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## Speed enforcement cameras up at Near North Montessori School

Responding to requests from residents and a local alderman that were sparked by concerns about speeding vehicles near Near North Montessori School, 1434 W. Division St., the Chicago Dept. of Transportation (CDOT) has installed new Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras on the 1400 block of W. Division St.

“Automated speed enforcement is a proven deterrent to speeding, and one of the most effective tools in our toolbox for reducing speeding,” said CDOT Cmsr. Rebekah Scheinfeld. “These additional speed cameras will make the community safer.”

Speeding is one of the five primary causes of traffic fatalities,

along with failure to yield the right of way, distracted driving, driving under the influence, and disobeying traffic signs and signals.

“Residents of the 2nd Ward join me in celebrating the news that CDOT will be activating speed cameras in five child Safety Zones across the City, including Division Street between the Kennedy expressway and Milwaukee Ave.,” said Ald. Brian Hopkins (2nd). “With five schools in the immediate area, the new cameras and Safety Zone will enhance safety for nearby residents, students, staff and commuters. These new safety resources are a wel-

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## Community meeting July 17 for proposed new firehouse on Dearborn

The River North Residents Assoc. and 42nd Ward Office are co-hosting a community meeting 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, for an informational presentation regarding a new firehouse development proposal for 45-75 W. Illinois St., 430-450 N. Dearborn St., 46-76 W. Hubbard St., and 431-451 N. Clark St.

The Applicant has submitted a proposal to construct a new firehouse for City of Chicago Engine Co. 42 with the subsequent demolition of the existing firehouse and the construction of a new commercial building at the south-

west corner of N. Dearborn and W. Illinois streets.

Developers representatives from the EC 42 Developer LLC development team will present their plans and answer any questions residents may have about this proposal. The meeting will be held at the Albert Theatre, inside Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St. Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] is supposed to be present at this meeting to monitor the discussion and record feedback. This project has not received the alderman’s support.

## Water, water everywhere ... and not a drop to drink?

Some 25% of public fountains serve up too much lead

BY JIM VAIL

Chicago has a problem with its water, but does the city want to fix it?

The Chicago Park District [CPD] may shut down half of its outdoor water fountains because of lead poisoning, while something similar could happen in the Chicago public schools after more than a 100 fountains located in schools have been tested for too much lead.

The water crisis in Flint, MI, exposed the government’s complicity in not investing enough to offset the exposure of lead in the city’s old pipes. Lead pipes were banned in Chicago in 1986.

The city didn’t start testing the water in CPD and lake shore fountains for lead until 2016 when a reporter from WBEZ asked about it. According to the report, the CPD tested about 1,200 outdoor drinking fountains and found one out of every four tested for lead that violated the US Environmental Protection Agency’s limit of 15 parts per billion.

Affected fountains have been located in parks throughout the city as well as on the lakefront path at W. Beuna Ave. and N. Ha-



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zel St., Berwyn Ave. and Sheridan Rd., and in fountains near Montrose Beach and by the elephant house in Lincoln Park Zoo.

Today you may see, during a walk in the parks, drinking fountains running continuously. The city started running water nonstop in April in order to flush out the lead sediment in the pipes. The city’s water commissioner says it is best if the water flows continuously through the pipes.

“Some of the city’s drinking

fountains are left running, which should flush out any lead that is lingering in the pipes,” said Greg Borzo, the author of Chicago’s Fabulous Fountains. “Therefore, there should be no need to shut them down and remove them.”

However, that is exactly the concern of some civic watchdogs who fear that this may be an excuse to shut down public water fountains and sell more bottled

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## Insurrection on the Anita Dee

Man held without bail after fighting with crew, passengers on lake cruise

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

An evening excursion on Lake Michigan took an unexpectedly wild turn as the Anita Dee charter yacht made its way back to port near Navy Pier, according to Chicago police.

Witnesses and victims told police the boat was approaching its dock east of Lake Shore Dr. on June 25 at around 9:05 p.m., when Demetrius Blackwell, 28, got into a dispute with other passengers.

A security guard tried to defuse the situation, but Blackwell pushed the 56-year-old man down a staircase, according to a police



The Anita Dee.

report.

The Anita Dee’s first mate and another employee then escorted Blackwell from the yacht. That’s when he allegedly “became ex-

tremely irate” and began fighting with passengers who were waiting to board the ship. Blackwell put the first mate in a chokehold and spit in his face, prosecu-

tors said.

A 25-year-old passenger from Lincoln Park tried to intervene but Blackwell punched him in the face.

Police arrived as Blackwell was walking away. A foot pursuit broke out, going south on Lake Shore Dr. When police caught up with him near Maggie Daley Park, Blackwell flailed his arms and pushed officers, who did an “emergency takedown” of Black-



Demetrius Blackwell

well and placed him in a patrol car.

Blackwell repeatedly kicked the rear passenger door, damaging the patrol car, according to police, so they took him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for evaluation. While he was

being transferred from the squad car to an ambulance, Blackwell spit in an officer’s face, prosecutors said, and police performed another emergency takedown.

After Blackwell was evaluated, he was taken to the 1st District police station in the South Loop, where, prosecutors say, he “slipped out of his handcuffs” and bit a police officer. The officer then punched Blackwell.

Prosecutors charged Blackwell with two counts of felony aggravated battery of police, three counts of misdemeanor battery, three counts of resisting police, and one count of criminal damage. Circuit Judge Stephanie Miller ordered him held without bail.



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# Brush up on your geography and see the world



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Where are you? Do you know how you got to this spot that you're in and do you know how to get to where you are going?

Are you any good at geography? Can you think on your feet and travel at the same time? How much instruction do you need and are you able to follow directions? Or are you one of those people who are always lost?

Geography is the science through which we understand the physical features of the earth. The proportions and scale of the earth. Geography permits us the opportunity to know more closely the piece of earth on which we stand, live, love and settle.

Earth is not merely one continuous stretch of terrain, it is complex, multi-leveled and complimentary, challenged as it is by many layers of awareness and understanding.

Of what is the earth made? Is all of its surface habitable? What is the shape of our world? Can it be measured? Can our knowledge of the earth deepen our ability to survive and increase our quality of life?

Such questions are impactful and significant. They have largely been questions asked in just the past three centuries, as reason and

intelligence were often running hand in hand with the development of science.

Learning to ask the right questions and the ability to verify the truthfulness of what was discovered contributed greatly to clarify our awareness of where we are. We've come a long way from our perception that the earth is a flat pie plate, not a round sphere. With the sun revolving around us, not our planet revolving around the sun.

Confounding the long held beliefs of kings, potentates and popes, gravity was a difficult reality to argue with once it was understood. It took a long time to swallow.

Geography is observable to all around you. It's the landscape, the people and the environment. You don't need a graduate degree to get it. The lay of the land speaks with power and distinction.

In Chicago we live on the flat of the Illinois Prairie. We know it's flat. Nothing obscures our wide, long, panoramic view of the nation. But we share America with those who live in the snow capped mountains of the Rockies and the rolling hill country of Appalachia, and the tide waters of the mid-Atlantic.

The Southwest deserts are arid with bone dry terrain, cactus-filled and crusty. While the dense Florida air, muggy and wet, is sand-filled and hot, at the same time snow falls early on the Cascades and the mountains of the northwest. The soil of America is a tableau of prehistorical land shifts and glacial movements. Nature carved the landscape here with drama and poignant reminders

of the past, our own Lake Michigan chief among them. We live on where it has settled for the moment.

Geography was always a favorite subject of mine in elementary school. It offered more appealing material than arithmetic and spelling. Geography as a subject was well-designed and flattering to our planet with the exotic travelogue spirit of its beauty.



As a child I was captivated by the romance of the world's beauty, mystified by the "Benelux countries" (Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg), as one chapter in third grade explained. I was ripe for travel to Brussels, Amsterdam and quaint Luxembourg City. I got dizzy whenever more scientific perspectives were presented, being more partial to the charm of local hotels and alpine inns, and the fantastic foods that were shown.

Whenever we had a free moment and Sister Francis Cabrini, O.P. told us to just read a book, I headed straight for my geography book.

This provided me the opportunity to find more out-of-the-way places and little known lands. I knew their capitols, their chief exports, their customs and who were their neighbors. I wasn't just rigged for travel, but for exploring and adventure. Armed with

my trusty blue blazer, I was ready to look beyond my neighborhood, city and school. I had big plans to see the world, like a character from David Copperfield, encouraged to see all the mysteries of creation. As an American, I could travel freely with the blessing and assistance of Mr. John Foster Dulles, the U.S Secretary of State. Just not to Russia and the other Commie lands.

It is delightful to look at the world through the lenses of grade school geography. I don't care for the travel guide version of new places like the New York Times "48 hours in Budapest." Or short-handed ways of experiencing another culture, like a cruise on the Rhine with 40 people from Mt. Prospect. I still cherish the feeling that comes when you prepare for the journey. When you have expended time to unpack the history, language, customs and culture of a place for yourself, when you have familiarized yourself with local bookstores, groceries, operas, restaurants, newspapers, ballets, art museums and battlefields, you are embracing the poetic experience of others.

No American writes better about Paris than Ernest Hemingway. You can feel the city rise in the minutiae of detail from his experiences. Cafe after cafe. Same way with Gertrude Stein. They knew everyone in Paris and their ability to move through that society enabled and emboldened them for clear and clever observations. Englishman Evelyn Waugh went to Ethiopia in 1930 as a journalist to cover the coronation of the Emperor Haile Selassie. Five years later he returned to cover the Italian War against that nation. His recounting of experiences is an essential expression of survival. Both books are musts to read.

Grade school geography is still on my mind as I peruse the climate of international fatigue and anger, presently so prevalent. The rancor of America's politics, the collapse of intelligent reasoning

in left wing wisdom, the impoverished humanism in right wing bitterness seizes the minds of Americans.

It seems like a good time to brush up on our geography. Time to look at the essential construct of our planet.

Our city remains the murder capital of America. Little honest resolve is at hand. Chicago's politics are troubled and the city, county and state are all broke. Chicagoans are deceived by cheesy maneuvers and stunts. And self-serving, old fashioned, dead-end, flat-tired approaches. We should be exploring and supporting term limits. Only that can remove the long history of geographical boondoggle that has become synonymous with Chicago's style.

So I will return to looking at the pictures of far away places, relishing the geography of our planet. Filled with promise, courage, compromise and a longing for friendly peace. Measuring and remeasuring the earth. Where we must find room for all. And bread for all. And justice for all. Mindful of all the geniuses who once were sure the earth was as flat as stale beer.

