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Every player should be accorded the privilege of at least one season with the Chicago Cubs. That's baseball as it should be played - in God's own sunshine. And that's really living.

— Alvin Dark

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Civic group thinks big

Study calls for new light rail transit system for Loop, Near North, West and South sides

With their eyes on a \$100 million grant from wealthy local civic organizations, a coalition of business executives has proposed to build a network of automated rail lines downtown with spurs north and south into nearby neighborhoods. The goal would be to expand public transit capacity into booming areas like the Loop, River North, West Loop and along the North Branch of the Chicago River, and secondly to ease the congestion that now chokes these areas.

This civic organization worked to produce a detailed 186-page report explaining how a modern, automated train, with 14-miles of rolling stock that would be incompatible with CTA's 'L' system, would finally connect the major downtown transit nodes with each other.

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The Chicago Central Area Committee [CCAC], which is proposing the rail network, had previously supported Mayor Richard M. Daley's plans to build light rail as a downtown circulator moving people between the two West Loop train stations into the Loop and central business district.

They did this in response to the Chicago-based MacArthur foundation offering a \$100 million grant to pursue this idea, suggesting that it will make measurable progress toward solving a significant problem on a critical issue.

The first phase of the proposed new system would link Union Station, the Ogilvie Transportation Center, the Merchandise Mart, and Streeterville using Clinton St., and the abandoned Carroll Ave. route, which is north of the Chicago River. The CCAC says that this section would cost \$750 million

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Why something needs to be done

Chicago's central area has become the principal economic engine of its region. Central area employment is at record levels and accounts for nearly half of city jobs.

Between 2000 and 2010, downtown Chicago has gained 48,000 residents, more than any other U.S. city, and is on track to add a similar number between 2010 and 2020. Since 2000, all net housing growth in Chicago has been absorbed downtown.

The majority of central area workers use transit to get to their jobs, with a long-term shift from buses to trains. As of 2014, the majority of Chicago transit riders use rail - more than one million trips per workday. Analysis suggests that since 1998 the majority of new professional workers in downtown Chicago have chosen to live in the city and take CTA trains to their jobs. As a consequence, "L" ridership is at the highest level since at least 1960 and the busiest lines are nearing capacity.

Current projections indicate that north and northwest side "L" trains will reach the limits of what they can carry within 10 years, even with planned improvements such as the current Red Line Modernization and Belmont "flyover" along Clark St. north of Belmont.

The City ID that nobody knows how to identify

Weeks after \$1M allocated to implement Municipal ID program in 2017, few details available

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PETER VON BUOL

Three weeks after the Chicago Municipal Identification Card program was first announced by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago City Clerk Susana Mendoza, no new details have yet been revealed about a new city program which is a \$1 million item in the 2017 city budget.

"Chicago is, and has been, a City that welcomes everyone, and an individual's background should never be a barrier for participating in the economic, social, or cultural life of Chicago. With this program, we ensure all Chicago residents have the identification they need to access vital services," Emanuel said on Oct. 12 in a written state-

ment. Neither the City Clerk's office nor the Mayors office has since offered many details about the new City ID's. Indeed details seem sparse with regard to the future municipal law, as well as the need and uses for the cards.

After Emanuel and Mendoza announced the Municipal ID Card program, Inside Publications contacted numerous city, county and state agencies. Many already provide identification cards recognized by other government entities. All of the agency spokespersons said they were not yet sure how their individual agencies would work with the municipal identification cards because few details have been revealed.

Coming just prior to a major national election and during all the hoopla surrounding the World Series, many people may not even have heard about the plans for a new Chicago Municipal ID.

The Illinois Secretary of State

already issues state identification cards to the elderly (65 and over), the homeless, and those with disabilities. In the near future, the

Chris Cleveland, the chairman of the Chicago Republican Party, said he believes the ID card program is unnecessary and an example of wasteful spending by Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration.

state's identification cards and drivers' licenses will be compliant with the federal government's tamper-proof REAL ID program. Cards compliant with REAL ID will be valid to serve as identification to board planes and to visit government offices.

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New early voting locations draw more traffic



Voters wait in line to vote early in downtown Chicago.

STORY AND PHOTO BY CHRISTEN GALL Medill News Service

Reyna Hernandez wanted to make a difference in the election by casting her vote early on the second day of the early voting period.

"It felt like a really important statement and to see the numbers changing early, that's one of the other reasons why I think voting early was important because it starts to send a message as folks are seeing the numbers of people voting early," she said.

Chicago's new voting location a few buildings down from the corner of Washington and State, a former Walgreens, was crowded around noon Monday. Signs with early voting were posted outside,

drawing attention to the early voting location. The new "super" site was created to handle a larger number of voters.

Jim Allen, spokesperson for the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, could not give official numbers for the early voter turnout, but noted that on the second day of early voting, the turnout was higher than four years ago on the 15th day of voting.

"The downtown site definitely triples our capacity for those who come downtown, but we're seeing pretty strong use of all 51 sites," Allen added.

Early voting started in Illinois on Oct. 24 with a large downtown polling place and a location in each ward [see the sidebar for a location near you]. The downtown voting location was previously

Since 1996 early voting has increased three times the percentage, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The AP Election Group estimates that the number will grow to 40% for this highly media covered presidential election.

in the basement of the Board of Election building, now it is just feet away from State Street's busy shopping strip.

This year early voting takes place in 37 states and Washington, DC. In 2000, only 16% of voters cast nationally were early or by absentee vote and by 2012, 35% of voters cast a ballot early, according

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Baseball is really America's Game



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Editor's Note: Reader's discretion is advised as this newspaper went to press before Game 6 of the World Series.

My buddy Emmett Whealan has had a tough year with assorted health issues of late. He's doing really well at the moment. I am pleased for him. He's a Notre Dame grad, a Beverly boy, Board of Trade alum, great lunch companion. And he went to the World Series. Game Three. It was his second time seeing the Cubs play in a World Series in Wrigley Field. Seventy-one years ago, he was eight, he went to the game with his grandfather. It was 1945.

Back in 1931 when Anton Cermak was elected Mayor of Chicago, he made sure that his political ally and friend, Emmett Whealan, was well cared for. This Emmett was the grandfather and namesake of my friend. He was a Commissioner of Cook County from 1919 to 1931. He became president of the Cook County Board in 1931. That was a powerful position. A large empire. With the power to

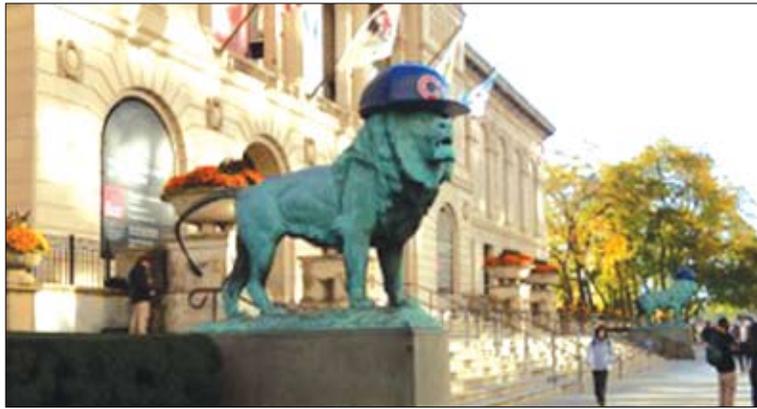
tax.

He was only in for one term, though. He sadly proved too principled for the post. He was hard to work with. Not one for a lot of rule bending. He didn't fit the new machine that emerged upon the death of Mayor Cermak, who was assassinated in Florida while visiting the newly elected President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

After Cermak's murder in 1933, the local Democrats turned to Ed Kelly of the Chicago Park District to be Mayor of Chicago. It took a lot of rule bending to make that happen. But, hell, it's Chicago. Anything is possible.

Kelly was in office until 1946. So he was Mayor the last time the Cubs were in the World Series. His brand of politics had a more fluid understanding of government. A Bridgeport boy, he and his close pal Pat Nash ran the Democratic Party as their own fiefdom. No one was surprised or off-put by that maneuver. Taking care of all the right people, he was everything Whealan wasn't. He rolled with the punches. He could fashion a deal. He could overlook the anomalies. He just wanted to keep the machine oiled and smoothly running.

Whealan was a fine man. There's a park up on the North Side named after him. And a huge swimming pool as well at 6200 W. Devon. They call it an Aquatic Center now. But nothing he ever did quite equaled taking his grandson Emmett to the World Series at Wrigley Field in 1945.



The Art Institute Lions sporting, for the first time ever, their 2016 World Series Gear.

Of late, I think the whole city has been coming to understand that sense of the generations of families that tie together the great achievements of the Cubs.

Chicagoans lived and died in the soft hope that one year they would see their beloved Cubs rise to the drama of the moment and win a Nation League pennant. So many dreams and aspirations of Chicagoans are linked together by the achievements of the Cubs.

Is it because so many of us see ourselves in the details of the drama that surround the team?

Is it that we know we are connected to the team by more than a kind of "school spirit"?

We are connected by deep, wrenching emotion. We are cemented by an array of feelings that are passed on down from generation to generation. It is one of those unmeasurable realities that makes Chicago such a livable urban metropolis. A city of real people. The Cubs unify us. Civilize us. Urbanize us. We are not lost New Yorkers, bumping into each other anonymously, and recognizing we share small loyalties to the same Major League Baseball team. It's way more than that. It's a look. It's a silent assent. A nod of understanding. And a quiet acknowledgment that we share something unique. We have custody over something singular and without equal, greater than ourselves.

