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Chicago Ave. Bridge to close down Nov. 1

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation will be closing and replacing the Chicago Avenue Bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River. The first phase of the work will begin on Nov. 1, involving the demolition of the existing bridge and replacement with a new interim bridge structure.

The work on the bridge will require closing Chicago Ave. between Larrabee and Halsted streets. The full project to replace the bridge will last five months. However, the city claims the road-

way on Chicago Ave. is scheduled to reopen by the end of the year.

The current bridge was constructed in 1914 and requires full replacement to safely maintain and support the volume of vehicle, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic in this active corridor.

After the reopening of the roadway, the final month will consist of installing the new road and navigational lighting. CDOT has established marked detours in place for bicyclists, pedestrians, personal vehicles, buses, and trucks.

Hotel off the table as alderman rejects Spire Site proposal

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] on Monday rejected Related Midwest's proposed development at 400 N. Lake Shore Dr., commonly known as the "Spire Site."

The alderman listed a series of issues that the developer must address related to this proposal before it will be considered again. Those concerns include a demand that access to the site via East North Water St. must be significantly restricted, that a proposed

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He also wants them to make greater use of the Lake Shore Dr. access ramp system and below grade parking to manage deliveries, services vehicles and pick-up / drop-offs; elimination of the proposed Ogden Slip Public Esplanade, and he wants them to create a security plan for the Riverwalk and DuSable Park.

"I always strive to negotiate positive outcomes when considering development proposals. My goal is to strike a fair balance and approve responsible projects that will be successful for the owners, while enhancing the character and vitality of the surrounding neighborhood," he said Monday. "Over the summer, I convened numerous meetings between the Developer and nearby condominium associations to discuss their concerns with the proposal and to identify potential solutions. [At that time] neighbors shared concerns regarding the hotel use; the tall podium base of the buildings; traffic concerns and security issues on the Riverwalk and at DuSable Park."

The alderman also hosted a well-attended community meeting May 15 along with the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents [SOAR] to review the Developer's proposal. After sorting through all the feedback, the alderman sent a memo to Related on Aug. 13 - detailing the issues they must address before their project could receive additional consideration for approval. "Unfortunately, several weeks later, Related Midwest provided me with a response that did not adequately address any of the major



Development site at 400 N. Lake Shore Dr.

concerns about their proposal," he said.

As it stands, this project remains stalled and will not move forward.

Will landlords support rent control?

BY JIM VAIL

Illinois state senator Mattie Hunter [3rd] has proposed a bill that would establish rent control within the state for the first time since the early 1970s.

State Rep. Will Guzzardi [39th] first proposed HB 2430 that would repeal the 1997 Rent Control Preemption Act, which prohibited rent regulation in Illinois. That act was drafted to help protect real estate interests.

According to various media reports, Hunter's bill goes much further.

Her bill seeks to eliminate no-cause eviction - which would prevent landlords from evicting tenants simply because they raise the rent, and would establish six elected 'rent control boards' throughout the state, composed of landlords, tenants and tenant advocates. The seven members of each board would monitor local rent regulation.

The bill would allow rent increases tied to inflation and regional rent control boards to establish median rent for their areas. Rent could not increase due to market changes or above the inflation rate and landlords would



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be charged a yearly fee to cover administrative work and to create a 'repair fund' for which smaller landlords (defined as 12 or fewer rental unit buildings in one of six regions, where the owner also lives in one of the units, and whose rents are at or below the area median) could get grants and no-interest loans to cover capital

improvements or repairs.

The latest rent control proposals come because people of modest means are finding it harder and harder to live in a city with rising cost of living and higher rents.

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The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has seen a continued drop in its student population due to a variety of causes, one being the increased cost of housing. Some schools are facing falling enrollment because families have fled the city, particularly on the South and West Sides. The Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) said that CPS enrollment dropped from about 370,000 last year to 360,000 this year.

The Reader newspaper claims that this bill may help smaller owners renting at affordable rates get property tax relief. Small owners told the paper that the city doesn't provide support for emergency repairs or renovations, and costs end up getting passed on to renters or no repairs are made.

Big landlords represented by groups such as Illinois Realtors who testified at the bill's hearing do not think they should have to give up their property rights by government fiat to help a long-time tenant, the Reader reported. One landlord likened the rent control proposal to putting a price cap on food.

There are two different inter-

ests at stake here. One are the low-income renters who are finding it harder to pay market-rate rent. The others are the property owners, landlords and developers who naturally want to earn more money on their properties.

Most renters in Chicago spend more than a third of their income on rent. In Cook County, more than three quarters of the poorest households spend more than half of their income on rent. A non-binding referendum last March showed that 75% of the 16,000 voters who saw the question on their ballot said they were in favor of lifting the ban on rent control.

The question boils down to who has more clout, as it usually does in Illinois, and ultimately what House Majority Leader Mike Madigan wants. And rent control advocates should also be cognizant of the fact that Madigan made his own personal fortune by representing large real estate interests in the state.

So far, Hunter's bill has eight cosponsors - 15% of the 59-member senate. Guzzardi's bill has garnered nine cosponsors - just 8% of the 118-member house. But without Madigan's support the bill will go nowhere.

Does America need a restorative?

Cozy world of the gentry appears to be fading away



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Have you ever been gentrified?

I mean redone, not a touch up, but a makeover.

Re-groomed, repaired, scrubbed-up? Trimmed, manicured and polished?

Chances are you'd remember it like your first day of school, first Communion, or your first kiss.

You're primed and sanded, only this time like you were a resident of the picturesque state of Connecticut. You know. Well-matched. Preppy. Good fabrics. Smart woolens, timeless corduroy, ageless linen. Pedigree acquired in the thread count.

Have you ever seen Old Lyme? Greenwich? Darien? Westport? Martha Stewart could live there. Wait, she does.

There isn't much there that hasn't been reborn in the shabby chic orthodoxy of American refinement. Worn leather furniture. Patched tartan fabrics of note. Homemade hooked rugs. Restored timber floors. Yacht-themed bedrooms. Mixed china patterns of Dresden or Wedgwood or Limoges. You get the idea. Sterling candelabras everywhere. Distressed furniture. The worry-

free kind you can put your riding boots on. Shabby-chic. Ruined refinements. Like the Irish country house of an inattentive squire. Hard-riding folk with windblown veneers. A comfortability scaled to human size. Proportions for everyday enjoyment. Little room for pretensions or snobbish attitudes.

This is definitely not self-conscious suburbia with everything new, without the nicks and bruises of long years of use. No tacky middle-class airs here. Those judgments that push things out of emotional control. Where everything must match, or be new. Or level.

In the calmness of life among the gentry, people and things are allowed to weather. Mature. Show their age and timeless significance. In the world of the gentry, the grandees of country society, timelessness is the very mark of fame. Like a cracked cup or a chipped crystal goblet. Mismatched cutlery. The things that reveal the poetry of life and the nearness of everlasting values. Like old opulence and thrift abiding at the same table. Two forks to eat fish. Antique asparagus tongs. Warming your glass for a port. A grandeur of hospitality. A door always open. A seat at the table. Room for one more.

Alas, the cozy world of the gentry appears to be fading away. It was heartening to encounter it in the past couple of decades when derelict or downtrodden neighborhoods or patches of past urban grandeur were undergoing transformations back to a new age of living.

Urban pioneers in the 1970s and 1980s seemed to have found a spirit of poetic rebirth for their



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willingness to set up their homestead in the city, however bleak or challenging. Bargain dwellings in historic patches yearned to be discovered and tended with sensitivity and taste. Communities nestled closeby the very heart of the urban centers of cosmopolitan life from London to Boston, to Chicago and Fort Wayne, all seemed to offer a chance to enhance domestic living. Smart buys for people of vision. And the promise of some tasteful goals to remake the streetscapes and the backyards of old homes with grand staircases and architecturally significant fingerprints.

Here in Chicago, many wonderful communities have been restored, invigorating the local economies with new grocers, restaurants, coffee shops, bars, schools, revitalized el stops and a network of community organizations meant to support the new age of urban life.

What a healthy self-understanding such urban endeavors offer. Or should offer. If you're like me you'll watch such cultural barometers for a sign as to what's up. In the rush to redo, are people really being refreshed?

I had a happier sense about all of this 10 years ago than I do now. When my friends were reshaping the interior of their homes, they also seemed to be reforming the interiors of their hearts. They seemed to be having a good time, alive with a powerful sense of discovery about architecture, design, form, fashion, domestic practicality and hospitable entertainment. As things settled down are they still in touch with those aesthetic forces which really do inform and nourish our humanity?

The present temperature of domestic politics is not a very pretty sight. It's not a life-giving experience. Nothing about focusing on common necessities or shared human need. Do you see or feel the presence of any old fashioned values nearby?

As recent events demonstrate, we live in a bully culture not directed by rational thinking or reliable wisdom. We have fallen back into the thoughtless self-serving pity of brute force argument. Tirades of shallow prejudice. Carping vocabularies of mindless thoughts and bitter accusations.

We appear to be always aiming for the jugular.

Facebook is awash in untrust-

worthy narratives. Stories are accusatory and venal. The verbiage of bias and isolating self aggrandizement. Hardly the Enlightenment thoughts of the founding fathers or the American humanism of nation builders. Just the untrustworthy assertions of angry people with rather emphatic, but under-educated analysis.

Can you say that your life is fuller as a result... more refined? Do you have more clarity about political issues? Is it a coincidence that street crime is so out of control at the same time? Is the reading of local police reports becoming more dehumanizing? How can we blame people for being frightened for their safety and angry because of their fears? With all these ingredients what is there left for us to make?

Shakespeare's right, "When sorrows come they come not single spies but in battalions."

Perhaps the answer lies in what defines us best: Our humanity. Not an irrational emotional response. But rather a solution that comes from the heart. From the deepest deep down place, where only humans can go. The well of reason, fountain of thoughtfulness and bottomless reservoir of generosity and kind deeds. It is there that the true reserve of the gentry is discovered. There is the full truth of our being, our sense of soul and purpose. The harvest of emotional stability that no other creature can share.

Perhaps it can redeem our contemporary politics and restore our national conversation for effective change and harmony in American life. We need to re-gentrify not only our bungalows and mansions, but the rest of our Republic with civility and understanding. Restore the dialogue of America, more important than one political party, any one branch of government or breed of potentate, oligarch or king. Restoration is what Americans do well. From pickled pine walls and brass chandeliers, to the daring juxtaposing of Minimalist designed chairs with overstuffed Edwardian sofas and Arts and Craft settees.

GIVE THE LADY WHAT SHE WANTS: 150 years ago, Marshall Field's department store opened on State St. We miss you more than ever.

RIP/PAX: Mrs. Charles Comiskey II, ("Joey" Curran Comiskey) scion of the baseball

family of Chicago history, died last week in Hinsdale. Her late husband, **Charles II**, maintained a minority ownership in the White Sox until 1962. His sister sold the large share to **Bill Veeck** in 1958. Joey's son is **Charles Comiskey III**. Grandson and great grandson, **Charles IV** and **Charles V**, survive her. Funeral at St. Isaac Jogues. What a long and glorious Chicago historical thread.

LUX AETERNAM: No one altered the artistic geography of Chicago more than **Phyllis Kind** when she opened her gallery in 1967. She highlighted "Vanguard" art and was pretty much the only game in town for her off-the-sidewalk artists. Her influence reached far for artists like **Ed Paschke** and so many others, serving as a bridge between the markets of Europe and the U.S. Phyllis Kind was herself an explosion of wide promotions in the art world. She died at 85 and made a whole era of American art take off here and in New York.

OPERA NEWS: The musicians strike at the Lyric Opera has ended. Let "La Boheme" begin again. Start coughing! Then "Il Trovatore" beginning Nov. 17.

SERENA WILLIAMS: Creative Minds Talks presents "The Art of Storytelling," featuring artist, **Common**, and tennis champion **Serena Williams**, onstage and in conversation at the Lyric Opera House on Monday, Oct. 29. Doors open at 6 p.m., presentation begins at 7 p.m. Common, an academy-award winning artist, actor and activist, and Williams,

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‘Vote on paper’

Ballot integrity activist warns voters to not use machines

BY JIM VAIL

An activist who closely follows people’s voting rights here in Chicago, and in Suburban Cook County, said voters should choose paper ballots on Election Day over the electronic voting machines or Vote By Mail ballots, because of hacking and other problems.

