances and fleece their victims before being caught.

So it can be far more than just an untidy house, Peck said, noting that according to the APA, the serious hoarding occurs in an estimate two to six percent of the population.

Far more times, it becomes a case of the person simply not being able to care for themselves at this point, Peck said, adding that dogs, cats and any other house pets may also be at some risk of neglect.

More often than many relatives, landlords, police and paramedics want to count, such cases can end up in court, with the person being appointed a guardian or in some

Signs of a hoarder

Inability to part with worthless, useless items

A serious problem often starts out small, but the warning signs are present: tables and chairs stacked with worn-out books, paper bags, and old mail. Food bought in bulk “to save money,” often spoiled in the refrigerator, creating a burgeoning problem with bugs.

Insatiable desire for more stuff

Buying unneeded things because they’re “too good to stay in the store.” Hoarders often have some awareness of their problematic relationship with possessions, but they can rarely make substantive changes without intervention.

No problem getting rid of other people’s stuff

They can’t part with their own junk, but have no trouble at all giving away other’s belongings. Studies on the brain have shown that ownership is a key factor when they make decisions. The disorder stems from their unhealthy relationship with their own possessions, but not those of others. A person unable to get rid of their old books and trash, but have no trouble parting with their children’s belongings.

Issues that threaten health and safety

Hoarding problems tend to get worse over time. While stacks of newspapers or boxes of possessions may at first seem innocuous, tall stacks are a hazard. Hoarders have died in fires caused by their accumulations and suffocated under toppled piles. Those stacks can also create a cockroach infestation. A hoarder has stories about the value and use they might get out of each and every item.

It is always difficult to intervene, but if health and safety are at risk, remember that hoarders are incapable of making necessary changes on their own.

cases committed to an institution.

But these days, a lot more problems can be avoided than in the past, Peck said, noting that cases of neglect or financial scamming can be addressed more promptly than in the past – thanks to current laws like the Illinois Elder Abuse and Neglect Act, which protects a person “who in good faith” reports suspected abuse is immune from criminal or civil liability.

“In fact, the identity of the person who reports cannot be disclosed except with written

permission of the person who reports. Anonymous reports are also accepted” today, he noted.

Peck said reports of suspected abuse can be made to the Chicago Police at 911, the North Shore Senior Center 847-784-6000, Age Options 800-699-9043 – the umbrella agency for Cook County aging issues, and IDPH (Illinois Dept. of Public Health) Nursing Home Complaint Hotline, 800-252-4343.

Animal welfare agencies can also petition the court to remove any abused or neglected animals, Peck said.

Food for school kids

Chicago Public school students can now pick up a package with three days worth of breakfast and lunch for each child in their household from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and children can go to any school and all are eligible to get the

food, whether or not the student qualifies for reduced or free lunch. Lunchroom staff will prep, bag, and provide meals outside of the school building. For more information email familyservices@cps.edu.

Teenage boy shot in Lincoln Square

A teenage boy was found fatally shot in an alley Monday evening in Lincoln Square, police said. No one is in custody.

The teen was found with a gunshot wound to the head just before midnight near Damen and Farragut in the Bowmanville section of Lincoln Square. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The medical examiner has identified the boy as 15-year-old Estaban Luvianos.

Police were called to an alley behind on 2000 block of W. Farragut after people heard shots fired at 9:33 p.m., police said. The shooting scene is less than a block from Amundsen High School.

Officers found Luvianos at that location with a gunshot wound to



Estaban Luvianos

his head, according to police and the medical examiner. Witnesses reported seeing a vehicle leave the alley northbound, but no other information was available about the car. Area North detectives are investigating.

Ravenswood resident seeking participants in study of foodborne illness long-term effects

With so many dining at home these days due to the Wuhan coronavirus, home chefs should also be concerned about dangerous bacteria in the kitchen as well as viruses.

Ravenswood resident Jaime Ragos – the recipient of the Dave Theno Food Safety Fellowship to work at the nonprofit STOP Foodborne Illness – is undertaking a study now to evaluate the long-term effects of Shiga-toxin producing E. coli bacteria [STEC] and Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome [HUS] disease.

STEC is the bacteria found in recent months in romaine lettuce which resulted in outbreaks of foodborne illness.

“I created this study for people with confirmed or suspected E. coli and for those who have been diagnosed with HUS, to evaluate the long-term effects of these foodborne illnesses,” Ragos said. “Research has shown that medical consequences such as kidney failure, high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and gastrointestinal problems can be linked to foodborne illnesses. Additionally, we have found that those impacted frequently suffer from psychological distress including

PTSD, and some have even suffered a stroke.”

The study seeks to find out the treatment plan patients had during hospitalization, what symptoms were experienced and more, she continued.

Participants must have experienced a foodborne illness at least 12 months ago, Ragos said, noting that the goal of this study is to collect data that can assist in supporting those with foodborne illness in the coming years.

Anyone who may qualify for the study can call Ragos at 312-238-9038.

The study closes March 31.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 48 million people get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die from foodborne diseases each year in the United States.

STOP Foodborne Illness is a Chicago-based nonprofit with the mission to support and engage people directly impacted by foodborne illness, mobilizing them to help prevent illness and death by driving change through advocacy, collaboration and innovation.

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Lincoln Park convenience store robbed hours after CPD issues warning to businesses

Two masked men robbed a Lincoln Park 7-Eleven store March 13, one day after similar heists unfolded at convenience stores in Lakeview and Bucktown. This hold-up came just hours after Chicago police detectives warned businesses about the robbery pattern.

On Friday, two robbers entered the store at 2619 N. Clark, took cash from the register, and loaded boxes of Newport cigarettes into duffel bags before escaping southbound on Clark St. around 5 a.m., according to a police report.