I called an old friend who I hadn't spoken to all summer. He has a pile of children. Two away at college and three here in high school and grade school. I caught him just before all but the two oldest were jumping into the family car to drive to Cleveland for the first game of the World Series. Cleveland is his wife's hometown. Her father is a successful sports hero in Cleveland. He owns the Cleveland Indians. Needless to say they were excited. They are by all standards the perfect Cubs' fans. But family trumps everything. They are riding high as Indian fans. And believe me, they are a serious baseball family. Baseball for them is not just the National Pastime, it is a life-long family commitment. I think that is why they are so beloved in Cleveland.

We are all pleased that this commotion is going on right now, in Chicago, Cleveland and the rest of the nation in advance of our upcoming presidential election. Like a slap to the kisser, it seems like just the thing to grab our attention and shift our focus from the nonsense of those vile debates and the ill bred baseness of the candidates' followers. The World Series was just the thing to shake us and refocus us to experience America when we are at our best.

The drama of the games is just the thing to remind us of what it means to be Americans. We are people who cherish the traditions of baseball. Loyalists who cheer the achievements of those who never give up. We are the fans who know that it is never too late to play stronger, hit harder and run farther, or who are unafraid to sacrifice for the good of the team. Sorry. Cricket and rugby just cannot do that. Nor can soccer, or football, or basketball.

The spirit of old man Wrigley is alive around the bases with that of Jack Brickhouse, Harry Caray, Ron Santo, Ernie Banks, Eddie Stanky, Phil Cavarretta, Peanuts Lowery, Dave Owen, Ryne Sandberg, Sammy Sosa, Cap Anson, Sweetbread Bailey, Hy Cohen, Don Zimmer, Greg Maddux, Dusty Baker and more.

Baseball really is America's game because it reflects us as no other sport is able to do. I hope that after the weeks of shouting, screaming and crying together we will come to discover a deeper, fresher patriotic sense of what America really is. History will be rearing its head large in the days ahead, bright with American confidence and good sense; on our feet for a squeeze play, a double play, a tag out or a grand slam home run.

AH-ONE, AH-TWO: The beloved **Harry Caray**, resting in suburban Des Plaines in All Saints Cemetery, was fond of saying, "Sure as God made little green apples, someday the Chicago Cubs are going to be in the World Series." So it's like an omen from heaven that his tombstone is becoming stacked with Green Apples as World Series magic is underway. What a brilliant tribute to Harry.

We also noted well-worn grass fronting **Ernie Bank's** gravestone in Graceland Cemetery. Let's play two!

MORE GRAVE MATTERS: And in a similar manner, the grave of **Susan B. Anthony** (1820-1908), America's veteran suffrage leader is being covered in "I Voted" stickers in Rochester, NY, anticipating the possible election of the first woman to that office.

WHITE HOUSE 2: Former President **William Jefferson Clinton** says he wants no part of being referred to as "First Husband" should his wife be elected president. Instead he wants to be called the "First Volunteer." But should volunteers really be making tens of millions a year 'volunteering'?

JEEVES AND WOOSTER: British actor **Hugh Laurie**, who has had a spate of hit television shows on American television, not least of which is 'House,' was recently given his own star on Hol-

lywood's Walk of Fame, actually infant of the Pig and Whistle British Pub very close to the stars of **Dame Helen Mirren** and **Emma Thompson**. Joining him in Los Angeles for the unveiling was best pal fellow comic **Stephen Fry** with whom he starred in the hilarious series "Jeeves and Wooster."

DODGE A BULLET?: How lucky is **Mayor Rahm Emanuel**? Well, on a just published list of America's cities that are 'too dangerous to visit,' Chicago did not appear anywhere among the top 10. Citing the rise of violent crime, the proportion of poverty, and statistics on general mayhem, somehow "CHIRAQ" squeezed by without notice. That's luck. What did find their way to this dreadful category of American tourism? In order from 10 to 1, Kansas City, MO; Oakland, CA; Little Rock, AK; Baltimore, MD; Milwaukee, WI; Memphis, TN; Birmingham, AL; Detroit, MI; and most dangerous, St. Louis, MO. Go buy a lotto ticket, Rahm.

JAIL VIOLENCE: Cook County Jail has been branded 'out of control' for violence with nine inmate stabbings alone last week. I believe that! We may not be on the top 10 list but our gangs do try harder.

LUCAS MUSEUM: Now that Chicago has turned its back on the future and walked away from the chance to house the **George Lucas** "Star Wars Museum" on our lakefront, plans have been unveiled for a similar venue in either Los Angeles or San Francisco. Mr. & Mrs. Lucas are supposed to pick a site in 2017. Mrs. Lucas is still fire-breathing.

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Did Hillary and Donald ring your bell?

Halloween, Election, and World Series make for colorful pix weekend



Heart of the 'Hood
By Felicia Dechter

No one was more surprised than Jason and Christine Baumann when Hillary and The Donald -- no last names needed -- rang the couple's doorbell last weekend, excitedly yelling out, "Trick or Treat!"

Even though Jason is a staunch Trump supporter and Christine is all about Hillary, the pair never dreamed that two kazillionaire candidates would ever ring the bell of their modest home.

"It was a great honor and a bit disgusting when two guests appeared at our door, asking for a piece of candy and a vote," said Jason, Trump lover and chief digital strategist at Boxless Media, a digital marketing agency with offices downtown and in the western suburbs. "To see someone of such prestige, and vision, personally visiting me, I had no choice but to invite Mr. Trump in for a pumpkin spice latte."

"But when Hillary followed him in, I was afraid the feds would be just around the corner," said Jason. "I think she was confused, my expertise is email marketing, not hiding emails."

With Election Day coming up next week, the two candidates appeared to be out campaigning in full force this weekend, I swear I saw them at every Halloween party in town. Yet Christine said that with all the provocative costumes on the streets, the last place she ever expected The Donald was at her home asking for a piece of candy.

"After all, I thought he was a billionaire... He could buy his own," said Christine, an occupational therapy student. "But seeing Hillary was a distinct honor. As an avid Hillary supporter, she is always welcome here. I would prefer if she left the Trump-trash at the door."

Whether it's Hillary or The Donald that's getting your vote next week, be sure to get out there and have your say. Early voting, which is what I plan to do, has already started. Going to be a hot time in the old town that night!

Party all the time... Between Halloween and the World Series, it was party central in town last weekend and all across the city roamed Donalds and Hillarys like the Baumans, along with princesses, ghosts, pi-



The Donald and Hillary rang the bell of the election-divided Baumann household, with Hillary telling her supporter Christine Baumann, "Only one candidate on the ticket has the expertise and leadership skills to strengthen our great country." Meanwhile, The Donald told his supporter Jason Baumann: "America needs a leader we can trust and count on. We don't need a our first elected woman president to be locked up before her inauguration. Join me in 'Making America Great Again.'"

rates, Little Mermaids, and plenty of those scary Cubs fans. They were all so entertaining to see that we just had to share some festivities pix.

Former West Ridge Chamber of Commerce executive director Amie Zander hit her first-ever World Series. "It was amazing to be there," she said. "So much energy." And even though the Cubs lost on Saturday night... "It was a bummer, but still fun!" an elated Zander exclaimed.

Community members were giving high praises to Loyola Univ., Gethsemane Garden Center and the stores on Clark St. in Andersonville, all of which had simply marvelous Halloween/Fall celebrations over the weekend. Thanks to all who made it possible because at each event, both young and old had a fabulous time.

Blowin' in the wind... Loyola Univ. students, Project Vision after school program participants, and neighbors planted erosion-protecting Marram grass last Saturday in Loyola Park, where more than 100 Kentucky coffee, elm, maple and linden trees were also being planted by the Northbrook-based Moore Landscapes Inc.

LA Fitness not exercising proper ADA compliance... I recently wrote about River North resident Kristina Lebedeva, who uses a wheelchair to get around. Lebedeva likes to swim at LA Fitness at 355 E. Grand Ave. in Streeterville. It's close to home and easier for her to get in and out of the pool than at other clubs.

In September, Lebedeva filed a legal complaint in federal court against the health



Ravenswood residents Sadie and Eli, with their pirate friend Milo, of Andersonville, trick or treating on Clark Street in Andersonville on Saturday.

club for failing to fix an elevator that has been broken more than a year. Lebedeva needs the elevator to access the women's locker room.

Lebedeva said LA Fitness is not responding to the complaint filed in September, and because of that, a summons was issued on Oct. 24. The tony health club will have 21 days from that date to appear for her case, Lebedeva said.

"That means another delay, taking us into the cold winter," said Lebedeva.

"They're stalling and not doing anything."