“If you are a registered voter you should choose a paper ballot on Election Day” said Dr. Lora Chamberlain, the leader of the Clean Count Cook County. “The touch screen machines are vulnerable to hacking, the entire National Security community in the US is screaming about the vulnerabilities of our elections on those machines. The machine votes are also very difficult to audit – from what we can see Chicago is not doing a real audit of our votes on the receipts where the electronic voting machines print our votes.”

Chamberlain said that in the 2016 primaries, she and colleagues caught the Chicago Board of Elections conducting an illegal audit on the touch screen machines – “they seemed to be covering up some funny counting of our votes by further funny counting during the audit.” At that time, some members of their group sued the Chicago Board of Elections [CBE] in federal court, but after months of legal wrangling the judge found that the case, although showing some factual basis, was probably moot.

“During our 15 years of monitoring the elections in Chicago we have gathered enough data and stories to tell us that something is not right at the CBE,” Chamberlain said. “On the other hand we have found that suburban Cook County, David Orr’s office, is doing a better job with transparency and accuracy.”

Her opinion was bolstered after the AP News recently reported that an expert panel of the National Academy of Sciences called for fundamental reforms to ensure the integrity of the U.S. election system, which is “handicapped by antiquated technology.” The panel also called for con-

ducting all federal, state and local elections on paper ballots by 2020.

In July 2016, the electronic voter registration database maintained by the Illinois State Board of Elections [ISBE] was breached in a cyberattack.

Officials from the ISBE discussed election cybersecurity and integrity of the Illinois election system in the 2018 elections last week, saying that the government is working to bolster election security ahead of the Nov. 6 general election.

Computer scientists in interviews around the country have proven that the voting machines are “hackable” in a number of ways. A lot depends on the software used to count the votes, and also whether election officials who have access to the machines are trustworthy. When a citizen casts their vote in a polling place on the electronic machines, studies have shown that only 30% of the voters look at the paper trail, on the side of the machine, to confirm that the candidate they voted for matched their recorded vote.

“We have heard reports that the paper trails can show that the candidate the voter voted for was not registered on the tape and that a different candidate appeared instead - this has happened on the voting machine screens as well,” said Chamberlain. “And the audits of our votes in places like the CBE are very problematic. Also, recounts and election challenges cost a lot of money and are available only to candidates themselves – many of whom are running low on funds after Election Day.”

She said that the audits of the electronic votes are so poorly done at the CBE, and there are so few requirements from the state, that the audits actually reconcile our votes. After the Nov. 6, 2016 elections the CBE had to report over 2,200 ballot positions that were not be reconciled, even after three or four attempts to confirm the accurate vote count, but nothing was done by the ISBE.

She added that, Vote By Mail ballots and Provisional ballots in Illinois are not audited at all – “election divisions could just be



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making the numbers up out of thin air and we would never know.”

“We need real election integrity reform that involves transparency and mandated accuracy, there should be real ramifications against any election division that cannot prove that their reported election results are in fact accurate and verifiable,” she said. “We do not recommend simply trusting what they report – we demand that the citizens be able to verify that the officials vote counts are accurate. We should be very concerned [and] vote on paper, it’s safer.”

Chamberlain said voters should be concerned with hacking and manipulating voting machines and vote totals, especially today because many races have been decided by a close margin. Ald. Sue Garza [10th] won her seat in City Council by only about 10 votes in her runoff against the incumbent in 2015, and another recent election in Virginia was so close they decided the race by a coin toss. “We need to reform our election processes. If our votes can’t be audited in an observable, transparent fashion, then we may as well not vote,” said Chamberlain. In Chicago it is the CBE, an appointed branch of the Circuit Court, that manages the elections.

“Voters understand how to use paper ballots, they can recheck their choices easily and make sure their ballot is accurate,” she said. “We must also push for real observable, verifiable, redundant audits of all the types of our votes; Early Voting, Election Day, Vote By Mail and Provisional. Despite 15 years of equipment refinement, reports of malfunctions and spurious vote counts involving computerized voting systems continue to surface. Electronic voting machines have proven to be insecure, unreliable and inaccurate.” Chamberlain and her voting activists want a lot more citizens’ eyes on elections.

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Existing home market moving into low gear



The Home Front By Don DeBat

Rising mortgage rates and soaring property taxes could spark a steep decline in Chicago-area existing home sales this autumn, forecasters say.

The metropolitan Chicago housing market experienced a marked decline in September home sales activity that led to a 3% fall in total home sales during the third quarter of 2018 when compared with the same period last year, reports a new analysis by RE/MAX Northern Illinois. Sales for the quarter totaled 31,454 units.

“Based on our research, the September sales slowdown, with sales declining 10.9% from the year-earlier total, seems primarily to be the result of two factors,” said Jeff LaGrange, vice president of the RE/MAX Northern Illinois Region.

While housing costs have been rising in 2018, mortgage interest rates are up both locally and nationally, and the Chicago area has seen some significant increases in property taxes, LaGrange noted.

Benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates eased slightly to 4.85% on Oct. 18 after hitting 4.90% a week earlier, reported Freddie Mac’s Primary Mortgage Market Survey. The 4.90% average was

the highest level since the week of April 14, 2011. A year ago, the 30-year loan average was 3.88%.

On Oct. 18 Chicago-area lenders were charging a range of 4.785% to 4.863% for 30-year fixed rate home loans, according to rateSeeker.com.

Forecasters say mortgage rates are likely to go much higher, putting a further damper on the housing market. On Sept. 26 the Federal Reserve Board lifted its short-term federal funds rate to a range of 2% to 2.25%, the eighth hike since late 2015.

The central bank plans to raise interest rates one more time in 2018, three times in 2019 and once in 2020, ultimately pushing its benchmark federal-funds rate to a range of 3.25% and 3.5%.

The recent skyrocketing reassessment of North, Lakeview and Rogers Park Townships—which includes many wealthy upscale neighborhoods—has left thousands of longtime property owners flabbergasted.

If the Fed continues its current rate-hike policy to manage growth and control inflation, experts say home buyers should expect to pay close to 6% for a mortgage by late 2019.

Gloomy tax outlook

The outlook for property tax increases in Chicago next year is even gloomier. The recent skyrocketing reassessment of North, Lakeview and Rogers Park Townships—which includes many wealthy upscale neighborhoods—has left thousands of longtime property owners flabbergasted. And we’ll still have to come up with more ‘extra money’ next year for government pension payments.

Announcing that the “real estate market is healthy again,” Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios



Luxury or not, condo and townhome sales in Chicago fell 16.5%, while Cook County as a whole had a 12.3% decline.

decreed that the market value for homes, townhomes and apartment buildings with six units or less surged to \$1.3 million from \$1.1 million—an appreciation of more than 18% in only three years.

As a result of the assessor’s new, improved “state-of-the-art” reassessment model, Berrios declared that the median assessed value of one to six-unit properties increased to \$129,082—a whopping gain of 23.32%.

Meanwhile, RE/MAX reported the median sales price of homes in the metro Chicago area increased just 12% over the last three years. The report concluded that housing affordability has declined in the metro area in 2018.

“Some potential buyers are more hesitant these days,” LaGrange said. “RE/MAX brokers are reporting that buyers generally want homes that are move-in ready. Those homes often attract multiple offers, but homes that need considerable work can struggle to find a buyer.”

The September slowdown was especially notable among homes selling for less than \$500,000, where sales dropped 13% compared with Sept. 2017. Sales of homes priced at \$500,000 or more declined just 25 units or only 2.4%.

“At the higher price points, it’s more a question of how much buyers are comfortable spending,” said LaGrange. “However, for entry-level buyers, if the numbers don’t work, they’re likely to keep renting.”

Home prices continued to climb at a gentle pace over the past few months. The median Chicago-area home sales price rose 3.9% in September to \$240,000, while for the third quarter it was up 2.3% to \$246,500.

Sales data used by RE/MAX is collected by MRED, the regional multiple listing service. It covers detached and attached homes in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. Detached homes are typi-

cally stand-alone single-family dwellings.

Third-quarter sales activity fell 3% in Cook County and 3.8% in Chicago. The median sales price for the third quarter rose 2.6% in Chicago. Average market time for the third quarter was 63 days, five days less than in 2017.

RE/MAX reported that detached-home sales were relatively resilient during the third quarter in the metro area, declining 2% to 19,988 units. Home sales declined 8.8% in September to 5,416 units. The median price rose moderately, up 3% for the quarter to \$267,900, while gaining 4% in September to \$260,000. Monthly median prices in the Chicago area tend to peak in June and then fall gradually.

Condo sales slowdown

The attached-home market, which showed significant strength earlier in 2018, slowed considerably during the third quarter, with sales falling 4.6% to 11,466 units in the metro area, RE/MAX said. Median sales prices gaining just 0.7% of 1 percentage point to \$203,000.

Attached homes sales include condominium and cooperative apartments along with townhouses. Attached sales flagged notably in September, declining 14.4% to 3,050 units in the metro area. Condo and townhome sales in Chicago fell 16.5%, while Cook County as a whole had a 12.3% decline.

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

State supreme court will not hear case of unit owner fined for expressing opinions

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

The Supreme Court of Illinois will not consider the case of a unit owner fined for expressing opinions about his condo board.

Michael Boucher successfully sued 111 East Chestnut Condominium Assoc. and seven of its

board members after they imposed a \$500 fine against him for allegedly violating condo rules that prohibit “obnoxious or offensive activity within the association.”

Boucher said the fine was retaliation for expressing his opinions about management practices. The trial court sided with the condo association, but the Appellate Court of Illinois on June 14 agreed with Boucher. Boucher is a restaurateur who once owned Smokin’ Woody’s, a barbecue restaurant in the North Center neighborhood of Chicago.

In her petition asking the Supreme Court to reconsider the appellate ruling, Diane Silverberg, a

principal of Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit, said Boucher’s constitutional rights to free speech were not violated, as he claimed, because there was no “state action,” or activity by the government that violated his civil rights.

Boucher’s attorney, Norman Lerum, said the “state action” requirement is not an issue, as the Illinois Condominium Property Act prohibits condo boards from adopting or enforcing any rule that impairs rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, such as exercise of religion, freedom of speech, or right to peaceably assemble.

The petition for appeal was denied on Oct. 17.

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Implementation of Consent Decree will hamper crime fighting, increase costs

Attorney General offers blunt talk, 'results of the agreement are catastrophic'

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BY PETER VON BUOL

During a blunt speech Oct. 19 sponsored by the Chicago Crime Commission and held at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Attorney General Jeff Sessions had harsh words for a proposed consent decree between the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois which would mandate the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] operate under federal court supervision.

(A consent decree is an agreement between two parties which resolves a dispute without admission of guilt or liability.)

"Micromanaging the CPD through a federal court isn't just unjustified—it's an insult. We do not need to treat Chicago's officers like some sort of rogue police department because of the actions of a few. As leaders, we must hammer the wrongdoers, as was done by a jury a few days ago, but affirm and support the vast majority who do their duty faithfully and properly," Sessions told the members of the 99-year-old commission and the gathered media.

Consent decrees have been implemented by the Justice Department and the federal court system in an attempt to reform police departments believed to have been involved with violating citizens' civil rights through assorted police misconduct.

Sessions blasted the decree as the product of two outgoing political officials, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

"Enacting the consent decree would be anti-democratic in nature. And, it must be noted that both sides of the negotiations for this essentially collusive decree are lame-duck politicians not running for re-election.

The proposed decree would transfer control to two retiring politicians and a federal judge, none of whom are accountable to the people who provide the money. That would be a bad idea, even if it were a good agreement. But, it's not a good agreement," Sessions said.

According to Sessions, murders in Chicago had dropped by an astonishing 55% over the course of a two-decade long period (1994-2014) and he praised the efforts of the CPD.

"Who was responsible for that? Fundamentally, it was the men and women in blue. Some have lost sight of that fact. But then, in 2014, there were misconduct incidents nationwide and in Chicago, anti-police activist protests and movements arose, even getting support in the White House. Unwise decisions were made," Sessions added.

Sessions heaped scorn upon a 2015 agreement between the city of Chicago and the American Civil Liberties Union. The agreement curtailed the use of what police refer to as a Terry stop (commonly referred to as stop-and-frisk). During a Terry stop, police officers stop those they believe are engaged in on-going criminal activity.

