

States Attorney Foxx fails to act again

Rich and famous get access and quick action; murdered cab driver's family waits for answers

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

Omar Tungekar tried to contact someone in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office after his father was kicked to death in a West Loop road rage incident on Sept. 2, 2018.

"I spent days trying to find a way to contact someone," Tungekar said, "and the first time I called, the person who answered the phone told me the guy who normally answers the phone was having a 'hard day' and couldn't take my call."

While TV star Jussie Smollett's family had no trouble pulling showbiz- and politically-connected levers to get in touch with Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx directly, Tungekar's experience continues to be a nightmare.

"I wish I had [Smollett's] access, but my dad was a working-class Pakistani cabbie. Those aren't groups that get access," he said.



Anis Tungekar

The man who killed Anis Tungekar was taken into custody by police shortly after the attack. Even though the entire murder was caught on video, Foxx's office refused to press charges within 48 hours, and the killer had to be released. Prosecutors gave

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Three-block strip of Clark St. now hot spot for car-break ins

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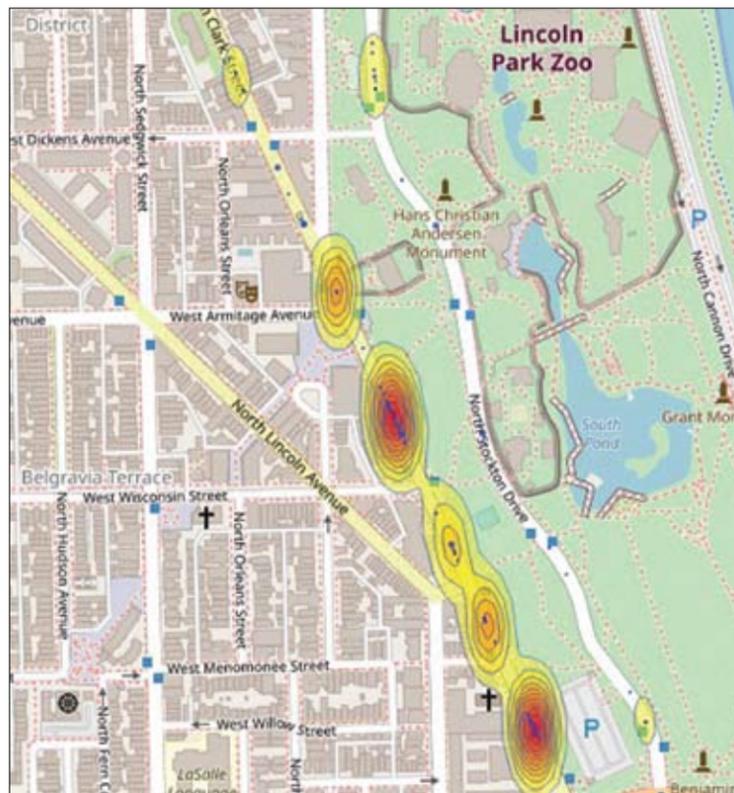
The three-block stretch of Clark St. between LaSalle Dr. and Armitage Ave. appears to be a hidden treasure for locals and visitors alike: With no Residents-only Permit Parking restrictions and the ability to "pay" meters remotely, local residents and hotel guests can park their cars for the night on a busy street and save a lot of money compared to local garage and valet rates.

But these thrifty drivers overlook the piles of broken auto glass beneath their feet at their own peril.

Following up on tips from local residents, this reporter found police records that show nearly 200 auto break-ins have been reported on the short stretch of Clark St. since Jan. 2018. Given that such incidents often go unreported to police, the actual number of break-ins is certainly much higher.

One resident who lives in a high-rise overlooking the park said he often sees the break-ins happening from his living room window:

"They don't care if cars are



Heat map showing auto break-in concentration Jan 2018 - March 23, 2019.

passing by or people are on the other side of the street," he said. "They just walk right up and break the window."

A heat map of auto break-ins,

compiled using Chicago Police Dept. report data, shows two red-hot vehicle burglary zones on

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Where's the money?

N.Y. developer who wanted to demolish Superior St. townhomes to build tower appears in court to respond to questions

BY PETER VON BUOL

Appearing before U.S. District Judge Charles P. Kocoras at Chicago's Dirksen Federal Courthouse on March 29, New York-based developer Jeffrey L. Laytin told the judge he is not able to come up with the \$562,500 he and his partners had promised to pay one of the clients of a Chicago-based attorney representing a group of Chinese investors who had bankrolled the now-failed Carillon Tower project.

The Carillon Tower would have replaced three 19th century Victorian row houses at 42, 44, and 46 E. Superior St. These buildings were included in a newly-proposed "Near North Side Multiple Property Landmark District" currently under consideration by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks.

As directors of Symmetry Development, Laytin, Bradley Reifler and Jason Ding are currently being sued in federal court by the 90 Chinese-based investors. Each investor provided a minimum of \$550,000 to build the proposed tower. While the tower project was rejected in 2017, Chinese investors have yet to have their money returned. Now the developers claim they don't know what happened to the money.

"[Laytin] was incredibly evasive, saying he did not know where the money was, and that he was the owner of two of the [row-houses] but did not know about the hearing on the landmark status and did not know about the status of the demolition permit. They spent 45 minutes telling the judge an incredibly long shaggy dog story about how they could not come up with the \$562,500 they had promised to pay one (out of 10) clients of mine," said Doug Litowitz, a Chicago-based attorney who is representing a group of the Chinese investors. The tes-

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Chicago sees 70% drop in officer-involved shootings since 2011; New tools, training hailed

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

The number of police-involved shootings in the city has fallen nearly every year for the past seven years, according to Chicago Police Dept. data, with last year seeing 70% fewer such incidents than 2011.

The trend appears to be continuing into 2019. Only two persons have been shot so far this year by Chicago police, the CPD said, that is well behind pace for the first quarter, according to data maintained independently by HeyJackass.com.

Police say the steady decline in officer-involved shootings may be credited to a host of revised practices and undertakings by CPD, including a new training curriculum, investment in less-lethal tools, and the rollout of police-worn body cameras.

"We're continually searching

for best practices in policing," said CPD spokesman Howard Ludwig. "The latest revision of CPD's Use of Force policy dates back to Oct. 2017 and places the utmost emphasis on the sanctity of human life."

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

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

CPD's new academy courses aren't limited to cadets, Ludwig said. All officers on the force will

be required to complete 40-hours of in-service training annually by 2021.

The new training mindset is being accompanied by new tools for officers, Ludwig said: "CPD has invested heavily in non-lethal technologies, including the summer of 2016 purchase of Tasers and Taser training for all officers who respond to calls for service. SWAT teams also are equipped with non-lethal bean bag guns. And while it's not exactly high tech, many officers carry non-lethal OC spray and batons."

Although far fewer citizens are being shot by Chicago police, the city may be seeing an increase in the number of officers who are shot on-duty. Two CPD officers were fatally shot in the line of duty last year, the most since four were slain by gunmen in 2010, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page.



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Let's start cleaning up last half century of greed and corruption



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

You may be exhausted by the shape and commotion of what passes for politics here in Chicago. Like a skinny lady at Lane Bryant. Or a vegan at White Castle.

Yesterday's election for mayor and special aldermanic seats is over. It all took place amid vast peculiar confusion. Our mayoral races in Chicago have their own unique rules and regulations. They are governed by great historical forces. Like chronic low-voter turn-out. And the disintegration of the political machine. The serving of federal subpoenas. The mail-in ballot. And early voting.

They help us understand how we can have an election with 20 candidates that is mathematically fair. Or how having a run-off between the two top vote getters does not raise certain fears about electoral stability. Or what to do if voter turn-out is low? If certain portions of the electorate don't go to the polls, how do we determine "fairness" in such public election?

"You can't count your chickens before they hatch." That's not merely a wise axiom, in Chicago, it's shrewd electioneering. If the winner is too much of a forgone conclusion, then why come out to vote? The bleakest of all possibilities. Large turnouts are great. It's harder to cheat when everyone votes. Just ask all those for-

mer aldermen doing time in federal prisons.

In fourth grade when Sr. de Lourdes, O.P., slated me for president of our classroom Mission Society, she never gave me any warning. She just sprang it on me. I fretted as I did not believe I could win on short notice and no real campaign. Well, on election day I had a landslide victory. Apparently Sister de Lourdes had greased the skids and worked the precincts. I was a shoe in. And she was a king-maker. It was pure Chicago.

Chicago is nothing but pragmatic. We don't let a few snags or complications get in the way of the outcome we were looking for. The best example of that is back in March, 1933, when Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak (the only mayor born on foreign soil - Czechoslovakia) was shot and died 33 days later, in Miami, FL, while on a fence-mending trip to smooth things out with the newly elected President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Cermak, a Democrat, had not supported FDR in the 1932 election. The mayor took a bullet while with the president, and after some initial recovery, died of septicemia.

The Chicago City Council was in disarray. The South Park's boss Edward Kelly, was everyone's favorite choice for mayor. But in those days, only a member of the City Council could ascend to the office of Mayor upon a vacancy. So the party thinkers went to work. Their choice was Ed Kelly, but they would need Kelly's partner in running the show, Pat Nash, to pull it off in Springfield.

Ald. Frank Corr of the 17th Ward was elected acting mayor for the next 33 days. During that



As you read this you already know who is moving into the fifth floor of City Hall. And I suspect she can't wait to start cleaning up.

time Pat Nash helped to swing his fellow members of the Illinois House to Kelly. He put a bill through the Illinois General Assembly allowing Chicago aldermen to go outside the City Council to find a candidate. Then Corr resigned and Kelly was elected mayor. At which point Nash had the Illinois House put things back the way they had been.

Kelly would remain in the Mayor's office from 1933 to 1947. Becoming a powerful urban Democrat, largely responsible for Roosevelt's running for a 3rd and 4th term. And for Missouri Senator Harry S. Truman running with FDR as vice president in his last election. He assumed the office upon Roosevelt's death in 1945, just four months in office, and finished the peace in World War II.

Mayor Ed Kelly was a politically glamorous mayor. Though he became more difficult for some party bosses to work with. Scandals were ripening and many politicians wanted distance from Kelly's machine antics. So in 1947 a new reform-minded candidate was sought for the office of Mayor. He was found in successful bachelor businessman Martin J. Kennelly. A squeaky clean politician. However his essentially high moral tone often made Chicago's business as usual brand of politics difficult to pull off. (Sound familiar?)

Party bosses had their eyes peeled for someone more easy to work with. Everyone's eye was on the chairman of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Finance, 14th Ward alderman, Clarence Wagner. A formidable vote getter and strong old-fashioned style of political potentate.