In September, LA Fitness operations manager Mustafa Marga said that LA Fitness district VP Paul Schranz told him that the club is waiting for a decision from the owner of the company. On Oct. 26, I emailed Schranz, because apparently that's the only way to contact him. Here is what I received back from him regarding Lebedeva:

"I would like to clarify that LA Fitness wants to provide full and equal access to her and has taken significant steps to do so. Importantly, no one needs to use the elevator in question in order to use the pool. The elevator in question provides access



Taking a break from planting Marram grass in Loyola Park were volunteers, left to right: Cliff Zimmerman, Kevin Huang, Emma Farley and Sue Lannin.

solely between the pool and to the locker rooms. However, there is a shower and a private restroom on the same floor as the pool which we have modified to make sure it is accessible for Kristina's full use. This has included, among other things, adding a locker for her, a custom-made bench and a new showerhead. The building and elevator in question, both of which we lease, are quite old and due to the moisture of the indoor pool where the elevator is located, we are told the current problem is likely to recur even if an expensive repair was made to the elevator. We have already spent tens of thousands on such repairs and will continue to work on a solution for her."

I forwarded Lebedeva the email. She was "livid."

"The cabin they gave me hardly qualifies

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Cubs dreams come true for diehard fans who waited a lifetime



The Home Front

By Don DeBat

Editor's Note: Reader's discretion is advised as this newspaper went to press before Game 6 of the World Series.

With visions of a Cubs' World-Series championship dancing in our heads, now is the time for tens of thousands of long-suffering Chicago baseball fans to reminisce about a dream come true.

Last week, Gil Muratori, a Hall of Fame Chicago 16" softball player who starred for the Big Banjo Bruins in the 1960s and 1970s, and once played for Mike Royko's "Ringers"—the famed columnist's "A" squad—sent the following email:

"Next week, my wife, Mary, and I will do something neither of our parents ever did. We are flying to Chicago to watch our Cubs play in the World Series. Our daugh-

ter, Karen, has a season pass and is giving me her seat for one game. Mary will watch the game with friends and cousins in Wrigleyville," Muratori wrote.

"My Dad brought me to my first Cubs' game in 1947 and they lost to the Giants 3-1. I hope to see them win. If not, at least they made it to the series. All in all, it was a great year for our Cubs—GO CUBS!!"

Like Gil Muratori, this writer has been a Cubs fan for more than six decades. I started watching the Cubs in 1954 on black and white TV with Jack "Hey, Hey" Brickhouse announcing, but didn't see my first Cubs game in person until 1956. However, I have been rooting for the Cubs since 1950 when I fielded my first ground ball in the cobblestone alley behind my father's Halsted St. three-flat in Old Town.

Here are some of my fondest Cubs' and childhood baseball memories while growing up in Old Town:

Maxwell Street Mitts

My mother, Marie, who worked as a waitress at the Roosevelt Cafeteria on Halsted and Roosevelt Rd., noticed my early love of baseball and in 1953 purchased a well-worn first-basemen's mitt on Maxwell St. for .50¢.

The next day my best friend, Rick Kallao, and I were fielding tennis-ball grounders on a smooth asphalt patch under the CTA elevated train tracks on Halsted, just north of North Ave. By the end of summer, I owned a half dozen old gloves purchased for pennies on Maxwell St. and outfitted every kid on the block who didn't own one.

The following year, my Dad, Chester Louis DeBat, a Chicago cab driver, bought me a brand-new, autographed Marty Marion shortstop's glove and a new baseball for \$10 at Mages Sporting Goods, which then anchored the corners of Lincoln, Belmont and



Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame inductee Don "Batman" DeBat is still swinging -- and writing -- at age 72.

Ashland.

My first real hardball games were played at age 10 or 11 on weekends in the vacant Midwest Coil's asphalt-paved parking lot at 1650 N. Halsted, the site now occupied by Steppenwolf Theater.

The games were organized by baseball mentor, coach and neighborhood hero, Howie (Digger) O'Dell, a young teen who dreamed of playing for Lane Tech High School and eventually the Cubs.

I remember hitting a long one off of the factory garage wall and sliding into a cardboard third base and feeling the pain of a deeply skinned knee. The ball also took a pounding. Soon, we knocked the leather cover off the sphere, and it was wrapped in white adhesive tape to prolong its life.

Then, there were the summer pickup baseball games in the late 1950s and early 1960s. O'Dell fashioned bases from burlap potato sacks stuffed with rags, and dusted with flour. We strung baseball gloves and bats on the handle bars of our bikes, and headed to Lincoln Park.

The Halsted St. guys—Howie O'Dell, Rick Kallao, Dan Herald, Jim Duffy and I—would battle the Dayton St. crowd—led by Bob Getner and Bob "Desi" Gribbon. All the neighborhood kids were remarkably gifted athletes. Later, fleet-footed Duffy excelled as a running back and punter at Lane Tech.

If we couldn't play on a real diamond, we laid one out in the grass

and used a tipped-over picnic table as a back stop. I remember catching batting practice without a catcher's mask, and suffering a broken nose from a stray foul ball. When I came home with black eyes and a bloody nose, my father said: "Kid, you ruined your looks."

Fast Pitch in the School Yard

In the late 1950s, I learned to throw a curve ball, a two-seam fastball, a sinker and a knuckle ball while playing fast pitch with a rubber baseball in the Newberry Elementary School playground. A rectangular box outlining the strike zone—from arm pits to knees—was marked in white chalk on the wall of the school.

In those days, each player would choose his favorite major league team and rules required you to submit a lineup and bat righty or lefty depending on how the real player batted. One summer evening, Waller High School pitching phenom, the beefy Dennis Raffalli, was tossing a no hitter. This writer broke it up with a lucky check-swing line-drive double into Newberry's right field corner.

The No Hitter

On May 15, 1960, I paid .75¢ to witness the Don Cardwell no hitter verses the St. Louis Cardinals and saw Walt (Moose) Moryn make a diving, sliding catch in left field to save the game. Lefty Joe Cunningham hit the slicing line drive and Moose made the catch of his life.

Back then, this writer was a skinny, 150-pound 15-year-old sitting in the first row of the left field

bleachers. I almost caught a home run ball by Cardinal third baseman Ken Boyer in the second game of that double header, but some greedy old, fat guy wrestled the ball away from me. He snatched the ball out of my glove and stuffed it into his shirt. Today, Cubs' bleacher bums would toss Boyer's homer back.

Cubs' Dream Fulfilled

My biggest Cubs' thrill occurred in May, 1976, when Tim Weigel, the Channel 5 sports reporter and my Chicago Daily News softball buddy, asked me to appear on "Sporting Chance" to take batting practice at Wrigley Field.

Earlier, a TV viewer wrote in to ask Sporting Chance if he could take swings at Wrigley, but the guy failed to perform in his tryout, so Weigel called me at the last minute to fill in.

I asked my pal and Univ. of Missouri Journalism School roommate, Don "Garbo" Garbarino, to join me. We arrived at Wrigley Field at about 11 a.m. before a 1:30 p.m. game. I brought spikes and my bat, a 35-inch Ted Williams Louisville Slugger model.

The stands would soon fill up with Cubs' fans. I knew I only had a few minutes to live-out a childhood dream, so I slipped on my spikes and dug in at the batter's box.

The batting practice pitcher tossed about 30 pitches for me to hit. He was throwing about 60 to 70 miles an hour and laying them in. The wind was blowing in over the scoreboard. I swung at every one, and lined 10 or 12 singles to left field.

Then, finally on the last pitch I swung hard on an inside fastball and lofted a long, well-hit ball that carried to the warning track on a fly and bounced off the yellow 368-foot sign nestled in the left center field vines. It was a major league double!

The Punch Line

When I returned to the dugout, Jim Marshall, the Cubs' beleaguered manager who was suffering through another losing season, asked me: "How old are you, kid?"

I replied; "Thirty-one years old, Mr. Marshall."

Hoping to bust the chops of some slumping players in his dugout, Marshall said: "You hit better than most of the guys on my bench. If you were 10 years younger, I'd offer you a contract."

Garbo A Slugger

Garbo, a more gifted long-ball hitter and softball player than I, also was supposed to get some swings, but after my performance, Marshall wisely decided the slumping Cubs needed extra batting practice that day, and ended the event.

That always bothered me. I knew Garbo, at 38 years of age, would have put one on the left field catwalk that day. He was at the peak of his 16" softball career. In 1974, Garbo, a star left fielder and former Stars & Stripes sports writer, led Mike Royko's Chicago Daily News team in homers as the squad won the championship versus Chicago Today in the Media Softball League.

Later, he played on my Risk softball team into the late 1980s. Garbo was still hammering homers at age 50, until a shoulder injury ended his career.

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Is a Finkl Park possible?

Aldermen note 'once in a lifetime opportunity' for adding riverfront park

STORY AND PHOTO BY PATRICK BUTLER

Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] wants part of the former Finkl Steel site at Cortland and the east bank of the Chicago River turned into a 10-acre park serving the west end of her ward, which she described as “dramatically under-parked.”

The site itself lies in the recently highly gerrymandered 2nd Ward, which means that Ald. Brian Hopkins -- and the mayor’s office -- will likely have more sway over the fate of the property and any potential for a new park. Nearly 300 people turned out for the last Clybourn Corridor PMD community feedback meeting in August so community interest in the site remains high.

Ald. Smith and Lincoln Park resident Erma Tranter, former executive director of the Friends of the Parks, said that while there’s a lot of parkland from the lakefront to Oz Park at Lincoln and Webster, that’s not true in the neighborhoods west of Halsted, along the river and in Bucktown and Logan Square.

Ald. Smith said the proposed extension of the 606 Bike Trail and the 30-foot wide path along the river required by a city ordinance hardly qualify as parks.