**GOOD COMPANY:** Chicago Blues man **Buddy Guy** has a new album, "The Blues is Alive and Well," which features sets with **Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Jeff Beck and James Bay.**

**MADAM VEIL:** As a girl, she survived the horrors of the Shoah, the Holocaust, the years at Ber-

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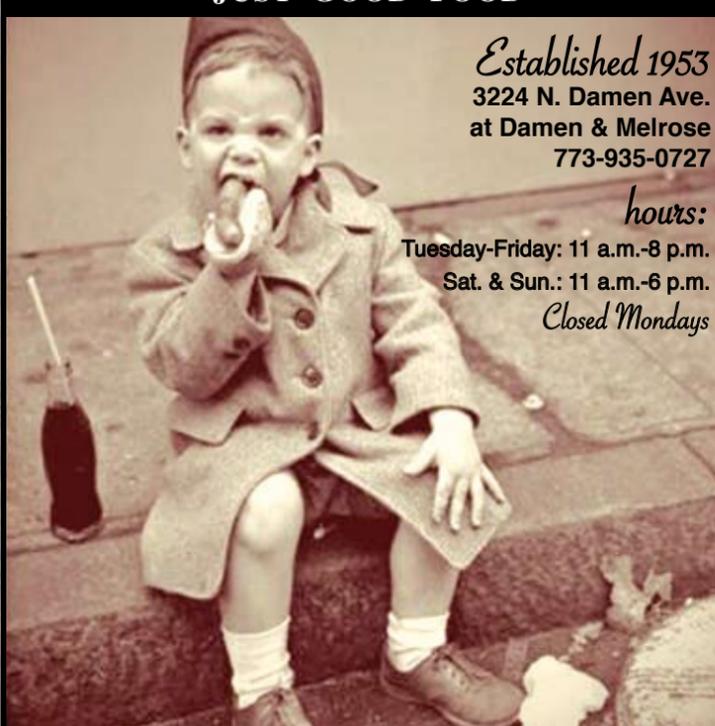
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# Antique lovers, read this book



## Heart of the 'Hood

By Felicia Dechter

As we all know, our belongings often become part of and reflect who we are, especially when they're antiques or family heirlooms. That's why I really enjoyed reading all the lovable stories in a new book by veteran antiques dealer Duane Cerny -- co-owner of the Broadway Antique Market, 6130 N. Broadway.

Cerny has written a great little memoir detailing dozens of unforgettable hunts for treasures in the recently-released, "Selling Dead People's Things: Inexplicably True Tales, Vintage Fails & Objects of Objectionable Estates." With humor and honesty, Cerny tells stories from the last three decades, including how he got started, processing the estate of a hoarding beekeeper, disassembling the retro remains of an infamous haunted hospital, and conducting an impromptu appraisal during a Shiva gone wrong. He chronicles his wild encounters and gives a behind-the-scenes peek into the world of antiques and their obsessive owners, while they're still alive or after their passing.

"After more than 30-years in the antiques business, I have come to the conclusion that the most valuable asset to be found is not the object itself, but rather, the owner of the object," said Cerny. "'Selling Dead People's Things,' exemplifies that our possessions define who we are in ways more personal, more dramatic, more thought-provoking than we ourselves can ever fully imagine... every instance shares a common connection—we all love our 'stuff' and letting go can be easier said than done."

The Broadway Antique Market was voted the No. 1 shopping destination in Chicago and has been featured in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, O (The Oprah Magazine), and more. We caught up with Cerny and thank him for taking the time

out of his busy treasure hunting schedule to chat.

**Q:** What made you decide to write this book?

**A:** After the publication and incredible response of "Traces of a Man Who Disappeared" (The New York Times/July, 2013), I realized I had stumbled upon something special. Suddenly the notion of taking others on my house calls, estate sales and into hoarder homes through a non-fiction, true short story narrative became a personal revelation. In the tens of thousands of antiques/collectible books ever published, very few addressed the back-story to the business. Turns out, people really want to go along with me on these vintage journeys, or at least through my writing.

**Q:** How did you decide on the title?

**A:** I'd been kicking around the idea of a memoir for some time, but I didn't think my story was all that interesting. However, the idea of a hybrid memoir—my vintage

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adventures morphed with some of my most unusual house calls—that seemed compelling. The phrase "dead people's things" is a term used by almost everyone in the business, though it's not necessarily echoed to the public. (It's honest, but still a tad vulgar.) Given my 30+ years of selling my antiques/collectibles, the word "Selling" had to be front and center. Hence: "Selling Dead People's Things."

**Q:** What are some of the most unusual, weird and/or fun items you've ever come across?

**A:** The book documents many of these kinds of items and gave me the opportunity to detail their stories. One of the most unusual was my discovery of a two-headed calf, which I then rented to Oliver Stone for the film, "Natural Born Killers." That was the first film we propped. After that, the



Author and antique dealer Duane Cerny.

floodgates opened for more films, television shows, etc. (200+ to date and counting!)

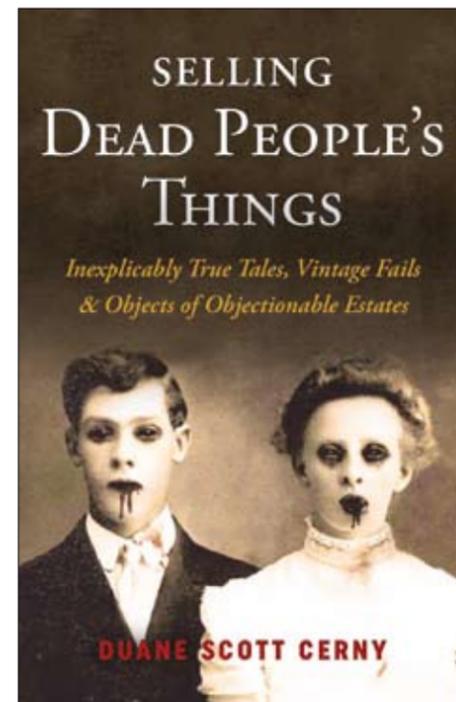
We sold a huge, one-of-a-kind, custom-made 1950s dinette set -- green Formica top, 20 green vinyl upholstered chairs -- to Oprah for one of her book clubs. I believe it ended up in Harpo's lunchroom.

Over the years we've sold off the collections of individual collectors—150 owls, 200 monkeys, 300 physique magazines, etc. All one-by-one. It's one wacky Noah's Ark. And trust me, it's a slow way to millions of dollars!

**Q:** What's new and exciting at the Broadway Antique Market? If I were to shop today, what are a few cool treasures I would find?

**A:** A super scarce 1893 Columbian Exposition World's Fair Pocket Watch—A small flock of incredibly-well-done taxidermy pheasants -- And my favorite, a 1930s French Bull Dog Clock (one eye turns by the minute; one eye turns by the hour) made in Germany, yes, even though it's a French Bull Dog. Go figure.

**Q:** You've been doing this since you were a kid. How has the business changed since then?



"Selling Dead People's Things," is not only a fun, witty and interesting collection of stories but there's a lot to learn from it too.

**A:** About the "business" of vintage: it's evolved and always evolving. The antiques business is very much a fashion, meaning things go in and out of style; some things come back, some things should NEVER come back. Example: In the 1990s, Mission/Arts & Crafts furniture and pottery was hot—couldn't keep good pieces in stock; now that collecting category is cold stagnant. But we were also selling mid-century modern, decades before "Mad Men" hit the media. Yes, mid-mod is still going strong, but as the show too advanced in time, the 1970s—from furnishings, objects, music, fashion—has come roaring into stores like BAM. Again, what changes is the fashion. You change with it or you're history.

**Q:** Do you think people today are more aware of the value of their things thanks

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# Warning, Pokémon Go Fest - and crowds - coming to Lincoln Park this weekend

The organizers behind the failed 2017's Pokémon Go Fest in Grant Park are hoping for a smoother time as they now take their digital hunt to Lincoln Park in Lakeview this weekend, centered on the 2900 block of N. Lakeview.

Niantic, the people behind the popular augmented reality mobile game, have announced that Lincoln Park will serve as the North American venue for its 2018 three-city tour. Those who drive, jog or bike up and down Lake Shore Dr. and the North Lakefront may have already noticed the high tech communications equipment that has been stationed behind a large fence on park property just

east of the tennis courts and north of Diversey Harbor.

According to the organizers, the event will feature a 1.8-mile-long outdoor course with physical installations and exclusive activities as well as a unique and immersive gameplay experience not seen in any of Niantic's previous live events.

The 2017 single-day Pokémon Go Fest attracted a sold-out crowd of over 20,000 but was plagued by technical issues that caused the game to crash. Most participants this year anticipate more reliable cell service and game servers that can handle the surge in users.



**The Home Front**  
By Don DeBat

With Chicago's summer housing market rolling into full swing, prospective home buyers currently are benefitting from an unexpected easing of mortgage rates, experts say.

After a rapid increase throughout most of the spring, home-loan rates have now declined in five of the past six weeks, reported Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey.

"The run-up in mortgage rates earlier this year represented not just a rise in risk-free borrowing costs, but for investors, the mortgage spread also rose back to more normal levels by about 20 basis points," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "What that means for home buyers is good news. Mortgage rates may have a little more room to decline over the very short term."

Although the current economic expansion is in its 10th year, Khater said residential single-family real estate was initially slow to recover. "Now—backed by the demographic tailwind provided by Millennials reaching the peak age to buy their first home—the housing market should have some room to grow going forward," he predicted.

Benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.52% for the week ending July 5, down from 4.55% a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year fixed-rate loans averaged 3.96%.

Fifteen-year fixed mortgages averaged 3.99% on July 5, down from 4.04% a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 3.22%.

Chicago-area lenders were

# Home-loan rates decline as Summer market rolls into full swing



Chicago saw a year-over-year home sales decrease of 2.2% with 2,978 sales in May, compared with 3,046 a year ago.

charging 4.376% to 4.486% last week on 30-year fixed-rate loans, according to rateSeeker.com.

Meanwhile, Illinois Realtors reported that single-family homes and condominiums sold quickly and at higher prices in May even as tight inventory drove sales slightly lower for the month.

The city of Chicago saw year-over-year home sales decrease 2.2% with 2,978 sales in May, compared with 3,046 a year ago. The median price of a home in Chicago in May was \$306,000 up 0.1% percent compared with \$305,600 in May 2017.

"Buyers are feeling the pressure to move quickly, with shorter market times and fewer homes to choose from," said Rebecca Thomson, president of the Chicago Assoc. of Realtors. "For sellers, it's all about positioning. With prices holding steady, sellers need to price it right from the beginning."

In the nine-county Chicago Metro Area, sales of single-family and condominiums in May totaled 12,384 units sold, down 2.5% from 12,706 units in May 2017. The median price in May was \$255,000 in the Chicago Metro Area, an increase of 3.3% from \$246,910 in May 2017.

"Median prices showed a healthy, sustainable uptick in May, giving property owners an opportunity to continue to gain a return on their investment while

at the same time allowing consumers a solid shot at getting into a home," said Matt Difanis, president of Illinois Realtors.

"The overall trend of decreasing inventories is unabated, so it's likely this market dynamic will continue to place upward pressure on home prices through the summer," Difanis said.