According to the clerk, the offenders are two black males who wore black hoodies and ski masks.

The incident is similar to two convenience store robberies that were committed early Thursday. Police warned North Side businesses about those crimes in a community alert last night.

Thursday's robbers brandished a handgun as they held up 7-Eleven stores at 958 W. Diversey around 12:35 a.m. and 2010 N. Damen around 12:45 a.m., police said. They pistol-whipped the clerk on Damen and stole his cellphone, according to CPD's alert.

Anyone with information about the robberies can contact Area North detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding pattern P20-3-073.

Dog beaten in Uptown alley

Chicago cops transported an injured dog for veterinary care after it was apparently placed inside a bag and beaten in an Uptown alley late Saturday night.

A 911 caller reported seeing the dog in a bag with a man beating the animal behind a hardware store on the 1500 block of W. Lawrence around 11:15 p.m. March 14.

Officers arrived on scene, confirmed the incident, and took the animal for medical care, according to CPD dispatch records.

Police issued a "flash" alert for other units to look for a suspect who they described as a "younger" black male who stands 5'-6" tall, weighs about 135 lbs., and wore wearing a gray hoodie.

CPD's office of News Affairs on Sunday morning was unable to locate a formal police report that documents the incident.

"If [officers] transported the animal to the shelter and no one was taken into custody, the job was probably [wrapped up] without a report, a police department spokesperson said.

Man found dead under Western Ave. Brown Line

The Cook County Medical Examiner identified Jaime Cardenas, 23, of Hoffman Estates, as the man who was found dead under the Western Ave. Brown Line station March 15.

Police are conducting a death investigation after the man was found unresponsive near the CTA station at 2:51 a.m., lying under the tracks just east of the station. Doctors at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center pronounced him dead at 3:31 a.m.

Blood was found on the scene and the man showed signs of head trauma, but the cause of death has not been determined, according to information from the Cook County Medical Examiner's office.

Two stabbed on Red Line in Uptown

Two people, including a teenage boy, were stabbed during an argument on a Red Line train in Uptown March 14, police said. No one is in custody.

An altercation broke out between the victims and a man who was wearing a ski mask as they rode a northbound CTA train at Lawrence around 2:30 a.m., according to initial information from police.

The masked man reportedly stabbed the 15-year-old boy and a 39-year-old man as they tried to exit the train at Lawrence. He then fled from the train, the victims said. Both victims continued to ride the train to the next stop at Argyle where police and EMS were summoned.

Police said the older victim received a stab wound to his right arm. The boy was stabbed in his left arm. Both victims were listed in good condition at Weiss Hospital.

Three CTA train cars were impounded for examination by evidence technicians.

According to the victims, the offender is a thin black male who stands about 5'-7" tall. He reportedly wore a black jacket, black hat, black mask, blue gloves, and gray sweatpants. Area North detectives are investigating.

Career felon, wanted by the state, shot in Lakeview

A 36-year-old man is in good condition after being shot while driving in Lakeview March 13, police said. The victim is a gang member with multiple felony convictions who is wanted by the Illinois Dept. of Corrections for failing to comply with the terms of his parole, according to a source.

Police said the injured man was driving southbound near Sheridan and Broadway when someone shot at his vehicle from a black sedan around 11:30 p.m. The victim continued driving southbound until he crashed into two parked cars on the corner of Broadway and Dakin, according to a CPD statement.

The victim and another man ran from the crashed car, but police soon located them near a BP gas station, 841 W. Irving Park Rd. An ambulance took the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment of a gunshot wound to his left thigh.

Cops reported finding shell casings stretching along Broadway from Sheridan Rd. to Dakin St. Several parked cars were struck by gunfire and a taxi cab that was passing by at the time of the shooting was also struck by a bullet. Neither the cabbie nor his passenger was injured.

A source identified the shooting victim as a career felon who was released from prison last September after serving half of a six-year sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The Illinois Dept. of Corrections lists the man as being an "absconder," meaning that he is wanted by the state for failing to comply with the terms of his release.

Since 2001, he has served prison sentences for robbery, aggravated battery of a police officer causing bodily harm, aggravated battery, escaping a penal institution, resisting police, and multiple narcotics violations. No one is in custody for the shooting, but the victim is being held on the state's arrest warrant. Area North detectives are investigating.

River North valets robbed at gunpoint

A group of armed men robbed two restaurant valet workers at gunpoint in River North March 13. No one is in custody.

Police said the two valets were working on the 100 block of W. Grand

Top public defender's COVID-19 suggestion? 'Stop arresting so many criminals'

The top public defender in Cook County has an idea that she thinks will help fight the COVID-19 outbreak: Stop arresting people.

Chicago police should "refrain from arresting anyone for low-level, victimless, or economic-related offenses," Amy Campanelli said in a letter to her staff. She said she shared her idea with CPD.



Amy Campanelli

"The fewer people arrested, the less chance there is of them being placed in close quarters with others where the virus can spread," Campanelli continued. "We have a public health crisis that requires the cooperation of officers on the street."

She didn't define "low-level," "victimless," or "economic-related"

when the offenders approached them, produced a handgun, and took the victims' phones and wallets. A source said the valets were working for Tanta, a Peruvian restaurant at 118 W. Grand.

Shortly before the robbery, two people called 911 to report four men crouching behind cars behind a nearby pizza restaurant.

After the robbery, all four offenders fled in a silver Nissan Pathfinder that was last seen heading eastbound in an alley, then southbound on Clark Street. The car's license plate may begin with "Q59."

Police did not release descriptions of the offenders.

Auto thieves drag car owner for a full city block in River North

A 22-year-old man was dragged by for nearly a full city block by two teenagers who tried to steal his car in River North on March 12, police said. The victim is going to be OK.