"Under the agreement, police officers were dramatically restricted in their use of proven, effective police procedures. Officers, street patrolmen, had to submit a detailed report to the ACLU and a former federal judge every time they made a Terry stop. These stops are completely lawful and have been upheld by the Supreme Court for 50 years. The police also faced disparagement and other restrictions. The



Oct. 19 Attorney General Jeff Sessions spoke at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. sponsored by the Chicago Crime Commission.

results of the agreement are catastrophic. There is just no other way to say it," Sessions said.

Sessions told those in attendance there is a direct correlation between the implementation of the agreement between the ACLU and the city of Chicago and the sudden spike of violence in Chicago. Unspoken may also be the inability of City Hall and CPD to be able to recruit new officers to fill the ranks of retiring officers or those taking law-enforcement jobs outside of Chicago.

"In 2016, Terry stops declined by 75%. Chicago police made 24% fewer arrests in 2016 than they made in 2015, and about half as many arrests as they made in 2011. If you don't stop people, then you don't

find illegal guns or fugitives," Sessions said.

According to Sessions, the sudden increase in the city's murder rate is directly attributable to the agreement between

the ACLU and the city of Chicago.

"As a result of the agreement, the same year, 2016, Chicago saw the biggest single-year increase in murders since we've had reliable statistics—which is over 60 years. [There were] 765 people killed in Chicago. Over the previous 10 years, before the ACLU agreement, the average was 454. This could be the largest increase in murders in any major American city in history. Three-hundred eleven Chicagoans—friends, neighbors, moms, dads, and children—were killed in 2016 who might still be alive if the murder rate had stayed at the 10-year average," Sessions added.

During his presentation, Sessions cited a study by researchers Paul Cassell, a former federal judge, and Richard Fowles, a professor at the Univ. of Utah.

"In an important study, [they] examined what happened, considered a number of possible causes, and found that the cause of virtually all of the rise in homicides was the ACLU agreement. They particularly noted the reduced police activity on the streets. They call it 'the ACLU effect.'"

Importantly, the study found that 94% of the homicide victims were either African-American or Latino. "Reducing police patrols and interactions on our streets reduces public safety and places minorities particularly at increased risk. It is clear that this agreement was a colossal mistake—an error of monumental proportions," Sessions added.

According to Sessions, if the city would be able to reverse the ACLU agreement, police officers would be able to do their work without having an outside entity sec-

ond-guess every decision.

"Good, lawful, smart policing works. If you let Antifa and the ACLU set police policy, crime will go up. If you listen to police professionals, crime will go down. Chicago is a powerful part of America's productivity. It is indeed a city that works. In so many ways, Chicago has made progress in recent years. Its prosperity cannot be endangered by violent crime," Sessions said.

According to Sessions, Chicago violence continues to be a major concern and added he has sent additional federal criminal prosecutors.

"I have sent more violent crime prosecutors to Chicago than any other city in

America. Our outstanding U.S. Attorney, John Lausch, is putting these prosecutors to work, forming a Gun Crimes Prosecution Team that will focus on investigating and prosecuting gun cases from the most violent neighborhoods—a proven crime fighting technique. There are now more ATF agents in Chicago than in any city in America," Sessions said.

Towards the end of his speech, Sessions discussed the ramifications of implementing a consent decree and cautioned against implementation and described it as unnecessary.

"A consent decree is an extraordinary remedy and it should be considered only with great caution and rare circumstances. Because once a consent decree is entered as a court order, it can only be changed by another court order in the circumstances that the law and the decree permit. The proposed decree is 226 pages long. It would, in effect, rewrite the entire rulebook for Chicago police," Sessions said.

According to Sessions, due to ill-defined descriptions, the consent decree would be cumbersome and confusing.

"The metrics used in the proposed consent decree are often vague or subjective. The decree uses terms like 'adequate funding,' and 'an adequate number of qualified staff.' It would require that language used in policies, procedures, forms, databases,

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Notorious slumlord Lou Wolf dies

BY JIM VAIL

The notorious slumlord Louis Wolf who was convicted of arson has died. He was 94.

Among significant buildings he owned, Wolf bought the Uptown Theater in 1980 with a partner and then closed the theater, turned off the heat and electricity. Eventually Wolf lost the theater after the city took it back due to unpaid property taxes.

He was convicted of arson in 1969 – a practice many Chicago slumlords used to evict residents, collect insurance and dispose of rundown properties – and later went to prison for one year for using a scheme to not pay property taxes. Once Cook County took possession of his properties, Wolf used a local lawyer as a front to buy the properties back in tax sales for a fraction of the total due in past due taxes. Frequently he was the only bidder on these properties and as such could name his buying price.

In 1987 Wolf purchased back nine of his buildings that were put up for tax auctions, buying them under assumed names. He repurchased them for only \$20,520, wiping out tax liens totaling about \$576,000.

He bought old landmarks such

as the Uptown Theater, the Granada Theater, the Park West and the International Amphitheater. While the city announced a multi-million project to restore the Uptown Theater, the Granada, 6427 N. Sheridan, which was a 3,900-set movie theater constructed for



Louis Wolf

the Marks Brothers in 1926 who were major theater operators in Chicago, and the Amphitheater, where the Chicago Bulls first played in 1966 on the South Side, were both closed.

The Chicago Tribune noted while normal real estate investors would sell once the neighborhood got hot, Wolf would “perversely turn down big offers,” and let the buildings fester.

In the 1990s he started selling off, leasing and abandoning his

properties to people who would then upgrade them. They stated that was why he allowed a rival to buy the Uptown Theater for pennies on the dollar who then worked on upgrading it. Wolf had a keen eye for getting a property located in the path of development and gentrification.

In 1993 Wolf was sentenced to a year in prison for evading \$500,000 in property taxes and ordered to pay more than \$2 million in a related civil racketeering case.

In 2000 the city cited more than 50 Wolf properties for alleged safety violations.

Wolf kept a low profile and dressed poorly. Beryl Satter’s 2009 book, “Family Properties,” noted that Wolf was among a group of unscrupulous real estate players. She wrote that Wolf sold used cars, ran a tavern and was a theater booking agent before he got into real estate. His brother-in-law told him how to acquire properties in ‘changing’ neighborhoods. He would buy a building, mortgage it, and use the loan to buy another.

Wolf would offer his growing list of Lawndale properties to eager black customers on contract. His customers paid little money

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upfront, but if they couldn’t keep up payment, he would repossess the property after just one missed payment because that was written into the lease contract. He could then sell the same building over and over, Satter wrote.

She added that he and four others controlled up to 2,000 properties in Lawndale.

To be fair, Chicago has had many landlords like Wolf.

Paul Siegel, who leads an Uptown history walking tour in the

neighborhood where Wolf once reigned, said there were a number of shady developers who were torching properties in the 1970s to collect insurance money and evicting residents so that they could later sell the buildings for profit. Indeed it was a nationwide problem, and the arson fires in Harlem and the Bronx in New York City were legendary. Neighbors used to plan ahead for the fires as they could see the landlords moving large quantities of flammable materials into the buildings just before setting the fires.

Siegel said 1,600 units of housing were demolished to build Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., in 1969. In order to build the college they had to remove the apartment buildings. A mysterious fire then broke out that burned down a large building in the zone. “And interestingly enough, the fire department was just across the street on Clifton,” he said during the tour.

He called it “arson for profit.”

Newspaper distribution workers sue for wage theft, retaliation

BY JIM VAIL

The people who deliver the morning newspapers to your door stop have filed a class action lawsuit against Distribution Pros Inc. for wage theft.

About 80 delivery workers who deliver the Chicago Tribune, the Sun-Times, Financial Times and New York Times, and are labeled independent contractors, joined forces to sue the distribution company.

The Distribution Pros Inc. delivery staff contacted a local workers rights organization called Arise Chicago and are working with them and Community Activism Law Alliance (CALA) to file a class action lawsuit for wage theft through underpayment of the Chicago minimum wage, illegal paycheck deductions, retaliation for firing a worker who was trying to address labor rights violations and failure to provide legally required paid sick days.

The delivery workers - many who are undocumented and in the country illegally - are paid 10¢ for each newspaper delivered and work about five to six hours a day, earning paychecks that average less than \$245 per week, a pay rate below the Chicago minimum wage, says Jorge Mujica, an organizer with Arise. Depending on the number of newspapers delivered and hours worked, a driver can make about \$10 per

hour, which is under the current Chicago minimum wage of \$12 per hour.

Some workers also claim they have at times received bounced checks, personal checks as paychecks, and that their employer frequently deducts earnings from their paychecks. Workers also report that if they call in sick, they not only don’t get paid for the

If a client calls and says the paper was not delivered, or is delivered wet or late, the company will then deduct a cash penalty from the worker’s pay.

This depends on the whim of the supervisor,” said Mujica. “These are illegal discounts.”

Mujica claims Distribution Pros also does not have a license to currently operate in the City of Chicago, that it was allegedly previously revoked. The company is registered with the Secretary of the State of Illinois.

A complaint has been filed with the Chicago Business Affairs and Consumer Protection Agency, and it appears that a decision will be made following the outcome of the lawsuit filed on behalf of the drivers. The lawsuit lists about 12 complaints.

There are six newspaper distribution companies left in the city, Mujica said. Independent contractors typically do not form unions, leaving themselves open to such abuses. That many are in this country illegally is also a barrier to going public with their complaints.

The lawsuit could last several months before a decision is given.

Labeling workers independent contractors versus employees is at the heart of many labor battles across the globe. Companies like Uber and AirBnB base their earnings on exploiting contractors who can make less than minimum wage, not receive health benefits and not be entitled to union representation because they are not employees who have worker protections.

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day, but that Distribution Pros allegedly also deducts an additional day’s pay as a penalty.

“The company has misclassified the workers as independent contractors to avoid paying overtime and minimum wage,” Mujica told this newspaper.

Arise also claims the employer refuses to pay for the workers’ gas or mileage compensation when they all use personal cars on the job. By classifying the delivery workers as independent contractors, the company does not pay employment taxes, but the workers report the company still deducts an annual amount “for taxes” from their paychecks.

Mujica said Distribution Pros gives its drivers a Form 1099 which is sent to the IRS to report untaxed income given to an independent contractor.

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City's residential recycling poorly run, rate now at nine percent

Are private haulers abusing the city?

BY MADISON HOPKINS
Better Government Association

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration has allowed a private city recycling hauler to divert tons of residential plastics and paper into landfills the company owns, costing taxpayers twice as much money and aggravating Chicago's worst-in-the-nation recycling rate, a Better Government Association [BGA] investigation has found.

This creates a distorted scenario under which the plastic, glass and metals of residents on the Northwest and Far South sides — areas where Texas-based Waste Management [WM], Inc. holds the city's recycling contract — are far more likely than other Chicagoans to see their discarded recycling dispatched to garbage dumps.

Under city rules, one plastic bag or food item improperly placed in a recycling bin could mean the whole bin is labeled "grossly contaminated" and its contents taken to a landfill.

WM is the only recycling hauler that operates a for-profit landfill where a portion of the city's garbage is dumped.

That means the company — which gets paid city recycling fees whether its crews pick up a bin or tag it — gets paid again on those occasions when the contents of tagged bins are taken by city trash crews to its landfill, the BGA investigation found.

Since 2014, private and municipal waste hauling crews labeled at least 577,886 recycling bins as "grossly contaminated" with improper items, records show. Of those, 514,239 — almost 90% — were tagged by workers for WM, even though the company's green trucks cover only half the city.

That's enough Blue Cart bins to completely fill Wrigley Field from the playing surface to over the top of the iconic manual scoreboard.

WM officials declined to be interviewed, but in emailed responses to questions the company denied any financial motive behind the numbers.

"The overall premise of your story that we are purposely trying to divert materials to landfills is not true," said company spokeswoman Lisa Disbrow. "Recycling contamination is an undeniable trend across the country. It is no different here in Chicago."

The company also said the city — and not WM — decides where to dump contaminated bins.

"We have no knowledge or control where the City trash trucks deliver the waste material from the tagged carts," Disbrow wrote.

WM cited several reasons it aggressively tags bins, including the damage some materials cause to its processing equipment, and its efforts to cooperate in the city's program to better educate residents on what is allowable recycling.

Many residents interviewed by the BGA dispute the company's claims they need to be educated, and instead say their bins are repeatedly tagged inappropriately.

"What's the point in recycling if they're not even going to pick it up?" asked Peter Bencak, 67, a Wicker Park resident whose blue bins have been tagged as being contaminated seven times since late 2015. "My cans are never contaminated."

As he demonstrated in a recent interview with a reporter how diligent he is about cleaning and sorting recycling, Bencak described a recent phone complaint he made to WM.