Before the election, in July

1953, Wagner took some political allies and their children on a fishing trip to International Falls, MN. It was a long journey north. While driving his large, heavy Cadillac, a tragedy ensued. Chairman Wagner had a head on collision just outside International Falls. Mercifully, everyone survived among the friends and their young boys. Wagner, however did not. He was killed in the impact. Democrats in Chicago lost their best candidate for Mayor.

It was eventually decided that the then current president of the Cook County Democrats would be the man to have victory at the polls. A shrewd and wise politico, though untested for the most part at the polls. Richard J. Daley. He would be victorious and assume office in 1955. He would go on to be a great supporter of Massachusetts Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy as vice-president in 1956. He personally brought Kennedy to Chicago to help him engage local politicians. When Kennedy did not receive sufficient votes at the Democratic National Convention in 1956, Daley set his cap for something larger for Kennedy. The office of President of the United States. Daley was essential in making that happen. It's no accident that the Daley Family were JFK's first White House guests on inauguration.

The three ensuing decades from the death of Cermak to the election of Kennedy see a tremendous evolution in the office of Chicago's mayor on the national stage. From power-heavy, local, urban-boss to national leader of nuanced and polished political compromise. Chicago's mayor carried great weight and influence. But the evolution of that office unfolded with both accidental and premeditated reactionary response.

An important political awareness of the forces of history has always provided Chicago with strength and wisdom. And it remains so today, just hours after a historic election between two powerful African American women. Of course, I didn't think that the candidates offered anything very similar in their political approaches and understanding of urban governance. Toni Preckwinkle seemed way too "Golden

Girls" for me, while Lori Lightfoot appeared more attractive and "with it" assuming a more "Sex and the City" sense of contemporary urban politics.

In Chicago we have our own political vocabulary. Spoken nowhere else. Our own rules. Made for breaking. Our own political character. Made for shaming. Our own political history. Made for ignoring. Our own political poetry. Made for lyrical treason and treachery. Together they have established a local political self-understanding that's hard to change. Wrapped up as it is with public employment, thuggery and power. Chicago's political triple play, that comes as easy as stealing a vote, gerrymandering a ward or giving a newbie a swirly.

What yesterday's election teaches us is that a great deal of Chicago's political life has been living, up till now, on embalming fluid. Like some Egyptian mummy. Look around, giant fissures abound. Those huge cracks in the political pavements aren't potholes. Rather they are signs that mark the end of the line for self-serving politics as usual. For political careers with no end in sight. With no elected official answerable to the voter. With political potentates filled with the hubris and pride that allows them to shape laws for themselves without fear or consequence.

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A touch of Hollywood glam at History Museum

Virginia Heaven, guest curator at the Chicago History Museum (CHM) and associate professor of fashion design at Columbia College Chicago, has put together, well, a quite heavenly exhibit, which runs through June 21 at the museum, 1601 N. Clark St.



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

The spring exhibition, "Silver Screen to Mainstream: American Fashion in the 1930s and '40s," explores the glamorous new American style that emerged from Hollywood during the years bookended by the financial crash of 1929 and the devastation of World War II. Thirty ensembles from the museum's massive permanent collection will be displaying Hollywood's influence on American fashion.

Many of the vintage ensembles are on view for the first time ever, and they demonstrate the shift in influence from Paris to Hollywood. Haute couture from Paris is shown along with high-end custom-made attire from Chicago, New York and Hollywood and garments worn by Chicago women from Parisian designers such as Gabrielle Chanel, Madeleine Vionnet and Valentina, and Hollywood costume designers Adrian, Howard Greer, Irene and Omar Kiam.

Many years ago, Heaven started as a curatorial assistant at CHM, and after she left she continued her curatorial career for different institutions and private collectors. She said although the curator gets all the attention when an exhibition opens, he or she is simply the conceptual leader.

"Most people don't realize it takes a village to get an exhibition open," said Heaven. "It's a group of interconnected people sharing their expertise for the best possible outcome for the museum and of course the public. I'm so thankful that I had the privilege of working with such an incredible group of dedicated professionals."

We'd like to thank Heaven for creating this out-of-the-world exhibit and for taking the time to chat.

Q: What made the museum dig into its private collection and put together this exhibit?

A: Every two years the museum schedules a costume exhibition, supported by the museum's Costume Council and other generous donors. Generally, the exhibitions showcase a specific Chicago designer/s, or various well-dressed Chicagoans. The Mu-



Light gray silk crepe, leather evening ensemble designed by Valentina, circa 1938.

seum's mission is to educate and to promote Chicago history. This year, currently there is an exhibition on view called, "Modern by Design: Chicago Streamlines America," that showcases Chicago's pivotal role in modernism in architecture, household furniture, appliances and manufacturing. My role as the curator was to find a subject that was related to "Modern's" concept of American design. Then gradually hone it into a story. The costume show links the influence of American design and the profound effect of Hollywood on fashion during the 1930s and '40s. Hollywood's reach was extraordinary and broadcast American style worldwide. An American fashion style was born, and it influenced what people wore everywhere.

Q: Why is this exhibit important?

A: The story of Hollywood fascinates people, but it generally focuses on the costumes rather than the way Hollywood designers influenced fashion. This exhibition is about how mainstream fashion was influenced by Hollywood. Plus, the exhibition demonstrates that a specific "American Style" developed as a result of movie costume designs. Movie heroines usually enjoyed much more freedom than ordinary people did no matter how wealthy, it's no



Gray wool suit designed by Adrian.

wonder that women wanted to emulate their favorite stars. The great costume designers of the era inspired women to dress well, even through the darkest days of the Great Depression.

Movies were enjoyed across the social divides and inspired a desire to keep up appearances. Fan culture was also very important, because millions of people went to the movies every week in the '30s. That's

incredible -- celebrity culture is far from new! Hollywood costume designers became the fashion influencers of their time, and when at the end of the '30s movie attendance dropped by about a third, costume designers made the shift from silver screen to mainstream in search of a more stable career, after all they were already established as the purveyors of uniquely American glamour.

Q: How did you choose which pieces to use? About how many ensembles does the history museum have in total?

A: There's about 50,000 ensembles and individual pieces in the permanent collection. It's not the quantity but the quality that counts -- the Chicago History Museum is a great collection. As far as choosing what to use, once a few story lines have been developed, then the process is to look at what we have and see if it can support the story. I looked specifically for graphic pieces -- high contrast and texture -- it's easy to forget the movies were in black and white, yet the clothes were often very brightly-colored. Then it's just a process of elimination based on: condition, interesting features and fundamentally how well do the selections tell the story. Every curator has a different spin, a different emphasis, for me inclusion is important.

Q: What sort of variety can be seen in the ensembles? Are there everyday pieces as well as fancy ones?

A: The exhibition endeavors to cross socio-economic barriers by including working- and middle-class clothing alongside upper class clothing--the 30s was both one

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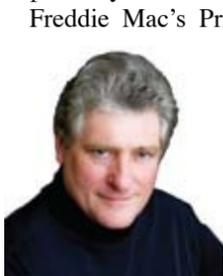
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Interest rates falling at start of Spring housing market

As mortgage interest rates continue to fall, now's the perfect time for prospective home buyers to get off the fence and dive into the spring house-hunting market, experts say.



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Average Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages plummeted to an averaged 4.06% for the week ending March 28, down from 4.28% a week earlier.

The 22 basis-point decline was the biggest one-week drop in a decade, Freddie Mac noted. On Jan. 3, the average 30-year loan rate was 4.51%. Last year at this time, the 30-year fixed loans averaged 4.40%.

Chicago-area lenders were charging a range of 4.234% to 4.318% on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages on March 29, reported rateSeeker.com.

Fifteen-year fixed mortgages declined 14 basis points to an averaged 3.57% on March 28, down from 3.71% a week earlier. On January 3, the average 15-year

loan rate was 3.99%. A year ago, 15-year loans averaged 3.90%.

"The Federal Reserve's concern about the prospects for slowing economic growth caused investor jitters to drive down mortgage rates by the largest amount in more than 10 years," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Mortgage rates have dipped quite dramatically since the start of the year and house prices continue to moderate, which should help on the home buyer affordability front," Khater said.

"The combination of improving affordability and more inventory than the last few spring selling seasons should lead to improved home sales demand," he said.

Realtors agreed the existing housing market in Chicago is being stimulated by the long-term trend of lower mortgage rates.

"As we enter the spring market, buyers on the hunt are eager to take advantage of lower interest rates and are serious once they find their desired home," observed Tommy Choi, president of the Chicago Assoc. of Realtors and broker at Keller Williams Chicago-Lincoln Park.

Chicago home prices rise

Illinois Realtors reported that the median price of a home in the city of Chicago in February was \$273,900, inching up 0.7% of one percentage point from \$272,000 in Feb. 2018.

However, the city of Chicago saw year-over-year existing home sales decrease 7.4% with 1,422 units changing hands in February, compared with 1,535 units a year ago, reported Illinois Realtors.

"February's data is in line with what we have come to expect as our market shifts," said Choi. "Even though closed sales are down, median sales prices ticked up and both inventory and days on market declined."

In the nine-county Chicago Metro Area, single-family home and condominiums sales in February totaled 5,607 units, down 4% from Feb. 2018 sales of 5,839 homes. The median price in February was \$230,000 in the Chicago Metro Area, an increase of 1.1% from \$227,500 in Feb. 2018.

Sales and price information was generated by Multiple Listing Service closed sales reported by 27 participating Illinois Realtor local boards and associations including Midwest Real Estate Data.

Statewide, 8,174 homes and condos were sold in February, down 1.8% down from 8,327 units in Feb. 2018. The statewide median price in February was \$187,000, up 1.1% from Feb. 2018, when the median price was \$185,000. (The median is a typical market price where half the homes sold for more and half sold for less.)

"Home sales were lower in February, but median prices are still recording steady growth in the state," said Ed Neaves, Illinois Realtors president-elect.

"What's notable is that the time it takes to sell a home is down



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three days, a market indicator which shows consumers want to buy, but may struggle to find enough options from which to choose," Neaves said. The time it took to sell a home in February averaged 68 days, down from 71 days a year ago.

Available home inventory statewide totaled 47,711 units for sale, a 3% decline from 49,193 units in Feb. 2018.

"Housing prices continue their slow but steady increase," said Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, a University of Illinois economist. "However, year-over-year sales exhibit negative trends for the next three months although month-to-month changes are forecast to

be very positive."

So you want to rent your home on AirBNB?

Airbnb and other house-sharing services can be a great way for homeowners to earn extra cash, but what happens if something bad happens at an Airbnb-type rental? The "sharing economy" model is so new that many of the legal issues are still being worked out.

