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Loyola CTA Red Line "L" Station, viaduct to get \$11 million in improvements



Sen. Dick Durbin announces federal funding to repair the Loyola CTA Red Line Station. - Photo by Spike King

BY CASEY JONES
SPECIAL TO INSIDE

The Loyola CTA Red Line Station will soon see major improvements, ensuring the safety of passengers and pedestrians, as the result of \$11 million in federal funding secured by American taxpayers through U.S. Senator Dick Durbin.

A variety of politicians and CTA staffers were on hand with the Rogers Park Chamber of Commerce today to announce the beginning of immediate repairs to the dilapidated Loyola "L" Station. The design work for the project is already underway and construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2012.

Sen. Durbin, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured \$10 million in federal funding for the project in

the fiscal year 2010 Transportation and Housing Appropriations Bill, and \$1 million in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU). Funding through the SAFETEA-LU legislation will be used for land acquisition, and roadway and pedestrian improvements around the station.

"The project is the result of a federal, state, and local public-private partnership which brought together the Federal Transit Administration, the CTA, Loyola University, and the Rogers Park community to make desperately needed improvements to this station and bring it back to a state of good repair," said Durbin. "Thousands of local residents and students and commuters use the station every day, and this funding will ensure their safety and make certain that the station is able to continue serving the transportation needs of the community for years to come."

The repairs will help stabilize the existing infrastructure and make strategic upgrades to the Loyola "L" station and redirect passenger flow for pedestrian safety. The project will include upgrades to the viaduct and improved lighting and visibility.

The plans also call for moving the station entrance farther north

and creating a plaza in front of the reoriented station entrance, increasing safety for pedestrians by keeping them away from vehicular traffic. The plans for the plaza are still in the very preliminary stages. As soon as final agreements have been made to acquire some properties immediately north of the station entrance, the CTA plans to host a community meeting with Loyola University to present the preliminary plans.

The announced upgrades to the Loyola "L" station comes on the heels of the recently completed construction of the new Howard "L" station. Opened in 2009, the new Howard "L" station was a \$40 million-plus project funded with federal, CTA and TIF funds. Though the Loyola "L" station will not be a "new" station such as the Howard station, the upgrades will represent a noticeable improvement.

The Loyola "L" station's problems are systematic of problems all across the Red Line, which is why the federal funds announced today by Senator Durbin are so important. In view of the current political climate for spending in Washington, additional federal funds for mass transit will likely be hard to come by.

Pawar committed to Merryman Park project but city's cash crunch may mean Menu money gone

BY PETER VON BUOL

Concerned the city's budget problems may impact the planned renovation of Merryman Park, a Chicago Park District play-lot at 3636 N. Marshfield Ave., park advocates on the evening of July 25 met with Ald. Ameya Pawar (47th) to discuss the status of \$100,000 allocated to the project by the ward's former alderman, Gene Schulter.

During the meeting, Pawar told the members of the Merryman Park Advisory Council and Erin McGuire, the Chicago Park District supervisor who oversees the park, while he remains committed to the park's renovation project, the city will not yet release funds allocated to the project until the advocacy group has succeeded in raising their portion totaling \$350,000, of which they have already raised \$310,000.

In January, 2011, Schulter had notified the group that \$100,000 had been allocated to the renovation project from the 47th Ward's 2010 Menu money (a city program in which each of the city's 50 wards receives \$1.3 million, an equal share of \$66 million for ward infrastructure improvements).

"So long as there is a city menu program, you have my commitment to the project," said Pawar.

During the meeting, Pawar told the group that the city's financial uncertainties and the new mayoral administration make it plausible the menu program may not continue beyond 2011 and urged the group to consider beginning the park's renovation in phases.

Indeed there are strong rumors circulating in City Hall that the Mayor may kill the entire Menu Program city-wide due to the city's financial crisis, which would leave hundreds of community projects unfunded all over town.

"The money has been allocated to Merryman Park. It is sitting in a bond-fund. But, the city simply won't release it until you have raised the other portion,"

said Ald. Pawar. "[To go forward] we need the community money as soon as possible." He then suggested to the group it should consider renovating the park in phases so the project could start moving towards completion.