Texas-based Waste Management [WM], Inc. holds the city's recycling contract.
Photo courtesy Waste Management

"I said, 'Listen, you're calling me a liar and I'm telling you I'm not contaminated and I've never been contaminated. So if you're telling me I am, then your man is lying to you,'" Bencak said.

Linda McKillop, 71, whose Portage Park recycling bin was tagged once in 2016, said she called the city to explain how carefully she sorts her recycling.

"I was so aggravated, and I could not get over it," she said. "I really think the city of Chicago is being ripped off with how they're handling recycling."

City	Recycling rate
Chicago	9
Houston	17
New York City	17
Philadelphia	18
San Diego	24
Phoenix	30
San Antonio	33
Los Angeles	40
Dallas	43
San Jose	79

A BGA survey of residential recycling rates in the 10 largest cities found Chicago lags far behind the nation. Here is a breakdown of each city using data from the most recent comparable year.

A "poorly run" program

Chicago's residential recycling program has long been hampered by poor performance and neglect, beginning with the failed Blue Bag program under former Mayor Richard M. Daley. Emanuel from his earliest days in office vowed sweeping improvements through strict oversight and "managed competition" — pitting two private haulers against the city sanitation crews.

With great fanfare, Emanuel in 2011 announced his managed competition to pick the best provider of recycling services throughout the city and to finally expand recycling to every home after decades of hiccups. The mayor described the plan as his "commitment to protecting every cent of taxpayer money" that would make recycling both greener and cheaper.

"Whoever has the best price, most reliable service, in the end of the day they'll win," he said in 2011. "But most importantly, the city taxpayers will win. It will be an evaluation of reliability of service and consistency of service, the quality of service as well as the price."

The BGA investigation, however, found

that Emanuel's reforms have hardly been managed or competitive — a key reason why the city's residential recycling rate has declined since 2013 and now stands at just nine percent. That is by far the lowest of any major metropolitan area in the country, with Houston's second lowest rate of 17% still nearly double that of Chicago's, the BGA found.

That something was starkly amiss has been lamented for years among Streets and Sanitation ward bosses, publicly lampooned by aldermen and readily apparent based on hundreds of complaints to the city from residents such as Bencak, the BGA found.

"It's probably one of the most poorly run programs in the city," said Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd]. "No one has seen any-

Emanuel promised to evaluate the competition within six months. After six years and counting, his pledge has yet to be fulfilled.

thing out of this managed competition on a year-to-year basis to see if they're in compliance, if we are getting the lowest cost for our services or getting the actual recycling done."

Mayor Emanuel declined to be interviewed for this report. But officials in his administration defend his Blue Cart initiative, arguing that his managed competition initiatives have saved city taxpayers \$10 million per year and the Dept. of Streets and Sanitation continues to "closely monitor" the program to "maintain balanced and cost-effective recycling service across the City."

Can't send China our trash

The U.S. exports about one-third of its recycling, and nearly half of it goes to China.

For decades, China has used recyclables from around the world to supply its manufacturing boom. But in the summer of 2017 it declared that this "foreign waste" includes too many other non-recyclable materials that are "dirty," even "hazardous."

In a filing with the World Trade Organization they listed 24 kinds of solid wastes it would ban "to protect China's environmental interests and people's health."

The complete ban took effect Jan. 1, and that is leaving U.S. recycling companies scrambling to adapt. And what are recyclables with nowhere to go? Right now, that means it's just garbage as it has no value. There is no demand for it in the marketplace.

China will close its doors to all outside recycled materials by 2020—a very short deadline. Other scrap importer countries such as Indonesia, Vietnam or India are incapable of absorbing the tens of millions of tons that China had previously taken, and few American industries possess the ability to treat the waste.

City officials say contaminated recycling bins comprise a tiny fraction compared to more than half-million tons of recyclable waste diverted from landfills since 2011. What's more, they say the city recently renewed efforts to improve contamination labels and better educate residents about what to recycle.

"The managed competition model has supported the full expansion of the City's Blue Cart program and allowed the program to remain fully operational in a challenging commodities market," a city spokeswoman said in an emailed statement.

Under the mayor's competition program, Waste Management is one of two private haulers, assigned different zones to collect the contents of blue residential recycling bins from buildings with fewer than five units. Waste Management covers three zones. Municipal workers cover two. The other private hauler is SIMS Metal Management, which subcontracts its collection work to Lakeshore Recycling Systems and

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covers one zone.

Emanuel promised to evaluate the competition within six months. After six years and counting, his pledge has yet to be fulfilled.

Records show the program has been running largely on auto-pilot since it began in 2011. There has been no declared winner of the “managed competition” and no comprehensive assessment of performance. Even so, both companies got a one-year contract extension from the Emanuel administration earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the administration failed to collect basic data it would need to reach any credible verdict on whether WM, SIMS/Lakeshore or city Streets and Sanitation crews performed the work most efficiently.

Many residents interviewed by the BGA dispute the company's claims they need to be educated, and instead say their bins are repeatedly tagged inappropriately.

The contracts with the private haulers require each to file monthly reports with the city detailing where recycling is ultimately taken, how much contaminated material in Blue Cart bins isn't caught at the curb and must be sorted out at recycling centers, and how much taxpayer money is being rerouted to subcontractors.

The BGA made repeated requests to Streets and Sanitation officials to review those mandatory reports dating back to 2011. The department provided only a summary of 2018 data pertaining to SIMS/Lakeshore and acknowledged it lacked the rest of the files.

The city does not track the landfill destination of contaminated recycling bins, so it is impossible to determine how much went to WM's dump. City officials, however, acknowledge the company's landfill receives some of the material.

The BGA calculated that if the contents of contaminated bins are flowing to WM's landfill at the same rate as does city garbage, about 5,000 tons of recyclables has been diverted to the company's dump.

City officials in charge of overseeing the recycling programs



For every 10,000 bins of recycled trash that Waste Management haulers service, records show that 256 are tagged as contaminated.

Photo courtesy Waste Management

said they don't know why WM tags so many more bins as contaminated. But they suggested it could be because the company has a more aggressive education campaign — an assertion that its competitor, Lakeshore, disputes.

“We just don't reject that much stuff,” said Lakeshore CEO Alan Handley, who attributed his company's low rate of contamination tags to Lakeshore's hi-tech sorting facility. “We do just as much education as WM does. Generally speaking we obviously don't have the same issues that they seem to have.”

In the residential program, the haulers at both companies have discretion to decide when recycling bins are “contaminated.” Those bins are tagged and left for separate municipal crews to take to garbage dumps.

Chicago is the only major city that gives private haulers sole discretion to decide which recycling is diverted to landfills, the BGA found. The practice deviates sharply from other cities, many of which use only municipal collection crews, fine residents for chronic contaminations and give residents a second chance to have the contents of suspect recycling bins re-evaluated before the bins are hauled off to dumps.

San Antonio, Phoenix and San Diego, for instance, have dedicated teams of inspectors assigned to deal with contaminated bins. Houston requires haulers to pick up recycling whether the bins are contaminated or not.

San Jose — which reports a nearly 80% residential recycling rate, one of the nation's highest — is the only other major city surveyed by the BGA that hires private contractors to pick up recycling. There, the private crews must either sort out contaminants from recyclables or give residents

another chance to do it themselves.

While Chicago issues a general list of items that cannot be placed in recycling bins, it does not set out specific procedures about how strict haulers should be in tagging bins as contaminated, the BGA found.

Northwestern Univ. researcher Joseph Schofer, who reviewed the contamination data at the BGA's request, said he could reach no scientific conclusions without

“We were hearing stories about WM guys literally walking up and down the alley just slapping stickers and not even looking in the bins,” said Ald. Waguespack, whose ward on the North and Northwest sides sits on a border between zones operated by the company and city crews.

“The numbers were astronomical.”

knowing what other factors might be causing such a disparity. But he added that the data itself suggests a lack of direction that encourages contractors to game the system to their advantage.

“If you don't tell them what to do, then you let them do what they darn well please,” said Schofer, a professor of civil and environmental engineering. “There is a bias in the system and the city is giving up its opportunity to control that.”

A problem of education

Chris Sauve, the top Streets and Sanitation department official in charge of the recycling program, defends the Blue Cart program's record, but acknowledges his office could do better.

He said his office has never probed why WM accounts for the overwhelming bulk of contaminated bins even though it is assigned to pick up only half the city's blue bins.

“Should measures be put in place to double check to make sure that the tags put out by the WM crew are accurate? Yes,” said Sauve. He also conceded his office has never conducted a comprehensive review of contamination reports, but in an interview with the BGA earlier this year dismissed the notion that WM would game the system to get

paid twice.

“You could also say they are out there and they are more aggressive about educating residents about what they can't put in their blue carts,” Sauve said.

The real problem is educating residents, which Sauve's office is working to improve in cooperation with its recycling contractors.

“In 2014, WM launched our ‘Recycle Often, Recycle Right’ program about why and how to recycle to increase recycling while addressing the confusion about what is recyclable and what is not,” the company said in responses to BGA questions.

In addition to being paid under city contract to pick up each recycling bin, the private recycling haulers also are allowed to sell the recycled material on the open market, beset by plummeting prices in the past couple years, according to WM officials.

That dip in prices has coincided with a surge in contamination tags the company's haulers have issued.

“There's a financial incentive

for them to say, ‘You know what? Let's not pick this stuff up,’” said Ald. John Arena [45th], during a public City Council budget hearing last year. “Let's let the city pick it up on their dime and then we'll charge them to put it in our landfills.”

A troubled past

Chicago's recycling efforts have long-been marred by broken promises since they began in the 1990s under Daley — beginning with the notorious and failed partnership with WM called Blue Bag.

Under that program, residents placed recyclables into blue-colored bags that were then dumped into regular trash cans. It was an abject failure, mired in scandal that included mob-tied subcontractors and City Hall number-fudging about recycling that was quietly diverted into garbage dumps.

After spending more than \$200 million on Blue Bag, Daley replaced it in 2008 with Blue Cart, which in some ways follows a more common model in place in the Chicago suburbs and other big cities.

WM, the largest garbage handling company in the nation, has a past filled with controversy dating back decades. In addition to its role in Chicago's controversial Blue Bag program, the company endured numerous federal anti-trust cases and settlements and one \$6 billion investor fraud scheme in the 1990s that forced the ouster of five top executives who were forced to pay back more than \$30 million.

In 2014 — the first full year the Blue Cart program went citywide — the company accounted for about 70% of all contamination

reports. But by 2017 and into the first half of 2018, the WM share of those reports grew to 95%.

Pushing past the raw numbers, the disparity is even sharper when considering the rate at which WM labels bins contaminated compared to its rivals.

In the first six months of 2018, records show, WM tagged bins contaminated at a rate 20 times greater than the other crews combined.

For every 10,000 bins that WM haulers service, 256 were tagged as contaminated during that time, records show. By contrast, Lakeshore and city crews combined tagged at a rate of 12 out of every 10,000 bins.

Those numbers back up anecdotal reports some alderman say they have been receiving from residents for years.

“We were hearing stories about WM guys literally walking up and down the alley just slapping stickers and not even looking in the bins,” said Ald. Waguespack, whose ward on the North and Northwest sides sits on a border between zones operated by the company and city crews.

“The numbers were astronomical.”

In July Waguespack and Arena introduced a City Council resolution calling for a full audit of the recycling program as well as council hearings. He said he wants to finally conduct the evaluation Emanuel promised years ago.

Under their city contracts, WM and SIMS/Lakeshore are required to file a report within 24 hours after tagging a recycling bin as contaminated. The BGA obtained a database of those reports under the Freedom of Information Act.

A spokeswoman for Streets and Sanitation said ward superintendents have been instructed to drive to each contaminated bin and conduct an on-site inspection to determine whether each tagging was appropriate.

“DSS investigates every report of recycling contamination and continues to closely monitor Blue Cart operations to maintain balanced and cost-effective recycling service across the City,” said Marjani Williams.

When asked, however, she could provide no written copy of that directive.

One former ward superintendent interviewed by the BGA disputed the existence of such an inspection policy, and said it would be impossible to carry out given the sheer number of carts tagged as contaminated.

He said he took his concerns to supervisors at Streets and Sanitation, but was ignored.

“They were just closing their eyes and being blind to the situation,” said Ray Souchet, who was the 26th Ward superintendent before retiring in 2017 after more than 30 years with the city. Souchet said it was common knowledge that recycling bins were being inappropriately tagged and sometimes blocks of recycling were just skipped over entirely.