One Lincoln Park shared home owner may soon find out after a SWAT team showed up early one Sunday after officers received a report of people inside with weapons. Officers arrived on scene in

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Assessor's office announces listening tour with Cook County officials

They want to hear taxpayer concerns

The Cook County Assessor's Office, in partnership with members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, announced its first set of dates for its county-wide Listening Tour, which will allow taxpayers to hear directly from Assessor Fritz Kaegi about his plans for the office.

Kaegi says that the tour is part of a commitment to transparency in the administration of the Office. Attendees can ask questions and get a progress report about the new assessor's efforts to create more accurate and fair property assessments.

The event closest to Chicago's North side will be 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Belding Elementary School,

4257 N Tripp Ave. Also attending this meeting will be the two North Side Cook County Commissioners Bridget Gainer [10th] and Bridget Degnen [12th]. The moderator will be Adam Slade, of the Metropolitan Planning Council.

"I'm elected by the voters, by the taxpayers of Cook County," said Assessor Kaegi. "We're accountable to them. So we have a responsibility to demonstrate our accountability and give taxpayers an update on our efforts so far."

The tour is a key part of Assessor Kaegi's 100 Day Plan. The Assessor will visit each district in the county at least once, present an update on the Office's plans for increased fairness, ethics and transparency, and engage in a moderated "fireside chat" with a community leader chosen by the Commissioner of that district.

Each stop on the tour is co-sponsored by a commissioner of the Cook County Board. "We pledged to work directly with the Commissioners on reforms for our office," said Kaegi. "They're all great advocates for their constituents' concerns about assessments. We've received great feedback so far and look forward to working with them on our tour."

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Rogers Park mail service had a strange Winter

BY PATRICK BUTLER

The U.S. Postal Service in Rogers Park and Edgewater had a rough Winter to be sure.

In February Rogers Park resident Dushaun Henderson-Spruce plead guilty to a single count of mail fraud. And boy was he thinking big.

Henderson-Spruce boldly claimed that shipping giant United Parcel Service had moved its headquarters from its former location in an Atlanta business park into his tiny North Side garden apartment. All it took was a few change of address forms and soon giant baskets of UPS mail were streaming to his doorstep.

According to the charges, Henderson-Spruce submitted his

change-of-address form in Oct. 2017 requesting that the UPS headquarters address be changed to his small apartment in the 6700 block of N. Ashland Ave.

Henderson-Spruce boldly claimed that shipping giant United Parcel Service had moved its headquarters from its former location in an Atlanta business park into his tiny North Side garden apartment.

Yep, not only did the change of address go through, it took months for anyone to catch on that the Fortune 100 'Big Brown'

business did not in fact move into a small apartment in Rogers Park. Only after he deposited nearly \$60,000 in UPS checks did anyone become suspicious.

Meanwhile, so many thousands of pieces of mail meant for UPS executives and other employees arrived at Henderson-Spruce's apartment that a mail carrier started to deliver the mail in tubs.

On March 29 he apologized to UPS, the U.S. Postal Service and a federal judge - who then sentenced him to time served, about a year in all.

Even after he knew the Postal Police were onto him, Henderson-Spruce reportedly also tried to divert mail from Harley-Davidson, the Milwaukee-based motorcycle manufacturer.

Meanwhile, at about the same time, Rogers Park and Edgewater residents had been complaining for a while about poor mail delivery service from their local post offices in zip codes 60640, 60626, 60645 and 60660. But the last straw came for Sue and Pat Pastin when they learned their mail-in ballots for the Feb. 26 city primary election never even got from the post office to the Board of Elections on time to be counted.

Pastin said she had put the ballots in a mail slot in their condo building on Feb. 23, which she thought would be plenty of time to deliver the ballots before Feb. 25 - the deadline for the receiving ballots for the Feb. 26 election.

Wrong! On March 9, the Pastins got a letter from the Board of Election Commissioners informing her that their ballots were among more than 1,000 North Side ballots that never got downtown in

time to be counted. When Sue Pastin called the election board for an explanation, she got a callback on March 11 informing her that their ballots had been postmarked too late to be counted.

Pastin said she at first wondered if their postal carrier had neglected to pick up the mail and called the Rogers Park Post Office twice around 4 p.m. - only to be automatically disconnected from a number Pastin said "was supposed to be available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m."

But Pastin wasn't alone. She said at one point she seriously considered looking into getting together with other Rogers Park neighbors to file a class-action lawsuit.

She added that "while we are very satisfied with the outcome of the past election, there is no way my husband and I can be made

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Clarendon Park Community Center getting \$22M rehab

Community called to action to help raise millions

The Clarendon Park Community Center, 4501 N. Clarendon Ave., will be at long last renovated, says the Chicago Park District.

The CPD held a community meeting on Feb. 4, to unveil four options for the Community Center. Two of the options were for renovations to the existing building and two were for new construction. It was their second effort at coming to agreement with the Uptown community after three options brought forward in mid-2018 were rejected.

One of the new construction options would allow the existing community center to remain open during construction of a community center on an adjacent site.

After the community when through the extensive process, the confuses ended up showing overwhelming support for the "Limited Renovation" option of renovating the building. While the renovation might be limited, the budget for the project seems extravagant at \$22 million. A second option included a full remodel and addition for an estimated cost of \$44 million, claimed the CPD. The CPD's Heather Gleason said that the high cost is a result of bringing the old buildings up to modern code as the most expensive parts of a remodel.

As recently as 2015, demolition was widely considered to be the most likely outcome for this historic building when it was included as a 2015 Preservation Chicago 7 Most Endangered Building.

The two other presented included a full remodel, which would have included restoring architectural details like decorative towers; a new building on the existing site; and an entirely new building on a new site. The limited renovation will bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, add an elevator, create a new lobby and address ongoing issues

such as water leakage.

According to Ald. James Cappleman [46th] one more community meeting will be held at a time to be announced to show more detailed project plans.

The Park District projected that the remodel will cost \$22 million, aided by the passage of the Clarendon/Montrose TIF District, which contributed \$4.6 million in local property tax dollars to the project. Katharine Boyda, president of the Clarendon Park Advisory Council, says the advisory council and Park District are seeking donations to fund the remainder of the project, but the CPD warned residents that that task could take years to achieve.

One major concern that still hangs over the project is the fate of the Garfield Clarendon Model Railroad Club. The club main-

tains the largest model railroad set in Chicago. Built in 1974, the railroad is comprised of over 1,500 feet of handmade track.

"I will advocate that the renovation be completed in phases for as little impact as possible on park programming, as the community has requested," said Ald. Cappleman. "Special thanks go to the Clarendon Park Advisory Council, which has shepherded this project along the way. I look forward to a renovated community center that will serve residents for decades to come."

The Clarendon Park Community Center, originally called the Clarendon Municipal Bathing Beach, was built in 1916 as a state-of-the-art facility for one of Chicago's most popular lakefront

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Edgewater Artists in Motion, 1070 W. Granville, is hosting a brunch concert starring Owen and the Ghosts noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday April 7. Tickets are \$20 ticket and includes brunch, mimosas, the concert and the women empowerment art exhibit. For more information write info@edgewaterartists.com or visit <https://www.bitly.com/eaimowenconcert>.

International game night April 6

Ever wonder if chess is played differently in Germany?

DANKHaus, 4740 N. Western Ave., is hosting international game night noon to 8 p.m. Saturday April 6.

Games from countries from across the globe will be available to play throughout the day. Trivia starts at 5 p.m. when an international buffet will also be served. Admission is free. For more information email monicafelix@dankhaus.com.

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of the most glamorous Hollywood inspired eras but also inclusive of the immense poverty in the Great Depression. These two extremes coexisted -- therefore they coexist in the exhibition.

On Friday, the CHM's Costume Council will present a sneak peek at the exhibition at a Hollywood and ballroom dance-inspired, black tie gala called Shall We Dance, which will feature curator led tours of the exhibition, Hollywood-inspired libations and much more.

Council president Courtney Hopkins said guests can expect an amazing silent auction, delicious food, live music, and hopefully, lots of dancing. They'll also have the opportunity to see the exhibit before it opens to museum members and the general public, and to hear firsthand from museum staff about the display pieces.

All funds raised by the Costume Council, both at the gala and throughout the year, support the collection, documentation, preservation, and interpretation of the museum's 50,000-piece costume collection, said Hopkins. The party will also celebrate the culmination of four years of fundraising in order to meet the Council's \$500,000 pledge to the museum. "We are all thrilled by this major accomplishment!" she said.

Anyone should come because it's going to be a great party, but



The heart-wrenching story of Anastasia Romanov is running through April 7 at the Nederlander Theatre.

especially those who share an appreciation of costume, history, our amazing city, or all three, said Hopkins.

Co-chairs are Richard and Diane Weinberg of Streeterville; Pam Capitanini of Bucktown; and Karen Peters of Winnetka.

The exhibit is "spectacular!" said Hopkins. "The ensembles are, of course, the stars of the show," she said. "And the accessories are particularly special."

"I also want to point out how well the exhibition space was designed," added Hopkins. "Every detail was well thought out. Visitors will be taken on a journey and will leave with a new perspective on this unique period. It is not to be missed."

Tix info at chicagohistory.org.

From Russia (and Paris) with love... Beautiful costumes also

abound at the musical "Anastasia," running through April 7 at the Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St. If you're looking to do something wonderful this weekend, go see this show. The costumes are stunning, the talent is bountiful and I'm still trying to figure out how they made all those fabulous, 3D sets.

The engaging musical transports its audience back in time and space, from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the Gay Paree of the 1920s. It's a beautiful, heart-wrenching story of loss, love, and family, told in a touching, moving way.

I loved this show. Catch it if you can.

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the 2400 block of N. Clybourn and found a full blown Airbnb party underway, not an unusual occurrence these days. OK, a party with multiple weapons being seized by police may be more rare. Occupants of the home refused to answer the door when officers arrived, so a SWAT team mobilized nearby while other officers on the scene began running license plates of vehicles at the home. Two stolen cars were located.

Having a shared home on your block is not always a good thing, and many times they're being used for nefarious purposes. And many North Side neighborhoods have them, particularly in Wrigleyville, Downtown and near Rush St.

A big problem is that Airbnb's "Terms of Service" say that you can't sue Airbnb. (Most every other home-sharing business has

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a similar contract.) In theory, it might be possible for a guest to get around this provision, but it could be very difficult. So more likely, the guest would sue the host for compensation. Yes, an Airbnb host could be held to a similar legal standard of care as any hotel or motel. Most personal umbrella policies do not cover a host for a business activity either.

Recently, Airbnb announced that it would provide hosts with up to \$1 million in liability protection if they get sued by a guest. That's a welcome development, but some other home-sharing companies have not followed suit.