“We’re not interested in a



Ten acres of this former Finkl factory site will be converted to “a real park” if Ald. Michele Smith (43rd) gets her way. The need for more open space has been a frequently-raised concern at community meetings the city has been holding since last June.

The property now sits in a Planned Manufacturing District, an area in which the city has adopted restrictive zoning to preserve heavy industry and protect it from encroaching retail and residential development.

But maneuvers by the Mayor’s office and Ald. Hopkins may soon remove that designation going forward.

Downtown-style plan to put a little green space along the river. We need substantial recreational space in this community and we don’t have it,” she said in a statement issued last week.

Tranter reminded Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who called the riverfront “the city’s next great recreational park” of the city’s goal to increase Chicago parkland by five acres per 1,000 residents by 2020. She added that West Town, Bucktown and Logan Square fall far behind those goals.

Plans for the former Finkl site are still in play. The Finkl property and two nearby factory sites come to about 47 acres all totaled, Ald. Smith noted. The white hot riverfront property has developers salivating and the addition of a park, and the potential extension of the 606 trail across the river would seemingly only enhance the value

of those acres left for development.

Failure to act promptly while the land is still available could mean missing out on a once-in-a-century opportunity, Smith and Tranter warned.

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Last June, the city began holding public hearings on the future of the Clybourn Corridor and North Branch Industrial Corridor, which include the former Finkl site.

Ald. Scott Waguespack, whose 32nd Ward borders the 2nd Ward where the Finkl property is located, agreed there has been little effort to secure new park spaces in the neighborhoods west of Lincoln Park. He said there should be room for both “real parks” like Oz or Jonquil, as well as light industry.

City officials who are overseeing the industrial corridor’s redevelopment said the need for park space has been raised at a number of neighborhood meetings in the past year or two.

“This is what the city has been pushing for. This is the only land that has really become available,” Tranter said.

“It’s now or never,” Ald. Smith warned.

Twins killed in Old Town

Chicago Police say that 17-year-old twins Edwin and Edward Bryant were shot and killed 3:15 a.m. Sunday while standing in the 400 block of W. Evergreen Ave. when a dark-colored vehicle drove by

and someone inside opened fire.

Both brothers were hit multiple times.

Police say that they have video footage of the Bryant twins shooting incident. Police claim that the two brothers, as far as they could tell, didn’t have any documented gang affiliation. But the individuals they were with did. So it’s possibly a gang-related shooting.

Edwin was shot in the chest and back and was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 3:45 a.m., according to police. Edward suffered gunshot wounds to the chest and head and was also taken to Northwestern, where he was pronounced dead an hour later.

Letter to the Editor

RE: “Quinn still trying to be relevant in Illinois”

Even though I detest gerrymandering, I don’t like any of the redistricting “reform” proposals I’ve seen and have voted ‘no’ on them all wherever I’m presented with the opportunity to share my opinion. Most elected officials, if they went to college, have backgrounds in business or law. Few have any formal education in Geography. The latter is also true for most constituents, and advocates for redistricting reform.

I don’t think any redistricting reform will be worth anything unless it requires the redistricting process to be chaired by someone with an M.A., at least, in Geography. Map-making, called Cartography in academia, is entirely within the field of Geography.

Much has been written about redistricting by people well-educated and highly skilled in this field.

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Lincoln Park Zoo opens new Penguin Exhibit

This bird is a Jackass

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PETER VON BUOL

The Lincoln Park Zoo opened its new \$7 million 3,350 square-foot outdoor penguin exhibit which provides zoo visitors with an opportunity to experience an entirely new species, the African penguin.

Located next to the zoo's Kovler African Savanna at Regenstein African Journey, the new immersive outdoor exhibit The Robert and Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove features African penguins. These medium-sized penguins are recognized by their black feet. Other physical traits include a pink coloration around their eyes, a black breast band and belly markings. They are the only species of penguin to breed on the African continent. Due to their unique call, which resembles a donkey's bray, they are also known as "Jackass penguins."

Until the closure of the Kovler Penguin-Seabird space in 2011, the zoo had featured three species from Antarctica. These penguins had been popular with zoo visitors



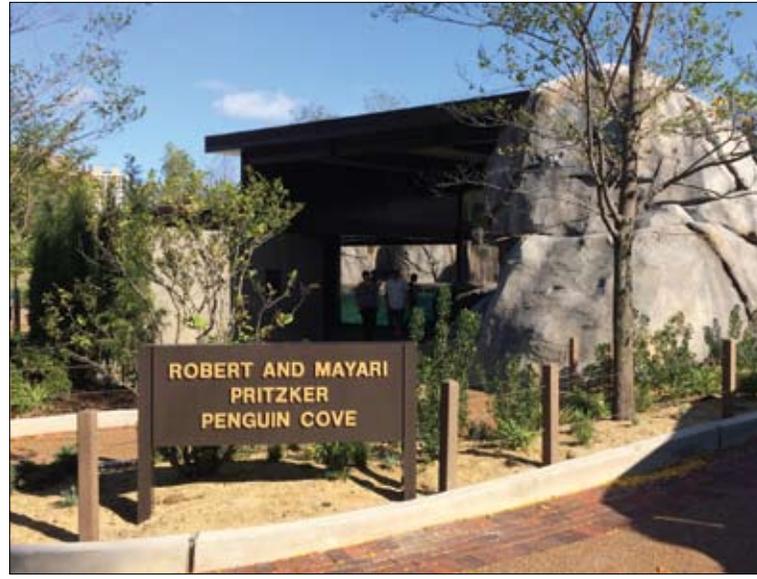
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but, they also required an indoor temperature-controlled icy-cold environment which resembled frigid Antarctica.

According to zoo spokesperson Emily Altimari, zoo officials had decided the new penguin habitat should be an outdoor display and therefore, it would be suitable for penguins from a temperate climate. Based on the recommendation of the Assoc. of Zoos and Aquariums [AZA], African penguins were chosen. These penguins are from a temperate climate and since 1956, their population has declined dramatically. There were 141,000 breeding pairs in 1956. Today, there are only about 25,000 breeding pairs.

To reverse this decline, the members of the AZA have been working together to help the species in the wild and to also breed them in captivity. Since 2010, more than 30 AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums have supported field conservation projects benefiting African penguins.

Zoo visitors are able to experience the birds in a 1,350 square foot sheltered viewing area which features floor-to-ceiling windows. The exhibit features a squishy floor which imitates the damp shoreline of southern Africa and also features rockwork with artificial mussels and barnacles. Off-exhibit, the birds have access to an indoor area and it is their decision as to whether or not they want to be on display. In winter, the exhibit's pool and the walking surfaces will be heated. "This story is really important to us. African penguins are an endangered species. Their population has been trending downward. There are a lot of human-interactions that have caused their population to decline, whether it is oil-spills, or over-fishing of their food, or



The new immersive outdoor exhibit The Robert and Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove features African penguins.

just crowding out of spaces they have normally used for nesting grounds. The AZA has identified it as one of the species they want to save from extinction. It is one

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of their SAFE (Saving Animals from Extinction) species. We need to take action now to help prevent that," Bernier said.

Bernier added that the AZA has been breeding a viable captive population of African penguins but its members have also been working on field projects in South Africa. Some send their keepers to Southern Africa to work with injured birds that are being rehabilitated for release back into

the wild.

"In the wild, they spend a lot of their time on the water. They can be out on the oceans [they are found in the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean] for weeks at a time, on the water. They are just kind of floating. When they are fishing, they don't even come to land," said Bernier.

Natural threats faced by the African penguins include predation by sea-lions and sharks. It is believed Orcas also feed on them.

The new exhibit is designed to subtly remind zoo visitors that humans and penguins must be able to share the same space.

"I call this a four-dimensional exhibit. When the penguins vocalize, you'll hear it! You will also be able to smell them. It will be a lot more immersive than the old exhibit was. Basically, you are in the same space. They are outside. You are outside. We are getting people to realize that we are all sharing the same space," Bernier said.

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Not just bingo

Meaningful activities are important for older adults

BY JENNIFER FITZPATRICK

People rely on routine to give life structure.

The typical routine for a working adult involves showering, drinking coffee, going to the office, checking e-mail, having lunch and attending meetings.

After work, most people have dinner and unwind in the evening with a cocktail, some television or reading. Regular exercise, hobbies, volunteer work and socializing also fit into many working adults' lives.

Such habits and rituals that become part of our daily routine offer comfort when life throws us a curveball. The car needing repairs, spraining an ankle or having to shop for the holidays are all examples of minor disruptions to established routines. As we age, there are frequently more significant disruptions to our routine, such as a major health concern. The ritual of driving to the office, savoring a cup of coffee or watching that evening sitcom can comfort us in the face of minor and even major life changes.

Many of us imagine retirement being a glorious time free of schedules. Time will be fluid, and we can stop keeping a calendar or watching the clock. Most of us enjoy and very much look forward to vacations, and retirement may be envisioned as an endless one.

But can vacation time really be as enjoyable if there is no routine to break from? Frequently it's not, and this is why some seniors report retirement being an unexpectedly lackluster period filled with uncertainty when they don't have a plan.