Police said the man left the keys in his 2013 Hyundai sedan while he ran into a business to pick something up on the first block of E. Ohio around 9:10 p.m.

When the man came back outside, he saw two male teenagers inside his car, trying to drive away, according to CPD spokesperson Kellie Bartoli. The victim grabbed an open window on his car as the offenders sped away, dragging him all the way to State and Ontario, where the offenders crashed into two other cars.

Both offenders got out of the car and ran southbound on State St., Bartoli said.

An ambulance transported the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of a cut to his hand and knee pain. No other injuries were reported in the crash.

The suspects were described as two black males between 5'-4" and 5'-6" tall who are 14- or 15-years-old. One of them had a mohawk. Area Central detectives are investigating.

Cell phone thefts on Brown Line

Police are warning Brown Line passengers about a series of phone thefts and robberies that have occurred on the North Side train line this week. Two of the incidents occurred Thursday morning.

In a community alert issued March 12, Area North detectives said a crew of three or four offenders had stolen phones from Brown Line passengers as their trains pulled into stations at Armitage, Wellington, and Addison this week. The offenders escaped when the train doors opened.

All of the thefts have occurred

crimes, but she also didn't say how police should handle drug dealers, shoplifters, identity thieves, and other criminals who might fall under her proposed no-arrest umbrella.

Campanelli also wrote that she "was informed that CPD was planning to arrest persons who resist being quarantined. I asked CPD instead to route those persons to the nearest hospital and not add them to our court system or jail."

She didn't explain how police were to "route" resistant individuals without first arresting them.

Campanelli also encouraged her staff to take care of themselves and their families. And to track any time off they take due to COVID-19.

"Because the State and County have declared a state of emergency, we are qualified to receive reimbursement from the federal government," she said. "Reimbursement may be in the form of money spent, but also may be in the form of time off taken."

during the mid-afternoon and early evening hours. The Addison incident was originally reported at the Paulina station.

Police said the thieves are four black males between 15- and 20-years-old. One is thin, about 5'-6" tall, and has been seen wearing a maroon jacket and dark pants. The others are all about 5'-10" tall. One wore a dark jacket with light pants; another wore a gray hoodie with dark pants, and the third wore a dark jacket with dark pants.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area North detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding case 20-CWP-004.

Women robbed on Brown Line at Armitage, Paulina

Police are investigating two separate robberies of women on the Brown Line during evening hours last week. No one is in custody.

Most recently, three offenders robbed a woman at the Armitage Brown Line CTA station around 7:30 p.m. March 11. One of the robbers implied that they were armed and one reportedly told the victim, "if you keep running after us, we'll beat your face in."

Police said the robbers were two black males and a black female who were all about 15-years-old. They were last seen running southbound on Bissell. One of the males wore a Boston Bruins jacket and the other wore a gray hoodie. The female wore a purple or maroon-colored jacket, the witness said.

On Tuesday evening, another woman was robbed at the Paulina station. The victim said two male offenders took the woman's belongings and fled down the stairs around 8:20 p.m.

Witnesses said one robber was a black male who wore a maroon coat and the other was a black male who wore a black coat with a circle and "X" on it. Both offenders, who were described as "young," fled southbound on Paulina.

Armed robberies in Lakeview

Chicago Police are warning Lakeview residents about two recent armed robberies. In those robberies, one to three offenders targeted victims on the public way in the early morning hours. One offender discharged pepper spray in the victims' faces and personal property was removed from the victims' persons.

In one robbery the victim was stabbed before the offenders fled.

Those two incidents occurred on the 3400 block of N. Halsted St. 2 a.m. March 12, and on the 3200 block of N.

Sheffield Ave. 7:48 a.m. on March 12.

The offender are described as African American males approximately 20-30 years of age, one being 5'-8" tall,

170 lbs. with a short black hair style.

Anyone with information on these crimes are asked to contact the Bureau of Detectives - Area North at 312-744-8263.

Gunman found guilty

Last Friday a Cook County jury found a four-time felon Shomari Legghette, 46, guilty of murdering Chicago Police Cmdr. Paul Bauer in Feb. 2018.

He was found guilty on all counts of murder and armed violence charges. The jury also found that Legghette knew Bauer was a police officer when he shot him in a downtown stairwell adjacent to the Thompson Center.

Three men beat, rob Red Line passenger in Loop

Three men beat and robbed a CTA Red Line passenger near the Roosevelt station early Monday, police said. No arrests have been made.

The 19-year-old victim told police that three men approached him and struck up a conversation as they rode a southbound train around 2:25 a.m. Police said the offenders then beat and punched the victim before taking his property.

The victim exited at Roosevelt while the offenders continued riding the train until they reached 47th Street, CPD spokesperson Kelly Bartoli said. Police searched the area but did not find anyone matching the offenders' descriptions, she said.

An ambulance transported the victim to Mercy Hospital in fair condition with lacerations to his mouth, lip, and nose.

The suspects are three black males between the ages of 18- and 20-years-old who stand 5'7" to 5'9" tall. Two of them have dreadlocks, one wore a green coat, one wore a red coat, and one wore a rainbow-colored coat, according to the victim.

Area Central detectives are investigating.

Over 600 arrested targeting Cártel Jalisco Nueva Generación

The Justice Dept. (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Admin. (DEA) announced the results of Project Python, a DEA-led interagency operation encompassing all global investigations and related disruption activities targeting the Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG).

This marks the conclusion of six months of investigative and enforcement activity targeting CJNG, culminating in large scale arrests throughout the country within the past week.

Project Python has resulted in more than 600 arrests, 350 indictments, as well as significant seizures of money and drugs.

In the DEA's Chicago Division, approximately 50 arrests at the federal and state level have been made against CJNG members and associates pursuant to Project Python enforcement actions.