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beaches. Clarendon Municipal Bathing Beach was once one of "the largest and best equipped of all of the beaches in the city" and was considered one of the most popular civic achievements of its time. It could accommodate over 9,000 swimmers and included a promenade for thousands of spectators. The building remained popular until the 1930's when landfill moved the shoreline further east and created Clarendon Park.

During a 1972 "modernization" effort, the distinctive tall towers fronting on Clarendon and the smaller towers fronting the beach, along with the entry colonnade, verandas, open-air loggias and tile roof were demolished and replaced with a massive flat roof, with an unsightly metal fascia, which greatly impacted both the aesthetics and functionality of original structure. The significant modifications to the building resulted in extensive water infiltration and roof issues, which have proved an ongoing challenge.

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Rent control bill stalls in House Committee but could return



David Zoltan (left) and Rep. Will Guzzardi [39th] testify March 27 before a House subcommittee in favor of a bill that would allow municipalities in Illinois to enact rent control laws. The bill, sponsored by Guzzardi, failed to advance out of the subcommittee. Photo by Peter Hancock

Bill would repeal ban on municipalities enacting rent control laws

BY PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

A bill that would give local governments authority to enact rent control laws stalled in a House subcommittee March 27, possibly killing the proposal for the 2019 session.

That action came at the end of a lengthy hearing in which affordable housing advocates argued that skyrocketing rents in Chicago are driving many people on limited incomes out of their homes, sometimes onto the streets or into homeless shelters.

Chicago resident David Zoltan spoke about one of his neighbors named Ellen, who was recently evicted from an apartment where she had lived for 16 years because she could not afford her rent increase. He described Ellen as an arm and leg amputee whose only income is from Social Security, and after her eviction she was rendered homeless.

"Ellen's story is not unique. We have a city full of Ellens," Zoltan said. "The best way to prevent more cases like Ellen's is to lift the ban on rent control. Let communities have a say."

House Bill 255 would have repealed a 1997 state law known as the Rent Control Preemption Act that prohibits municipalities from enacting rent control laws.

Rep. Will Guzzardi [39th] of Chicago who sponsored the bill, argued that he wasn't asking for a vote for or against rent control, but rather simply to give local communities the option of enacting their own policies.

But several business groups representing real estate agents and developers, as well as labor unions and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, opposed the measure, arguing that it was the wrong way to deal with affordable housing shortages in Illinois communities.

"The only way to solve the affordability issue is to increase supply of housing," Michael Mini of the Chicagoland Apart-

ment Assoc. told the committee. "The overwhelming evidence suggests rent control actually reduces the quality and quantity of rental housing. Policy experts and economists almost unanimously oppose it as a means to address affordability."

Among members of the subcommittee, opinions about the bill were sharply divided.

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Rep. Daniel Didech, a Buffalo Grove Democrat and a supporter of the bill, accused opponents of the legislation of being "extremist" and asked whether they think it should be permissible for a landlord to raise someone's rent

by 100% in a single year, or even 1,000%.

"Theoretically, I can't imagine what the situation would be, but my position is that property owners should be able to adjust their rents based upon their costs and the competition in the marketplace," Mini said in response.

But Rep. Andrew Chesney, a Freeport Republican, argued that it would be dangerous to grant municipalities sweeping authority to impose rent controls without knowing first what kind of controls they would impose.

"The way I read this, a municipality could come in and say you can't raise rents at all," he said. "And this body doesn't give any clarity to how anybody who has existing properties, or for somebody that's investing, what the rules are, because they can be whatever the local body wants."

Discussion of the bill came near the end of a four-hour committee meeting, and by the time the panel was done hearing testimony, the full House was already in session taking votes while some members of the committee still had questions.

Guzzardi, however, asked the panel to proceed with a vote. Only two members of the subcommittee voted to advance the bill while four members voted no.

"We believe today's decision is a positive development for the millions who rent their homes in Illinois because market-rate housing will continue to function without interference," Mini said in a statement after the vote. "It is true that affordable workforce housing, especially in Cook County, is currently lacking in supply, but the concept of rent control would make the goal of providing additional affordable housing less attainable because it would reduce the supply and quality of rental units to select from."



Great Lakes threatened with invasive species

Public invited to April 11 lecture at Loyola

In his highly acclaimed book, *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*, author Dan Egan examines how the Great Lakes' ecosystem has become under threat. The invaders, he explains, are now threatening hydroelectric dams and other infrastructure beyond the Great Lakes. Egan, a reporter at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel who is a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, also offers ways the lakes can be restored.



Dr. Reuben Keller

Keller, associate professor at Loyola Univ. Chicago's Institute of Environmental Sustainability. At a program on Thurs., April 11, Keller, an expert on invasive species issues in the Great Lakes, will provide an overview of the book and present some of the most pressing contemporary invasive species issues.

The free program is open to the public. A reception will be at 6 p.m.; the presentation begins at 6:30. The event is co-sponsored by Edgewater Village Chicago and will be held on the fourth floor at Loyola's Information Commons, 6501 N. Kenmore.

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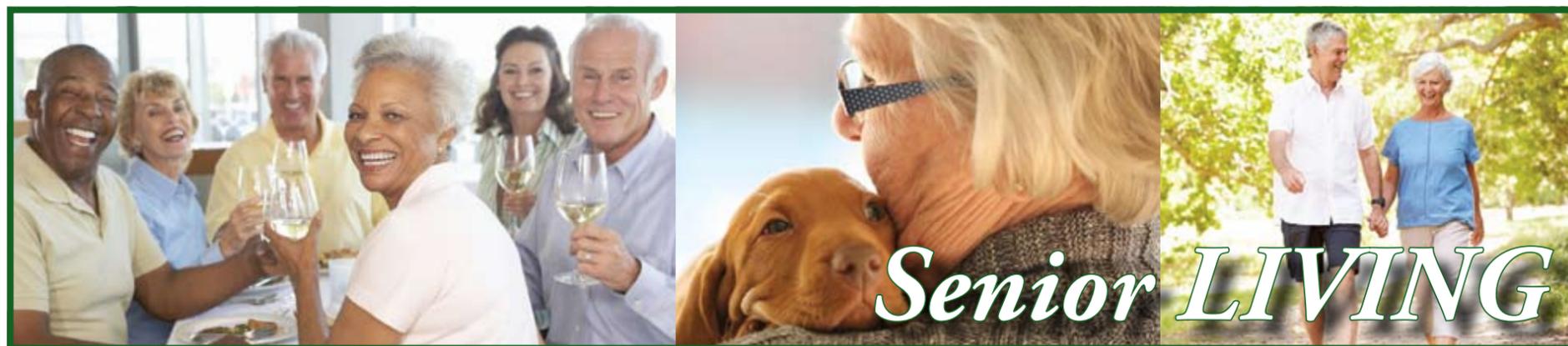
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“Let’s make a deal!” Or not...

BY LYNNE KORNECKI

Follow the money...

Sometimes families get so wrapped up in their elder loved one’s health and safety they overlook another equally important detail – financial decisions. And because aging, with its increased healthcare and medical housing costs, is pricey, protecting assets is vitally important.

Senior financial fraud is big business

A 2015 report estimated that older Americans lose \$36.5 billion annually to financial fraud. Whether the financial fraud is outright criminal or just sneaky and unethical – seniors are often easy targets. A surprising revelation from recent studies shows that cognitively capable seniors are just as much at risk as those who are not. An estimated one out of 18 cognitively competent seniors falls prey to a financial scam.

Although experts aren’t exactly sure why this is, one common factor stands out – when an elderly person lives alone,

his or her financial decisions are more vulnerable to error. Perhaps not having a live-in partner or spouse to act as a “sounding board” contributes to making an unwise or hasty decision.



For families, discussing finances with a loved one can sometimes feel like walking into uncharted territory, and the loved one may give a lot of pushback. However, it’s far

better to start that discussion sooner than to wait until there’s a serious problem. Once a lifetime of savings has been drained away, it’s too late.

Financial planner or rip-off artist?

One family’s story...

Dave, Martha’s adult son, recently looked at his mother’s investment portfolio and started noticing some red flags.

“Hey, mom – do you know exactly what you’re paying your investment counselor in fees and commissions annually?” he asked her.

She responded vaguely, “Well, I have a general idea and I’ve used him for years – I feel like I can trust him.”

“I’m not telling you to switch, but I think it might be a good idea to learn more about what you’re paying for,” Dave advised. “Just a quick look at your investment statements shows me you’re paying far more in fees than other portfolios I’ve reviewed with much larger assets than yours.”

Dave’s conversation left Martha feeling unsettled – not because she didn’t think it was his business, but because he confirmed something that she hadn’t quite articulated yet to herself. Was her current financial counselor truly acting in her best interests, or his own?

Martha’s meetings with her certified financial planner always seemed baffling, with explanations that escaped her grasp. She attributed it to her own lack of knowledge. However, her distrust began escalating when, following Dave’s advice, she asked him to explain his fees. Surprisingly, he was very defensive during their phone conversation and gave her a sales pitch about his competency, only disclosing his own fee as one percent of her portfolio assets. He never revealed the layers of hidden fees stacked within that portfolio, or additional commissions for himself that she

found out about later.

Their next meeting, in person, only deepened her feelings of mistrust when he was overly eager for her to quickly sign onto an annuity (“before the interest rates on this deal drop,” he urged)

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even though she already had an annuity. His explanation about its return on investment and other rules governing it seemed too bulky to grasp.

She finally told herself, “If this investment is too complicated for me to understand, then it’s not the right move for me.”

Instead, she turned to wealthy friends for the names of their financial counselors so she could start getting second opinions.

Martha chose her new investment

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A day in the life of a Clare housekeeper

What do housekeeping services look like at The Clare?

Bernardo Brito's passion shines through as he explains his tasks as an environmental services technician and shares his love for The Clare community.

Thirty years ago, Brito moved to Chicago from Mexico. He previously worked in housekeeping at a nearby Chicago hotel before he came across The Clare. On impulse, he decided to walk in and ask for an application.

Now, Brito is an environmental services technician and an admired employee who has been with The Clare for almost seven years.

Spending a day at the community with Brito, his impact on The Clare community is clear.

Environmental services at The Clare include tending to residents' units and cleaning public spaces around the building, which mostly consist of common areas: restrooms, dining rooms, lounges, hallways, and meeting rooms.

Resident units tend to be Brito's forte. He specializes in thorough carpet and



Bernardo Brito, environmental services technician for The Clare.

floor cleanings when there are stains or spills, fixing vacuums when they break, and scrubbing ovens and microwaves.

"If The Clare did not provide weekly housekeeping service, I would have had to

track down my own – it's definitely a perk!" says Clare resident Chris Lyon. "I don't have to buy and store cleaning supplies or set aside valuable hours every week to do chores that are certainly necessary but low on my 'want to do' list. This amenity is just one of the many reasons that living at The Clare is such an enjoyable experience."