At the meeting, however, park advocates said they were reluctant to support such an approach as it raised the specter of leaving the park unfinished. Not having play equipment for a while would have a negative impact on the hundreds of children who use the park each day, they added.

Undaunted by the less than rosy financial report, the members of the park's advocacy group told Pawar they will continue their fund-raising efforts to reach the \$450,000 threshold, including the Park District and City's portions. Pawar added he would write letters of support to donors and potential donors.

"It's now or never for those who want to donate. I am really worried about the city's next budget. There is a real possibility of the \$100,000 going away [if we don't start soon]," he said. "There are no guarantees. We are trying to stretch the dollars that are there and I don't want this to go away."

After the meeting, Rebecca Maxcy, the advocacy group's president, said her group will work to complete its goal of funding the park's renovation and appreciates Ald. Pawar's support.

"We look forward to Ald. Pawar's support and commitment in attaining the 2010 funds earmarked



Merryman Park at 3636 N Marshfield. - Photo by Peter von Buol



Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt listens at Mike Drennan of the Jane Addams Senior Caucus addresses rally outside the downtown Social Security office just after he and an access Living representative returned from talking to an aide to U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk (R). Drennan said the aide "encouraged us to keep telling our story. We're going to win this if we keep strong and tell our story." - Photos by Patrick Butler

D.C. financial follies come to North Side, seniors fear their leaders will fail them

BY PATRICK BUTLER

Eleanor Roosevelt returned in the form of sometime actress and full-time activist Jane Moore at a July 21 rally outside the Social Security office at 77 W. Jackson, demanding Congress "get to work" and not try to solve the country's financial problems on the backs of America's most vulnerable citizens.



"We're tired of being told the only solution is to cut more and more programs. We know there's plenty of money in this country. People just aren't being taxed fairly," said Lakeview Action Coalition board member Amy Haynes.

"We're here today to stand not just for our members, but future generations of seniors," said Moore of the North Side-based Jane Addams Senior Caucus. "Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are critical programs which many Americans rely upon."

The rally, which drew 150 people, mostly seniors, was being held at the time Democrats and Republicans were racing against the clock to either raise the debt ceiling or cut the budget before the U.S. government goes into technical default early next month for the first time in history.

As passing motorists honked their horns in support, speakers including Curtis Wright of the Lakeview Action Coalition said the solution isn't to cut needed programs but to make the tax system more equitable so corporations and wealthy individuals start paying their fair share.

"We're not in a budget crisis, but a revenue crisis," Wright said. "Our current federal and state budget deficits aren't a result of overspending, but the end result of the wealthy and corporations avoiding and lobbying against paying their fair share in taxes and benefiting from tax loopholes."

"I'm not sure what their solution is going to be, but I know

we're going to put a lot of pressure on them to come up with our solution," said Amy Haynes, a social worker and Lakeview Action Coalition board member.

Haynes added that after she's finished speaking, she's was going to put her money where her mouth was by walking across the street to withdraw her money from Chase Bank and moving it to the North Side Community Federal Credit Union, which she said "supports the neighborhood" and is a member of LAC.

"The one thing banks hate is losing customers," Haynes said.

Like several other speakers, Haynes urged her listeners to send letters to their congressmen as well as Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk and Democrat Dick Durbin not to cut Social Security or Medicare.

The outcome of those talks will be crucial to seniors like Access Living's Cara Taylor, sporting a 23rd Police District tote bag and a sign to "Keep Your Hands Off Our Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid" on the back of her wheelchair.

"I need both hips and both knees replaced and if they take this away, I don't know where my quality of life will be. "Right now, I'm paying out-of-pocket for my medication. I feel like I've been screwed."

It isn't much better for Moore, who said her anti-cancer shots cost \$3,000 a month and doesn't know how she'd manage if drug coverage was cut back.

"I think if Mrs. Roosevelt were still alive, she'd continue the chant of 'shame on you, shame on you.' I think she would tell our lawmakers to look into their hearts and souls, to look at their own parents. I think she would say anyone in any walk of life is subject to finding themselves in the ditch."