"With [the March 11] announcement, the Attorney General has made clear the focus [is] on dismantling transnational criminal organizations," said John R. Lausch, Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

"DEA classifies the CJNG as one of the five most dangerous crimi-

Candid camera tickets

Driving off may no longer save you from parking violation

Parking in bike and bus lanes in town may get very costly, and not without reason. It's seldom the case when bikers don't find Uber and Lyft drivers, as well as Fed Ex, UPS or Amazon trucks double parked in those lanes.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has proposed a new city ordinance whereby the city's ticketing agents would be able to snap photos of cars and trucks illegally parked in bike and bus lanes, and send them their ticket by mail if they drive off to escape.

The proposal is targeting a loophole where a motorist illegal-

ly parked in a bike or bus lane can evade punishment by driving off.

But Mayor Lightfoot said that there are "Instances where people are about to get a ticket and they drive off, so all this does is essentially allow the ticketer the ability to take a photograph and use that as evidence in support of a ticket."

But the Chicago Jobs Council is opposed to the proposal. In a public statement they said "We believe this is counterproductive, and a dangerous step in the wrong direction. Some of these tickets are \$150, and if you don't

get the notice by mail, it'll quickly double to \$300. The individual will have still blocked the bike or bus lane, and now may not be able to feed their family. Tickets and punishments won't create safer streets for bikers or smoother bus service. Better design of our public spaces will."

Under the ordinance, ticketing agents could mail notice to the address of the vehicle's registered owner or lessee within 90 days of the violation. The ordinance must still be approved by the City Council to become law.

Boystown business group to tap security firm tied to cop with racist past

BY ADAM RHODES
Medill News Service

The Northalsted Business Alliance [NHBA], a business group in Boystown, plans to again use Walsh Security as its Summer security provider, just weeks after a local community center ousted the firm amid activist pressure over its owner's racist and violent past.

Jennifer Gordon, a representative for the NHBA, said in an email on Friday that the group planned to hire Walsh Security to provide private security from May through the end of October.

The disclosure comes just weeks after local LGBT community center, Center on Halsted, replaced Walsh Security after pressure from local activists. The Center on Halsted awarded a new security contract to Quantum Security, which has a track record of providing security to LGBT organizations in Chicago.

"[The Center's] move has not affected our plans to move forward with Walsh Security," Gordon said in her email.

Walsh Security is owned by Chicago police officer Thomas Walsh from the nearby 19th district. Racial equity activists in Boystown recently focused their efforts on Center on Halsted and its now-terminated contract with Walsh Security over the police officer's actions toward a Black security guard at a Boystown gay bar almost 7 years ago.

This newspaper has covered that controversy over the last few years.

In late Nov. 2013, Walsh assaulted a Black security guard at the Lucky Horseshoe Lounge gay bar and repeatedly used racist slurs against the man during an altercation at the bar, according to a March 2015 report by the Independent Police Review Authority on the incident.

Community members and activists have also accused Walsh Security of targeting and profiling those who congregate in the community center's lobby, namely the queer youth of color.

The NHBA's decision to hire

Walsh Security, after Center on Halsted's very public decision to oust the firm combined with the IPRA findings, shows the deep divide between the Boystown establishment, and the diverse community it serves.

Activists and their allies said it was another indication of the rampant racism in the community.

Community members and activists have also accused Walsh Security of targeting and profiling those who congregate in the community center's lobby, namely the queer youth of color.

Local activist Jamie Frazier, the founder and lead pastor at Lighthouse Church of Chicago who was a prominent figure in much of last year's protests, was surprised and disappointed at the openness of the NHBA's commitment to Walsh Security.

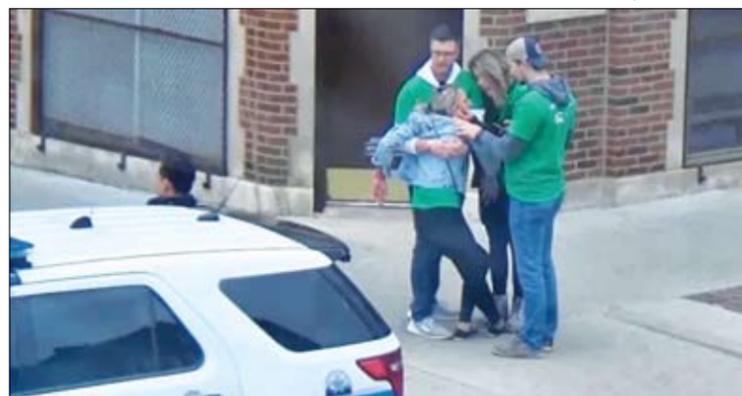
"The fact that the NHBA has not proactively fired Walsh after the public airing of his racist ac-

tivities as well as his attempt to cover it up ... shows the depths of racism in and around Boystown," Frazier said.

According to the NHBA's website, its board is made up of representatives from some of Boystown's most popular businesses, including the neighborhood's principal gay bar Sidetrack and The Chicago Diner. Micah Hingendorf, one of the co-owners of the Lucky Horseshoe Lounge, where the 2013 incident involving Walsh took place, is also on the board.

Lighthouse Church's Frazier said he planned to continue his work to dismantle racism in Boystown, including the continued employment of Walsh Security in the neighborhood. As part of that effort, he has met with business leaders, including the owner of Sidetrack and one of the co-owners of D.S. Tequila Co., a Boystown restaurant and bar.

"It is very clear to me that the NHBA is not going to do the right thing unless they are pushed to do it," he said. "I'm hopeful that they do the right thing and engage this work as partners, not as adversaries."



Estimates are that 10 people were arrested and at least two robberies were reported along the Clark St. bar district from Saturday evening into Sunday morning.