Statewide sales of single-family homes and condos in May totaled 16,937 units, down 2.7% from 17,401 units in May of 2017. The statewide median price in May was \$215,000, up 3.4% from \$208,000 in May of 2017. The median is a typical market price where half the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

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

The time it took to sell a home in May statewide averaged 49 days, down from 52 days a year ago. Available housing inventory totaled 55,126 units for sale, a 7.6% decline from 59,644 units in May of 2017.

"While month-to-month sales in the last quarter recorded solid gains, the sales volumes were slightly lower than a year ago," noted University of Illinois economist Geoffrey J.D. Hewings.

"The continued expansion of the economy has certainly helped sustain the housing recovery, although rising interest rates and uncertainty about the impact of the current trade war may dampen growth in the rest of 2018," Hewings said.

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# Police manpower at Town Hall slipped again in June

Despite hype, 19th District lost manpower in June; up to 33% of beat cars sat idle last week

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

Despite all of the media hype about Chicago adding hundreds of new police officers, manpower in the 19th Town Hall District slipped again in June. And Town Hall police work schedules, provided to this newspaper by a source, show that the district is sometimes operating with no cars assigned to as many as six of its 15 beats.

The district is also going into "Radio Assignments Pending" [RAP] status far more often than in recent years. RAP status means that all of a district's on-duty officers are tied up on assignments and no police officers are available to handle incoming 911 calls for help. Dispatchers stack up requests for help during RAPS. When an officer becomes available, they are dispatched to handle the most pressing pending matter.

The Town Hall District serves the area bounded by Fullerton, Lawrence, the Chicago River, and Lake Michigan.

New manpower numbers released by the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] show that the 19th District shed 13 officers in June,

dropping to a strength of 372 officers. The district is operating with 20% fewer officers than when it was formed by merging two smaller districts in 2011.

In February, Ald. Tom Tunney (44th) told the Sun-Times that Chicago Police Supt. Eddie Johnson had promised "more resources by May. ... He has made

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a private commitment to me that I will be happy with the number."

In the same report, CPD spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the department would get Town Hall manpower "back to levels prior to when those two districts merged."

But no matter how many graduation ceremonies Chicagoans have seen, the number of cops assigned to Town Hall is actually slightly lower than when the hiring surge began.

Ald. Tunney, in a newsletter to constituents late last week, sound-

ed anything but "happy" with Town's Hall's staffing level... and he shouldn't be with all the gaslighting he is getting from the Mayor's Office and Police Brass.

"We are awaiting an action plan from the Superintendent on how promised increases will be met," Ald. Tunney said, "and [I] will share that update when it is received."

Yet a recent Town Hall District schedule shows that the district has been operating at times with cars assigned to only a fraction of its 15 patrol areas, also known as "beats." The schedule was provided by a source who requested anonymity because they are not permitted to speak about departmental affairs.

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Last Thursday, four of the 15 cars were out of commission on the evening shift. Friday evening? Five of 15 were down. Saturday and Sunday evenings both had four "down cars."

During pre-shift roll calls, Town Hall officers have been told

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# Governor signs law to ease teacher shortage

BY JIM VAIL

One of the biggest problems for schools is the shortage of teachers in classrooms and last week the governor took a step to fight this by signing a bill that will change license requirements to make it easier for out-of-state, retired and substitute teachers to get certified to teach in Illinois.

There is a growing shortage of teachers in the state with one in five Illinois teaching positions going unfilled due to licensure requirements, according to the governor's office.

Nowhere is this more true than in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) where schools are left with vacant teaching positions during the school year. This has a ripple effect, where the difficulty of finding a substitute teacher compounds the problem and forces classes for special education, bilingual or music and art to be cancelled so that these teachers within the building can temporarily fill in the vacancies.

The Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) has filed numerous grievances against violations of the contract because teachers who have to sub do not get their allotted time to prepare their lessons (full disclosure: this reporter is a CTU member and CPS teacher). This has led to deteriorating morale and frustration all around.

There are many reasons why there is a teacher shortage in

this state beyond the licensing requirements. Schools in rough neighborhoods are tough to staff because of student behavior problems and the onslaught of America's Common Core curriculum push attacked teachers and made the profession much more onerous. Education schools have reported significant drops in enrollment due to the education reform movement's demands on public education.

Chicago schools on the North Side as well as the South Side have huge problems finding substitute teachers. One principal thought CPS did not do enough to recruit subs who a few years ago had to be fully-certified teachers, whereas now they just need a bachelor's degree, (as it was

when I first started subbing 15 years ago).

However, according to the new requirements in HB5627, a substitute teacher will only need an associate's degree (two years of college classes), similar to what a teacher aid needs to work in the Chicago public schools.

The new law will address the teaching shortage crisis by creating a "Short Term Substitute Teaching License" so people with either an associate degree or 60 college credit hours can substitute teach, providing reciprocity for comparable and valid educator licenses from other states (currently there are only certain states where teachers have the requirements to

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## Letters to the Editor

### Pride parade too much for neighborhood

The Chicago Pride Parade in its current form is too much for the affected neighborhoods to handle.

The end of the parade made it to Diversey/Sheridan more than 4.5 hours after the event began at Broadway/Montrose. Street closures started more than two hours before the parade and continued more than two hours after the parade. East-west traffic was restricted from Montrose to Diversey, a distance of two miles.

If this annual event is going to remain in North Side neighborhoods, it must be shortened to no

longer than two hours. I suggest a better idea would be moving it to Columbus Drive in Grant Park. Along with that, close Halsted St. between Belmont and Addison on the day of the parade and have a street festival during afternoon and evening hours. This would not have such a negative impact on traffic and would probably discourage those who come to the event not to celebrate LGBTQ Pride, but to cause trouble.

Daniel Fields  
Uptown

### Go ahead and do the crime, you'll get no time

When reading the Police Beat I am always dismayed and upset by the decisions made by some judges. For example, in your June 27-July 3 edition, a felon while already on probation was charged with felony robbery. Judge Arthur Hill sentenced him to 18 months probation and 15 days of community service after the felon pleaded guilty of illegal gun possession and nine other weapons-related felonies were dropped. Is it no wonder that there have been so

many crimes on the streets when judges give a slap on the hand for gun-related crimes? Is this sentence going to keep the felon from another crime, because the previous one did not?

Thank you for keeping your readers informed. The information helps when it comes to the Judicial Retention Ballot.

Mario Caruso  
Lincoln Square

### Bridge first, Lathrop second

Loved the [July 4] story on the [Damen Ave.] bridge but there was one sticky point. It says the land on the north side was bought in 1935 "to build what would become the Chicago Housing Authority's Julia C. Lathrop public housing project." While it is true that that is where Lathrop was

eventually built, there was no Housing Authority in 1935 - either local or national. The National act and the local authority both were created in 1937 - just thought that you'd want to know.

Marilyn Katz



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when local architectural historian/salvager Eric J. Nordstrom acquired a book showcasing the work of architects Rapp and Rapp.

## Mystery of who made landmark terra cotta at Uptown Theater solved

BY PETER VON BUOL

For more than 90 years, the façade of the Spanish Baroque revival Uptown Theatre, 4816 N. Broadway St., has been clad in cream-colored terra cotta ornamentation and tiles that have successfully endured nearly a century of Chicago's extreme weather swings.

Designed by Cornelius W. Rapp and George Rapp, brothers who were known as the preeminent movie-theater architects of their era, (their commissions included the Chicago Theatre) and built by Chicago-based Balaban and Katz Corporation (a forerunner to Paramount Pictures), the nearly 4,500 seat theater opened its doors to the public in 1925. It was the largest free-standing theater in the country.

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chitects Rapp and Rapp. Within the book was a full-page advertisement for the Chicago-based Advance Terra Cotta Co. which listed Rapp and Rapp projects that had used their terra cotta.

As most everyone now knows, the long-shuttered Uptown Theatre is finally getting a facelift. Mayor Rahm Emanuel teamed up with Farpoint Development and Jam Productions in announcing a \$75 million plan to restore the iconic theatre and create an Uptown Music District that includes the Uptown, Riviera Theatre, Aragon Ballroom, Uptown Underground cabaret and the legendary Green Mill jazz lounge.

Work on the Uptown is scheduled to begin this fall and will take approximately two years to complete.

"For years and years no one knew who fabricated the terra cotta. When I acquired an important book showcasing Rapp and Rapp's work, I found a full-page ad identifying the maker. It was a great discovery and inspired me to visit the theater with my camera and document the façade," Nordstrom said.

According to Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago, a non-profit group which

advocates architectural preservation, in the early 20th century, the manufacture of terra cotta was an important industry.

"Chicago was, at one time, a terra-cotta manufacturing center, with many high-quality and nationally known companies, including the Northwestern Terra Cotta Co., the American Terra Cotta Co. and Midland Terra Cotta Co., to name several. This process of molding, glazing and baking clay into a variety of different shapes and forms, including highly decorative ornament, became a very desired and durable material, allowing elaborate forms to be created and reproduced with molds versus the more traditional means of carving stone-ornament, which was very labor-intensive, and costly. The use of terra cotta also expressed a certain "visual elasticity" to some very important buildings in Chicago, as the material could be very expressive to a variety of conditions and surfaces and could offer a wide range of colors," Miller said.

According to Miller, in the early years of mass-production, Chicago's terra cotta manufacturers made their tiles in an assortment of colors and hues. After 1893, the popularity of white and cream-colored terra cotta greatly

increased.

"Many of the tall structures of the Loop, known as the "Chicago School" buildings [also referred to as the "Chicago Commercial Style" buildings] were clad, or partially clad in the material, as it

***"Structures like the Wrigley Building employed historical styles, which were clad in ivory and brilliant white terra cotta, perhaps reflecting the buildings of the World's Fair," said Ward Miller.***

had a very cost-efficient means of construction. Early examples employed richly colored terra cotta and deep reddish-brown hues. However, this all changed with a new wave of buildings [that were] constructed in the years that followed the World's Columbian Exposition or the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. Many of the temporary fair buildings were made of staff or plaster material, and [had been] whitewashed. This gave them a pure appearance, free from the pollution of a typical 19th century industrial city. This

was why the fair was nicknamed "The White City," Miller added.

Nordstrom, owner of Urban Remains Gallery and Museum at 1850 W. Grand Ave., noted that while the theater has been closed since 1981, its terra cotta remains in relatively good condition.

"Despite water damage and neglect from decades of deferred maintenance, the theater is structurally sound, with nearly all of its ornament largely intact (thanks to the ongoing efforts by Friends of Uptown). The exterior façade (which faces Broadway) consists of cream-colored terra cotta manufactured by the Advance Terra Cotta Company," Nordstrom said.

According to Miller, in the 1920s, prominent buildings throughout the city were being built with light-colored terra cotta.

"Structures like the Wrigley Building employed historical styles, which were clad in ivory and brilliant white terra cotta, perhaps reflecting the buildings of the World's Fair. These were highly successful landmarks and could be easily identified, cleaned and even illuminated, if so desired. This brilliant material was also used for such buildings as the exterior facade of the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., and the former State-Lake Theatre (now WLS TV), 190 N. State St. These were some of the very early grand-scale movie palaces," Miller said.