Brito also works with and trains new employees. This is especially rewarding for him, as he gets to pass along his knowledge and share his own experiences at The Clare.

"Teamwork is very important," he says. "My teammates are like family."

One of Brito's favorite times of the year is the annual "deep clean." This involves dusting the blinds, wiping down windows, shampooing the carpet, scrubbing the floors and cleaning the residents' apartments and can take up to eight hours for the whole building.

"Bernardo is my deep cleaning lead," says Emmanuelle Schott, director of environmental services. "He is a top performer, and he always exceeds expectations. Plus, he is adored by residents."

Brito adores the residents right back. While cleaning itself is satisfying, he says the most rewarding part of working at The Clare is the residents. He always goes above and beyond for them.

"If there is a stain on a resident's carpet, I clean not only the stain, but the rest of the carpet for them, and they are so impressed with how clean it is," said Brito. "They are like family, and they're always so grateful for my work. I love making residents hap-

py because they are my priority."

For residents, this commitment means much more than receiving excellent housekeeping services. In many ways, they view Brito as family.

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"Bernardo always provides extra services if he notices a need, and he always asks me if there's anything else he needs to clean, whether or not it is on his agenda," says Clare resident Shirley Mullin. "Bernardo gives the sense of being a solid member of my extended family."

Brito loves interacting with residents, too, and being recognized for all that he does for the community.

"Bernardo is such a hard worker and dedicated," Schott says. "When he does something, he loves it. He is very sincere, very genuine and very humble."

Overall, Brito can't imagine working or providing housekeeping services anywhere else.

"When I was younger, I always wanted a job where I could help people and impact their lives," he says. "My job at The Clare is my dream job, because I get to help the residents every day."

Call for exhibitors for Spring craft fair

Jewelry, decorated boxes, cards, knitted and crocheted items – even homemade pastries – are among the variety of items that will be available for sale at the Spring Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wed., April 10. The free event is sponsored by the Edgewater Senior Satellite Center inside the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway.

"The Edgewater Senior Satellite Center offers life-enrichment activities such as arts and crafts," said Stacy Subida, assistant regional director, Senior Services – Area Agency on Aging. "Many seniors also join our classes such as photography or drawing and painting. The fair is an opportunity to showcase and share the artistic skills and talents of our participants."

Members of a knitting and crocheting group at the Edgewater Senior Satellite Center are participating in the craft fair. The group meets each Friday, 1 to 3:30 p.m., at the Center. In the group is Julie Chandler, who has been knitting for 60 years and teaches the craft. She said, "We welcome beginners, those who want to refresh their skills and those who would like to join us for the social aspect."

A crocheter for 30 years, Toni Dzielawa, said she finds making her crafts relaxing, and she enjoys socializing at the same time. She will be selling baby



Toni Dzielawa, Julie Chandler and Judi Irle are among the exhibitors at the fair. Photo courtesy of Edgewater Senior Satellite Center

blankets, scarves and a new, original item – a cell phone holder. The items will be reasonably priced. "Basically just the cost of the yarn," said Chandler said.

The knitting and crocheting group accepts donated yarn, which members use for their crafts. They also donate their handmade items to the 48th Ward office for its clothing drives and to Care for Real, which provides food and clothing to those in need.

There is a small fee to participate in the fair. The cost to individuals who are members of the senior center is \$5; and the cost per table for non-members is \$10. To participate, call Stacy Subida at 312-742-5323 or register at the front desk at the Broadway Armory.

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counselor based on his longevity in the business with a well-established firm, his creative approach to working within her own vision, his advice on how to save on fees and commissions, and understandable explanations.

He said, "Martha, it is a good thing you did not sign onto that annuity – it would have tied up your money for five years, generated a low return on your investment with huge penalties if you needed it sooner. However, that particular annuity is well known in the industry for paying the highest commission to the

one who sells it to you at nine percent."

Martha was stunned but not altogether surprised. She immediately authorized a transfer of funds to the new company.

To her son, Dave, she said, "I learned not to be so trusting when it comes to my money and who's handling it. I'm really grateful you initiated this conversation and got me to look more closely at my finances and start asking questions. I was in a far more precarious position than I thought because I trusted the person I was working with. I didn't realize that all along he was really stacking the financial deck in his favor and not mine."



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Police Beat....

Parole revoked for man accused of shoplifting \$29,000 ring

A career criminal is back in Stateville prison after having his parole revoked for allegedly robbing the Michigan Ave. Bloomingdale's store and stealing a \$29,000 engagement ring from another Mag Mile retailer.

Police said Todd Howe, 51, of Elmwood Park, was identified as the person who pulled out a handgun to ward off a Bloomingdale's employee who tried to stop him from stealing four pairs of Chanel sunglasses on Jan. 24.

One month later, Howe returned to the same mall at 900 N. Michigan and snatched a one-of-a-kind "cushion cut" diamond ring from an employee at The Goldsmith jewelry store, police said. Howe later sold the stolen ring to a jewelry store in southwest suburban Burr Ridge, according to investigators.

A fugitive apprehension team took Howe into custody on March 14.

He is charged with Class X felony armed robbery with a firearm and felony theft. Judge Stephanie Miller ordered him held without bail and the state last week revoked Howe's parole.

State records show that Howe was released early from prison in Jan. 2018 after serving half of a three-year sentence for retail theft. His previous prison sentences include six years for burglary in 2010; one year for retail theft in 2010; two years for aggravated fleeing from police in 2009; two years for criminal damage to state property in 2007; nine years for attempted vehicular hijacking in 1998; two years for aggravated reckless driving in 1996; another two years for stalking in 1996; and five years for burglary in 1993.

Felon on parole charged with having gun at Clark-Division Red Line

A man who's been sent to prison three times for dealing drugs and once for possessing a firearm as a felon, is facing new charges of possessing a firearm after police interrupted a drug deal at the Clark-Division CTA Red Line station.

Officers were conducting a routine check of the station at 6 p.m. March 22 when they came across a known drug user and Cantrell Brown, 28, engaged in a conversation on a stairwell. Police stopped the two men because the train station is designated a narcotics "hot spot," officers said.

Police patted Brown down and found a handgun in his waistband, prosecutors said. At the police station, Brown told officers that he had swallowed four bags of crack when they approached him. He was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Brown, who police say is a Gangster Disciple street gang member, was charged with one felony count

Judge whacks accused comic book thief with \$10,000 bail

Welcome to Chicago, where being accused of stealing comic books may have you facing stiffer bail conditions than allegations of carrying a gun illegally or beating a 70-year-old cab driver.

First up, there's the case of Stephen Bowles, 51, of Chimere, IN.

Prosecutors say Bowles stole \$9,200 worth of comic books from three vendors at McCormick Place's "Chicago Comic Entertainment Expo" last weekend.



Stephen Bowles

Bowles is charged with three felony counts of theft. His bail? \$10,000. That means he needed to post a \$1,000 deposit to go free.

Then, there's the case of Estuardo Hernandez, 21. Around 11:30 p.m. March 20, Hernandez got into an altercation in the first block of W. Maple

of being a felon in possession of a weapon. Judge Stephanie Miller set his bail at \$20,000.

State records show that Brown was released early from prison last April after serving half of four-year sentence for having a gun in his waistband while selling narcotics in River North.

Brown was also on parole at the time of that arrest for narcotics and resisting police, records show.

Man who escaped from cops with help of angry mob is back in custody

The West Side man who was released by police when an angry mob surrounded and threatened to shoot them earlier this month is back in custody—and so is the main instigator in the confrontation, according to Chicago police.

Around 2 p.m. March 17, officers stopped Robert Gates, 31, in the 4700 block of W. Gladys for a traffic violation, according to police. Gates "began to discard bundles of suspected narcotics to the ground," the department said in a statement two days later.



Robert Gates

"A crowd gathered around the police, some retrieving the discarded suspect narcotics, others approaching the officers, yelling at and threatening the police. Gunshots then were heard in close proximity to the incident, putting officers in further fear of their safety. [Gates] was able to make good his escape with the help of subjects from the crowd."

Cops caught up with Gates on Tuesday in the 2400 block of W. Flournoy and took him into custody. He is charged with two felony counts of aggravated battery of a police officer and felony escape from a peace officer, police said.

Arrested separately on Tuesday was Anthony James, 30, the man that police say threatened to shoot an officer if Gates was not released during the incident on Gladys.

James is charged with two felony counts of aggravated assault of a police officer; felony aiding escape from a peace officer, and two misdemeanor counts of resisting-obstructing police.

Both men are convicted felons, and both are due in bond court this afternoon.

A police department source said Gates was handcuffed when he ran away from officers, but the handcuffs had been removed by the time police caught up with him on March 26.

"He said a friend was supposed

St., according to police. Witnesses reported that a loaded 9-millimeter handgun fell from Hernandez's waistband during the incident and police took him into custody.

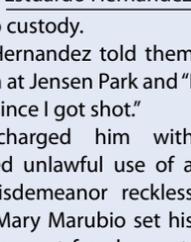
Officers said Hernandez told them he found the gun at Jensen Park and "I been carrying it since I got shot."

Prosecutors charged him with felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and misdemeanor reckless conduct. Judge Mary Marubio set his bail at \$2,000. He went free by posting a deposit of \$200... or one-fifth the amount needed for stealing comic books.

Finally, let's look at the case of Rajeev Rao, 42. Police said a cab driver called them to the 1100 block



Estuardo Hernandez



Rajeev Rao

of N. Lake Shore Dr. around 11 p.m. March 21.

There, the 70-year-old cabbie reported that he had driven Rao to his destination and, upon arrival, Rao "began to physically attack the victim by holding him down and striking him in the head and face from the back seat," according to a police report. Officers said the victim suffered bruising to his right eye and cheek.

Rao was charged with felony aggravated battery of a victim over age 60 and felony aggravated battery of a taxi driver. His bail was set at \$3,000, which allowed him to go free by posting a deposit of \$300... or slightly less than one-third of what an accused comic book thief had to put down.

to drop [the cuffs] off at the station," the source said.

Moments after Gates allegedly escaped with the help of the angry crowd, an officer was heard describing what happened on police radio: "Ten people surrounded me, indicating that they had firearms. And one person pulled him away from me, holding his waist, indicating that he would use a firearm against me."

Cops investigating two robberies in Lincoln Park

Police are investigating a pair of robberies in the Lincoln Park neighborhood:

• A 28-year-old woman was reportedly robbed of her phone as she rode the CTA Red Line into the Fullerton station at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The victim said a teenager forced the phone out of her hand as the doors opened and then ran from the train.