Studies indicate retirees are much happier and more satisfied when some semblance of routine or schedule is part of their new lives. Not having something on the calendar is a recipe for boredom, loneliness and even feelings of worthlessness. While enjoying some downtime is fine, having a plan to fill at least some of the calendar is advised by many aging experts. Seniors who retire with a specific plan to travel, babysit grandchildren, golf a few days a week or volunteer at the animal shelter report more satisfaction with their retirement years.

Older women retirees who have not worked outside of the home, functioning in their younger years as stay-at-home mothers and homemakers, appear to struggle much less with the retirement period than their male counterparts. They have identified and participated in fulfilling activities inside and outside the home for many years before retirement began. This can create additional stress in the home when the husband retires without a plan and sees his wife enjoying her book club, lunch with friends, yoga and gardening in the backyard. Many older wives complain that their retirement satisfaction declines when their husbands retire because they worry about them being bored and report they "get in the way."

Meaningful activity is key to keeping an older retiree vital and independent. But such activity is perhaps even more important when an older adult becomes less independent. When a senior becomes disabled or experiences health or cognitive declines, it is important to assess the senior's calendar to ensure that he or she is participating in structured, enjoyable activities as part of



the treatment plan.

Therapeutic activities for seniors with disabilities, cognitive conditions or other health concerns should focus on maximizing the skills and abilities the individual still possesses. Ideally, these activities will focus on stimulating the senses, increasing socialization, decreasing isolation and improving any skills and abilities that can be rehabilitated. They should also be based on interests and pursuits the individual found enjoyable when he or she was healthier.

Enter any nursing home, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or senior center and you will likely see a game of bingo in action. It is practically unheard of to find a social program catered to seniors not offering bingo.

While bingo falls into a certain negative senior stereotype along with shuffleboard,

it continues to be one of the most popular activities in many senior living communities for good reason. bingo can actually be very beneficial. It stimulates three senses: hearing (calling numbers and letters) and sight and touch (looking at and touching the cards). It also offers socialization and cognitive stimulation and promotes hand-eye coordination.

In addition to traditional activities like bingo, a diverse array of activities should be offered to less independent seniors. As with retired seniors living at home, older adults in nursing homes and assisted living communities still crave structure and routine in order to feel productive. If the person previously enjoyed book club but is struggling with vision, an audio book

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Three healthy habits of successful retirees

Americans are increasingly glum about the odds they will enjoy a secure retirement, and those concerns flow across generational lines.

New research by the non-profit Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies reveals that 45 percent of Baby Boomers expect to experience a reduced standard of living in retirement. Meanwhile, 83 percent of Generation X workers anticipate they will have a harder time achieving financial security than their parents did, and just

18 percent of Millennials foresee a comfortable retirement, the research says.

“Sadly, those results aren’t surprising, because we often hear from people who have real concerns about outliving their money,” investment advisory representative and J.D. Mellberg Financial founder Joshua Mellberg said. “A lot of this is because so many aspects related to a traditional retirement have changed. For one, people are living longer, which means they need either to save more money or find ways to

make what they do save last.”

Other factors causing anguish are that pensions are a thing of the past for most Americans, and there are constant rumbles about whether Social Security faces a bleak future.

But instead of fretting, Mellberg says, those planning for retirement should concentrate on trying to control the things they can.

He says successful retirees often display three habits that are worth imitating.

• **They live with some urgency**

Instead of sitting idly by, successful retirees seize each and every day to stay healthy and happy. Mellberg says this can apply to all aspects of life, from what you do during retirement to the way you save money throughout your working life.

“A sense of urgency can call you to action, so you’re more

likely to prepare for a great retirement,” he says.

• **They retire based on their financial assets, not age**

Traditionally, when people think about retirement, they pick a target age rather than a target amount in their portfolio. But that may not be the right approach.

“While you might have a certain age in mind, it can be more worthwhile to create a retirement plan that’s based on your finances,” Mellberg says. “That will give you a much better chance of having enough money to last you the rest of your life.”

• **They aren’t afraid to take risks**

In many cases, it is best to minimize risks—and that’s especially true with finances for those approaching retirement, Mellberg says.

“But you also don’t always want to live your life on the safe and boring side,” he says.

One way some retirees minimize their financial risk is to use a portion of their savings to purchase an annuity, which provides them a set amount of income for life, much like a pension.

“Once you know your retirement income is in order,” Mellberg says, “you can be free to take some risks in other areas of your life and pursue your lifestyle goals.”

Mellberg says retirement is supposed to be about enjoying yourself after a lifetime of work, “not counting pennies as you try to survive.”

“People nearing retirement need to understand that there are steps they can take that will help put them in a more secure position financially so they can thrive and not just survive,” he said.

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may be a good option. If a person previously enjoyed marathon running but is struggling with gait, perhaps regular nature walks with family members or other residents could be incorporated into his

schedule.

While family caregivers at home don’t have the luxury of an activities staff planning therapeutic programs for their loved ones, it is still essential to apply these principles when caring for an older loved one at home. Family members providing care at home focus on personal care, medication management and getting the senior to medical appointments. While it may occur to them that their loved one’s outlook and health could potentially be improved with meaningful activities, they may not be sure how to integrate such activities into an already overwhelming schedule.

Here are three tips to help family members plan therapeutic activities for older loved ones at home:

Integrate hobbies and pursuits the senior has always enjoyed

If a senior has historically enjoyed going to the movies, the caregiver could borrow movies for free from the local library. If the senior is still mobile, going out to a movie may still be an option.

Consider what the senior’s life was like before he became less independent

If the senior was a homemaker

and would like to still help out around the house, the caregiver might want to consider what tasks would be safe for her to do based on her condition. For example, folding laundry might be a better choice than baking cookies for a woman with advanced dementia.

Incorporate the senior’s spiritual and religious beliefs

The caregiver might be able to consider integrating spiritual beliefs into the senior’s home routine in the following ways: Bible reading, rosary prayers, or listening to hymns on the iPod or CD player.

Routine and structure in our lives provides consistency at all stages of aging, whether the senior is a vibrant retiree or someone who requires significant care. During the aging process it is important to have a plan that promotes feelings of contentment and to reassess that plan as health issues arise.

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Kartemquin-produced films include the award-winning **HOOP DREAMS** and **THE INTERRUPTERS**. This program will feature **NOW WE LIVE ON CLIFTON**, a 1974 documentary about gentrification in Lincoln Park.

Miles Harvey, an associate professor of English at DePaul, will facilitate a conversation with Peter Kuttner, a Kartemquin producer, and Roxy Roth, who appears in the film.

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Carlotta Maher—Chicago's Jewel of the Nile

Clare resident Carlotta Maher grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. As an only child she was always finding creative ways to keep herself entertained. After school and on weekends, Carlotta would walk across Central Park to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to see the exhibits.

"It was always Egypt," Carlotta says.

She recalls feeling a special connection to the exhibits that kept her going back—so much so, she says, "I even taught myself a few hieroglyphs."

Little did she know how that experi-

ence would eventually lead her to finding her true vocation. she states boldly. "I went to him and said 'You need an editor.' He was a genius, but he scribbled his notes on yellow legal pads late at night. He needed help."

She was hired on the spot.

Eventually she wanted a job that was less stressful. As luck would have it, she saw an ad from the Oriental Institute about their first-ever training of volunteers.

"I fell in love," she says wistfully. "I walked into the museum and the memories of childhood all came back and I knew this is what I was meant to do."

Soon she was asked to be a part of an expedition to Nippur, Iraq, a desert site south of Baghdad. Of the many adventures she had in Iraq, one stands out as most memorable.

"I was a conservator," she says. "I was way out doing a survey, very far from camp, on my own. I had a 10-meter circle where I had to pick up everything I could find." While working, she listened to singer Thelma Houston on tape (it was the '70s after all) to help pass the time, and she stumbled upon her most valuable discovery.

"I found a little statue of a female figure in clay," she said. "It may have been a household deity, but I believe it was a doll that a little girl played with."

The doll likely dates back to around 2300 B.C.

"Of course, I couldn't take it with me," she said.

So what happened to the artifact?

"It's likely in the basement of a museum in Baghdad," Carlotta smiles.

After years of trips to Iraq, surveying numerous sites, sleeping in tents and learning Arabic (which she still retains to this day), the expedition was shut down due to the Iran-Iraq War. Carlotta was then asked to join the Institute's permanent expedition in Luxor, Egypt. Suddenly, the uncomfortable tents (and no plumbing or running water) were replaced with a more luxurious three-acre complex of buildings (and 27 modern bathrooms) built with Rockefeller money in 1931.

She soon became a master fundraiser and earned the title assistant to the director.

"My card still says that," Carlotta states proudly.

A highlight of her time in Egypt was meeting then-First Lady Hillary Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea.

"I was in charge of the Clintons' luncheon at Chicago House," Carlotta said. "It was a very big deal. We had to cope with Egyptian authorities jostling for position to welcome her. There were snipers in our bedrooms, a huge amount of security, you name it. It was quite wild."

But under Carlotta's watch, it all went off without a hitch.

She realized the impact she was making when she was shopping one day at the Suq (Souk), the open-air market in Luxor, where she ran into an American tourist.



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"She told me that she heard about an American woman living in Luxor working on an excavation site and how interesting it was," Carlotta said. "I suddenly realized she was talking about me!"

As a resident of The Clare, the high-rise continuing care retirement community located in the heart of Chicago's Magnificent Mile, Carlotta has given talks about her work and experiences and takes great pride in escorting her fellow Clare residents to the museum for tours.