Nordstrom praised the efforts of the Friends of the Uptown Theatre which helped ensure vulnerable terra cotta pieces were removed and placed in storage.

"Terra cotta extending beyond the roofline was carefully deconstructed and placed in storage. [These pieces] will rejoin the facade [once] the theater undergoes restoration," Nordstrom said.

While much of the remaining terra cotta is in good condition, some sections remain subject to the extremes of Chicago weather.

"Additional work was done on the extant terra cotta located between the marquee and the roofline in order to further stabilize areas of vulnerability. [That is] where water and/or other invasive "elements" have weakened

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# Uptown Theatre restoration plan approved, City Hall plays key roles in Broadway-Lawrence redevelopment

STORY AND PHOTO  
BY BOB KITSOS

There were a lot of smiles in the Uptown neighborhood June 29 with the announcement of plans to fully restore the 93-year-old Uptown Theatre at Broadway and Lawrence. However, the widest smiles probably came from the staff in office of Ald. James Cappleman (46th).

The Uptown Theatre project started before it was a part of the 46th Ward with the current owner, Jam Productions, and the alderman. Although the new ward boundaries were not finalized until 2015, the alderman had been working with Jam Productions' co-owner and co-founder Jerry Mickelson on the project since taking office in 2011.

"As soon as the Uptown Theatre became part of my ward after redistricting, I immediately began working with Jam Productions and [Mayor's Office] to find a way to restore this gem," said Ald. Cappleman.

"So many of us who love this magnificent treasure on Chicago's North Side have been waiting patiently to see it return as the breath-

taking spectacle that its architects, Balaban and Katz, intended," the alderman continued. In 2001, the Lawrence Broadway TIF was created to assist with restoration.

To bring the theatre back to its 1925 glory in this \$75-million renovation, additional financing will come from public and private sources, federal tax credits, and state bonds, including \$10 million from the Build Illinois bond fund. The proposed completion timeline is sometime in 2020. Mickelson said, "We have been doing maintenance since purchasing the theatre (for \$3.2 million) in 2008, and I feel the work can be completed in two years."

According to the alderman's office, the theatre rehab will create needed jobs in the community and be a huge economic boom



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for the neighboring businesses.

Streetscape improvements also are part of the area's plans along areas of Broadway, Lawrence, Wilson and Argyle. Plans include a sculpture, a new pedestrian plaza and a public stage in the 4700 block of N. Racine. The improvements are part of a plan to establish an entertainment district at Broadway and Lawrence, with the Uptown, Aragon Ballroom and Riviera serving as anchors.

"The project will change the landscape of the Uptown neighborhood. The construction will be inconvenient at times, but I assure you that I will continue my constant communication and receive your feedback in order to make this historic renovation move forward as smoothly as possible," said Ald. Cappleman.

Mickelson praised the work of City Hall in the negotiations. While he declined to name an opening act for the penciled-in 2020 opening, he said he already has received some calls from interested acts.

Described as "the gilded crown jewel" of the famous Balaban and Katz theatre empire, the 4,381-seat, 46,000 square-foot theatre was one of the most opulent and breathtaking movie palaces ever built in America. Its large six-story lobbies and extra-wide staircases could move 4,300 people out of the theatre and another 4,300 inside all within an astounding 16 minutes.

It is said to be larger than any other movie palace in the United States, including Radio City Music Hall in New York. It occupies over 46,000 square feet of land at Lawrence and Broadway. In the theatre's first five years of operation in the 1920s, more than 20 million people made their way to the Uptown.

The theatre's opening hype was that it contained "an acre of seats in a magic city" behind its Spanish Baroque façade. Upon opening, it had a staff of more than 130 people, including a full-time 34-piece orchestra, a nurse, firemen and others.

Movies at the Uptown Theatre contin-

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ued, even after stage shows ended as a way to reduce costs. In 1949, the stage shows were revived for a short time. Movies continued during the 1950s and 1960s. Notably, during that time, the TV show "Queen for a Day" was filmed in the Uptown, with a live audience.

However, like many opulent theaters, the grand doyenne's beauty eventually began to fade. The Uptown area experienced a decline in retail sales in the late 1960s and early 1970s and theatre attendance fell off. The theatre was shuttered following a J. Geils Band concert in Dec. 1981.



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## Lincoln Towing gets reprieve

State says 'Pirates' actually have a pretty good record

BY PATRICK BUTLER

The Lincoln Towing company at 4881 N. Clark St. is in for at least a temporary reprieve, thanks to a surprise order from an administrative judge.

On July 2, that judge ruled the controversial auto "relocation" company is "fit to continue" towing cars, at least until the Illinois Commerce Commission makes an expected final ruling later this summer.

The temporary order was issued after the administrative judge concluded ICC staff overstated Lincoln Towing's violations earlier this year, when the company was accused of as many as 831 illegal tows while only 21 violations were found.

That comes to less than one percent of the alleged violations, Lincoln Towing's lawyer, Alan Perl, said.

"That's a pretty good record," Perl noted.

Neighbors and city officials have for years been trying to sink the so-called "Pirates of Lincoln Park" memorialized in a 1970s Steve Goodman folk song.

Ald. Ameya Pawar [47th] - in whose ward the towing company operates - put in some effort toward shutting the towing service down during a City Council hearing

about two years ago when alleged victims of the towing service, as well as city officials, argued that Lincoln Towing didn't deserve to stay in business. Little pressure has since been applied to Lincoln Towing after the intense media coverage faded and the lame-duck alderman moved on to his half-hearted attempt to run for governor of Illinois.

In their report, ICC officials cited Lincoln Towing for a "pervasive pattern of unauthorized removal (of vehicles) in violation of the law," and cited numerous other complaints of "incompetence" and "inability to maintain a regulator's license."

Through it all, Lincoln Towing's representatives insisted they were the real victims in this case in that clients didn't want to sign contracts with them for towing services fearing they'd soon lose their state license.

Founder Ross Cascio, who started the business and later sold it in 1981, conceded some of his employees may have been "rough edged," and didn't deny a number of those workers were ex-convicts.

"I like to give a deserving guy a second chance," Cascio said at the time.

As always, in the city of Chicago it is best to watch where you park, or plan for an expensive cab ride to the 4800 block of N. Clark St. some night.

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Guests will have the opportunity to interact one on one with these distinguished women from 13 African countries, and see samples of their products. Retail industry professionals and those who wish to learn about different African cultures are encouraged to come by. Reservations and registration are required due to limited space. To register visit [https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/WorldChicago\\_1/awep.html](https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/WorldChicago_1/awep.html).

Through the African Women's Entrepreneurship Program, the U.S. Dept. of State identifies and builds networks of women entrepreneurs across sub Saharan Africa poised to transform their societies by owning, running, and operating businesses, and by becoming voices for social advocacy in their communities.



After languishing for decades, the on-going well-funded efforts to resume restoration of the Uptown Theater has raised optimism among its supporters.

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### TERRA COTTA from p. 6

the terra cotta's anchorage. However, the sections of terra cotta outfitted with incandescent light-bulb sockets (used to illuminate the facade at night) are especially at risk for water-seepage. [The] continuous freeze-thaw cycles can compromise the integrity of the steel-anchors within the rear cavities. This can lead to cracking among the interlocking panels [of the terra cotta]," Nordstrom said.

In addition to the harshness of

Chicago weather, the theater's facade has also had damage caused by pigeons.

"It's abundantly clear that the presence of pigeon fecal matter, which is acidic and thus corrosive, could cause permanent discoloration and/or damage to the glazing if it is not addressed through the use of water, steam or various solutions (e.g., detergents) [which would] safely remove it," Nordstrom added.

According to Miller, the Uptown Theatre and the now-demolished Granada Theatre were architectural anchors for Uptown.

"The Uptown Theatre and the Granada Theatre were two fine



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Image courtesy Eric J. Nordstrom

examples of North Side movie palaces designed in historical revival styles. The Uptown employs a brilliant highly-glazed terra cotta cladding on its elaborate facade fronting Broadway, and also on Lawrence Ave., where terra cotta became integrated with [its] brick surfaces, producing a beautiful overall effect. The Uptown also was illuminated in the evening hours and with its highly-reflective facade and the use of locally-produced terra cotta, conveyed the idea of an important building. [In its heyday], it was a stand-alone movie-palace and entertainment-center, which stood out from the rest of the nearby buildings and theaters," Miller said.

After languishing for decades, the on-going well-funded efforts

to resume restoration of the theater has raised optimism among its supporters.

"The Uptown has always been a landmark and destination in Chicago, and especially in the Uptown community. We are very pleased that there appears to be a commitment to restore the building to its original grandeur. [It] will be an asset for the City, the [surrounding] Chicago Landmark District and [the Uptown] neighborhood for decades to come," Miller said.

Advance Terra Cotta Co. was established in 1912-1913 by Henry B. Prosser, who had earlier worked at the Chicago-based American Terra Cotta Co. Advance established its headquarters downtown in the Monadnock Building and operated a manufacturing plant in the suburb of Chicago Heights. According to Nordstrom, the location was chosen due to an ample supply of quality clay. The company quickly built a reputation as the producer of high-grade ornamental and fireproofing terra cotta. In 1928, the company sold its plant to the Northwestern Terra Cotta Co., a local competitor.

In its latter years, the Uptown Theatre had served as a major venue for rock concerts. It was designated a city landmark in 1991. While the building's exposed terra-cotta still evokes its past grandeur, the interior of its five-story lobby (which was inspired by opulent Spanish baroque architecture) remains impressive.



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**TEACHER** from p. 5

teach in Illinois), allowing teachers whose Professional Educator's License lapsed to qualify for a substitute teaching license and increasing to 120 the number of days retired teachers can substitute teach without affecting their retirement benefits.

"We cannot deliver great education without great teachers," said Gov. Bruce Rauner. "A majority of our school districts are reporting shortages, and it is unacceptable. Modernizing our licensing systems is a strong first step that ought to help schools attract high-quality, transformative teachers for our students."

However, another reason for teacher shortages is teacher pay, and the governor whacked the teachers unions by backing the recent Janus Supreme Court decision which no longer allows unions to automatically collect every member's dues. Teacher unions could lose a significant number of members which they argued would impair their work to collectively bargain for higher wages and benefits, and thus attract the top candidates to teach in the schools. One teacher in Wisconsin noted that after the state became a 'Right to Work' state which limited the unions' power,

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health benefits increased to \$800 per month, significantly cutting their take-home pay.

According to a 2017 Teacher Shortage Survey developed by the Illinois Assoc. of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) and analyzed by Goshen Education Consulting, 78% of the districts surveyed identified either a minor or serious problem with teacher shortages. Over half (53%) of the surveyed districts indicated that they have a serious problem with substitute teacher shortages.

"We have a statewide teacher shortage and this measure will help address it by making it easier to substitute teach," State Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford of Maywood said in a press release. "Readily-available substitute teachers give full-time educators a support system when they are sick or need time off. Most importantly, this measure helps our schools provide the best educational experience for our children."