The offender was described as a black male in his mid-teens who stands 5'-9" tall, weighs 135 lbs. He was wearing a red hoodie, blue jeans, and red Air Jordans.

• Police said a man was robbed at gunpoint near his home in the 400 block of W. St. James Place around 1:45 p.m. March 27. The offender approached the man and began threatening him with the gun as he demanded the victim's valuables. The robber fled toward North Pond after gaining control of the victim's phone and \$30 cash.

The offender was described as a black male in his late teens or early 20's with an ashy face, according to police. He stands 6'-1" tall, weighs 180 lbs., and was wearing a light gray hoodie under a dark puffy coat with black pants and black shoes.

Four questioned after a series of robberies in Lincoln Park, Downtown

A carload of thieves pulled off a series of at least four robberies stretching from Old Town to Streeterville on Saturday afternoon before police caught up with the crew in River North. Four suspects, believed to be juveniles, are in custody.

The first robbery was reported around 12:45 p.m. near the intersection of Wells and Schiller in Old Town. A woman said that a group of teens jumped from a Jeep SUV and took her phone by force.

About 40 minutes later, another woman told police that four teens

jumped her from behind near Clark and Ontario and took her phone before they ran back to a Jeep Cherokee. The woman confronted the crew and wound up being punched in the face, police said. One of the thieves threw her phone from the SUV as it sped from the scene.

Within seconds, yet another woman walked up to a police officer near Ohio and Wabash to report that a thief stole her phone and escaped in a gray or black SUV.

Finally, just after 2 p.m., a woman reported being battered and robbed of her phone by a young male in the 400 block of W. Grand. Once again, the thief jumped into a waiting SUV that was occupied by three others.

Cops caught up with the SUV at 2:15 p.m. near Wabash and Grand. The robbery crew fled in separate directions, but police managed to round them all up within a few minutes. At least one was positively identified as the robber from the Grand Ave. incident, police said.

Charges are pending.

Police said a similar robbery involving a different vehicle and fewer offenders was reported in Lincoln Park on Saturday morning.

A woman told police that a male teen took her phone by force in the 2300 block of N. Clark St. near Belden Ave. Afterward, the suspect ran to a waiting car, which sped south on Clark and then west on Grant Place, police said.

The vehicle is a green Subaru hatchback that is missing its front grill.

Police said the offender is a black male in his teens. He's about 6'-4" tall and thin, and he wore a hat with black and white Adidas track clothes.

Gang gunfire spike in Uptown leaves another person shot March 19

After starting the year with relative peace, the Uptown neighborhood has seen a sudden surge in shots fired incidents since two men were shot in the 1000 block of W. Argyle on March 19.

A 24-year-old woman was shot in her right leg as she was walking with two other people in the 800 block of W. Agatite around 10:15 p.m. March 19.

Shell casings from two different caliber weapons were found about 100 yards west of where the victim and her companions were standing, suggesting that two people may have fired shots, according to an officer at the scene.

Police said the victim's condition was stabilized at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

No offender information was available.

Another incident on Sunday evening resulted in several people being shaken up, but no one injured after shots were fired in the 900 block of W. Eastwood, about four blocks from March 19's shooting scene.

In that incident, witnesses reported that two men drove a Jeep Cherokee into an alley around 10:25 a.m. The men emerged from the Jeep and opened fire with a silver handgun. They then returned to the vehicle and sped away westbound.

The Jeep has a "blackout" package with dark windows, black rims, and a black paint job, the witnesses said.

One offender was described as a skinny black male in his late teens who stands 6'-3" tall. He was wearing a puffy dark gray jacket with a white hoodie underneath.

Another suspect is a slender, younger-appearing black male who stands about 5'-10" tall. He was wearing all black clothing.

Man charged with Lakeview armed carjacking

A Wicker Park man has been charged with carjacking a Lakeview resident at gunpoint earlier this month.

The 28-year-old victim reported being jumped and robbed of his phone, computer, and 2018 Buick Encore SUV in the 2900 block of N. Greenvue around 5:40 a.m. March 19.

Police located the stolen car parked later the same day on the

1400 block of N. Maplewood. Officers put the vehicle under surveillance and moved in when Gamaliel Cabrera, 18, walked up to the vehicle and got in around 1:45 p.m., according to court records.

Cabrera, who lives near where the vehicle was parked, ran from the SUV, but his escape was thwarted when his pant leg was snared by a spike on top of a wrought iron fence, police said. The Buick's keys were allegedly in his pants pocket.

Prosecutors charged Cabrera with one Class X felony count of armed vehicular hijacking with a firearm. Judge Mary Marubio ordered him held without bail.

Shooting near Ravenswood playground leaves neighbors rattled

Neighbors are on edge in Ravenswood after a man was shot in a drive-by shooting that had the River Park playground and field house in the line of fire.

The 33-year-old victim was sitting in the driver's seat of a car near the playground when a white vehicle circled the block two times and opened fire around 2:45 p.m. according to Chicago police.

The victim walked to nearby Swedish Covenant Hospital with a gunshot wound to his abdomen. His condition was stabilized, police said.

"Shots were fired directly toward the slides in the park," a neighbor said Tuesday. "My kids play at this park almost every day, and it's infuriating. It's the second shooting we've been around in that park since we moved here 11 months ago."

Adding to neighbors' frustration is word that the nearby police pod camera was either pointed in the wrong direction or was completely non-functioning at the time of the shooting.

Court records show the shooting victim is a gang member with a felony record.

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Todd Howe

Judge released accused cop killer from home monitoring, curfew 2 weeks before off-duty officer slain

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

On March 8, Menelik Jackson, 24, was standing in front of Cook County Judge Joseph Claps to address a violation of probation motion that prosecutors had filed against the South Sider.

After pleading guilty to attempted burglary in August, 2018, Jackson was ordered to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet and to observe a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew for six months. But, prosecutors say Jackson violated those terms by allowing his monitoring system's batteries to drain out last month.

Jackson had nothing to worry about. Judge Claps would be treating him with the same kid gloves that Jackson had grown accustomed to enjoying in the Cook County justice system. Rather than punish Jackson for violating the terms of probation—rather than extending the monitoring and curfew period or sending Jackson to jail or prison—Claps ordered the curfew and monitoring to be terminated immediately. There would be no punishment for Jackson's failure to live up to his probation terms.

Two weeks later, off of electronic monitoring and on the streets well past his former curfew time, Jackson would violate his probation again by obtaining a handgun. And he'd use the gun to shoot and kill an off-duty Chicago cop in River North and gravely wound that officer's friend, according to prosecutors.

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by judges and prosecutors who've meted out Cook County's unique blend of "justice" to Jackson.

On March 16, 2017, Jackson's live-in girlfriend showed police officers bruises on her face and neck. Jackson had grabbed her by

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the throat and punched her in the head, she said. She took officers to a bedroom where the couple's 16-day-old child was sleeping. Jackson had placed a loaded 9-millimeter handgun on the bed directly next to the child with the barrel pointing at the unattended newborn.

Prosecutors charged him with domestic battery and causing a child to be endangered. A protective order was issued, barring Jackson from contacting the victims and from possessing any firearms.

Less than four months later, on July 3, 2017, the bad situation turned worse.

Armed with a handgun that he was prohibited from having, Jackson broke into his ex-girlfriend's home where he had been ordered not to go. He brandished the gun and threatened to kill both the woman and the couple's now-four-month-old child, in blatant violation of the court's no-contact

order.

Afterward, the woman called police and told them where they could find Jackson: He had an appointment that morning for pre-hiring screening at the Chicago Police Academy. Officers arrested him there in possession of a loaded handgun.

Jackson was charged with one of the state's most serious crimes, Class X felony home invasion while armed with a firearm. Other felony charges filed included residential burglary, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in a vehicle, and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in violation of a protective order.

His bail was set at \$50,000.

Unable to raise a \$5,000 deposit bond, Jackson sat in jail until Aug. 30, 2018, when he reached a plea agreement with prosecutors.

According to the deal, he would plead guilty to all charges in the first incident. In the second incident, prosecutors would throw out the home invasion and all weapons charges, then the state would reduce the remaining burglary count to "attempted burglary," and Jackson would plead guilty in exchange for probation.

The state presented the deal in court, and Judge Ursula Walowski approved.

Walowski sentenced Jackson to 30 months of "intensive probation," fined him \$500, ordered him to submit a DNA sample, and issued a protective order that barred him from having a gun and from contacting his victims. Again. She ordered Jackson to perform 30 hours of community

service and wrote that he "shall be on GPS monitor and curfew from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for [the] first six months." Two of Jackson's guns in the police department's possession were ordered destroyed.

Despite being handed the great gift of serving no prison time and enjoying the leniency of a prosecutor who dropped a cakewalk armed home invasion case in favor of a single, reduced charge of "attempted" burglary, Jackson still wouldn't play by the rules.

On Feb. 21, prosecutors learned that Jackson had allowed his GPS monitor batteries to run dead. A violation of probation motion



Comic and Novella covers needed to grab a customer's attention in a quick second at a checkout counter.

Mexican Pulp Illustration show opens

Romance, sensational violence, surreal crime, science fiction, horror all irony free is coming to Firecat Projects, 2124 N. Damen Ave. now through April 19.

This is the feel and subject matter of a small but magnetic niche genre, Mexican Pulp Illustration. Comic and Novella covers needed to grab a customer's attention in a quick second at a checkout counter. Easily done with the use of garish color, over the top sexuality, and suggested violence, one would be compelled to buy these myriad serial stories of mystery,

suspense, and more...once hooked you'd hopefully buy every week.

Writers and illustrators were constantly grinding out "stories" on a deadline schedule and this tradition continues to this day... these little comic books can still be purchased at Mexican grocery stores and bodegas, all across the Americas. The works in the exhibition are from the early 1970's, executed with gouache on illustration board and are what we perceive were the glory days of these unknown and underrated artists.

was filed.

Then, on March 8, Jackson again enjoyed the kind hand of Cook County "justice" as Judge Claps decided not to penalize him for breaking probation promises. Jackson's electronic monitor was removed. His curfew was terminated.

Two weeks later, Jackson and an as-yet-unnamed companion were at the Rock & Roll McDonald's in River North at 2:30 a.m. on March 23rd. Somehow, Jackson and his friend got into a dispute with a busload of about 10 Hispanic par-

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whole over the delay in delivering our ballots."

Pastin said she's since talked to Josephine Cole, manager of the Rogers Park Post Office, 1723 W. Devon. Cole told Pastin she herself stayed up late to help process the mail-in ballots, but wondered if the ballots Pastin is concerned about had ever come to her post office or were taken directly by dispatch to the main postal station at 434 W. Harrison on Monday evening, Feb. 25, the night before the deadline day.