St. Pat's Day Wrigleyville roundup

Pleas from public health officials and political leaders to avoid large crowds as a step to control the COVID-19 outbreak did not dissuade St. Patrick's weekend revelers from filling Wrigleyville-area bars on Saturday. This newspaper estimates that 10 people were arrested and at least two robberies were reported along the Clark St. bar district from Saturday evening into Sunday morning.

On Saturday afternoon, Gov. J.B. Pritzker expressed disappointment with the crowds of green-clad party-goers he saw outside of Chicago bars.

"We saw a lot of crowds out and about today, and I need to be frank. We can have a massive, positive effect on bending the transmission curve, thereby saving lives, if people will take this seriously."

Meanwhile, the annual party in Lakeview rolled along without serious incident until a series of fights broke out shortly before 9 p.m.

Two women were the first arrests of the day after police quelled a brawl at Moe's Cantina,

3518 N. Clark, at 8:50 p.m. Three more arrests were made outside of Moe's about 40 minutes later after a fight spilled into Clark St.

And, by 9:45 p.m., a victim reported being robbed in the same area.

Police made at least five more arrests in connection with the celebration before the late bars closed at 5 a.m. on Sunday.

One offender pepper-sprayed an officer during a fight near Clark and Eddy streets shortly after 2 a.m.

And another robbery was reported on the 3700 block of N. Clark after a group of about six offenders attacked the victim in the middle of the street around 4:20 a.m. Some of the offenders fled eastbound on Waveland in a vehicle, but police had no descriptions of the offenders or their car.

"We have seen positive results in countries that took aggressive action" against COVID-19, Pritzker said during Saturday's news conference. "If you are young and healthy, listen up: We need you to follow social distancing guidelines too."

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HISTORIC from p. 2

Eli Soto, Tracey Tarantino DiBuono of ZZAZZ Productions and fashion designer **Sylvia Wilczynska**.

URBAN FASHIONS: Saturday, March 28 from latest collection "Urban Fairytale, combined with Lux Wellness Travel visuals from **Kathryn Schutz**. See **Lauren Lein's** original digital patterns come to life on our Chicago celebrity models. Limited seating available at this exquisite venue, Maple and Ash - and ticket sales close Monday, March 23 at 10 p.m.

URBAN ACTIONS: Man with a camera, **Shelley Howard**, captured some powerful images of the change underway at State and Division Sts. as the familiar Gold Coast landscape is changed by the wrecking ball. P.J. Clark's is gone. So is Five Faces. High-rise a-comin'.

AMDG: At the recent St. Ignatius College Prep special tuition fundraiser that brought in some \$2.5 million, **Libby Lucas** with **Shannon Bartlett, Kristen Downes Wheatley, Edward Hannon, Mike Kennelly, Kathy McCauley, Melissa Hannon**, President **John Chandler** and **Venanzop Arquilla**.

AIC: Stephanie Leese Emrich at the Art Institute of Chicago made an emotional connection: "Stopped in my tracks with **El Greco's** 'View of Toledo.'" (Spain, not Ohio). She visited Toledo on her family's first Europe trip. Through June 21 at The Art Institute of Chicago.

MANGE, MANGE: Kathy Wolter Mondelli, Joey Mondelli, with Gibson's **Johnny Colletti, Steve Lombardo** and **Mike Segal** at Mondelli's La Scarola Italian Restaurant on Grand Ave., where Chicago's great restauranters go to eat.

TIDBIT: Baby Boomers will be sad-



Clark Weber



Kathy Wolter Mondelli, Joey Mondelli, Johnny Colletti, Steve Lombardo and Mike Segal.



Mark Roscoe with Roz Varon, Ernest Collins, Eli Soto, Tracey Tarantino DiBuono and Sylvia Wilczynska.



Andy Geren and Caitie Taylor Gorecki.

dened to learn of the death last week of veteran Chicago radio jock **Clark Weber** at 89. With a career in the prime time Chicago radio history of boomers' high school careers, Weber occupied sacred space in the tent of the Rock and Roll era and the Beatles. Weber in fact introduced the Fab Four on stage here in 1965 at their historic Comiskey Park Concert. He was larger than life and beloved to his legions of clean-scrubbed fans. He was a gent. All style and class. A legend and a pioneer.

SILVER LINING: Sherry Lea Fox

with **Sandy Goldberg** and her husband, **Greg**, who co-founded A Silver Lining Foundation at sold out "Glitz & Glamour Luncheon & Fashion Show" benefitting access to breast health resources and testing. With **Kathy O'Malley Piccone, Nikki Friar** and **Rosemary Fanti** at The Peninsula Chicago.

WHO'S WHERE? Candace Jordan at Silver Lining's Peninsula's lunch with Chicago Magazine's **Susanna Homan**... Christie's **Steven Zick** checking out the pools and the Kapok Trees in Boca Ra-

ton... **Linda Skitka** is with **Bill McCready** at Swallow Cliff Stairs in Palos... **Col. Paul Malarik III**, lovely 'Colleen' **Lynn Graham** and this columnist enjoying the house-cured corned beef and cabbage at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill for St. Patrick's Day... lawyer **Peter Q. Thompson** and sweet wife, **Michelle Thompson**, looked dashing, though a long way from the Daley compound in Bridgeport, getting a carriage ride in old Cartagena, Colombia... **Caitie Taylor Gorecki** said a very public yes to BFF **Andy Geren** surrounded by family and friends and her beloved namesake, aunt **Kathy Taylor**... lots of laughs and tickles as cutie-pies **Brendan** and **Jack Newman** celebrate their first birthdays... former US Ambassador to Ireland **James Kenny** and wife, **Margaret**, with the family in Palm Beach for St. Patrick's Day.