“I'll be very blunt,” he said. “Sometimes they don't even come for weeks to pick up in the alleys.”



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Protestors force hold on school construction that threatens to destroy beloved garden

BY JIM VAIL

Irony is one word to describe the dilemma of Waters Elementary School, 4540 N. Campbell Ave., where the school is getting a taxpayer-funded \$24 million annex to help solve its overcrowding problems, but the plan for the addition also threatens to destroy its beloved community garden.

This had staff, parents and students in the position of protesting against the very addition they've spent years lobbying for.

On Friday, after threats of civil disobedience were made by garden activists during a meeting in the local alderman's office, Chicago Public Schools announced that the garden located on the south end of the school footprint would be removed from consideration as the site of the future school annex. So for now, the expansion plans are on temporary hold.

Waters School enrollment is up 86% since 2007, in part due to its ecology program. Some parents report that they bought homes in pricy Lincoln Square because Waters is recognized for its Fine and Performing Arts, Ecology, and Technology programs.

The annex was announced over the summer as part of the CPS 2019 capital budget. It wasn't clear if all Waters supporters totally supported the addition before it was announced. CPS seemed to be unaware of the brewing opposition of planting a building where trees and a garden



The Waters School garden was formed in the early 1990s when the school worked with the neighborhood residents. The community is involved in tending the garden and there are gatherings open to the neighborhood every Wednesday night.

now grow.

Last week Waters Principal Titia Kipp told the local school council that there would be a lot of destruction to the property, as would be normal for such a construction project. Kipp said she was able to get a temporary cease and desist from CPS and the Public Building Commission until all parties can discuss the location of the annex.

"CPS is continuing to engage the Waters community to develop a path forward that allows us to expand educational opportunities while preserving existing school and neighborhood priorities," Emily Bolton, CPS spokeswoman, said in a statement. "CPS has temporarily suspended site preparations and environmental studies while this conversation

continues."

The garden was formed in the early 1990s when the school worked with the neighborhood residents. The community is involved in tending the garden and there are gatherings open to the neighborhood every Wednesday night. There are more than 130 native species of plants and organisms living in the garden, including a group of ancient bur oaks almost 300 years old.

The school takes field trips around the neighborhood to explore the nature of the nearby riverbank and use their field journals to document explorations such as picking rare native seeds for the restoration process. Pete Leki is the Waters ecology program founder and director who helped start the garden. He helped lead a

small student protest that rang out, "What do we want? Trees! When do we want them? Forever!"

Waters School was built on property that used to be part of an eastward bend in the Chicago River. The river was straightened out to create a drainage canal - built between 1907 and 1910 - to increase the flow of the North Branch and help flush pollution. That channel straightens and deepens the river, helping it to carry the additional flow from the North Shore Channel.

The filling of the old riverbed allowed for the school to be built on the site.

Boxing show Thursday at Hamlin Park

Fans of pugilism can come cheer on area youth boxers as they compete against their peers from other parks during a boxing show 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Hamlin Park, 3035 N. Hoyne Ave.

The all-ages show hosted by Cobblestone Development is free and open to the public. There will be 10 amateur bouts between various Chicago Park Districts throughout the night. A boxing program has been housed at Hamlin Park for the past 39 years.

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Budlong Woods man arrested, charged with conspiring with ISIS

Ashram Al Safoo, also known as "Abu Al'-Abbas Al-Iraqi," "Abu Shanab," and "Abbusi," 34, was arrested Oct. 17 in Budlong Woods. A criminal complaint charges him with one count of conspiracy to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization.

He was taken into custody in conjunction with a raid at his home in the 5200 block of N. Virginia Ave. in the Budlong Woods neighborhood.

Al Safoo made an initial court appearance Friday before U.S. Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman and was ordered detained in federal custody.

Al Safoo is a naturalized U.S. citizen of Iraqi descent who moved to America in 2008. The complaint alleges that Al Safoo, at the direction of and in coordination with ISIS, aided ISIS in using social media to spread propaganda supporting violent jihad, to recruit operatives, and to encourage others to carry out terrorist attacks.

The case was investigated by the Chicago Joint Terrorism Task Force, which is comprised of numerous federal, state and local

law enforcement agencies.

This latest in a string of cases involving Chicago-area men who allegedly plotted to join Islamic State, which rose to prominence in 2013 through the high-profile video-taped beheading of journalists, aid workers and other captives. At one point ISIS controlled large swaths of Iraq and Syria. Counterterrorism officials today are particularly concerned over Islamic State's burgeoning recruitment tactics that uses social media, videos and online propaganda to radicalize young, disaffected Americans.

According to the complaint, Al Safoo is a member of Khattab Media Foundation, an internet-based organization that has sworn an oath of allegiance to ISIS and created and disseminated ISIS propaganda online. Al Safoo and other members of Khattab have created and posted pro-ISIS videos, articles, essays and infographics across multiple social media platforms, at the direction and in coordination with ISIS, the complaint states. Much of the propaganda created and distributed by Khattab promotes violent jihad on behalf of ISIS and ISIS's media office,

the complaint states.

On Nov. 4, 2017, according to the complaint, Al Safoo reposted in a social media application for Khattab members an encouragement for people to help ISIS in any way possible, including by offering money or themselves. Al Safoo wrote, "Thus, it was incumbent on us to support them verbally and with money and soul and by inciting others to target the tyrants and expose the evil scholars and the Saudi rulers," the complaint states.

On May 23, 2018, according to the complaint, Al Safoo posted on multiple social media groups directions and encouragement for Khattab's ISIS propaganda efforts: "Brothers, roll up your sleeves! Cut video publications into small clips, take still shots, and post the hard work of your brothers in the apostate's pages and sites. Participate in the war, and spread fear."

The complaint cites several images and videos created by Khattab and disseminated online. The postings include images of violence during the Christmas

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entrepreneur, philanthropist and winner of a record-setting 23 Grand Slam titles, will discuss philanthropy, activism and entrepreneurship.

CHICAGO'S MAGNIFICENT SEVEN: No friends are truer. **Bobbi Panter** and **Annette Ramirez** just co-chaired the highly successful Haute Dog LA, the Doggie Runway Fashion Show for Canine Companions for Independence. A boatload of Chicagoans (seven) headed West



Christina Arquette, John O'Hurley, Lisa Mesloh O'Hurley, Bobbi Panter and David Arquette.

to Los Angeles to attend, help, model, party and raise funds for this incredible event. **Sherry Lea Fox** led the way with **Denise Tomasello**, **Sheree Schimmer Values**, **Sally Jo Morris**, **Rhonda J. Pennington Liesenfelt**, **Heather Jane Johnson**, **Sherry Abrahams** and **Sherrill Bodine**. They launched this amazing weekend with a cocktail party at Dawnridge, decorator to the stars **Tony Duquette's** iconic home in Beverly Hills. Bobbi also had her wonderful husband with her, **Matthew Arnoux**. She says she

just has "Indescribable love for all of these friends and pups!" Actor **John O'Hurley** was the evening's host. The Chicago ladies took home "Most Glamorous" models of the event all dressed in Lauren Lein Chicago designs.

IRISH GEORGIAN SOCIETY: The truly posh Irish will gather at the Casino, 195 E. Delaware Place, for a night of aristocratic celebration and architectural stimulation this Friday, led by **Michael Kerrigan**. I hope we have the individual soufflés for dessert! **James P. McGuire**, author of "Real Lace Revisited," will speak. 6:30 cocktails and then dinner. Rumors abound that newlyweds **Kipper** and **Bud Hendrick** will be there. As will **Rose Marie O'Neill**, fresh from Dublin. Dinner reservations still available.

ARCHITECTURAL ARTIFACTS: **Stuart Grannen** has announced that he will be shuttering his architectural resale store in Ravenswood, Architectural Artifacts, along the railroad track, after 31 years. If Stuart didn't carry the item you were hunting down, it just didn't exist. Doors, dentist chairs, coronets, window shutters, candelabras, rubber rafts, library shelves and steeples just scratch the surface. He will still be selling online. But closing down the store where artifacts reigned supreme. It's been ground zero for gentrification. Bon Voyage! There will be a **Leslie Hindman** auction at her place with previews through November 2.

CAVA: The Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists announces "CAVA at 30" in celebration of 30 years of serving and promoting senior artists. Featured are "Best-of-Show" winners stretching back over thirty years of juried exhibitions. Also featured is a members' exhibition showing work created by CAVA members over the last five years. 30th Anniversary Show and past Best-of-Show exhibit opened Monday at Gallery 1070, 1070 W. Granville in Edgewater. The exhibit runs through Nov. 18. Don't miss.

ROYAL WEDDING: I'm not a fan of the House of York, but



Sheree Schimmer Valukas, Sherry Lea Fox, Sally Jo Morris, Rhonda J Pennington Liesenfelt, Bobbi Panter, Sherrill Bodine and Heather Jane Johnston.



Liz Sharkey, Lucy Sharkey, Rose O'Neill and Patty O'Neill.

was curious where some royals were. **Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall** visiting a school in Scotland on official duty. No sign of **Princess Alexandra**, sister of the Kents in her 80s, a hard worker, but discovered she fell and broke her arm and stayed home. Her son, **James Ogilvey**, a nice chap, no wife though, was there, as he is a godfather to **Beatrice**. She's a Harvard Divinity student and she was in Boston. I was also missing the late **Princess Margaret's** children, the **2nd Earl of Snowden** (makes furniture) and **Lady Sarah Chatto** (a painter). Then I saw them in a wedding photo, but not sitting with their cousins. I'm just keeping track.

ROARING 1920s: Service Club Gala, Friday, Nov. 2, The Four Seasons Hotel, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. dinner and dancing. Co-chairs **Sherrill Bodine**, **Sally Jo Morris**, **Janie K. Thorson**. Book now!

COUGH! AGAIN! When a local politico was taken to the ER last week after a strange stumble on the sidewalk, who was more embarrassed - the docs or the pol - to discover that the

elect ed official was going "command"? **M I S S MIDLER & ME:** **Patricia Salinski** at Davenport's, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$20

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WHO'S WHERE? **Stanley Paul** and **Abigail Hart** enjoyed a coffee "Macchiato" in Positano, Italy...**Thad Wong** at Sweet Mandy B's during Bears' half-time singing the praises of frosting...yes, that was **Denise Tomasello** arriving at LA's Dan Tana's in the official Rolls and dinner with **John Modugno**... **Conor Casey** spooling pasta at Via Carducci on Division St... **Trudy** and **Jolanta Ruege** looking elegant and lunching at RL... **Barb Bailey** working her magic and bringing a whole new lineup of top singers to town.

O'GORMAN SPEAKS: IBAM! the festival of Irish Arts,



Denise Tomasello and John Modugno.

Oct 26-28 at the Irish American Heritage Center. This columnist will be chairing a program focusing on the achievement, success and influence of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago. Five Chicago mayors, **Dunne**, **Dever**, **Kelly**, **Daley** and **Daley** have served as presidents in the past century. Stick around for some Guinness to quench your thirst.

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Ravenswood architectural gem closing after 31 years

BY JIM VAIL

Architectural Artifacts, a longtime fixture of the Ravenswood Industrial Corridor, is closing after 31 years of business. The upscale antique store sold recycled architectural artifacts and antiques found down the block and around the world.

The sprawling warehouse of upscale architectural salvage and furnishings, located at 4325 N. Ravenswood — just south of Montrose, was “accidentally founded” in 1987 by archaeologist and rabid collector Stuart Grannen. He will put all remaining inventory up for auction at the end of the year.

“After 30-plus years I need a bit of a break from retail, and retail probably needs a break from me,” said Stuart Grannen.

Grannen will continue to sell his artifacts, antiques and oddities online, but will close his 80,000-square-foot Ravenswood shop, according to a story that appeared last week in Crain’s Chicago Business.

He started out with a simple 3,000 square-foot space, but by 1992 his shop was at capacity so he purchased a 30,000 square-foot plastics molding factory just a few blocks north. Several years later, the 50,000 square-foot Boye knitting needle factory next door was for sale, and Gran-

nen purchased it and combined both buildings into the 80,000 square-foot facility that Architectural Artifacts is today.

Grannen did not grow up like most children. His parents were avid collectors and his eye for the curious was nurtured and encouraged with visits to museums and antique shops up and down the East Coast. By the age of 10, he was actively buying and selling stained glass windows with money he earned mowing neighbor’s lawns.