But this time it's not a routine complaint about mail delivery.

Now it's a federal law enforcement matter, said Leslie Combs, district director for 9th Dist. Cong. Jan Schakowsky's office. "We were horrified when we first heard about this.

"We've been in contact with (the central postmaster) and I've sent word in the strongest terms that this is totally unacceptable," Combs added. "Frankly maybe the Pastins would have been better off bringing their ballots directly to the post office" instead of relying on mail delivery, Combs told this reporter.

Indeed the U.S. Postal service did jump into action, delivering delayed mail and packages that for a long while seemed to move

very slowly. Postal clerks openly told postal customers that they are short staffed and that due to financial difficulties the U.S. Postal Service was not filling their open positions. Those who went to their local post office to conduct business frequently were forced to wait in long lines as one or two clerks worked the front counter.

For now, mail service has improved and the U.S. Postal Service is actually conducting follow up surveys and calling local residents and businesses to see if they've noticed improvement.

But this isn't going away until Schakowsky's office gets some answers, Combs promised.

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greed and corruption. She calls it as she sees it. Or as native peoples once called it CHEE-Kaw-goo. Pottawatomie for "Hold your nose."

PARTY BLOTTER: Chicago Police were called to a residence in the 4500 block of N. Damen Ave. around 10.30 p.m. March 23. Police reported that some city officials and **Gov. J.B.Pritzker** were in attendance at a loud and rowdy party. But since all the racket took place before 11 p.m., no citations were issued. Good Grief. BUT WAIT... it was former Daley Chief of Staff **Ron Hubberman** and **Darren De-Jong's** wedding. Wasn't Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** there as well?

GALLOPING QUEENS: Yes, that was singer **Catherine O'Connell** leading other former St. Patrick's Day Parade Queens in their sashes and tutus in the Chase Shamrock Shuffle's annual run.

GREAT LADIES: It was a great memorial to an incredible member of the Chicago Theatre community in the Year of Chicago Theatre and International Women's Day. Porchlight Theater launched the **Rachel Rockwell** Memorial Fund supporting fierce women behind the table at Porchlight Music Theatre. The 2019 honorees of the Fund are **Denise Karczewski**, **Shanna Vanderwerker** and **Christie Chiles Twillie**, who were all feted at Gibson's Steakhouse. Bravo ladies!

NEW HIGH-RISE: Plans are underway for developing a new 39 story, 470 unit residential high-rise, on the site of Chicago's last Barnes & Noble on N. State St. and Elm. An April 10 community meeting with Newcastle Ltd. and Ald. **Brian Hopkins** is scheduled for 6 p.m., at the Viceroy Hotel.

SPORTING NEWS: **Dan Balanoff** and **Ty Rhoads** catching the Hoosiers v. Buckeyes Big Ten Tournament game... Lovely dinner, fantastic view, and divine company with **Rosemary Fanti**, husband **Richard Koranda**, and **Dayle D Ann Edgeworth** at Cite



(L to R) Porchlight Board Member Brenda Didier, with honorees, Denise Karczewski, ChristieChiles Twillie, Rachel Rockwell's parents, Gary Heyde and Glory Kissel and honoree, Shanna VanDerwerker.



Faheem Majeed, Richard Howard Hunt and Norman Teague.



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Dan Balanoff and Ty Rhoads.



Richard Koranda, Dayle D Ann Edgeworth and Rosemary Fanti.



Denise Tomasello



Bill Zwecker and Barb Steinhauser.



John Mulaney and John T. O'Brien.

Chicago... **Eamonn Cummins** with 1979 DePaul NCAA Final Four hero **Mark Aguirre**... **Chris** and **Lindy Fleming McGuire** soar high at a Blackhawks game up above the ice. Banker **Victoria dal Santo** and husband, attorney **John Dombrowski**, in big snow country, Steamboat Springs, CO.

THIS ONE'S FOR DAD: The Gainer Girls, **Bridget, Nora, Maureen, Sheila** and **Mary** all marched in tribute to their late dad, **Bill Gainer**, who helped organize the South Side Irish parade decades ago.

FOOD HALL: Another food hall coming to the Loop this Fall, same folk as those opening one in the Willis Tower.

MISERICORDIA APRES PARADE: The after the St. Pat-

rick's Day Parade bash for Misericordia at the Union Hall was a huge success. **Gov. Pritzker** and Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** brought a twinkle to **Sister Rosemary Connolly's** baby blues. The eats were fab. The entertainment, first rate. And the friendly line of Chicago celebs impish and sincere.

HA-HA-HA: Chicago actor/comedian **John T. O'Brien** was in New York recently on the stage of Saturday Night Live which was hosted by his best pal Chicago actor/comedian **John Mulaney**.

SORORITY SISTERS: **Laurie Baker Lawlor**, with **Linda Snyder, Helen Tunney, Christy Callahan Pfeizer, Kim Strachan Hennes** in Naples, FL hosting a sorority weekend filled with great stories of the past and lots of love and laughter.

COMPLEANOS: **Sean Es-haghy** celebrating his joint birthday with **Dennis John Healy** and a cast of characters at Butch McGuire's.

WHO'S WHERE? Birthday boy **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** with **Marius Morkvenas** in Paris on their way to cocktails at the Ritz besieged in the Place de Republique by rioting in the streets... **Darby Hills** enjoying a birthday tea at the Langham Hotel with **Sherry Lea Fox, Mary Lasky, Avani Dhaval, Serene Alkoury Herbert, Renata Sanfilippo**... St. Patrick's bash in Palm Springs, **Nancy de Luna, Nancy Kelley, Mamie Walton**, and hostess **Bonnie Baker**... Spring break's over so it's back to school blues for **Jad Farra** and **Leah Farra** noshing with mom, **Kristine Farra**... Chicago actor/comedian **Tom Lennon** has a best seller on his hands with his "Roman Boyle, Bridge of Riddles," book signing in Los Angeles to great acclaim... Bond girl **Di-ane O'Connell**, PR maven **Dori**

Wilson and attorney **Brendan O'Connor** toasting the Irish at Hugo's Frog Bar on Rush... **Jolanta Ruge** with **Gloria Dattulo Hafer** at the Glitz and Glamor fashion show at The Peninsula Chicago... **Robin Malpass** at the Frick Museum in Pittsburgh with Smart Cities Guru, **Anil Ahuja**... Chicago's best dad, **Thad Wong**, having an early French breakfast with his best buddy, son, **Palmer Wong**, at Maison Marcel... **Ken Norgan** toasting Spring along the sunny shores of Lake Michigan... **Nikki Friar** spotted eating dinner at Volare Restaurant... **Rhonda J. Pennington Liesenfelt** was twirling in her finest frock and looked dynamite... Christie's **Steven Zick** in La Quinta, CA, Palm Springing it... **Bobbi Panter** and hubby, attorney **Matthew Arnoux**, dining in NYC and seeing "Kiss Me, Kate"... **Faheem Majeed**, sculptor **Richard Howard Hunt** and **Norman Teague** at Soho House Chicago... **Bobbi Panter** with **Matthew Arnoux, Sebastian Steve Albergo** and **Larry Meacham** at "Network" at the Belasco Theater in NYC... ace newsie **Lilia Chacon** down in Casa Santa Domingo, Guatemala, visiting her papa, **Rafael Chacon** and family... artist **Susie Forstmann Kealy** with her brushes in charming Charleston, SC... **Eamonn Cummins** beating the Shannon Rovers' big base drum at the Shamrock Shuffle... artist **Rosemary Fanti, Adrienne Rafacz Byrne** and **Kelly Kure** noshing at happy hour at P.F. Chang's... **Michael Fustin** is with **Paul Hickey** in Rancho Mirage, CA with **Bruce Hall** and **Jeff Tade** at their home for dinner. And let's not forget **Reba!**... **Bill Zwecker** and **Barb Steinhauser** had a wonderful night at the Lyric Opera... **Myra Reilly** and **Simona Garcia** raising money for

philanthropic causes with the Service Club Aux board for bingo at **Happy Camper**... **Reute Butler** on Worth Ave. in Palm Beach.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN: The Queen of Chicago Cabaret, **Denise Tomasello**, has done it again, only this time her magic conjured up the golden past of Chicago's brightest era of entertainment. The ghosts of a thousand gilded spirits ringed the room at Gibson's steakhouse that was Mister Kelly's for the night. The spirits of **Ella Fitzgerald, Barbra Streisand** and **Tony Bennett** came alive. For a moment, we were all back in a comfortable place and knew everything was gonna be all right.

DESERT DELIGHTS: Chicago girls dining at Mama Gina Restaurant in Palm Springs, **Gale Fisher, Linda Robin, Diana Yablans, Patti Stone, Phyllis Eisenberg, Cookie Stagman** and **Susan Good**.

FAIR WARNING: **Sophia du Brul** called our attention to a favorite Rogers Park restaurant closing for good soon. Gulliver's, at 2727 W. Howard since 1965, says the longtime owner wants to retire and Ms. du Brul has been contracted to sell the antiques in the interior and patio. Very exciting for the young antique dealer.

EYE ON IRENE: Bravo to our pal **Irene Michaels** whose website/blog "I on Chicago" is skyrocketing with success in the beauty department.

TIERRA DEL FUEGO BOUND: **Brian Relph** is still at it and phoned me from La Paz, Bolivia, where he was besieged by llamas in the mountains.

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Ryan Wynne

Woman sexually assaulted by limo driver, suspect wanted

A woman reported being sexually assaulted by a limousine driver near the Rush and Division nightlife district early Sunday morning, police said. The woman said she was walking in the 1200 block of N. State St. around 4:30 a.m. when the driver offered her a ride. She accepted the offer and entered the man's black stretch limousine. At that point, the offender asked for payment and sexually assaulted her in the vehicle, she said. Police said the offender is a white man with a light complexion who is in his 30's. He's slim, 5'-9" tall, and has short- to medium-length dark wavy hair. Anyone with information about the case may contact Area Central investigators at 312-747-8380 about case JC-206183.

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Real Estate For Sale

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

-v- MICHAEL VASILOU AKA MICHAEL G. VASILOU, LAUREL FUJISAWA AKA LAUREL S. FUJISAWA, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendants

16 CH 00779
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Real Estate For Sale

at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 440 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, UNIT 1903, CHICAGO, IL 60611

Property Index No. 17-10-127-019-1332 (new); 17-10-127-014-0000 (old).

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$184,864.22.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, contact the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, (630) 453-8960 For bidding instructions, visit www.