In April the Illinois Senate fast-

tracked a bill to privatize substitute teaching staffing, which the CTU opposed, in an apparent attempt to address the substitute shortage problem.

"This legislation is tone deaf given CPS' disastrous track record with privatization," CTU Vice President Jesse Sharkey said in a press statement. "It will allow CPS to contract out classroom-critical services, likely for less pay – just as has been the experience of privatized charter teachers and janitors in CPS – to the detriment of our students. And it will cost. In Indianapolis, the contracting agency slapped a 36% fee on the cost of substitute positions. The bill also fails to address the root causes of a shortage of substitute and full-time teachers – their need for a living wage and decent working conditions."

A teacher at Acero (formerly UNO) Charter School which uses a staffing agency to assign subs, reported that the agency was ineffective and the school still suffers from a shortage of subs.

**ANTIQUES** from p. 3

to the Internet and how can people determine the value of their items?

**A:** The Internet gives people the impression they "think" they're more aware, more knowledgeable, but most don't do their homework to know their numbers. The Internet is an excellent source for identifying an item, but not nearly as successful in determining value. People should pay less attention to the prices asked on eBay, Etsy, 1stDibs, etc., and more attention to actual final selling prices. The real value of an item is what someone, finally, at the end of a long day, actually paid. Remember, dealers who sell online pay huge listing fees and/or commissions; they're not "netting" these final numbers. Also, in the real world of brick and mortar auction houses, there's both a buyer's and seller's premium. So there's a myriad of things that affect the final value of things. In the end it's all about the details.

**Q:** What's hot? What always sells?

**A:** In terms of collectibles: 1970s/80's vinyl, men's and women's vintage clothing, designer jewelry. As for antiques: cameras and early photography, typewriters and telephones, Chicago memorabilia, especially sports-related, World Fair (1893 & 1933), modern art/sculptures/outsider art. One-of-a-kind pieces. And as I like to say: "Ugly sells, but boring you can donate immediately."

BAM is probably most well-known for our mid-century furniture which is still as hot as a retro toaster!

**Q:** You seem like a guy always on the go. What's next for you?

**A:** One week after "Selling Dead People's Things" was published, it was the No. 1 antiques/

collectible book on Amazon. (WTF?) That was a total surprise! But if sales warrant, I certainly have more stories that need telling.

Strange as it may seem, simultaneous to my book's publication (THE SAME WEEK!) was the release of my EP with the Canadian band, WARDEN CA on Lurid Music -- a total coincidence. (Check out: Danny Alias, Elemental.) I've been creating music since my early days of producing and releasing House Music—I'm the guy who first put Frankie Knuckles on vinyl -- so this Canadian collaboration has been a real treat. We'll be mixing down more music over the next few months. It's actually kind of funny: Danny Alias is more famous than I'll ever be. My bucket list

has always included a bestselling book and an album. Now it's one down, one to go.

**The place to be...**

With last week's wonderful weather, Geja's Café, 340 W. Armitage, was the place to be with their multi-fireplace patio and all new selection of signature cocktails and live Classical and Flamenco guitarists. Guests will now be able to enjoy signature menu items including the Swiss Gruyere cheese fondue and Belgium Chocolate fondue, around a fireplace for \$7.95 each, along with a selection of gourmet meat and cheese boards, outside while enjoying the summer days ahead. Very romantic.



This exhibit coming to DANKHaus is made possible in part thanks to Harry and Guenter Kempf, owners of the Chicago Brauhaus Restaurant who donated several artifacts from their restaurant, a 52-year Chicago institution.

**'Brewers, Bakers, and Bratwurst' exhibit opening at DANK Haus**

The DANK Haus German American Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave., is hosting a new exhibit: "Brewers, Bakers, and Bratwurst: A Journey through the German Culinary Tradition in Chicago."

The opening reception will take place 7 p.m. Friday, July 13, complete with opening remarks, guided tours through the new 2nd floor exhibit, and a reception in the 4th floor "Lost German Chicago" museum.

From the Berghoff to the Chicago Brauhaus, German immigrants to Chicago have left their mark on Chicago's food culture for over 60 years. Starting as early as the 1850s, over 40 different German restaurants, saloons, butchers, and delis opened shop along Lincoln Ave., earning it the name "Sauerkraut Boulevard." This ex-

hibit presents this deliciously dramatic history in the latest addition to the DANK Haus "Lost German Chicago" museum.

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**GEOGRAPHY** from p. 2

gen-Belsen. And in the years she was left, **Simone Veil** spent her days rebuilding a civilized France and a new Europe. A lawyer and French politician, she served as President **Valery Giscard d'Estaing's** Minister of Health and, later, President, herself, of the European Parliament. But to know her true worth you had to understand how her humanity registered with the French public. That was clear at her celebrated burial last week in the Pantheon, the temple in Paris where heroes of the Republic are interred. One year after her death, France's highest honor was bestowed in an



Pat Toney at family wedding with son, Michael Toney and daughter, Dr. Mikyra Rakel.

act of great respect and love. The ceremony was so French, beauty-filled, oozing the arts. And the sidewalks of Paris jammed with people who recalled her influence on the quality of their lives. Touching and thrilling.

**VIP INDEED:** What Live Nation concert venue saw staff security collecting a \$40 'fee' [cash, please] for the 'VIP experience' of using a porta potty with no 20-minute line?

**LISTEN UP:** **Bruce DuMont** spoke to young leaders from 19 African nations at the Museum of Broadcast Communication... hope he encouraged them to view

the SNL Exhibit housed there for a taste of Americana.

**GET WELL:** Keeping them busy at Skokie Hospital-Northshore is **John Reilly** getting a new knee and already mending.

**THEY BITE:** Fearless Chicago author **Sherrill Bodine** appears to be mending after a bout of horrific spider bites and showing great style wrapping her bandaged cranium in a very chic scarf.

**THAT'S FUNNY:** Chicago actor **John T. O'Brien** making a new Amtrak commercial, while his latest commercial for "Real Honey Bourbon" with Erin Rein hysterically presents "social media" as a local bar for too much information. Look it up.

**GO CUBS GO:** Soaking up the victorious Cubs with the Detroit Tigers, **Chris and Lindy McGuire** with the adorable **Eleanor** and **Brooke McGuire** waving the W.

**STILL 29:** **Heather O'Hara, Laurie Shanahan, Lorelei Knutson Beaucaire, Reem Pasham, Anna Marie Vitti Welch, Lynn Kennedy, Karen Schmid, and Ann McAveeneey** surprising **Sherry Lea Fox** with a birthday bash at Gibson's Italia.

**WHO'S WHERE IN THE SUMMER?** Soaking up the midnight sun and celebrating their first wedding anniversary, **Niamh King** and **Edward Luce** in Kalastajatorppa, Finland... **Ron Sabetto** at Ravinia soaking up **Bryan Adam's** music but getting ready for Chiang Mai, Thailand... **Janet Owens** in yellow and talking fashion and style with couture designer **Michael Kors** at his recent show... **Ikram** and **Josh Goldman** with the Samuri Brothers in beyond rainy Reykjavik, in Borgarfjardarsysia, Iceland...

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



Heather O'Hara, Laurie Shanahan, Lorelei Knutson Beaucaire, Reem Pasham, Anna Marie Vitti Welch, Lynn Kennedy, Karen Schmid, and Ann McAveeneey surprising Sherry Lea Fox.

publisher **Dan Uslan** checking into City Hall Square in Copenhagen, Denmark and then on to St. Petersburg, Russia... **Trevor Schoonmaker** named Deputy Director of the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke Univ. in Durham, NC... **Kathy Taylor** surrounded by her adoring family celebrating the 4th along the sunny waters of Lake Geneva... **Bobbi Panter** energized by family and friends in Sarasota, FL... **Peter Martino** mourning the great loss of his dearest bright light **Liliane Montevecchi**, the "prima ballerina"... **Madeleine Donovan** lunching on the Rhode Island shore at Dead Eye Dick's with **G. Andrew Meyer** and **Elizabeth Donovan**... **Pat Toney** road tripping in the Georgia mountains to a family wedding with daughter, **Dr. Mikyra Rakel**, and son, **Michael Toney**, and looking Chicago chic... **Paul Tuminaro** sailing with **Tom Hall** in perfect weather then checking into DuSable Harbor... **Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill's** major domo **Christopher Connor Yum** and **Jaqueline Yum** traveling with the kiddies from Fort Lauderdale to St. Thomas, VI... **Tom Hackett** "Down Under" celebrating his birthday at the Great Barrier Reef... **Aileen Furlong Caffrey** star gazing at Wimbledon's Center Court in London... **Kelly Wheelon George** at Greater Bass Lake in Northern WI... **Nina Mariano** in West Hollywood... **Carolyn** and **Dave Richter** at Eagle Ridge Territory, Galena... **Christie's Steve Zick** adding to his sumptuous garden some "Black and Blue Salvia," plantings that guarantee to attract Ruby Throated Hummingbirds... Cabaret Queen **Denise Tomasello** and the **Tommy Muellner Trio** jazzing up the annual birthday bash for **Kimberly Gordon** at the Serbian Village... **Grant** and **Kristin Doll Drutchus** with their kids up north at Mackinac Island... Hollywood writer, actor and comedian **Tom Lennon**, who hails from Oak Park, is in Edinburgh, Scotland with the family... Olé, **Irene Michaels** traversing **Pablo Picasso's** hometown, Barcelona, Spain... Dance impresario **Mark Howard** in Japan with his **Trinity Dance Troop**... RL's **Curt Rose** is in Ellison Bay, WI... **Colleen Finn** has surfaced in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA... **Julie Harron** with **Sydney**

**Hosbein** and **Michelle Kubala** at the Saddle and Cycle Club... more yachting with **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** brunching it up at the Yacht Club with **Roger** and **Janet Owen** and **Peggy Snorf**... Former Tribune VP **Dennis Grant** and the lovely **Mary Kay** up at Lake Minnetonka, MN splashing with the grandkids... **Beth Harvey Preston** winging her way to Denmark her her lads.

**N E W SUMMER COCKTAIL:**

**Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill** is now serving the best new cocktail of the summer. It's named "Lady Sheldrake" after the famed thoroughbred racehorse whose portrait hangs in the Polo Men's Store. The drink has many layers of flavor including mint, herbs, cucumber and citrus. Superb quencher.



Michael Kors with Janet Owens.

Ingredients are Prosecco Italian sparkling white wine, Grey Goose Vodka, Pisco (Peruvian cognac), Chereau liqueur (aloe liqueur), cucumber bitters, and a thin slice of cucumber. One more round please?!

**DEM BONES:**

When two Gold Coast pretty boys realized that they had been pick-pocketed recently on a crowded Saturday night, they were sure they knew the face of the thief. So they moved crowded saloon by saloon until they found their culprit. They seized him in a nearby alley and got him to admit what he had done. They are said to have broken both his wrists and very effectively shattered his right arm. Something they must have learned at a fancy Ivy league college.