She doesn't travel to Egypt much anymore, but she is still very active with the

museum and continues to volunteer her time, make presentations, and work on the visiting committee. She is one of just two of the original volunteers still working at the museum, was the first recipient of the James Henry Breasted Medallion for service to Near Eastern archaeology, and will be recognized along with all the other volunteers at a special celebration in December.

The museum knows what a gem they have in Carlotta. In fact, Carlotta is more than a gem. You might call her Chicago's "Jewel of the Nile."



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World's largest moth makes rare appearance in Lincoln Park

For the next two weeks, guests at the Chicago Academy of Sciences in Lincoln Park will have the opportunity to see the world's largest moth. The Atlas Moth recently arrived from Malaysia and will join the charismatic Birdwing Butterfly, Blue Morpho and 1,000 fluttering friends in the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum's signature attraction, the Butterfly Haven at 2430 N. Cannon Dr.

The Haven features more than 40 different types of butterflies and a variety of unique birds in a serene and colorful space featuring pools of water, flowers and tropical trees.

The Atlas Moth – whose wingspan extends averages nine inches—is also larger than any species of butterfly. The Atlas Moth is much easier to see and photograph than the typical butterfly or moth because it spends most of its time perched on vegetation. Its wings feature shades of brown and cream with some red markings and the outer tips resemble the head of a snake.

The Atlas Moths' large cocoons are used as purses in Taiwan because they are made of such sturdy silk. The moths have no functional mouth and don't eat as adults. They live on their fat reserves and their lifespan (1-2 weeks) is shorter than the average butterfly/moth. Once they emerge from their cocoon, they never close their wings.

The Judy Istock Butterfly Haven is included in regular Nature Museum admission.

BASEBALL from p. 2

ter 22 years on St. Clair St., Coco Pozzo Streeterville has announced it is closing and will merge with its sister trattoria Tre Soldi down the street in Jan., 2017. **Chef David Jahnke** is leaving to pursue other things. So they will merge the Roman with the Tuscan and call it Coco Pozzo.

HOW NOW BROWN COW:

Well, at last, it seems as though William Shakespeare just might have had some extra help in putting his writings together. The New Oxford Shakespeare edition of the bard's work includes an item acknowledging **Christopher Marlowe** as a "co-author" on the "Henry VI" plays 1, 2, and 3. Shakespeare is a monumental enterprise and I am sure he could use all the help he could get.

IS IT BRICKLE OR BRITTLE?: What Gold Coast socialite has a hankering for Butter Pecan Ice Cream at strange hours. That's why they say she keeps a 26-year old Coasta Rican gentleman (who works at the building next door) on her private payroll in case she has a craving. He always gets her what she wants. Apparently he stocks up a small freezer in the parking garage with the Butter Pecan and can get a tub at all hours. Especially when her husband is away.

THINK YOU'RE A PLAYWRIGHT?: Every 24 hours this month budding play writers have a chance to have their work recognized by posting a short play in the Red Theater's writing challenge. Good, bad, whatever. No quality control. Just you writing more and in new ways. Each day contestants will get an email with little 'missions' to complete like using a certain prop, phrase, or subject. You just have to write. Pledge a \$15 donation to the project, and if you complete the challenge, the winners will divide up the money in December. The donation from each of the participants will be divided among the winners. Visit their website for more details.

NOSEY NEIGHBORS: It seems that on certain floors of a rather modern looking condo

building on the edge of Lincoln Park, neighbors are unusually busy-bodied. Residents say that if you come home later in the evening and bring a friend along with you, neighbors always seem to be peeking out the door of their apartment, checking out who has arrived. They are either listening

for the elevator or get informed by the doorman via phone. Anyway, the snooping has gotten so bad that one young man literally made a leap for the front door of a neighbor who slammed it shut immediately. The joke in the building was that the neighbor was apparently too quick and caught a portion of their nose in the process of closing. They were sheepishly creeping around with a bandage covering

their nose from their self-inflicted wound. Many think that since this person is a well-known Chicago attorney, someone should let them know at the office just how indiscreet they are at home.

CABARET AT DAVENPORT'S: My guess is that they are going to need a shoe horn to get everyone into Davenport's on Milwaukee Ave. on Nov. 11 for **Shaun Rajah's** opening night. I hear it's a sell-out. But check it out, you might know someone.

TIGHT FLIGHT: Who is the full-figured former debutante who found a way to purchase (or pilfer) an airplane extended seat belt strap. She carries the belt with her whenever she flies, side-stepping the embarrassment of asking the flight attendant for the "extender" for her fuller figure.

YOU'RE HOW OLD?: Was there an incident recently at the Coq d'Or when an over-served lad, a well-known politician's son, was carded and found wanting legit I.D.s. It was supposedly handled with a phone call to his home. Papa saw to it that Mama picked up the tyke on a very busy Saturday night.

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?: "These tickets were not front row. They were all they way in the upper deck." That's what **Ald. Milly Santiago** [31st], said last week. She distinguished



Shaun Rajah

herself recently by blasting the Cubs front office. It seems they discovered that their making World Series tickets available at face value "unethical" for aldermen is not kosher. Of course, they don't want to be caught in the middle of the City Council and the Ethics boss. But she, and a couple of other aldermen, see this as an affront to their dignity. A cheap shot by the Cubs. From her words, it appears to be all about the aldermen, who seem to not understand the basics, once again, of ethical norms. No wonder so many have gone to jail. She probably has no idea what transpired before her arrival at City Hall. Well, she's no **Eleanor Roosevelt**.

WHO'S WHERE: **Peter Mark** lifting pinkies with some swanky ladies at the Drake Hotel for High Tea with **Dottie Pattishall, Lyssa Piette** and **Courtney Pitt** plus scones and clotted cream, creamed buns and finger sandwiches and cakes. Columnist **Bill Zwecker** getting an interview with Hollywood legend **Warren**



Peter Mark having High Tea on a low table with Courtney Pitt, Lyssa Piette and Dottie Pattishall at the Drake Hotel.

Beatty here in Chicago... with his Asia adventure of many months concluded, **Oliver Dunne** has returned to Chicago in just enough time to snag a new post and settle down in sunny Miami.

Steven Daiter Gallery will be showing at Paris Photo 2016, at Le Grand Palais, Avenue Winston Churchill. If you're free Nov. 10-13, stop in and visit.

Suzy Thomas in Ancient Rome seeing all the churches for architecture and trattoria's for pasta al dente... **Jonathan Wells** and **Joe Winjum** strolling the Piazza di Spagna also in Roma... **Cynthia Olson** has returned to brighten our landscape after her long travels in Europe (is she still working with MIS?).

A TARTAN GATHERING: **Tom and Alexandra Lyons Cooney** with **Kelly Penry** and **Edmund Lester** in his most



Tom Cooney, Kelly Penry, Alexandra Lyons Cooney and Edmund Lester in the family tartan at the Conservation Ball.

fashionable highland attire at the Friends of Conservation Ball at the Four Seasons Hotel.

ROYAL SQUABBLE: PRINCE ANDREW, DUKE OF YORK is said to be putting some distance between himself and his mother, the Queen, after she refused to put his daughters, **Princess Eugenie** and **Princess Beatrice**, on the publicly funded royal payroll. He is now in China soliciting business for Britain. He might learn something from **Ald. Milly Santiago**.

I CAN'T HOLD IT: Did someone pee in an elevator on East Lake Shore Dr. recently? Better get faster lifts. Or more continent tenants.

LOVE SHACK AT THE ZOO: The Lincoln Park Zoo has announced that the polar bear is returning to Chicago with the Walter Family Arctic Tundra, opening to the public Nov. 17.

The expansive exhibit features a winding stream, waterfall and dive pools teeming with more than 49,900 gallons of water. With digging areas, a commercial ice machine and a behind-the-scenes denning area to accommodate potential cubs, the exhibit's strategic design supports species-specific diving and hunting behaviors and promotes polar bear welfare.

One male polar bear will inhabit the exhibit for the grand opening and the zoo anticipates a female bear to join this winter.

"I got me a car, it's as big as a whale. And we're headin' on down to the Love Shack.

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English is Syrian refugees' 'key to survival'

STORY AND PHOTO
BY MARYAM SALEH
Medill News Service

She couldn't visit a doctor's office without a translator. Or communicate with her children's teachers. Or get around a city that felt daunting yet safe.

Her Syrian high school education had taught her the very basics. And the two years she spent helping her kids with their homework in Jordan had forced her to brush up on her skills. But when Um Mohammad, a Syrian refugee, arrived in the U.S. and West Ridge neighborhood one-and-a-half years ago, her English-language capabilities were extremely limited.

She was determined to change that.

"In order to acclimate, you need to learn the language," explained Um Mohammad, who asked not to be identified by name, fearing for relatives still in Syria. "And to think of staying at home [and not learning English], that's not an option. Once you come [to America], no matter what your circumstances are, whether you're educated or not, it's important that you study English and try to connect with people to improve those skills."

Her determination is to be admired. In a system designed to push refugees to economic self-sufficiency within three to six months of their arrival, developing English-language skills is critical to survival, say experts, who work closely with refugee communities.

"Without knowledge of the English language, they can never get their way around the community, and they can't acquire jobs that require a basic level of English skill," said Ngoan Le, state refugee coordinator of the Illinois Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services.