18 CH 6531
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC TRUST 2004-HE9; MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-HE9; Plaintiff,

-v- JAY JERNSTROM; CYNDA JERNSTROM; THE WRIGHTWOOD BURLING PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; PARK'S PLUMBING & SEWER, INC.; AAMES FUNDING CORPORATION DBA AAMES HOME LOAN UNKNOWN TENANTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants;

18 CH 8906
Calendar 60
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 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.J.N. 14-28-302-053-1031.
Commonly known as 2608 NORTH BURLING, UNIT #3, CHICAGO, IL 60614.

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

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60616.

18 CH 8906
Calendar 60
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 13, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 440 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, UNIT 1903, CHICAGO, IL 60611

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

refer to file number 14-15-05012.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-15-05012
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 15 CH 005247
TJSC#: 39-904
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ASSOCIATED BANK NA Plaintiff,
-v-
KONRAD S. LANDAUER, CITY OF CHICAGO, INGBERG REISENER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS

Real Estate For Sale

Defendants
17 CH 004347
1740 W. SCHOOL STREET CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 18, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 23, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1740 W. SCHOOL STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-19-423-028-0000.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale with-

out 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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Real Estate For Sale

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-17-03746.
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Attorney File No. 14-17-03746
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 17 CH 004347
TJSC#: 39-1610
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Real Estate For Sale

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY NA AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-RS3; Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LINDA AKACHUKWU; SHIRLEY DELAFONT; FRANCISAKACHUKWU, SR.; WILLIAM BUTCHER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LINDA AKACHUKWU; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
18 CH 2704
Calendar 62
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, May 15, 2019 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. 11-32-302-026-0000.
Commonly known as 6742 North Newgard Avenue, Unit D, Chicago, IL 60626.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W18-0267 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division.
Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
Donald J. Dudovick aka Donald Dudovick; Sonya Baysinger aka Sonya Bassinger; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants,
Case #2017CH2144
Sheriff's # 190063
F170200008 SLS
Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on May 16th, 2019, at 1pm in room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: Common Address: 2741 W. Jerome Street, Chicago, Illinois 60645
P.I.N. 10-25-403-009-0000
Improvements: This property consist of a Single Family Home.
Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale.
Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments.
Premise will NOT be open for inspection.
Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney
ANSELMO, LINDBERG OLIVER LLC
1771 W. DIEHL, Ste 120
Naperville, IL 60563
Sales Department
foreclosures@fal-illinois.com
866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620
For bidding instructions, visit www.fal-illinois.com
This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

2017 CH 2144
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (FANNIE MAE), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,
-v-
CYNTHIA M. GRACE, JARVIS AND HOYNE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
18 CH 7408
2048 WEST JARVIS AVENUE, UNIT 3 Chicago, IL 60645

2017 CH 2144
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST XI-B Plaintiff,
-v-
ZARAK KHAN, AYESHA KAHN, BYLINE BANK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO ARCHER BANK, YERU BABITHA, ABDUL AZIZ MOHAMMED, DEVON BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
Defendants
17 CH 8430
3133 WEST JARVIS AVENUE 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 February 8, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 9, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3133 WEST JARVIS AVENUE, UNIT 3, Chicago, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-25-317-024-0000.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$559,593.80.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.
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Attorney File No. 18-5947
Attorney Code. 40342
Case Number: 18 CH 7408
TJSC#: 39-1869
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BNC3 Plaintiff,
-v-
RAVEN RAMCLAM, INEZ RAMCLAM, 7306 N. WINCHESTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, FRANCISCO ESCOBAR, IRMA ESCOBAR, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EDWARD RAMCLAM A/K/A EDWARD A. RAMCLAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EDWARD RAMCLAM A/K/A EDWARD

RAMCLAM (DECEASED)
Defendants
2018 CH 09295
7320 N ROGERS AVE #514 CHICAGO, IL 60626
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7320 N ROGERS AVE #514, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-30-408-076-1062.
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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-18-08018.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NCJJ FUND #5 TRUST, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE Plaintiff,
-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTORUM, TERESITA M. DIFUNTORUM, TRICIA GARCIA, AS HEIR OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTORUM, THE WINSTON TOWERS NO. 2 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, WALTER DIFUNTORUM, AS HEIR OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTORUM, WESLEY DIFUNTORUM, AS

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HEIR OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTORUM, WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTORUM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 7041
6833 N KEDZIE AVENUE
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 25, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 29, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6833 N KEDZIE AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-36-120-003-1212 Vol. 503.
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$96,875.72.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.
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Attorney Code. 40342
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TJSC#: 39-754
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tiers. Police were called. The situation was resolved. But Jackson wasn't done, prosecutors say. He left the McDonald's and got another handgun that he was not allowed to have. Then, Jackson and the man who is still being sought by police began looking for the group of Hispanic partiers, according to allegations. Jackson and the other offender bumped into frequently-arrested local vagrant Jovan Battle and asked if he had seen the Hispanic group. Battle—who some police sources say was paid \$5 by Jackson for his guidance—gestured with a bottle toward Officer John P. Rivera's car where the off-duty cop, his girlfriend, another off-duty officer, and a male friend had settled in for their drive home. Jackson walked up to the driver's side of Rivera's car and began firing without saying a word. Rivera and his group had not been at the Rock & Roll McDonald's. They had never encountered Jackson or his friend before. Instead, they had merely walked out of nearby Stout Barrel House and prepared to return home. CPD Supt. Eddie Johnson said Rivera was killed because he was "the first Hispanic man" Jackson saw after returning to River North....With that gun that he promised the court he wouldn't have.

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cops a list of additional information that they wanted before the state would move to prosecute the homicide.

For weeks, as Tungekar tried tirelessly to advocate for his fallen father, Foxx's office repeatedly refused to press charges against the 30-year-old Chinese national who was seen committing the murder.

As recently as Dec. 20, Foxx said her office was looking for "context" for the video that plainly showed the younger driver emerge from his Uber, kick Anis Tungekar in the head, and then return to his vehicle. Anis Tungekar fell to the ground, struck his head on the pavement, and remained

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lying in the street. He died two days later at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

While Foxx's office erected hurdle after hurdle in front of police investigators, Anis Tungekar's killer fled to his native China where he sits safely shielded from extradition.

"I knew [a warrant would be issued] if the case were presented to a judge or the grand jury," the younger Tungekar said. Prosecutors "nearly derailed the investigation by demanding CPD find a way to bring the fugitive back into custody without a warrant before felony review would consider charges."

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judge finally approved an arrest warrant for Tungekar's killer. Of course, the paper is worthless as long as the man remains protected in China.

In the first nine months of last year, Foxx's office refused to prosecute 34% of homicide cases that were presented to it by police. That's the highest percentage of declined murder cases in eight years of publicly-available data. Under Foxx's predecessor, the prosecutor's office handled nearly twice as many homicide cases and had a decline rate of just 17% in 2014. The average annual decline rate for homicides since 2011 is 25.6%.

"Anyone who's watched how crime is prosecuted under Foxx's administration knows there's a pattern of Kim Foxx ignoring the law to pursue a political agenda that bends criminal justice away from victims while holding herself unaccountable to victims," Omar Tungekar said Friday. "We saw it with shoplifting, we see it with refusing to prosecute homicides, and we saw it with Smollett."

"Considering her recent conduct we fear she could still undermine justice as she did in the Smollett case if we ever did get the suspect back in Chicago," he said. "It's very important to us that people know this is happening. Not just for us, but also the many families who lost a loved one to a homicide Kim Foxx declined to prosecute."

On Friday, Omar Tungekar filed suit against Foxx's office for failure to fulfill his family's Freedom of Information Act requests about his father's case. In the lawsuit, the family alleges that Foxx's conduct in their case is "consistent with a pattern of failing to prosecute crimes and preventing public scrutiny of the office's conduct."



Louis Banks (L) and Brian Rodgers are charged with auto burglary on Clark St.

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Clark St. while hardly any similar cases have been reported just a few yards east on Stockton Dr.

The thieves almost always work the east side of Clark St., on the edge of the neighborhood's namesake park where foot traffic is low. Break-ins are so common, you can see piles of broken auto glass on the sidewalk via Google Streetview images.

Two weeks ago, something especially unusual happened: Someone saw an auto break-in happening on Clark St. and police arrived in time to arrest the alleged offenders.

Just before 3 p.m. March 19, a contractor

saw Brian Rodgers, 45, and Louis Banks, 52, break into a co-worker's van in the 1700 block of N. Clark, police said. Police arrested the two men minutes later near Clark and LaSalle Dr.

Each man is charged with felony burglary and felony possession of burglary tools.

Rodgers, a three-time convicted burglar, was released early from prison on Nov. 26, 2018, after serving half of a seven-year sentence for burglary, according to state records. His previous prison sentences include three years for possessing a stolen motor vehicle in 2010; 36 months for burglary in 2007; one year for narcotics in 2006; and 44 months for burglary in 2006.

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timony "rambled from a parcel of land in Gary, IN, to Lending Tree, to a failed loan from the son of a partner, to everything under the sun."

Despite being able to cross examine Laytin in court, Litowitz said his clients still do not have any concrete answers.

Litowitz said Laytin repeatedly said the missing \$50 million is not in any bank account but vaguely said that it is tied up in "the project."

"He basically said he knows nothing even though he is the manager of the company. Now, the judge has to decide how to punish Laytin and his fellow investors at Symmetry for promising something they could not deliver," Litowitz said.

In 2017, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] had rejected plans for a 42-story tower on the site but Symmetry still filed for a demolition permit in 2018 to demolish the Superior St. row houses.

During his court appearance, Laytin said he had been unaware of the status of the demolition permit and did not know the properties are part of a proposed landmark district.

The Chinese investors had invested their money in order to secure American visas through a federal program known as the EB-5 visa immigrant investor program. In order to qualify for the program, each investor must contribute at least \$550,000 in an American project.

Citing traffic concerns associated with

adding a tower structure to the community as well as neighborhood opposition, the project had not been allowed to proceed in April 2017.

The problems of Symmetry Development are not limited to Chicago. The company has also been involved in a time-share development project on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. According to a March 31 article in the Garden Island newspaper, the developers of the project recently defaulted on a \$10 million loan and are now also being sued for \$75,000 in unpaid fees by the public relations firm they had hired.

Laytin built an international reputation as one of the nation's savviest intellectual property and trademark attorneys. In fact, he was widely-recognized in a positive way for his pro bono work representing New York City's First Responders in their quest to eliminate counterfeit products after 9/11.

The three Superior St. row houses date from a time period in which the area was known as McCormickville due to numerous area homes once owned by members of the McCormick family.

The McCormick brothers had founded the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co. and became enormously wealthy. At one time, their company was the largest manufacturer of farm equipment in the world. In 1902, their company merged with the Deering Harvester Corp. and was renamed International Harvester. Today, as Navistar, the company manufactures commercial trucks and buses.

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