**LIVE CONCERT:** Spectacular performance, a facebook video of **Sean Bennett** in a stunning ren-

dition of Frederic Chopin's Nocturne in Db, Opus 27, #2, from the Netherlands on June 1, 2018. I'm still applauding his emotive achievement.

**BUTTERFLY STROKE:** What two young powerhouse attorneys set off to skinny dip in a private swimming pool on a Lincoln Park street while the pool owner was supposed to be out of town? After shedding clothes and dipping in the water they saw the pool owner passed out on a chaise lounge, unconscious. They called 911 and tried to revive the gentleman and were still unclad when paramedics and police arrived. The pool owner really owes his life to the lads who are said to be more than friends.

**GOIN' TO THE CHAPEL:**



Chris and Lindy McGuire watch the Cubs win with Eleanor and Brooke.

**drick** walking up the aisle and saying their vows and making everyone happy. Congratulations to a remarkable couple!

**HEMINGWAY AT THE GOODMAN:** Just yesterday **Stacy Keach** returned as **Ernest Hemingway** in "Pamplona." Dates are selling out fast for this one-man tour-de-force performance. Get tickets now at GoodmanTheatre.org/Pamplona.

**SUMMER SHOWSTOPPER:** Get ready for **Denise Tomasello**, appearing Aug. 3 and 4. Live at the lovely intimate Drury Lane in Oakbrook. A night for the creme de la creme.

**SERVICE WITH A SMILE:** Was the hottie wife of a well-known elected official recently pulled over by a young cop for speeding? Word is that after a small scolding, the cop decided not to write out a ticket. Once he had her cell phone number.

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# Police Beat....

## Catalytic converter thieves back on the prowl

The North Side's catalytic converter thieves struck in Lakeview again this weekend, according to a man who fell victim to the elusive crews.

The catalytic converter is part of your car's exhaust system that contains expensive metals including platinum and palladium. Thieves can collect \$100 to \$200 for a stolen converter at scrap yards, police say. Replacement will cost the victim about \$1,500.

Theft crews use portable saws to cut the parts from cars' undercarriages—usually during overnight hours. They will often play very loud bass music from their getaway car to help disguise the sound of their saw.

"The local CarX and Midas shops say they handled multiple catalytic converter replacement calls Saturday and again Sunday," according to the man whose converter was stolen this weekend.

He left his car parked in the 1700 block of W. Wolfram late Saturday. By 9 a.m. on Sunday, the catalytic converter was gone, he said.

SUVs are often targeted because their high ground clearance makes it easier to access the undercarriage with a saw. But having a low-profile car didn't help the victim who spoke with us. He said he drives "an old 2008 Toyota... they didn't chop the Lexus and Jeep SUVs parked adjacent. And I was parked under a street light with three residential front doors within 100'. I guess they know the chances of getting caught by the police are nearly zero."

Victims almost never know that their catalytic converter has been stolen until they start their car. That's when they'll be startled by a loud, roaring sound of their freshly-unmuffled engine.

Some suggestions to make it more difficult to steal your catalytic converter include having your license plate number engraved on the part to make resale more difficult; always park your car in a garage, if available. If not, consider parking with the driver's side next to the curb, and install a catalytic converter theft prevention kit that essentially places a cage or alarm-triggering strap around the part, making theft more difficult

## "Flyer Boys" strike again, thieves opened car door, steal woman's phone

Chicago police have repeatedly warned drivers to keep their doors and windows locked while in downtown traffic.

Two offenders are in custody after they opened a motorist's car doors in downtown traffic and stole the woman's phone on Sunday afternoon, police said. Charges are pending.

The latest incident was reported just one month after police issued a warning for downtown drivers to keep their doors locked and to avoid interacting with people who walk in the traffic lanes. Theft from vehicles in downtown traffic lanes often involve "flyer boys" who pretend to be soliciting for charities.

Around 12:30 p.m. Sunday, a woman was stopped at a traffic light in the 100 block of N. Michigan Ave. when two men opened her car doors and asked

her for money. While the doors were open, the offenders took the woman's phone from inside the car and ran away.

Police officers, suspecting that the two men were up to no good, chased the men and eventually took them into custody in the 100 block of W. Lower Wacker Dr.

The Chicago Police Dept. issued a community alert on June 6 that warned drivers about a series of thefts and robberies in the downtown area that have involved so-called "flyer boys." They are the men who wander in traffic and on sidewalks with handbills that solicit for often bogus charitable donations.

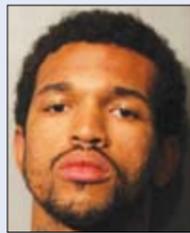
Police listed six cases in June warning that involved men who distracted drivers or tried to open car doors to commit thefts and robberies. The offenders take cellphones—often from window mounts—and other electronics such as GPS devices.

All of the incidents listed in the police alert were reported during afternoon or evening hours, and many were on or near Michigan Ave.

Shortly after police issued last month's community alert, six "flyer boys" were arrested in the downtown area for illegal charitable solicitation. A review of the arrestee's criminal records by this newspaper found that five of the six men have served prison time for robbery. The men had been arrested an average of 48 times.

## Man charged with robbing Quartino Restaurant at gunpoint in May

A man has been charged with robbing the popular Quartino restaurant in River North on May 13, police said. A break in the case came early Saturday after the man tried to hold up a West Loop Portillo's, but wound



Julian Wilson

up being overpowered by the restaurant's employees, Around 5 a.m. Saturday, Julian Wilson, 23, entered the Portillo's at 520 W. Taylor and tried to rob the store at gunpoint, police said. Wilson held several employees at gunpoint, and he was in the process of robbing them when he was jumped by one of the victims who wrestled away his gun.

Two employees were injured by knives that they used to overpower Wilson, police said. Their injuries were not life-threatening.

Detectives connected Wilson to the Quartino robbery during questioning on Saturday. Wilson is charged with three counts of attempted robbery with a firearm and one count of armed robbery with a firearm. Judge Mary Marubio ordered him held without bail on Sunday.

Around 11:45 p.m. on May 13, a gunman entered Quartino, 626 N. State St., and encountered an employee who was counting money, police said at the time. The offender reportedly pointed a handgun at the employee and demanded that they hand over the cash. The employee followed the gunman's demands and no one was injured.

## Robbers asking victims to conduct bank transactions before hold up

Police are on the lookout for a robbery crew that is asking victims to deposit checks for them at banks in the Loop, only to rob the victims when they emerge from making the transaction, according to officers who work downtown.

At least four similar cases have been reported in the past couple of weeks, according to an officer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In each case, two or three offend-

ers have approached victims near a bank and asked the victim to deposit checks or conduct another transaction in exchange for a small amount of money. When the victims come back outside, a robbery unfolds and the offenders run from the scene.

The most recent incident was reported around 3:30 p.m. July 7 in the first block of E. Monroe. That victim was told to deposit a check and that he would not be hurt if he complied with the order.

No description was available for the offenders, but common sense should prevail: Don't do anyone's banking for them and walk away if someone tries to con you into conducting transactions on their behalf.

In other robberies reported downtown this weekend: Chicago police chased five robbery offenders who reportedly jumped a woman outside of the Nike Store, 669 N. Michigan, around 4:15 p.m. July 6. The suspects ran into a building on the Northwestern Memorial Hospital campus and apparently scattered to different floors. One suspect was captured, but the victim was gone when officers returned to the scene of the crime to see if she could identify the man, according to police.

A man told police that he was battered and robbed by two teenagers in the 800 block of N. Dearborn shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday. The suspects took the victim's valuables and ran away southbound on Dearborn, police said. The robbers were described as being two black males between 15- and 17-years-old who stand about 5'-7" tall and weigh 150-160 lbs.

## Cold case

Police say Jacob Stegeman, 28, became upset as he left the Town Hall District station, 850 W. Addison, around 2:30 p.m. June 29. He kicked the station's front door, kicked a cement barrier in front of the station, then pulled the garbage bag out of a trash can and tossed it onto the ground, according to a police report. He wasn't arrested. At least



Jacob Stegeman

he wasn't until he returned to the scene with "a large Circle K Slushie" that he poured onto the windshield of a patrol car in front of the station and then threw the empty cup at the vehicle. Stegeman then picked up a nearby traffic cone and threw that at the cruiser, too, police said. He was taken into custody and charged with reckless conduct and littering.

## Two cops injured in Sunday Old Town arrest

Two officers were injured as they attempted to detain a possible robbery offender in Old Town on Sunday afternoon. A woman who lives in the neighborhood told police that three teenagers on Divvy bikes were circling the area and tried to rob her husband near the 1700 block of N. Wells around 12:15 p.m.

A second person also reported that the Divvy bikers tried to take their phone.

Officers stopped two suspects in the 1800 block of N. Hudson, but another ran away. He was detained in the 200 block of W. St. Paul a few minutes later. According to police, the third offender bit one officer and caused unspecified injuries to another cop as they tried to take him into custody.

Both injured officers were taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition. Police were preparing to seek charges on Sunday evening.

## Woman knifed at "social gathering" in Old Town

A 22-year-old woman suffered a minor knife wound when an argument turned physical at an Old Town Airbnb early Sunday, police said. Guests on the second floor of the home called 911 shortly after midnight to report hearing a loud fight and screams on the floor above them in the 100 block of W. Schiller.

Police said the fight broke out at a "social gathering" and that the offender remains at large. The victim was transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of a laceration above her eye, according to a police spokesman.

The offender is described as a shirtless black male who was wearing black jeans and carrying a white and black shoulder bag. He was last seen heading eastbound on Schiller.

## Sandwich attack escalates

A CTA passenger asked Aleksander Jovicic to move his car out of a bus



Aleksander Jovicic

stop in the 3900 block of N. Ashland around 8:20 p.m. June 15 because the man's bus was arriving. The passenger told police that Jovicic, 28, flipped him off and stayed right where he was. The man threw a sandwich at Jovicic's car and prepared to board the bus. That's when Jovicic got out and beat the man up, the victim said. He returned to the car and came back with a lug nut wrench that he used to batter the victim again, police said. Jovicic, who lives in California, was charged with battery after the victim refused to pursue felony charges.

## "Water Test" scam used to enter homes

Scammers are trying to gain access to homes across Chicago by pretending to be Dept. of Water Management (DWM) workers who need to test the water supply, according to emails from multiple aldermen. The imposters may wear construction vests and hard hats to look more authentic.

Scams such as these typically result in theft of valuables. Any official DWM representative will be wearing a neon yellow shirt or safety vest with grey metallic striping and carrying a City of Chicago or Dept. of Water Management issued ID.

The city does offer free water testing, but homeowners need to request the service. The DWM tester will arrive only on the appointed day, and they will have a 10-digit reference number that is issued when the homeowner requests testing.

A free lead test kit may be requested by calling 311.

## Cops nab burglars in Lakeview, Uptown

Town Hall District police made two burglary arrests in three hours overnight—one in Lakeview and another in Uptown. Charges are pending in both cases.