"It's key to survival," she added, "but it's also key to their successful integration. Without the English language, they would be lost."

Um Mohammad, 36, registered for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes about two months after her family's arrival to Chicago in February 2015, she said. Once her kids were registered in schools and her family settled into its new West Ridge home, the mother of three was prepared to learn.

The priority of learning English and finding work at the same time is a "chicken and egg" scenario, said Hadia Zarzour, vice president of the Syrian Community Network, a Chicago-based grassroots group that aims to bridge cultural and linguistic barriers for Syrian refugees.

While learning English is necessary to securing a good job, stable employment — especially for the often-male breadwinners — is essential to adjusting to a new life.

But perhaps more importantly than opening up doors for employment, learning English has a profound impact on refugees' self-esteem, said Zarzour.

"We also see the difference in people's body language," the licensed mental health therapist said. "The way they carry themselves when they understand [conversations in English] changes. You see it in their eyes — their eyes glow."

The number of Syrian refugees in Chicago has rapidly increased in recent months. About 90 of the 116 resettled Syrian families in the Chicago area arrived over the summer, Zarzour said. As of Aug. 31, 631 Syrians were resettled in the state and more than 10,000 nationwide during the current fiscal year, according to the U.S. Department of State.

But unlike Um Mohammad, few make it to the U.S. More than five million Syrians have fled their country since 2011, when President Bashar Al-Assad's regime responded to an anti-government uprising with brute force, plunging the nation into a bloody conflict that has taken an estimated 400,000 lives.

Um Mohammad's family comes from the



Um Mohammad, 36, works on an assignment during her class at the Harry S. Truman College, where many Chicago refugees attend tuition-free English classes for non-native speakers.

southern Daraa province, where the Syrian protest movement was born.

"We withstood the fighter jets and the shelling [by the government], but then they started raiding people's homes and killing them," she said. For months, her family

"The refugees tend to be among the highly motivated students, who really put a high priority [on learning English]," said Bob Hearst. "I think probably because they have come from a bad situation and they recognize that it's going to make a difference to what kind of life they're going to have in their new country."

moved from village to village in pursuit of safety, but when their house was burned to the ground in Aug., 2012, they knew it was time to leave.

They moved to Jordan's Zarqa province, where they registered with the UN refugee agency (UNHCR). Um Mohammad's husband, Abu Mohammad, didn't have stable employment because he couldn't afford to apply for a work permit, but the elder two of their three children — now 14, 11 and six — attended school. English was a very minor part of the curriculum, but Um Mohammad did what she could to help her children along, relying on her education in Syria and tools like Google Translate.

They never imagined a life in America, she said, but when the offer for resettlement came, her family couldn't say no. Abu Mohammad's unemployment and discrimination against Syrian children in Jordanian schools made life difficult. After a yearlong process that included about seven interviews, Um Mohammad said, they boarded a flight to the U.S. in Feb., 2015.

Only a handful of the Syrian refugees who have been in Chicago for at least a

year have shown Um Mohammad's commitment to learning English, Zarzour said. There are a number of factors at play, including Um Mohammad's appreciation for education and the relative stability her family here, she added.

"Her husband has been working since the beginning," she added. "Their resettlement agency hasn't given them any trouble, and they have a good apartment." An electrician back home, he works now as a cleaner at a local mosque.

Um Mohammad attends ESL classes in Uptown at the Harry J. Truman College, where she is in the fifth level of classes, twice weekly. Students with no knowledge of English start at level zero. Once they pass the seventh level, they can take a special college preparation course, said Bob Hearst, adult education coordinator at Truman College.

While the college does not have a formal relationship with refugee resettlement

agencies, some agencies, like RefugeeOne and Catholic Charities (which resettled Um Mohammad's family), enroll new arrivals in classes at Truman College, said Hearst, who has taught ESL classes to refugees and other immigrants.

"The refugees tend to be among the highly motivated students, who really put a high priority [on learning English]," he said. "I think probably because they have come from a bad situation and they recognize that it's going to make a difference to what kind of life they're going to have in their new country," contrasting the experiences of refugees — who cannot return to their countries of origin — to other immigrants who tend "to expect that they would return home at some point."

Le, the state refugee coordinator, said different refugee groups have varying experiences with ESL, but those who struggle most are those whose written languages don't use the Latin alphabet or who are illiterate in their native languages. "For them, the step of learning English is very steep," she said.

Although not yet 100% proficient, Um Mohammad is shaping up to be a success story. About six months into her ESL classes, she became comfortable using English conversationally.

"Slowly, though," she said, laughing. "You know, a lot of people speak quickly, and it's hard for me to understand. I ask them to slow down so I can understand."

She is proud that she can now help her kids with their homework and give directions to a stranger on the road, but she wants more.

"I have my mind set on being able to help my children and going to college. I want to be a teacher," she said with determination, letting loose a smile.

Lake Shore Park Garden Club cleanup Saturday

The Fall CleanUp for the Lake Shore Park Garden Club is scheduled for Saturday. Volunteers are needed and asked to meet by the Lake Shore Park tennis courts at 9 a.m. Gloves, rakes and bags will be provided.

Superior St. to close this weekend for cooling tower lift

Ald. Brian Hopkins (2nd) is warning Gold Coast residents that starting Friday and running through Sunday, there will be a cooling tower hoist which will affect street closures and traffic patterns on Superior between Fairbanks and St. Clair.

The closures will occur over a 12-hour period each day, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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SOAR Artisan Market Nov. 11

A festive indoor holiday and gift art market will be opening Friday, Nov. 11, and continuing on Saturday and Sunday. The Eighth Artisan Market will showcase the work of more than 60 of the communities creative and interesting artists who work in a variety of mediums: unique jewelry, distinctive wearables, great pieces for the home and so much more.

The SOAR Artisan Market is free and will be located at the cor-

ner of Superior and Fairbanks in the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine on the main floor.

The hours will be Friday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A percentage of the artists' sales goes to SOAR, (Streeterville Organization of Active Residents) to fund their many local programs and initiatives in the Streeterville area.



The Rush family was all costumes and Cubs while trick or treating on Clark Street. Dad Grahame, mom Michele, witchy Annabel, and little Oliver.

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to the ADA standards, as it's tiny, the shower is public, and the entire heating system on the pool isn't meant for changing," said Lebedeva. "It takes me and mom 30 minutes to change in the winter, meaning spending half-an-hour in the suffocatingly hot environment, with our coats being half-moist

from the general humidity -- unless their hot-tub is broken and the sauna is cold, which has been the case lately and I'm already sick from swimming in cold water with no hot-tub or sauna."

"It's not equal access," said Lebedeva. "It's a travesty and blatant, unabashed discrimination."

CIVIC from p. 1

(\$375 million per mile) and calls it the most complex part of their proposal.

Future phases would add additional branches to connect areas of Chicago that have been underserved by rail transit like the Museum Campus and Cabrini Green as well as serve major upcoming development sites like the vacant Finkl Steel property at Cortland and the River in Lincoln Park.

The CCAC is also hoping to win the grant in order to kickstart their plan for a revised circulator that would head south to better connect neighborhoods around Jackson Park and the new Obama Library.

While the study points to the federal government as a source for some of the project's funding, the creation of a new downtown Special Service Area (SSA) that would tax commercial properties combined with Chicago's recently enacted ability to create transit oriented 35-year 'Super TIF' districts could be used cover the costs.

The CCAC says that more downtown rail transit is necessary because over 100 million square feet of development is projected to be built over the next 20 years, and existing rail transit can support only a third of that. Downtown is also expanding North and South and gaining many new residents.

CCAC says that it would use the \$100 million grant to create the Chicago Transit Redevelopment Trust, which would coordinate planning with transit agencies, and buy and invest in property along the lines, according to Crain's Chicago Business. After starting construction, the Trust would use these real estate holdings to generate more investment on the South Side.

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Garbo, who also starred on the Catholic Youth Organization-championship Angels softball team with Muratori in the 1950s, will turn 80 years old in early 2017. For Garbo, Gil, I and thousands of vintage, die-hard Cub fans, watching their heroes win the World Series promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Let's hope history refutes Mike Royko's immortal quote about the futility of being a Cubs fan: "It taught a person that if you try hard enough and long enough, you'll still lose, and that's the story of life."

Don "Batman" DeBat, a 1998 inductee into 16-inch Chicago Softball Hall of Fame, is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com. For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz.

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New light rail branches under the new proposal would head to areas that are underserved by rapid transit. One line would run from the Loop through the former Cabrini-Green area, terminating at the North/Clybourn CTA Red Line station. Another would pass through Pilsen along the 16th Street corridor, terminating at the 18th Street Pink Line stop. A third would run through the Roosevelt/Clark development to meet the Orange Line at 18th Street.

Images courtesy Chicago Central Area Committee

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to AP Election Group. Since 1996 early voting has increased three times the percentage, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The AP Election Group estimates that the number will grow to 40% for this highly media covered presidential election. Across the nation, there were news reports of spurts in early voting in a number of states.

Christopher Swann, who lives in Chatham, said the line moved quickly when he showed up at the polling station in downtown Chicago. It only took him about five minutes to get through.

"I think it's a little more convenient than trying to wake up super early on a Tuesday morning before I go to work to try to get in my vote," he said.