While studying Archaeology and Anthropology in college, Grannen amassed an impressive collection of antiques that filled several rented barns in Knoxville, TN. He traveled around the country for a few years after college, working for dealers in New Orleans and Minneapolis before landing in Chicago.

“After 30-plus years I need a bit of a break from retail, and retail probably needs a break from me,” he said. “I will continue to travel the world nonstop buying remarkable items while refreshing my sense of adventure and design.”

Grannen says he will hold an auction at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers to clear out the inventory before the store closes at the end of this year. The auction began Oct. 12 and runs through Nov. 2.

“It’s a treasure hunt every single day,” he told CBS TV a few years ago. “We’ve got at least 10,000 pieces here. Most of those are big objects. There’s 80,000 feet — it’s



Architectural Artifacts over the years has become a favorite location for weddings.

the biggest store in the world.”

His treasures include Frank Lloyd Wright windows, artifacts from Louis Sullivan-designed buildings and columns from the old Mercantile Exchange.

The Antique Road Show on WTTW Channel 11 features beautifully carved treasures from the past, including Civil War knives, paintings and army uniforms, baseball cards from turn of the century and unique statues that can bid for quite high prices. So too are some of Grannen’s an-

tiques. His auction will include items such as limestone horses from 1920, an Italian midcentury eight-arm chandelier, a zinc zodiac-themed clock face from the Schlitz Brewery clock tower in Milwaukee and a pair of lamps from the 1883 World’s Columbian Exposition.

Many mortar and brick stores have abandoned retail and have migrated to cyberspace entirely. Architectural Artifacts appears the next North Side store making that transition.

“Dancing for community” at Chicago Powwow

Annual event draws dancers from across the nation to keep connections to the past

STORY AND PHOTO
BY KATIE RICE
Medill News Service

Poised on their toes, the dancers pivot around the room to a thrumming drum beat. Jingling bells accompany their movements as feathers sway from fans, regalia and headdresses in a whirl of color and texture.

The celebration echoes far beyond the gymnasium of DePaul College Prep High School, 3633 N. California Ave., into the balmy October afternoon.

October 6-7 the American Indian Center of Chicago hosted the 65th Annual Chicago Powwow, an intertribal festival attracting dancers and attendees from across the U.S.

One dancer, Jaycob Johnson, said he drove 48 hours from Sacramento, CA, to attend the powwow. Johnson, of the Oneida Nation, danced the “grass dance,” a symmetrical, sweeping dance to mimic the movement of the prairie.

This powwow was a competition powwow, said Forrest Bruce, secretary of the board of directors of the American Indian Center of Chicago, which in 2017 vacated and sold their longtime center on Wilson Ave. in Ravenswood and moved to 3401 W. Ainslie St. Of the two main types of powwows, competition and traditional, competition powwows tend to be stricter and more formal.

For many dancers, the prospect of winning a dance category — and the cash that comes with it — is fun but not the main focus of a



A dancer concentrates on his movements at the 65th Annual Chicago Powwow last weekend at DePaul College Prep High School.

powwow. Powwows bring family and friends together, and they provide an opportunity to reconnect through culture and tradition.

Adrian King, of Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) and Oneida heritage, said the Chicago Powwow is a homecoming. He lives on the Lac du Flambeau Reservation of the Lake Superior Chippewa (Ojibwe).

“It’s always been a good connector to friends and family,” he said. “A lot of people have used the powwow to come together and meet new family, like extend-

ed family.

“That’s one key importance of a powwow, so we don’t lose that connection of who we are and who we’re related to — because the Indian Reorganization Act [of 1934] already did that.”

Bruce said many in the current American Indian community migrated to the Chicago area since the 1950s, when the Urban Relocation Program brought an influx of people from reservations to urban areas. Native people have lived here for at least 13,000 years.

“Natives in Chicago just wanted to come together and share their dancing and their traditions, and the powwow is kind of what came from it, and now we do it every year,” he said.

Every dance has a story behind it, Bruce said, and the regalia has significance too. For example, the “jingle dress,” an Ojibwe dress traditionally adorned with rolled snuff can lids, is associated with healing and medicine.

Competition powwows are open to Native and non-Native people. Some dancers, like King, have found that powwows can start discussions about American Indian cultures and traditions with people of all heritages.



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“That’s one key importance of a powwow, so we don’t lose that connection of who we are and who we’re related to — because the Indian Reorganization Act [of 1934] already did that.”

“Some people have questions, but they never ask anything, so they’re still going to be at ground zero. They’re not going to move forward into this relationship of understanding each other,” he said.

While King welcomes ques-

tions on everything from his regalia to his powwow experiences, he asks that people be respectful.

“My one friend said, ‘We’re not Walt Disney,’” said King. “‘Don’t take my picture just because I’m here walking around enjoying part of my way of life.’”






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Chicago man charged with the sex trafficking of children

A Chicago man has been indicted on federal sex trafficking charges for allegedly recruiting several children into prostitution.

Lennie Perry, 44, is charged with sex trafficking eight minors under the age of 18, according to an indictment returned Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Chicago. One of his victims was under 14 years old when Perry enticed the victim to engage in a commercial sex act, the indictment states. Perry trafficked some of his victims from 2012 to 2014, and other victims in 2016 and 2017, according to the charges.

Arraignment on eight counts of sex trafficking is scheduled for Nov. 7, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary M. Rowland.

Burglars targeting Asian restaurants in after-hours break-ins

Police have again warned about a series of after-hours business burglaries in the Uptown neighborhood. While the police department didn't say so, the burglar has been targeting Asian restaurants.

Detectives typically issue community alerts when they believe a series of crimes have been committed by a single person or a specific group of people.

Police said windows or glass doors are being broken with a brick or a piece of concrete to gain entry to the businesses after hours. The burglar takes money from cash registers and escapes before police have time to respond. No offender description has been provided by police.

Four shops have been burglarized since Oct. 14, according to police sources: The Uptown Vietnamese Restaurant in the 1000 block of Argyle at 2:47 a.m. Oct. 14; Ora Sushi in the 5100 block of N. Clark at 3:11 a.m. Oct. 16; an unnamed restaurant in the 4800 block of N. Broadway on Oct. 15 or 16, and Dib Sushi in the 1000 block of W. Lawrence at 3:15 a.m. Oct. 19.

Police previously warned of a business burglary in the 1100 block of W. Argyle early on Sept. 24 and another in the 4900 block of N. Broadway on Sept. 22.

Business owners are advised to ensure that their alarm and surveillance systems are working and that all monies are properly secured at night. Anyone with information is asked to call Area North detectives at 312-744-8263.

Thefts of Divvy bikes is slowing, but woman pepper-sprayed, robbed of Divvy bike

If it's not one thing, it's another. Chicago police have now arrested more than 200 adults for possessing stolen Divvy bikes since thefts of the bike share service's baby blue rides began to skyrocket in mid-June. The thefts have slowed over the past few weeks as Divvy replaced a key piece of hardware on their bike docking stations.

But now, for the first time, we've learned of a Divvy patron being physically robbed of their bike while pedaling the streets of Chicago.

Around 3 p.m. Oct. 14, a 31-year-

old West Town woman told police that she was pepper-sprayed, battered, and robbed of her Divvy bike as she rode it in the 400 block of N. Wood, about four blocks from her home.

Police said they were called around the same time by a 20-year-old woman who reported that a woman and a man battered her and tried to steal her cell phone in the same neighborhood.

Cops searched the area and one of them quickly noticed a Divvy bike sitting unattended in the vestibule of the McDonald's at 23 N. Western. Inside the restaurant, officers saw Keshawna Davidson, 18, and a male companion who matched the descriptions of the phone and Divvy robbers.

Both robbery victims were brought to the restaurant where they identified Davidson. She was arrested and has been charged with Class X felony armed robbery and felony attempted robbery. Judge Sophia Atcherson ordered her held without bail. The male companion was not charged.

Five charged with carjacking off-duty cop in Edgewater, attempting another in Uptown

Four adults and a juvenile have been charged with carjacking an off-duty Chicago police officer in the Edgewater neighborhood early Thursday and attempting a second carjacking nearby.

The 47-year-old officer was parking her Lexus SUV in the 5800 block of N. Winthrop shortly after midnight when she was approached by a group of men. One of the offenders was pointing a handgun at her, police said.



Raynell Lanford



Javion Bush

Marine Dr. between Montrose and Wilson. The man initially declined to file a police report.

Officers working in the Town Hall (19th) Police District became aware of the carjackings and intercepted the vehicle in the 4700 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. several minutes later.

The Town Hall officers followed the stolen Lexus south until they were joined by members of the FBI's Carjacking Task Force and the CPD helicopter unit. Officers pulled the vehicle over in the 5500 block of S. Lake Shore drive and then chased the occupants on foot. A gun was found inside the stolen car.

Charged with the crime are Raynell Lanford, 18, Javion Bush, 18, and Jamar Jarvis, 18; and 19-year-old Jamaal Ashshaheed. A 16-year-old male juvenile was also charged, police said.

The four adults are each charged with one felony count of aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm and



Jamar Jarvis



Jamaal Ashshaheed

FBI seeks man tied to bank robberies

Chicago police and the FBI are looking for an armed robbery offender who has held up one bank and two restaurants in the heart of the West Loop since Oct. 12.

The man robbed MB Financial Bank, 932 W. Randolph St., 12:38 p.m. Oct. 12, according to the FBI. A witness reported seeing the man walk into the bank with a gun in his hand. The bank teller gave the man cash and he was last seen heading northbound on Sangamon. He is white with brown hair, 30- to 35-years-old, 5'-10" to 6'-tall, about 190 lbs., and he was wearing a green coat, gray scarf, blue jeans, and yellow rubber gloves.

Next, the same man is believed to have robbed the Dunkin' Donuts, 1015 W. Lake St., 7:37 p.m. Oct. 14. A white male wearing a navy blue hoodie approached the restaurant's cashier, displayed a handgun, and took cash from the register, according to a police report.

Police believe the man also tried to rob the Dunkin Donuts at 901 W. Washington at 5:30 a.m. Oct. 15. A restaurant employee reported that a white man in a black hoodie pulled a gun on her in an attempted robbery, but she told him that she didn't have a key to access the store's cash. The man fled westbound on Washington.

Anyone with information about the robberies may contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8380. The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads directly to the arrest of the bank robbery offender. The FBI may be contacted at 312-421-6700.



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felony attempted aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm. They were ordered held without bail by Judge David Navarro. The juvenile is charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon by a person under age 21 and misdemeanor criminal trespass to a vehicle.

Fake Uber driver charged with robbing passenger in January

An Elmwood Park man is in custody, charged with posing as an Uber driver to rob a man in Old Town last winter.

Prosecutors say Shawn Bond, 27, picked up a man in the 1400 block of N. Wells St. early on Jan. 14 while posing as a ride-hail service driver. Bond then drove to an unknown location and picked up an accomplice who pulled out a handgun and helped rob the 26-year-old victim of a wallet and phone, according to charges.



Shawn Bond

Bond was arrested near his home in the 1700 block of N. Harlem on Thursday. The victim identified him in a photo line-up.

Prosecutors have charged Bond with Class X felony armed robbery with a firearm and Class X felony kidnapping with a firearm. Judge Stephanie Miller ordered Bond held without bail.

Chicago police have repeatedly warned the public this year about robbery offenders who pose as Uber and Lyft drivers in the city's nightlife districts. A series of community alerts from police has urged ride-hail service customers to confirm license plate numbers, vehicle information, and driver identification before entering their rides.

Two shot in 30 minutes overnight in River North

Two shootings were reported in about 30 minutes on Oct. 20 in the heart of the River North entertainment district. No one is in custody.

At 3:30 a.m., witnesses reported hearing three shots fired and a man falling out of a dark-colored SUV near Ontario and Orleans. Arriving officers found a 22-year-old man on the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to his left thigh. A shell casing was later found in

the 300 block of W. Ontario St., police said.

A black Jeep SRT that was last seen heading westbound on Ontario may have been involved in the shooting, according to a witness.

The victim was transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where the victim was listed in good condition. Police said the man was uncooperative and refused to provide any information about the incident.

Shortly after 4 a.m., a man reported that an occupant of another vehicle fired shots into his car at the BP gas station, 631 N. LaSalle. The victim fled the scene and called police for help from the corner of Dearborn and Randolph in the Loop.