Around 10:30 p.m. July 7, an Uptown man reported that someone was trying to break into his home in the 4700 block of N. Dover. Police found damage to the home's front door and fingerprints on a window that the burglar tried to access, according to a report. Officers found the suspect nearby and took him into custody.

Then, around 1:45 a.m. on Sunday, a woman called 911 to report that a man she did not know was inside her home in the 4000 block of N. Clark St. The offender was gone when police arrived. About 15 minutes later, though, a homeowner flagged down police a couple of blocks away to report that a man was trying to break into a building in the 1400 block of W. Cullom. The man was detained and the woman who called police a few minutes earlier was able to identify him as the prowler who was inside her home, police said.

Summer is peak season for burglars as windows and doors are often left open to allow cooling breezes into homes, making their job a lot easier.

Through June 29, 121 burglaries had been reported in Lakeview so

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far this year. That's close to a five-year low and is substantially lower than 2016 when over 240 break-ins had been reported during the same time period.

Uptown has seen a gradual increase in robberies over the past five years. With 2018 recording about 50% more cases year-to-date than 2014.

**Burglary Prevention Tips**

- Lock your doors and windows, even when you are home.
- Secure window unit air conditioners so they cannot be pushed in from the outside.
- Lock rear gates from the inside.
- Make your home look "lived in" by leaving a TV on when you are away.
- Close blinds and curtains; do not leave any valuables of any kind visible from the outside.

**Bus driver accused of sexually assaulting passenger with cerebral palsy posts 'affordable' \$400 bail to go free**

A suburban Cook County Pace bus driver, accused of twice sexually assaulting a passenger who was traveling from a cerebral palsy treatment center, has gone free after posting a bail deposit of just \$400. And, now, the judge who lowered his bail has removed the man from electronic monitoring.

Prosecutors alleged that on at least two occasions in January, Burnell Johnson, 60, parked his Pace bus, covered a surveillance camera with his hat, and then sexually assaulted a 33-year-old female passenger who is visually impaired and has cerebral palsy. The victim could not give legal consent because she functions as a six-year-old, according to prosecutors.



Burnell Johnson

Burnell also told the woman to send sexually explicit photos of herself to him, prosecutors said.

Whatever happened on the bus

was blocked by Burnell's hat, but microphones recorded him making sexual comments, according to prosecutors.

In court on June 9, Burnell was charged with five felonies: two counts of criminal sexual assault-consent and three counts of criminal sexual abuse. The court's pretrial services division, which collects information to help judges make bail decisions, recommended that Johnson be under "maximum conditions" if he is released before trial.

Judge David Navarro ordered him held without bail. On June 12, Judge Eulalia De La Rosa reaffirmed Johnson's no-bail status.

Three days later, Johnson was in court again—standing before Cook County Judge Stanley Hill.

According to a source, Hill asked a relative of Johnson's how much the family could afford to pay as bond. The relative—a retired court clerk who used to work in the same courthouse as Judge Hill, according to the source—said \$400.

Hill nixed the previous "no bail" status and set bail at \$4,000, allowing Johnson to leave jail on electronic monitoring by putting down a 10% deposit. Johnson was ordered to avoid contact with anyone under the age of 18 and was given permission to go to work at a hospital and attend church. Shortly after 2 p.m., his sister posted a \$400 payment and Burnell Johnson was released.

Hill vacated his electronic monitoring order July 6 effective immediately and Johnson is now free, off of electronic monitoring, with \$400 as a security deposit. Hill's written order stipulates "(1) zero tolerance for alcohol or drug + (2) random urine drops + no driving + continue attendance at... church." Hill also set a "24/7 curfew" and reiterated that Johnson is to stay away from children.

**Nine years for felon with gun**

A convicted felon who was found in possession of a handgun when police went to question him about a double-homicide has received a nine-year sentence. Keyshawn Roberts,

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34, pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a weapon in the deal that was approved by Judge William Gamboney.

Cops say they went to Robert's



Keyshawn Roberts

house on Feb. 26 to take him in for questioning and they performed a routine protective pad-down before transporting him. During the search, cops found a loaded handgun in his waistband, according to prosecutors. He has not been charged in any homicide. Roberts previously served time for narcotics (twice) and armed robbery. His parole date is set for Aug. 26, 2022.

**Three-year term for robber**

Raymond Bensfield, 42, charged with robbing a Boystown Walgreens on Jan. 10, pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of retail theft in exchange for a three-year sentence from Judge Catherine Haberkorn.

Bensfield had been out of prison for just five days when he walked into the store at 3201 N. Broadway and tried to walk out with two large bottles of booze. Security approached Bensfield, who responded by swinging a bottle at them and threatening to throw it, police said. One bottle crashed to the floor, and Bensfield fled.

In Jan. 2016, Bensfield walked into the 7-Eleven at 2619 N. Clark St. and claimed to have a gun as he took five packs of Marlboros and two bottles of Jack Daniel's. The next morning, he walked into the Walgreens at 2817 N. Clark St., grabbed a bottle of Jägermeister, and then claimed to have a gun when an employee confronted him. He was sentenced to four-years in prison for each case, to be served concurrently. His previous convictions include six-years for robbery in 2010 and three years for arson in 1995.

Bensfield is scheduled to be paroled on July 10, 2020.

**Old Town taxi robbery brings six-year prison sentence**

Daniel Vargas, 22, received a six-year sentence from Judge Earl Hoffenberg after pleading guilty to robbing a cab driver in Old Town last November. His parole date is set for Nov. 9, 2020.

Vargas was riding in a cab through Old Town when he asked to be dropped off in the 1500 block of N. Sedgwick, near the Sedgwick Brown Line CTA station, prosecutors said. When the cabbie asked to be paid, Vargas allegedly pulled out a knife and pushed it into the driver's back while demanding money. The 36-year-old driver gave Vargas \$92 and pointed out that the incident was being recorded on a camera.

Vargas proceeded to pull the video camera out of the car and run away, police said. But he didn't get too far. Two good samaritans who saw the whole thing go down captured Vargas and held him for cops.

**Accused of participating in armed carjacking, man goes free after judge slashes bail**

Few people are likely enjoying their freedom today more than Savion Canty. Charged with Class X felony aggravated carjacking with a weapon, Canty was being held without bail—until Tuesday.

That's when Cook County Judge Marvin Luckman allowed him to go free by posting a \$2,000 deposit. Canty, 20, did that right away.

On April 11, 2017, a 32-year-old man from Country Club Hills stepped out of the Hilton Chicago Hotel and went to pay for another night of parking in a nearby lot. Canty pulled up in a white Dodge Charger and Phillip Smith, 25, got out of the car and approached the victim with a handgun, prosecutors said.

Police say Smith ordered the victim to hand over his wallet and keys. The man did. Then Smith walked over to the man's Dodge Durango, got in, and drove away. Canty allegedly followed behind in the Charger with a juvenile in the back seat.

Adding to the victim's disappoint-

ment, a jacket that he just bought for his son was inside the car. The man went back to the hotel and called the police.

A few days later, the victim saw a picture of his stolen SUV on Facebook. The poster wanted to know if anybody recognized it because it had just been used in a bump-and-run carjacking of his cousin.

After a little more Facebook detective work, the victim said he found a video that was posted four days after he was carjacked. He said the video showed his Durango and the juvenile from Canty's back seat. The juvenile was wearing the jacket that the victim had purchased for his son.

Smith was arrested last May. Charged with Class X felony vehicular hijacking with a firearm and Class X felony robbery, he was ordered held on \$1,000,000 bail by Judge Adam Bourgeois.

Last week, police in the Austin neighborhood stopped a car for a traffic violation. Canty was in the back seat. According to court records, officers "immediately knew" that Canty was wanted in connection with the carjacking. He was arrested.

Canty appeared in court the next day and prosecutors charged him with Class X felony aggravated vehicular hijacking with a weapon. The court's pretrial services division, which collects information to help judges make bail decisions, recommended that Canty be under "maximum conditions" if he is released before trial.

Judge Stephanie Miller ordered him held without bail.

On July 10, Canty was taken to court for a routine hearing before Judge Luckman, a long-sitting Cook County Judge whose defendant-friendly decisions have earned him the nickname "Let 'em go Luckman."

After reviewing the case, Luckman nixed Canty's no-bond status and set bail at \$20,000. Canty went free later the same day by posting a 10% deposit. He is due back in Luckman's court on July 20.

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**North Township Real Estate For Sale**

**Real Estate For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,

-v- JAVAD ZAFAR, ZAHIRA MASAUOOD AHMAD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE GRAND OHIO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

2017 CH 4845  
211 EAST OHIO STREET, UNIT 916 CHICAGO, IL 60611

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 13, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 3, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 211 EAST OHIO STREET, UNIT 916, CHICAGO, IL 60611

Property Index No. 17-10-209-025-1115.

The real estate is improved with a single family home with an attached three car garage.

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

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

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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.

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McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file number 261519.

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

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Attorney ARDC No. 61256  
Attorney Code. 61256  
Case Number: 2017 CH 4845  
TJSC#: 38-5579

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, County Department, Chancery Division, Mortgage Foreclosure Section, Consumers Federal Credit Union, a federal credit union, Plaintiff, vs. Zircon Realty, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, Savas Tsilirlidis, an individual, Evgeny A. Freidman, an individual, 30 West Oak Condominium Association, an Illinois not-for-profit condominium association, Silke Tsilirlidis, as Trustee of the Bridge Funding Trust dated June 22, 2015, Fidelity Corp. Limited a/k/a Fidelity Corporate Services, Ltd., as Trustee of the Bridge Funding Trust dated June 22, 2015, Ellen M. Walker, as Trustee of the Lindy Funding Trust dated June 12, 2015, Everett Abitbol, as A Trustee of the Lindy Funding Trust dated June 12, 2015, and Unknown Owners, Heirs, Legatees, and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants. Case No. 17CH 5650; Sheriff's No. 180146-001F.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF/JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on August 23,

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2018, at 1:00 P.M. 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: Commonly Known As: 30 W. Oak Street, Unit 10B, Chicago, IL 60610.

Improved with a condominium.

The Mortgage described in the Complaint and hereby foreclosed appears of record in the Recorder of Deeds, Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 1200612041. The property herein referred and directed to be sold is legally described as follows:

PIN: 17-04-424-055-1019.

Sale shall be under the following terms:

Certified funds of not less than ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale, and the balance to be paid within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter, plus interest at the statutory rate from the date of sale to the date of payment.

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

The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Premises will be OPEN for inspection.

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

For information contact Scott A. Nehls of Fuchs & Roselli, Ltd., 440 W. Randolph Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 651-2400.

NOTE: 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (FANNIE MAE), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff,

-v-

SYED HASNAIN, ARSHIA HUSSAIN, BY-LINE BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO METROBANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A RBS CITIZENS, N.A., METROPOLITAN TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants

17 CH 8258  
310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., UNIT 1303 Chi-

**Real Estate For Sale**

ago, IL 60604

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 10, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., UNIT 1303, Chicago, IL 60604

Property Index No. 17-15-107-078-1347 Vol. 510; 17-15-107-078-1192 Vol. 0510.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$490,975.96.