TIDBIT: Casting for 42nd Street at the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Dr.: Broadway stars **Norm Lewis** and **Faith Prince** are joined by **Isabelle McCalla**, who recently starred in Broadway's *The Prom* and *Aladdin*, and **Ashley Day**. Additional principal cast members are **Ruth Gottschall, Eddie Korbich**, Chicago artist **Matt Crowle**, and **Kristen Beth Williams**, joined by Chicagoans **John Lister** and **Jay Montgomery**.

Before the days of television and mass media, the folksinger was often a traveling newspaper spreading tales through music. There is an urgent need for Americans to look deeply into themselves and their actions, and musical poetry is perhaps the most effective mirror available. Every newspaper headline is a potential song. — Phil Ochs

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HEFTY from p. 4

cards—the tax rate and the state equalization factor, which can't be challenged by taxpayers.

The equalization factor, or "multiplier," is established each year for Cook County to bring property tax assessments in line with other parts of Illinois. The value is determined by the Illinois Dept. of Revenue.

The main engine that drives up property tax bills is the amount of money spent by local government, especially funds dedicated to government pensions. Homeowners who read their 2019 tax bills will see for themselves the continued increased spending for schools and police, firefighter and teacher pensions.

Property owners who think they are

over assessed should appeal now, Griffin advises.

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The Assessor has started the appeals process for 2020. A taxpayer can pre file with the Cook County Board of Review (312-603-5542) or www.cookcountyboardofreview.com and later with the Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board (217-785-6076), or www.ptab.illinois.gov.

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

FAKE from p. 7

a whole bunch of strangers. Multiple people told Conti they arrived to find other Airbnb guests at the house, or, in some cases, people who seemed to live there. "It's not possible to double-book a property on Airbnb; once it's booked through the app, it's off the market. It is possible, however, to double-book a listing if the property is also listed on VRBO or another platform."

The Better Business Bureau has received around 200 complaints about Airbnb through its "Scam Tracker" in the past three years, and about half of those were regarding the use of fake profiles and personas.

"Airbnb does no checking up on this whatsoever," Elmendorf told Conti.

"They're one of the most sophisticated companies in the world, and you're telling me they can't come up with a system that prevents this? Airbnb is doing that hand-wavy thing that tech companies do where they say, 'We can't solve this.' If they wanted to solve it, they would figure it out."

Conti said that even if her scammers had been slightly foiled, "there was no guarantee that they couldn't just start fresh with new profiles. The system was still in place. Airbnb has created a web of more than seven million listings built largely on trust, easily exploitable by those willing to do so."

According to Conti, the morning after her article was published, the FBI contacted VICE about the claims she made.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
TCF NATIONAL BANK
Plaintiff,

-v.-
EMILIO BAHENA, PAULINA BAHENA A/K/A PAULINA MARTINEZ, 6829-31 HAMILTON HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION D/B/A NORTH HAMILTON HOUSE CONDOMINIUMS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 05049
6831 N. HAMILTON AVENUE, UNIT 1W CHICAGO, IL 60645

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 22, 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 6831 N. HAMILTON AVENUE, UNIT 1W, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-31-124-017-1001
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$77,349.50.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 19-7198.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125
Chicago IL, 60606
312-541-9710
E-Mail: iplleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
Attorney File No. 19-7198
Attorney Code, 40342
Case Number: 2019 CH 08251
TJSC#: 40-767
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2019 CH 08251
I3148068

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC, DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,

-v.-
RALF KIND; WATERFORD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
Defendants,
19 CH 10708
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 14-16-304-039-1027.
Commonly known as 4170 North Marine Drive, 6C, Chicago, IL 60613.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Anthony Porlo at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SMS000064
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, DAVID T. COHEN, COHEN DOVITZ MAKOWKA, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 10729 WEST 159TH STREET, Orland Park, IL, 60467 (708) 460-7711.
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COHEN DOVITZ MAKOWKA, LLC
10729 WEST 159TH STREET
Orland Park IL, 60467
708-460-7711
E-Mail: Foreclosure@CDM.Legal
Attorney Code, 61582
Case Number: 19 CH 05049
TJSC#: 40-496
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 05049

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC, F/K/A NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,
-v.-
TODD J. HEXT, 4616-20 NORTH KENMORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NORTHBROOK BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LABE BANK
Defendants
2019 CH 08251
4616 N. KENMORE AVE., #406
CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 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 4616 N. KENMORE AVE., #406, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-17-210-024-1020; 14-17-210-024-1041
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$321,329.26.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125
Please refer to file number 19-03980.
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312-357-1125
E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com
Attorney File No. 19-03980
Attorney Code, 18837
Case Number: 19 CH 10615
TJSC#: 40-641
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 10615

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MARK JAKUBIK, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, GRANVILLE TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2019 CH 07008
6166 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT #22L
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 28, 2019, 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 mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 6166 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT #22L, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-210-024-1121
The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 383219.
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Attorney File No. 370044
Attorney Code, 40387
Case Number: 19 CH 03593
TJSC#: 40-515
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 03593
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A4 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
Plaintiff,
-v.-

GAGE 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:
Commonly known as 1506 W. THOME AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-108-025-0000
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-17-04049
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code, 21762
Case Number: 17 CH 004879
TJSC#: 40-1135
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 17 CH 004879
I3146780

Real Estate For Sale

ELAINE KUROKAWA A/K/A ELAINE E. KUROKAWA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 10615
644 W GRACE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 28, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 29, 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 644 W GRACE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-21-103-021-0000
The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.
The judgment amount was \$697,458.06.
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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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 19-7198.
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Case # 2019 CH 08251
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC, DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,