Police said the 23-year-old victim was sitting in a parked car at the gas station when he became involved in a verbal argument with a stranger who was inside a black SUV. The man in the SUV opened fire, shooting out two of the victim's windows and causing minor graze wound to the back of the victim's neck. The SUV then sped from the scene.

The victim, who lives in suburban Flossmoor, refused medical attention.

Police searched the BP station for shell casings but came up empty-handed. A security guard who works at the station reported hearing two loud pops around the time of the shooting.

Uptown man critical after girlfriend shoots him "accidentally"

An Uptown man is in critical condition after being shot by his girlfriend during a domestic dispute Oct. 16, police said. The woman was questioned by police and has been released without being charged.

Police were called to an apartment building in the 900 block of W. Wilson Ave. around 7:40 a.m. after residents reported that a man was beating a woman in the second-floor hallway. As police responded to the scene, additional 911 calls came in to say that the man had been shot by his girlfriend.

Arriving officers found the 24-year-old man shot one time in the abdomen on the second floor. A firearm was recovered at the scene and the man's girlfriend, 36, was taken into custody for questioning, police said.

The man was transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center where he underwent surgery and was

listed in critical condition.

The boyfriend told police that his girlfriend shot him accidentally. Police have no witnesses to refute the man's claim and the handgun was legally owned, so the woman was released without being charged, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Eighteen people have been shot in Uptown so far this year, one fatally. At the same time last year, Uptown had recorded seventeen shooting victims, one of whom died.

Two people were shot in separate incidents in Uptown on Oct. 21. Those shootings, like most in the neighborhood, are believed to be gang-related.

DePaul student robbed on campus

A DePaul student was robbed as she walked on the school's Lincoln Park campus Oct. 16, according to the university's public safety office. The woman was walking eastbound in the 900 block of W. Belden around 1:20 p.m. when she was confronted by two offenders who were walking in the opposite direction, the school said. One of the offenders grabbed the woman's cell phone and the two robbers fled in opposite directions. The school did not provide descriptions of the offenders. The robbery took place across the street from the DePaul Univ. Student Center.

Man who robbed teen girl tells cops the victim is "lucky" they came

A West Ridge man is charged with trying to rob a 17-year-old girl in the Andersonville neighborhood. Almost as scary as what he is accused of doing is what he allegedly told police after they arrested him.

Prosecutors said Daniel Espejo, 36, approached the girl and asked for the time shortly before 10 p.m. Oct. 2 in the 1400 block of W. Foster. He then suddenly grabbed the



Daniel Espejo

girl's purse and the two wrestled for control of the bag for nearly a minute before a pedestrian intervened

and told the girl to take shelter inside a nearby business, police said.

Responding police officers arrested Espejo nearby based on a description provided by the victim.

At the police station, Espejo told officers, "the b*tch is lucky you pigs came because I would've raped that little b*tch," according to court records. He is a self-admitted member of the Latin Kings street gang.

Prosecutors charged Espejo with attempted robbery. Judge Mary Marubio ordered him held without bail.

Lincoln Park woman was home during burglary

Police said a Lincoln Park woman was in her home when a burglar stole several items Oct. 21. The victim was not injured. Around 5:50 p.m., the victim reported seeing a man run out of her home's back door in the 1700 block of W. Altgeld. He took a laptop, wallet, and two sets of keys. There was no sign of forced entry into the home. Shortly before the woman reported the burglary, a nearby resident reported that they caught a man trying to climb through an unlocked window of their home.

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Retail robbery in Lincoln Park

A convenience store in the 2200 block of N. Lincoln was robbed at gunpoint by two offenders Oct. 11. Police said the men demanded cash from the register and were last seen running near the intersection of Belden and Orchard. The offenders were described as two Hispanic men in their late teens who stand about 5’-7” tall and weigh about 170 lbs. One man wore a black hoodie with black pants. The other wore a dark hoodie, a white t-shirt, jeans, and black gym shoes that have white soles.

Blue Line robbery fail

CTA riders pitched in to hold a would-be robbery offender for cops on the Blue Line, police said.

A 26-year-old suburban man was riding the train northbound on the evening of Oct. 4th when Eric Chester Jr., 28, of Calumet City sat down next to him and tried to strike up a conversation, police said. The man ignored Chester who stood up and began to exit at the Division St. station. As he headed for the door, Chester grabbed the man’s phone, but a struggle broke out and Chester eventually punched the man in the face in an attempt to get control of the phone. The attempt failed as other passengers on the train intervened and pinned Chester until police arrived, according to a police report.

Prosecutors charged Chester with felony attempted robbery and felony aggravated battery in a public place. Judge John Lyke ordered him held without bail.

In March, Chester was sentenced to 60 days in jail for punching a CTA driver in the face as she sat behind the wheel of a bus on the South Side.

Thefts of restaurant customers

Chicago police are warning residents about thefts from tables while victims are sitting in a restaurant or coffee shop. The offender approaches the victims and distracts them by soliciting for a charity or by showing the victim a piece of paper. While the victim is distracted, the offender steals the victim’s property from the table.

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Attorney Code, 21762
Case Number: 2018 CH 00251
TJSC#: 38-7343

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

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GEORGE F. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH, JR. 1516 NORTH STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; THE STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BROOKFIELD; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; KWTS TI, LLC; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK ONE, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF CWABS MASTER TRUST REVOLVING HOME EQ LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES SERIES 2002-E; BURTON L. GORDON; SHARON DARDY GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GEORGE F. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH, JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants;

17 CH 15388
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 17-04-210-028-1002.
Commonly known as 1516 North State Parkway, Unit 5C, Chicago, IL 60610.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection
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Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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p.m. Sept. 4 and another on the same block at 6 p.m. Sept. 25; one on the 2200 block of N. Milwaukee Ave. 11:40 a.m. Sept. 30; 1900 block of N. Milwaukee Ave. 11:50 a.m. Sept. 30; 2500 block of N. Clark St. 6 p.m. Oct. 1; 1400 block of N. Milwaukee Ave. 12:30 p.m. Oct. 3; 1500 block of N. Damen Ave. 1:20 p.m. Oct. 3, and one on the 2500 block of N. Clark St. 6:20 p.m. Oct. 5.

The offender is described as an African-American male, 18-25 years of age, 5’-8” to 6’ tall and 180 lbs.

Carjacking crew under pressure as cops bust ten, recover three guns

Chicago police may have their best chance yet to break a carjacking crew that detectives believe may be responsible for as many as nine armed robberies on the North Side this month.

Police in the West Pullman neighborhood on the far South Side this weekend arrested a 17-year-old male after he was spotted driving a vehicle that had been taken during a carjacking in Lincoln Square on Oct. 9.

Around 1:20 p.m. Oct. 13, officers on patrol saw a Toyota Corolla moving erratically in traffic near 112th St. and State St. A check of the vehicle's Missouri license plate revealed that it had been taken in a carjacking in the 2400 block of W. Leland last week.

Officers found a handgun in the teen's waistband and two other handguns in the stolen car, according to police. Prosecutors charged the teen as a juvenile with unlawful use of a concealed weapon and receiving-possessing a stolen motor vehicle.

Saturday's arrest and vehicle recovery was the second break police have had in the case since Thursday. After a series of three carjackings were reported in under an hour late Oct. 10 and 11, police on the South Side located two of the stolen cars and en-

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

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

-v.- JOHN G. POAST Defendants
2017 CH 12098
3841 N. KENMORE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 30, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 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 3841 N. KENMORE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-20-211-003-0000.
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 BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff,

vs. MEHRY MALLAH, AKA MEHRYAR MALLA; KHOSRO MALLAH; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; THE TIARA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Defendants,
18 CH 6381
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in

the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 26, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-05-211-016-1097.
Commonly known as 6147 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APARTMENT 30A, CHICAGO, IL 60660.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601.
(614) 220-5611, 18-016725 F2
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC; Plaintiff,

vs. BRIAN TURNER; 5040-60 NORTH MARINE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

18 CH 3863
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 14-08-407-022-1187.
Commonly known as 5060 North Marine Drive, Unit 5D, CHICAGO, IL 60640.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAYLINE BANK F/K/A NORTH COMMUNITY BANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER WITH METROBANK SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER WITH CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK OF ILLINOIS; Plaintiff,

vs. RICHARD M. SMITH; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2008 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 8002351188; STATE OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; IMPERIAL TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendants,
18 CH 1458
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-16-301-041-1317.
Commonly known as 4250 N. Marine Drive, Unit 2212, Chicago, Illinois 60613.
The mortgaged real estate is a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

gaged at least one offender in a foot pursuit. The suspect escaped, but evidence technicians were able to recover evidence from the stolen vehicles.

The foot chase last Thursday may have put a scare into the robbery crew. No further carjackings have been reported in the area since then. Now, with three guns recovered and one of the likely carjackers identified, the jig may be up for this crime crew.

Even so, it's always good to be alert. At least two carjackings reported this month in North Center and Lincoln Park are believed to have been committed by different robbery teams. Police have been advising drivers to avoid sitting in parked or idling cars and to be extra cautious when leaving parked vehicles.

Navy Pier waiter charged with raping teen

A man who worked as a restaurant server at Navy Pier has been charged with raping a 15-year-old girl on the Northwest Side, according to court records.

Prosecutors said Laroyae Baker, 31, was staying at an acquaintance's home in the Jefferson Park neighborhood on Sept. 30 when he entered the girl's bedroom and pulled his pants down. Baker told the girl that he wanted a “birthday gift” and then pulled the girl from her bed onto the floor where he covered her mouth and sexually assaulted her, according to the state's allegations. When the victim began crying, Baker put his hand on her throat and assaulted her a second time,



Laroyae Baker

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Real Estate For Sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Scott H. Kenig at Plaintiff's Attorney, Randall & Kenig LLP, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611.
(312) 822-0800.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK FSB Plaintiff,

-v.- NIVA YOUNAN A/K/A NIVA P. YOUNAN, SARGON RASHO, THORNDALE BEACH SOUTH CONDOMINIUM A/K/A THORNDALE BEACH SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
17 CH 16435
5855 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT # 14C AND UNIT #14E

CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 26, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5855 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT # 14C AND UNIT #14E, Chicago, IL 60660

Property Index No. 14-05-403-021-1099 and 14-05-403-021-1101.

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$536,945.95.

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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code, 21762
Case Number: 18 CH 00819
TJSC#: 38-6906

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police said.

During the second assault, the man who invited Baker to stay in the home walked into the bedroom, discovered what was happening, and ordered him to leave. Baker complied, police said, and the victim was treated at a nearby hospital.

Baker was arrested at Navy Pier last Monday morning by a fugitive apprehension team. Prosecutors charged him with aggravated criminal sexual assault while endangering the life of the victim. Judge John Lyke ordered him held without bail.

Man charged with beating cabbie

A Wrigleyville man was arrested and charged with severely beating a taxi cab driver in a road rage incident last Spring, according to police and court records.

John Danuk, 20, was arrested at his home in the 1000 block of W. Byron around 9 a.m. Oct. 12 after police learned through an investigative alert that he was wanted for questioning in the case.

Police said Danuk became enraged during a traffic altercation around 1:15 p.m. April 17. He jumped out of his car, spit in the cabbie's face and repeatedly punched the 52-year-old taxi driver in the head as the victim sat behind the

wheel of his cab in the 500 block of W. Adams St., according to prosecutors' court filings.

A witness reportedly gave police descriptions of the man who struck the cab driver as well as a description of the car he left the scene in and the vehicle's license plate number.

The cab driver, who lives in Bolingbrook, received "numerous stitches" over his right eye at Stroger Hospital, according to police. He identified Danuk in a photo line-up, police said.

Prosecutors charged Danuk with felony unlawful vehicular invasion and felony aggravated battery of a taxi driver. Judge Mary Marubio ordered him to be held without bail.

Falling drunk broke her leg

A patron of a the Lodge Tavern, 21 W. Division, alleges her leg was broken when an intoxicated man fell on her.

Cheryl Ashbaugh filed a complaint on Oct. 10 in Cook County Circuit Court against The Lodge Tavern Inc. and Lodge Management Corp. for alleged violation of the Illinois Dram Shop Act.

According to the complaint, on Oct. 17, 2017, Ashbaugh was at the bar when a highly intoxicated man fell on her, and she suffered a broken tibia and fibula in her right leg.

Ashbaugh holds The Lodge Tavern Inc. and Lodge Management Corp.

responsible because the defendants allegedly sold or gave alcohol to the man. She is seeking a judgment in a sum of more than \$50,000 plus costs, and all other damages.