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

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

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

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHN-SON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 17-5040.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL

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Attorney File No. 17-5040  
Attorney Code. 40342  
Case Number: 17 CH 8258  
TJSC#: 38-4635

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MCCORMICK 105, LLC Plaintiff,

-v- ANDRE SORRELL, HELEN JEAN SORRELL A/K/A HELEN SORRELL, ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC. N/K/A CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

2017 CH 13176  
1925 NORTH NATOMA  
Chicago, IL 60607  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 10, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1925 NORTH NATOMA, Chicago, IL 60607

Property Index No. 13-31-403-012-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$87,579.57.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the

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purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1800, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 431-1455 Please refer to file number 1889-180FC.

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Attorney Code. 38245  
Case Number: 2017 CH 13176  
TJSC#: 38-4026

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

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**Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale**

**Real Estate For Sale**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIRST SECURITY TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v.- SALEEM JAFFRI, GHAZALA JAFFRI, 6642-44 NORTH DAMEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ATLANTIC CREDIT & FINANCE, INC., NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS Defendants 16 CH 9863 6642 N. DAMEN, UNIT 2S 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 June 28, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 8, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6642 N. DAMEN, UNIT 2S, Chicago, IL 60645

Property Index No. 11-31-302-087-1004. The real estate is improved with a condominium unit. The judgment amount was \$565,546.76.

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

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

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

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For information, contact WILLIAM M. SMITH, WILLIAM M. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, 1038 N. LASALLE STREET, UNIT EAST, Chicago, IL 60610, (708) 923-0007

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WILLIAM M. SMITH & ASSOCIATES 1038 N. LASALLE STREET, UNIT EAST Chicago, IL 60610 (708) 923-0007

E-Mail: wsmithlaw@aol.com Attorney Code: 50013 Case Number: 16 CH 9863 TJSC#: 38-5422

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

16 CH 9863

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK SOUTHWEST, N.A. F/K/A WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, F.S.B. F/K/A WORLD SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff, -v.- BOZIDAR BOZIC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MARGATE TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2018 CH 00742 850 W. MARGATE TERRACE #202 CHICAGO, IL 60640

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 8, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 22, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 850 W. MARGATE TERRACE #202, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-08-412-031-1006. The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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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 14-18-00535.

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-18-00535 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2018 CH 00742 TJSC#: 38-4103

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION 2013-R1 TRUST Plaintiff, vs. MIJONA SIMONOVIC, THE CITY OF CHICAGO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE FDIC 2013-N1 ASSET TRUST; CRE VENTURE 2011-1, LLC Defendants, 17 CH 6763

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 13-02-204-049-0000. Commonly known as 6234 NORTH SAINT LOUIS AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60659.

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 Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-012040 F2

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 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWAII, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-0A11, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-0A11 Plaintiff, -v.- TUDOR PAUL CIUPE, CASTLE MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2017 CH 09621 7078 N. WOLCOTT AVE, UNIT G 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 May 10, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 13, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7078 N. WOLCOTT AVE, UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60626

Property Index No. 11-31-204-024-1026. The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-PR2 TRUST Plaintiff, -v.- RAMIZ HASANIC, GORDANA HASANIC, MORISRIOE & ASSOCIATES, LTD. Defendants 13 CH 01112 6234 N. RICHMOND STREET CHICAGO, IL 60659

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 13, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6234 N. RICHMOND STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60659

Property Index No. 13-01-112-023. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff, -v.- FELIPE GARCIA, DEVON BANK, CITIBANK, N.A. Defendants 2018 CH 00470 1773 W. ARTHUR AVE 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 April 18, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on Au-

gust 16, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1773 W. ARTHUR AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60626

Property Index No. 11-31-416-003-0000. The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BERKIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-10HE, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-10HE Plaintiff, -v.- EDWARD S SUAREZ, JR A/K/A EDWARD S SAUREZ, JR, 6636-6638 NORTH NEWGARD AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 17 CH 16905 6638 NORTH NEWGARD AVENUE UNIT G 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 May 16, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 17, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6638 NORTH NEWGARD AVENUE UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60626

Property Index No. 11-32-310-038-1007. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

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

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## Mid Summer Art Walk Friday

One of Chicago's largest summer art event happening in the galleries of the River North Art District is the Mid Summer Art Walk, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday July 13, centered around the intersection of Franklin and Superior streets. The walk is free and open to the public, and the evening will include exhibition openings, street entertainment, drink and food specials.

Over 20 galleries participate in the event. For an online map of the galleries visit <http://rivernorthartgalleries.com/map--river-north-art-district.html>.

There will be an after party at BAR LUPU from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## Taste opens today in Grant Park

The Taste of Chicago was once one of the nation's premier outdoor food festival showcasing the diversity of Chicago's dining community. Unfortunately the Taste that the City of Chicago puts on these days is a shadow of its former self.

Still a delicious array of foods will be served, complemented by music and activities for the entire family. Taste has been put on every summer since 1980, adjacent to Grant Park on the city's lakefront, home to the world's largest food festival.

Admission is free and tickets for food and beverages can be purchased in strips of 14 tickets for \$10.

The Taste is centered at Jackson and Columbus now through July 15, from 11 a.m. to 9p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 9p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information visit [tasteofchicago.us](http://tasteofchicago.us).

## WATER from p. 1

water, a multibillion industry that is not afraid to put pressure on public officials to increase its profits. In a recent controversial decision, the state of Michigan allowed Nestle to pump more groundwater (400 gallons per minute) for a low price (\$200 for a permit) despite more than 80,000 Michigan residents going public as opposed to selling off this natural resource in a state that has lacked access to clean drinking water.

"I suspect that the lead issue may be used as an excuse to remove the city's public water fountains, most of which are very poorly maintained," Borzo told News-Star. "As they get dirty, they go unused and get still dirtier. This motivates people to carry bottled water with them, which leaves the fountains even less used. It's a continuing cycle. I would like to see the city do a better job of keeping its drinking fountains clean and operational. Then they would be used more for everyone's health and well-being."

Ald. Scott Waguespack (32nd), who has battled the mayor over economic policies, recently wrote a letter to his constituents outlining these concerns.

He wrote that even though aldermen have pushed for solutions to water with dangerous levels of lead, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has not allowed for a public hearing on the issue. The city intends to borrow another \$900 million in water and sewer bonds to continue work on existing infrastructure, however, he says that none of the new water/sewer bond funds will go toward addressing the problem.

"Chicagoans need a publicly backed and publicly available long-term plan devised to deal with the issue of lead in the drink-

ing water," Ald. Waguespack wrote in his letter.

So what is the city doing now to fix the very serious problem of lead contamination that can damage a child's brain? In addition to flushing the water fountains all season, which lets millions of gallons of clean filtered drinking water flow into the sewers, the city this year will focus on preserving and fixing the water fountains in areas well used, and closing down the drinking fountains in areas not-well used. It is estimated

**About 750 fountains with detectable levels of lead will either be turned off or left on continuous flow.**

that for every drinking fountain spigot that is left on, nearly 600 gallons of drinking water are wasted each day. It's exactly because of this expense that Chicago spent hundreds of thousands of dollars installing on-and-off buttons on the fountains in 2003. Unfortunately, city officials did not plan for the lead contamination they're facing today.

According to NPR, the city has divided the drinking fountains into two categories – those with high lead, and those that are clean. About 750 fountains with detectable levels of lead will either be turned off or left on continuous flow.

One expert on clean drinking water told the media that flushing the Chicago Park District water fountains is a good first step because children drink a lot from fountains in the parks and are vulnerable to lead exposure. The city said about 200 problem fountains will be addressed.

That could mean another 550 fountains in "low-traffic" areas will be "evaluated for permanent removal."

NPR reported that more than 100 drinking fountains have already been shut down permanently because of lead. The city continues to repair certain fountains by replacing lead water service lines, which was banned in 1986.

The question then is, what determines a "high-use" water fountain, and one that is not? Will it further the segregation of the city where less popular parks in rougher neighborhoods have no drinking fountains, furthering blight in a city with a growing divide between the haves and have nots?

Community groups like the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless are concerned with the city's mission to close a lot of public drinking fountains.

"These all seem like bad solutions," a Coalition for the Homeless official told the media. "Isn't there a solution that keeps the water safe but doesn't reduce access to water?"

## CAMERAS from p. 1

come addition to the neighborhood prior to the beginning of a new school year."

In Chicago, the number of speeding violations has been trending downward in ASE zones since cameras were deployed in 2014. That is due in large part to a general awareness by drivers of where speed cameras are located throughout the city.

Still the average speed of all recorded traffic in automated speed enforcement zones has gone down since 2014 (the first full year of ASE) from 26 MPH to 22.5 MPH, in these zones. This represents a 13% decrease in speed at these locations.

Crash data also shows the number of crashes in automated speed enforcement zones was down four percent in 2015, compared to 2013 data, while elsewhere in the City, total crashes were up 13%.

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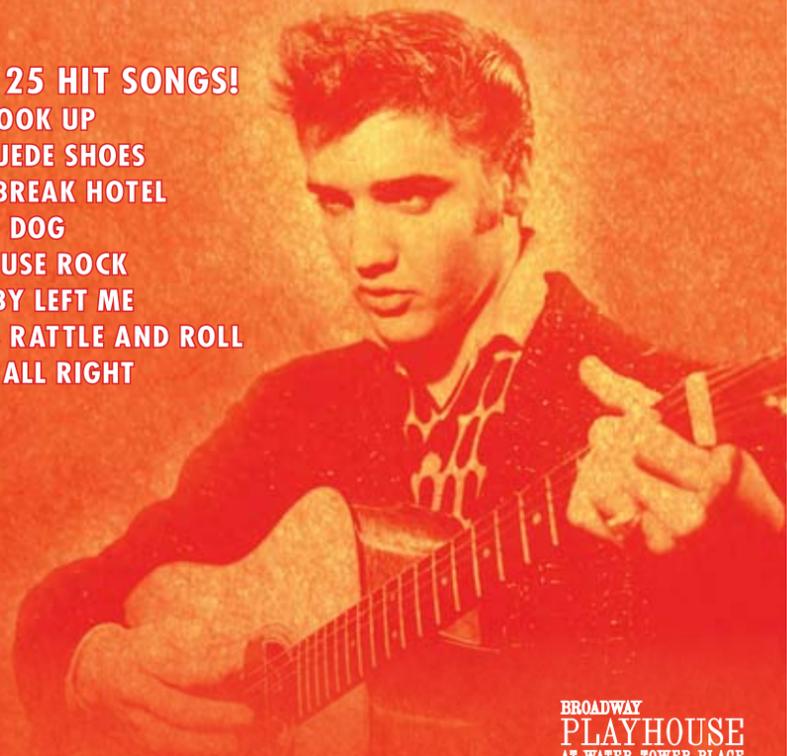
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