-v.-
RALF KIND; WATERFORD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
Defendants,
19 CH 10708
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 14-16-304-039-1027.
Commonly known as 4170 North Marine Drive, 6C, Chicago, IL 60613.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Anthony Porlo at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SMS000064
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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For information, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125
Please refer to file number 19-03980.
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175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201
CHICAGO, IL, 60606
312-357-1125
E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com
Attorney File No. 19-03980
Attorney Code, 18837
Case Number: 19 CH 10615
TJSC#: 40-641
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Case # 19 CH 10615

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A4 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
Plaintiff,
-v.-

GAGE 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
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Commonly known as 1506 W. THOME AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-108-025-0000
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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.
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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 383219.
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217-422-1719
Fax #: 217-422-1754
E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 370044
Attorney Code, 40387
Case Number: 19 CH 03593
TJSC#: 40-515
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Case # 19 CH 03593
I3144782

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

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-v.-

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Sale terms:

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nal organizations in the world," said Robert J. Bell, DEA Chicago Division Special Agent-in-Charge. "CJNG has used extreme violence, extortion and bribes to steadily expand trafficking networks. CJNG is one of the two most prolific transnational criminal organizations responsible for trafficking huge quantities of illegal drugs to the Chicago Division."

When President Trump signed an Executive Order prioritizing the dismantlement of transnational criminal organizations, the DOJ answered the call and took direct aim at CJNG. "Project Python marks the most comprehensive action to date in the DOJ's campaign to disrupt, dismantle, and

ultimately destroy CJNG," said Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benz-kowski of the DOJ's Criminal Division. "We deemed CJNG one of the highest-priority transnational organized crime threats we face."

CJNG is one of the fastest growing transnational criminal organizations in Mexico, and among the most prolific methamphetamine producers in the world. It is responsible for a significant proportion of drugs entering the United States, and elevated levels of violence in Mexico. With methamphetamine abuse and overdose deaths on the rise, Project Python aims to disrupt CJNG's ability to distribute methamphetamine and other drugs throughout the United States by attacking the group at all levels.

Federal law enforcement has

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taken a number of steps to degrade CJNG's ability to operate in the United States. The DOJ and DEA announced a superseding indictment on charges of alleged continuing criminal enterprise against Nemesio Ruben Oseguera Cervantes, also known as "El Mencho," the undisputed leader of CJNG. Last month, El Mencho's son, Ruben Oseguera Gonzalez, also known as "Mencho," and second in command of CJNG, was extradited from Mexico to the United States on charges of alleged drug trafficking and firearm use in relation to drug trafficking activities. On Feb. 26, 2020, El Mencho's daughter, Jessica Johanna Oseguera Gonzalez, was arrested in the United States on financial charges related to her alleged criminal violation of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin

Designation Act.

Additionally, DEA has worked with its interagency partners to apply further pressure to CJNG. The U.S. has designated El Mencho as a "specially designated narcotics trafficker" pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, and the U.S. Department of State has issued one of the largest narcotics rewards ever - \$10 million - for information leading to the arrest of El Mencho.

The efforts highlighted in the more than 600 arrests nationwide are illustrative of the significant reach the CJNG has in manufacturing, importing and distributing a wide array of illegal narcotics within the United States and the negative impact on the fabric of our local communities. The proceeds from the local distribution

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of these narcotics are repatriated back to Mexico and further fuel transnational organized criminal organizations such as the CJNG.

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

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For information, the sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 09-024059.

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Attorney File No. 09-024059
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 09 CH 35324
TJSC#: 40-342

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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 HOME-
OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Defendants

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

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to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 8, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 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 6118 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APARTMENT 303, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-210-023-1017
The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$69,649.53.
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.

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For information, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 18-6070.

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Chicago IL, 60606
312-541-9710

E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
Attorney File No. 18-6070
Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 18 CH 01390
TJSC#: 40-521

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Case # 18 CH 01390
I3146218

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Real Estate For Sale

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

-v-
SHERRI M. SCHMIDT, BMO HARRIS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants

2019 CH 07052
1422 WEST TOUHY AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60626

NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 1422 WEST TOUHY AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-29-320-022
The real estate is improved with a residence.

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Real Estate For Sale

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.
Plaintiff,

-v-
SHERRI M. SCHMIDT, BMO HARRIS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC;
Plaintiff,

vs.
PHONG KHOUNVISETH; NORTH SHORE MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants;

19 CH 9924
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 8, 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. 11-32-312-024-1012.
Commonly known as 1327 West North Shore Avenue, Unit 3S, Chicago, IL 60626.

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 Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, (312) 360-9455. W19-0752 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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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 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

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

-v-
DOMINIC BRUNETTI, 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST PRIVATE RESIDENCES, A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants

19 CH 10928
2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST, UNIT 1005
CHICAGO, IL 60614

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 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 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST, UNIT 1005, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-209-010-1102

The real estate is improved with a beige concrete hi-rise condominium with an attached 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.

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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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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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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Case Number: 19 CH 10928
TJSC#: 40-1328

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

Case # 19 CH 10928
I3148391

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

Real Estate For Sale

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.;
Plaintiff,
vs.
SERAFETTIN SERBEST; OLD TOWN VILLAGE WEST;
Defendants,

19 CH 9960
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 22, 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. 17-04-302-055-1051.
Commonly known as 663 West Division Street, Unit C, Chicago, IL 60610.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 19-030784 F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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

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

14 CH 07229

Real Estate For Sale

512 N MCCLURG COURT UNIT 1104
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 16, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 31, 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 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.

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light mantle is a small fabric bag infused with thorium or other metal nitrate that fits over the gas source. The heat from the gas flame burns off the mantle fabric leaving a fine metal mesh that glows brightly. The Lindsay Light Co. used the radioactive chemical thorium nitrate to manufacture their gaslight mantles.

Currently, the park is planted with native wildflowers and plants. Under a June 2017 cooperative agreement, the federal EPA provided \$6.8 million to the Chicago Park District for clean-up.