Car struck by gunfire in Uptown

A man opened fire on an Uptown street Oct. 16, missing his intended target, but hitting a car over a block away as it traveled north on Broadway.

Police said the gunman began firing in the 4600 block of N. Racine at 3:35 p.m., but did not strike anyone. Shell casings were found at the scene. Officers on patrol in the 4700 block of N. Broadway heard the gunfire and saw the rear window of a car get shot out in traffic.

The driver of the car stopped and filed a police report for criminal damage to property.

Police said the shooter is a white man in his late 40's who has short gray hair, a thin face, and stands about 5'-10" tall. He was wearing a green jacket with an orange stripe over a black hoodie along with tan cargo pants. He was last seen heading southbound on Racine on foot.

— *Compiled by CWBChicago.com*

and training be "appropriate" and "respectful." How are Chicago officers or the CPD supposed to know whether they've met the requirements of this decree? The decree doesn't tell us. Importantly, it has no end date," Sessions said.

Sessions also warned costs generally go up sharply once a consent decree is implemented. "Indeed, these decrees tend to drag on for decades and modifying them tends to be extremely difficult—and expensive. The [decree] monitor can be paid up to \$2.85 million per year—more than 10 times both the Superintendent's salary and the Mayor's salary, and 59 times the starting salary for CPD officers. The entire process will require large

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season, celebrations of terrorist attacks and mass shootings in the United States, and encouragement for "lone wolf" terrorist attacks in western countries. Because the material promoted violence, Khattab members frequently had their social media accounts sus-

direct expenditures and will redirect substantial resources to satisfy the imposed rules and the monitor, and less to crime fighting" Sessions said.

Sessions' host for the speech, the Chicago Crime Commission, is a 99-year-old non-partisan civic watchdog organization of business leaders which is dedicated to educating the public about organized criminal-activity, street gangs and the tools of their trade: drugs, guns, public corruption, money laundering, identity theft and gambling.

"Chicago must get this right. It cannot accept an image as a violent, crime-ridden city. Chicago cannot afford to capitulate to criminals, to grovel in the face of extremists, and let its potential slip away." Sessions said.

pended or deleted, the complaint states. The members sought access to hacked social media accounts and created accounts under fake names and identifiers. These accounts were then distributed to Khattab members to use in disseminating ISIS propaganda, according to the complaint.

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale					
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<p>242424</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.-</p> <p>LAKEVIEW POINTE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., GALENOS PILAFAS A/K/A GALENOS J. PILAFAS, A/K/A GALENOS JOHN PILAFAS, REALIGN CHIROPRACTIC, PC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants</p> <p>15 CH 15640</p> <p>7738 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APT 1L A/K/A 7738 NORTH SHERIDAN RD CHICAGO, IL 60626</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 15, 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 7738 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APT 1L A/K/A 7738 NORTH SHERIDAN RD, CHICAGO, IL 60626</p> <p>Property Index No. 11-29-101-033-1015, 11-29-101-033-1054.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a brown, brick, condo, two car detached garage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.</p> <p>The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. 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Please refer to file number 9033.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p>	<p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC</p> <p>One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200</p> <p>Chicago, IL 60602</p> <p>(312) 346-9088</p> <p>E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com</p> <p>Attorney File No. 9033</p> <p>Attorney ARDC No. 61256</p> <p>Attorney Code: 61256</p> <p>Case Number: 15 CH 15640</p> <p>TJSC#: 38-8135</p> <p>13101785</p> <p>171717</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEW PENN FINANCIAL LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING; Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR KIRK MARCUM, ESTATE, IF ANY OF KIRK MARCUM; GREENLEAF/WOLCOTT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KIRK MARCUM; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,</p> <p>18 CH 3052</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 6, 2018 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, November 19, 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> <p>P.I.N. 11-31-210-039-1023.</p> <p>Commonly known as 1849 W Greenleaf Ave Apt 3N, Chicago, IL 60626.</p> <p>The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act</p> <p>Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection</p> <p>For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601.</p> <p>(312) 981-7385.</p> <p>INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122</p> <p>13101160</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-A4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.-</p> <p>DANYALE DOLLAH AKA DANYALE H. DOLLAH, CANDACE TISDALE AKA CANDACE E. TISDALE, CITY OF CHICAGO, AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SVC, CACH, LLC, TD AUTO FINANCE LLC AKA CHRYSLER FINANCIAL SERVICE AMERICA, LLC DBA CHRYSLER FINANCIAL FKA DAIMLERCHRYSLER FINANCIAL SERVICES AMERICA, LLC, MAURICE LIPSHUTZ, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MAURICE LIPSHUTZ TRUST DATED OCTOBER 22, 1993 D/B/A BEL-CLIFF BUILDING COMPANY, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD</p>	<p>CLAIMANTS Defendants</p> <p>16 CH 12671</p> <p>6962 NORTH SEELEY AVENUE</p> <p>Chicago, IL 60645</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 12, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 6, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6962 NORTH SEELEY AVENUE, Chicago, IL 60645</p> <p>Property Index No. 11-31-116-009-0000.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a single family residence.</p> <p>The judgment amount was \$1,047,201.49.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If this property is a condominium unit, or a 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 and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.</p> <p>For information, contact the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F16090045.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC</p> <p>1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120</p> <p>NAPERVILLE, IL 60563</p> <p>(630) 453-6960</p>	<p>E-Mail: foreclosurenotice@anselmolindberg.com</p> <p>Attorney File No. F16090045</p> <p>Attorney ARDC No. 3126232</p> <p>Attorney Code. 58852</p> <p>Case Number: 16 CH 12671</p> <p>TJSC#: 38-7861</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16 CH 12671</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.-</p> <p>ALIN G. BARZU, 1640 WEST SHERWIN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants</p> <p>2018 CH 5622</p> <p>1640 WEST SHERWIN AVE, UNIT 4B</p> <p>Chicago, IL 60626</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 9, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 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 1640 WEST SHERWIN AVE, UNIT 4B, Chicago, IL 60626</p> <p>Property Index No. 11-30-416-025-1014.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a condominium.</p> <p>The judgment amount was \$277,763.70.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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). 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ADAMS ST., SUITE 1800, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 431-1455 Please refer to file number 1966-176.</p> <p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION</p> <p>One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE</p> <p>You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.</p> <p>NOONAN & LIEBERMAN</p> <p>105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1800</p> <p>Chicago, IL 60603</p> <p>(312) 431-1455</p> <p>E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com</p> <p>Attorney File No. 1966-176</p> <p>Attorney Code. 38245</p> <p>Case Number: 2018 CH 5622</p> <p>TJSC#: 38-6498</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2018 CH 5622</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES 1 TRUST Plaintiff,</p> <p>-v.-</p> <p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, ELIZABETH DENISE MENDOZA AS PLenary GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF ROSE E. GUSTAFSON, ELIZABETH DENISE MENDOZA AS POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ROSE E. GUSTAFSON LIVING TRUST DATED DECEMBER 11, 2009 Defendants</p> <p>16 CH 009888</p> <p>2719 W. ALBION AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60645</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 16, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 20, 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 2719 W. ALBION AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60645</p> <p>Property Index No. 10-36-417-034-0000.</p> <p>The real estate is improved with a residence.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.</p> <p>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 re-</p>	<p>demption 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.</p> <p>The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. 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Macy's Great Tree lighting Nov. 3, stars Angelica Hale



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This year marks the 111th lighting of the Great Tree at Macy's on State St., it will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3.

America's Got Talent runner-up Angelica Hale will perform and help light the tree alongside a special Make-A-Wish child to

kick-off Macy's "Believe" campaign and the holiday season.

The Believe campaign holds significance for this year's Great Tree Lighting as Hale had her own wish granted by Make-A-Wish in 2013, one month before she underwent a life-saving kidney transplant.

This year's Great Tree pays homage to some of Chicago's most iconic landmarks, including Macy's own Great Clocks on State St. Just like the store's address (111 N. State St.), this year parade celebrates all things 111. Macy's is not only celebrating the 111th lighting of the Great Tree, but also the 111 year anniversary of the pair of Great Clocks, as Chicagoans know them today.

Visitors to Macy's often meet at the Great Clocks, located at the corners of the build-

ing. The first clock was installed in 1897, at the corner of State and Washington.

According to legend, Marshall Field decided that this corner should have a clock after he discovered notes wedged in the corners of the store's new glass plate windows that pinpointed times and places to meet friends, family members and business associates. Field determined that a clock could serve as a rendezvous spot for shoppers and also make them mindful of the time. It didn't take long before Chicagoans were telling others to "meet me under the clock at Marshall Field's."

As a result of the clock's soaring popularity, a second clock was added at the corner of State and Randolph in 1902. For five years the designs of the clocks didn't match, but in 1907, the original clock at

State and Washington was replaced with one that is identical to the second clock.

Designed by Pierce Anderson who worked for the firm that designed the building, each clock is made of 7¾ tons of cast bronze and hangs from ornamental ironwork. Originally the clocks were black, but over time they assumed a distinctive green patina. The clocks are impulse operated from a master timepiece located in the store that is checked twice daily with the Arlington time signal and corrects the clocks each hour.

The 51st Annual Holiday Windows at Macy's on State St. will be on display Saturday, Nov. 3 through Jan. 2, 2019.

Rosebud restaurants, EEOC settle workplace sexual harassment case

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

Rosebud Restaurants has settled a potential class action brought by federal workplace discrimination monitors, who had accused the Italian restaurant chain of mistreating female employees, allowing them to be subjected to sexual harassment on the job.

Under the settlement with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [EEOC], which was entered under an official agreement known as a consent decree, Rosebud agreed to pay two women who worked for them and had complained of sexual harassment, a total of \$150,000. Rosebud also agreed to submit to EEOC

monitoring of its businesses; to enact more strict policies forbidding sexual harassment and spelling out punishments for those who violate them; and to send its workers through anti-sexual harassment training.

Rosebud has four locations Downtown and on the North Side: 445. N. Dearborn, 720 N. Rush St., 192 E. Walton St. and 1 S. Dearborn.

The consent decree noted the settlement should not "be construed as an admission by any party of the claims or defenses of any other party."

The case had landed in Chicago federal court in May 2017, as the EEOC sought to expand an action the agency had filed on behalf of complainant Tina Rosenthal to include more Rosebud employees who the

agency asserted had been exposed to a pattern of sexual harassment at the restaurants in recent years.

The court action asserted Rosenthal had been fired from her position as a server at a Rosebud restaurant in Nov. 2013 in retaliation for complaining about the harassment she allegedly faced.

According to the EEOC complaint, female workers at Rosebud's restaurants were subjected to "unwelcome and offensive sexual comments, propositions, and/or touching by a co-worker." The EEOC contended Rosebud should be held responsible for failing to do anything to stop the harassment.

Specifically, the EEOC claimed Rosebud violated Title VII of the federal 1964 Civil Rights Act and Title I of the 1991 Civil Rights Act, and discriminated against its female workers.

During the course of the court case, the EEOC identified another female employee, Rhonda Teven, as a potential complainant in the case.

The EEOC's 2017 action came on the heels of a private action lawsuit brought two years earlier by two other female employees who accused the Rosebud group of allowing its female workers to be subjected to "pervasive and systematic sexual harassment and discriminatory practices," allegedly including obscene name-calling, groping, exposure to hard-core pornography in the workplace, catcalling and repeated sexual overtures and invitations from man-

agers to engage in sex acts, among others.

That lawsuit was dismissed under a settlement in Sept. 2016. The terms of the settlement were not publicly disclosed.

Under the publicly filed consent decree settling the EEOC's 2017 action, Rosebud would pay Rosenthal \$130,000, which would include \$20,000 in back wages and \$110,000 in damages.

The company would also pay Teven \$20,000 under the agreement.

Rosebud also agreed to revise its employee policies to include provisions specifically forbidding sexual harassment and defining what would be considered harassing behavior; provisions forbidding retaliation against anyone who complains of sexual harassment and allowing employees to complain to any manager about sexual harassment; provisions directing any complaints of sexual harassment to go immediately to a restaurant's general manager or human resources management; and provisions laying out discipline, up to termination, for anyone "found to have engaged in sexual harassment," among other provisions.

Rosebud is also required to report all sexual harassment complaints to the EEOC for the next two years. Further, the decree requires Rosebud to provide annual EEOC-approved training to all employees concerning sexual harassment and retaliation. Managers and human resources personnel are also required to attend separate in-person training sessions.

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