Lucy Freccia, who lives in the Logan Square area, came downtown specifically to vote early.

"I was worried that I wouldn't have time on election day or that the lines would be too long and it's just nice to get it off your checklist," said Freccia.

Hernandez, who lives on the North Side, always votes early in elections and said the process went quickly when she came to vote around lunchtime.

"One, you avoid the lines. I think I was in and out in 6-7 minutes," she said. "It's done and taken care of. Obviously voting is important."

"It seems they expanded capacity here," said Hernandez. "It's an easier location to get to."

"I think a lot is at stake in this presidential race. The future of the country, not just politically, but also socially is really on the line with this election, so it was really important."

Early voting underway on North Side

Here in Chicago there are several ways to cast your vote. Early voting is going on now for the Nov. 8 General Election allowing registered voters to vote at any site in each Ward of Chicago. Following is a list of early voting locations in our coverage area:

- Ward 1:** Goldblatts Building, 1615 W Chicago
 - Ward 2:** Near North Library, 310 W Division
 - Ward 32:** Bucktown-Wicker Park Library, 1701 N. Milwaukee
 - Ward 33:** McFetridge Sports Center, 3843 N. California
 - Ward 40:** Budlong Woods Library, 5630 N. Lincoln
 - Ward 42:** Museum of Broadcast Communications, 360 N. State
 - Ward 43:** Lincoln Park Library, 1150 W. Fullerton
 - Ward 44:** Merlo Library, 644 W. Belmont
 - Ward 46:** Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson
 - Ward 47:** Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside
 - Ward 48:** Edgewater Library, 6000 N. Broadway
 - Ward 49:** Pottawattomie Park, 7340 N. Rogers
 - Ward 50:** Warren Park, 6601 N. Western
- Early voting is available Wednesday Nov. 2 through Monday Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday Nov. 5: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 6: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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MTGLQ INVESTORS LP,
Plaintiff,
-v-
DOROTA KACZOROWSKA, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB, ZBIGNIEW KACZOROWSKI
Defendants
14 CH 1844
5448 NORTH MULLIGAN DRIVE Chicago, IL 60630
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 13, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 14, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT THIRTY NINE (39) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) IN KINSEY'S FOREST GARDEN NO. 2, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 5 AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 5448 NORTH MULLIGAN DRIVE, Chicago, IL 60630
Property Index No. 13-08-108-026-0000.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$288,243.95.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real

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

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14 CH 1844
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
VOLTAIRE HAWKINS, 5100 MARINE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
14 CH 09935
5100 N. MARINE DRIVE UNIT #6J Chicago, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 5100 N. MARINE DRIVE UNIT #6J, Chicago, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-403-028-1046.
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$122,785.77.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003 Please refer to file number C16-34247.

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14 CH 09935

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,
-v-
JESSICA C GRYGOTIS AKA JESSICA GRYGOTIS, MOZART COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JESSICA C. GRYGOTIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
11 CH 05357
4025 N MOZART AVENUE UNIT 2 Chicago, IL 60618

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Property Index No. 13-13-331-044-1006. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$221,013.24.

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Property Index No. 13-32-117-041-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$395,358.36.

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Attorney File No. IL-002423

Attorney Code. 56284

Case Number: 11 CH 05357

TJSC#: 36-11177

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11 CH 05357

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2

Plaintiff,
-v-
JEANETTE VILLEGAS

Defendants
14 CH 17882
2114 N. MOBILE AVENUE Chicago, IL 60639

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Commonly known as 2114 N. MOBILE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60639

Property Index No. 13-32-117-041-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$395,358.36.

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Case Number: 14 CH 17882

TJSC#: 36-10944

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Commonly known as 5200 N. ROCKWELL STREET UNIT #2N, CHICAGO, IL 60625

Property Index No. 13-12-231-053-1003. The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$26,659.00.

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Attorney Code. 43932

Case Number: 16 CH 06244

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 24, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 28, 2016, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 7 IN BLOCK 5 IN HOWER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2442 N LUNA AVE, Chicago, IL 60639

Property Index No. 13-28-324-024-0000. The real estate is improved with a single unit dwelling.

The judgment amount was \$467,742.72.

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commented in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Lot 22 in Block 6 in Royal Houghton's Subdivision of Block 6 of the State Bank of Illinois, subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Commonly known as: 1401 North Mohawk Street, Chicago, IL 60610 and which said mortgage was made by, Walter Hall and Annie Hall (Deceased); Mortgage(s), to Bank of America, N.A.; Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 0926854002; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before DECEMBER 2, 2016

A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

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16 CH 11753

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Plaintiff,
-v-
LYDIA R. LAPEZ

Defendants
16 CH 06244
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North Side's 'great synagogue' discovers its fate

Distressed 94-year-old Agudas Achim to become apartment building

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PATRICK BUTLER

Cedar Street Developers just released their plans to convert the 94-year-old Agudas Achim North Shore Synagogue, 5029 N. Kenmore Ave. into a 40-unit apartment building.

Considered by many to be Chicago's "last great synagogue," the Orthodox Jewish temple in Uptown had gone unused for the past several years and has been on the market since 2012.

The three-story Spanish-influenced Romanesque Revival and Art Deco complex — which cost \$400,000 to build — includes a sanctuary holding over 1,750 worshippers, meeting hall, classrooms and offices.

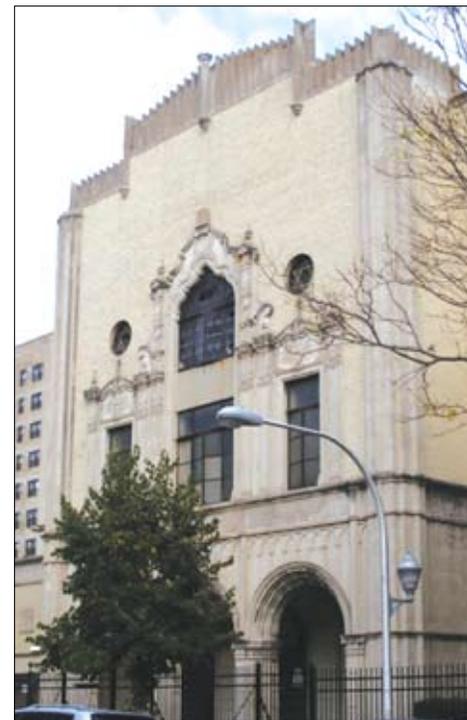
As recently as last year, Agudas Achim — along with the nearby Clarendon Park Fieldhouse — was listed by Preservation Chicago as one of the historic Chicago buildings most in danger of being razed. Despite being on the National Register of Historical Places, the temple had been in danger of demolition because of major water damage, vandalism and decades of deferred maintenance, Cedar Group noted.

Then there were the two break-ins back in 2007 that "cleaned us out," said then Rabbi Philip Lefkowitz. "It happens more and more. The police come and their hearts are broken. No matter if you are a Jew, Christian or Muslim. If you're a human being and see a house of prayer robbed or vandalized, it's diabolical," Lefkowitz told Uptown Update.

According to that local blog, the temple's fortunes continued in free fall. Pigeon drop-



Agudas Achim, once considered "the last of the great synagogues," is being converted into a 40-unit apartment building featuring studios and one-bedroom units along with some loft-style homes to fill the cavernous sanctuary.



pings were only a few feet away from the 30-foot tall glass mosaic Holy Arc during an Open House Chicago tour several years ago. Agudas Achim's long-term decline has been attributed to a changing neighborhood with fewer well-off Jewish immigrants living nearby and a fight within the congregation itself.

In 2008, Lefkowitz was fired after serving 14 years as Agudas Achim's spiritual leader and the temple was closed the following spring. Lefkowitz didn't deny he had ruffled a few feathers over the years, but said "a rabbi without detractors is not a rabbi."

Soon after Cedar Group made the \$1.25 million purchase, managing partner Alex

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Samoylovich assured Crain's Chicago Business there would be no demolition, adding "We think the architecture is really amazing and we're trying to see what we can do with the interior."

True to their word, the developers drew up plans for "mostly studios and one-bedroom units, with a smattering of loft-style homes" to fill the building's cavernous sanctuary, according to Chicago Architecture, an architecture blog.

Founded in 1884 on the West Side by Hungarian Jewish immigrants, Agudas Achim moved north in the 1920s to Uptown, which was then becoming an upscale neighborhood.



The doors of this temple, which welcomed Orthodox Jews for decades, have been closed to worshippers since 2006 when a notice advised congregants that "We unfortunately will not be having Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services this year."

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After the program, guests are invited to view artifacts recovered from the Forest Preserves in the West Lobby. Head of Anthropological Collections and Anthropology Collections Manager, Jamie Kelly and Urban Anthropology Manager, Mario Lon-

goni will be sharing items from The Field Museum's collections to illustrate the cultural history of the Forest Preserves.

Presenters include Keith Aune, Wildlife Conservation Society and American Bison Coalition; Douglas Jackson, Illinois State Archaeological Survey; Ann Keating, North Central College, Co-Editor of the Encyclopedia of Chicago; Tom Loebel, Illinois State Archaeological Survey; John McCabe, The Forest Preserves of Cook County, and Jim Stone, InterTribal Buffalo Council. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Remarks will be offered by Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Mark Bouman, Chicago Region Program Director in the Keller Science Action Center will moderate the panel.

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