In the late 18th century, Du Sable had settled on the north bank of the Chicago River at what today is Michigan Ave. Du Sable had settled in Chicago to facilitate trade with the area's Na-

tive Americans. While today Du Sable's house site today is quite far from the mouth of the Chicago River, back then, his home was close to where the mouth of the Chicago River emptied into Lake Michigan.

Located quite a bit to the east of where Du Sable had once lived, the land on which the park is situated is a recent addition to Chicago's shoreline. It was created in the 1860s by dumping landfill into the lake.

According to information posted on the park district's website, Du Sable moved to Chicago in 1772 to establish a trading post near what today is Pioneer Court. A contemporary traveler described Du Sable's residence and outbuildings as comfortable, almost luxurious. Du Sable sold his land to an agent of Chicago



First announced in 1987 by then-Mayor Harold Washington, DuSable Park honors Chicago's Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable, who was Chicago's first permanent, non-native American settler.

pioneer John Kinzie in 1800 and moved south to live near Peoria.

between 2007 and 2017.

The basic cost of living in Illinois increased steadily to \$57,144 for a family of four and \$19,212 for a single adult. The cost of the family budget increased by 38% from 2007 to 2017, driven primarily by increases in the cost of housing, health care, and child care, and by the addition of a basic smartphone plan to the budget.

While average wages have risen since 2017, low-wage jobs continued to dominate the landscape in Illinois before 2017, with 56% of all jobs paying less than \$20 per hour. With more on-demand and contract work - like being an Uber or Lyft driver, job instability also increased, making it difficult for local workers to meet regular monthly expenses or to save.

Shifting demographics, including the rise of Millennials, the aging of Baby Boomers, and domestic and foreign migration patterns, are also having an impact on who is living together in households and where and how people work.

More delays for Navy Pier Flyover

The long-delayed Navy Pier Flyover bridge is being delayed once again, and people are starting to wonder if this project can ever be safely completed.

The much-hyped bike and pedestrian path has been delayed again, due to the need for more extensive repairs on the Lake Shore Dr. bridge over the Chicago River. The \$64 million flyover, started in 2014, is now expected to be complete by the end of this year. At the time of the announcement, one bridge engineer warned those who would listen that the project would never work. This newspaper reporter listened, but City Hall brass did not, and pushed ahead with the plan.

The city had originally planned to cut the ribbon on the bridge in 2018, and again in 2019, then again

this Spring.

To complete work on the bridge, there also will need to be a new traffic configuration on lower Lake Shore Dr. Northbound vehicle traffic, currently moving on the east side of the bridge, will be moved to the center of the bridge. Northbound vehicles on lower Lake Shore Dr. will be able to access upper Lake Shore Dr., but will no longer be able to get to Illinois St. and Grand Ave.

Bike and pedestrian traffic has now been moved to the center lane, separated from vehicle traffic.

According to Chief Engineer Dan Burke, the beams that hold up the roadway's metal grating were rusty and no longer usable. The bridge repair work, originally expected to cost \$25 million, will cost an extra \$1.3 million.

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making these areas less affordable for all residents.

Statewide there were 1,156,884 ALICE households in 2017, while another 601,148 households lived below the poverty level. In total, 36% of Illinois households earned below this threshold and could not afford basic needs such as housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology. Some 1,047,695 of those households were located in Chicago.

The age group with the largest percentage of households below the threshold is also the youngest (under 25 years old): 42% live in poverty, while an additional 28% are ALICE households. The lowest percentage of ALICE households (22%) are in the middle-age groups (25 to 44 years, and 45 to 64 years). Seniors are less likely to be in poverty than other age groups (at 10%), but these households are most likely to be ALICE (30%).

The comparatively low rate of senior households in poverty is

evidence that government benefits, including Social Security, are effective at reducing poverty in this age group. But with 30% of senior households qualifying as ALICE in Illinois, these same benefits do not ensure financial stability. This is reinforced by the fact that many senior households continue to work out of necessity, although some work by choice. In Illinois' 65- to 74-year-old age group, 27% are in the labor force, as are seven percent of those 75 years and over.

Despite reports of overall improvement in employment and gains in median incomes, the economic recovery in Illinois since the end of the Great Recession in 2010 has been uneven. The current panic over the COVID-19 virus has only exacerbated those realities. Many Chicago-area families continue to face challenges because of low wages, little to no savings, and the increasing cost of basic household goods. The total number of Illinois households that cannot afford basic needs increased 20%

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the intermediaries effectively and efficiently, while laying the groundwork for every Illinoisan to be counted, especially those from historically undercounted groups, such as minorities, rural residents, young children, and immigrants."

In several North Side communities familiar to most of us there are large pockets of immigrants from all over the globe living, working and just trying to fit in. For decades the Rogers Park, West Ridge to Uptown neighborhoods have been traditional immigrant gateway communities. Even Lakeview - brimming as it is with freshly scrubbed college graduates - also houses pockets of immigrants as well.

The local Chicago census team will feature experts in racial equity analysis, program management and evaluation, data analysis and visualization and community-driven participatory research. They will focus on enhancing the real-time reporting, analysis and

mapping of geographic coverage for the entire project. The state is desperate to find as many citizens as they can to maintain federal funding levels.

It is important to note that, according to the presentation given at Truman College, there is not a citizenship question and specific information about individuals is completely confidential and will not be shared with any other government agencies. Anyone working for Census2020 who shares information about individuals is subject to five years in jail and a \$250,000 fine.

Low census numbers have a serious negative impact on the amount of Federal funding the city gets. It was reported that Chicago loses about \$14,000 per year for every individual who is not counted. Mayor Lori Lightfoot has charged the City Council members to take action toward getting Chicago's Census reporting numbers up from a fairly dismal total of roughly 60% in 2010.

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