And if the real Mrs. Roosevelt were here, Moore said she'd almost certainly tell everyone to "Take a leaf from my husband's book. Go forward and do something. Tell your congressmen and senators not to mess with our retirement."

Sullivan High School's new principal commends Alumni group for support

"I am so grateful to the Sullivan High School Alumni Association," says new Sullivan principal, Carolyn Eggert. "It is wonderful to have the kind of support and back-up that this group gives, both emotional and financial. I can meet with members, talk to them and feel comfortable."

Sullivan, 6632 N. Bosworth, is the smallest and farthest-north high school in the city. Eggert was an assistant principal at Lake View High School and a principal intern at John Hope College Prep in Englewood before she joined the Sullivan team July 1, this year.

"I love being here," she stated. "The teachers are great because they care so much. And East Rogers Park is a little city within the big city of Chicago. It remains a solid and stable community."

"Ms. Eggert is a great asset to Sullivan," says Dick Hurwitz, president of the Sullivan Alumni Association. "We look forward to working with her in the future to the betterment of the school and the enrichment of the students."

There are about 500 members of the school's Alumni Association. They stay in touch with a four-times-a-year publication, "The Sentinel" plus a web site, a yearly picnic, a "prominent alumni" dinner and other events. Members of the Alumni Association meet with current and retired teachers,

coaches and other alumni four times a year, at an "Open Board of Directors' Meeting" to discuss alumni business and ways to help the school. The group has donated nearly \$140,000 to the school over the past 10 years. Of this amount, \$110,000 has been provided in scholarships for seniors headed for college. The minimum grade point requirement to be eligible for the scholarship is 3.6 on a 4.0 scale.

Many of these scholarship winners come from overseas - India, Pakistan, Egypt, Haiti, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Mexico, and Nigeria. Some have left their parents back home to come and live with a sibling just to get an American education. Others were brought here as small children and have parents who work in menial jobs such as parking attendants, taxi drivers, factory workers or laborers.

Yet, these young people crave an education. Their grades and community service has been such that they have been accepted at the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Bradley University, North Park University, Oakton Community College, and Harold Washington Community College.

Their goals? Careers in nursing, pharmacy, psychology, computer science, graphic design, physical therapy, political science, biological science, medicine. One of Sullivan's outstanding programs, which brings students from all over the city, is the Medical and

Health Career Academy. It is the only North Side school to offer this program which opened as a pilot project in the fall of 2000 and has grown considerably over the past ten years.

"Our Medical Career project offers students good career skills, certification in several areas, and college-readiness. They will be prepared not only for possible entrance into medical school but also for careers in pharmacy, nursing and skilled health technologies such as X-ray technician, dentist or dental assistant, or optometry. Students must log in 100 hours of community health service before graduation.

"This is a program about which we are very proud," Ms. Eggert concluded.

Another \$30,000 from the Alumni Association has gone to purchase supplies. "The alumni give the school things that the Board of Education does not supply," Ms. Eggert adds, "but that the teachers need desperately."

Over the years this has included baseballs for the school baseball team, uniforms for the dance team, new curtains for the auditorium, a document camera, a video camera, and funds to take students on educational trips.

The alumni have also subsidized raffle programs where the kids get gloves, coats, warm hats and other necessities.

The group also subsidized a special luncheon and program for students who made large steps improving their SAT scores.



(Left to right) New Sullivan High School principal Carolyn Eggert stands with President of the Sullivan Alumni Association, Dick Hurwitz.

Eggert has an outstanding academic record. A graduate of Stevenson High School in 1999, she attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland on a full scholarship and took a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. Before she went on for a Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching at National Lewis University, she was part of "Teach For America" where she taught math at Hirsch High School in Chicago for four years, three as Department Chair. She also attended Harvard where she received an Educational Master's Degree in School Leadership.

Another high-level project is the Paideia program which is a selective enrollment, "Options for Knowledge" program that provides students with a classical background for admission into the best universities.

Sullivan is also an AVID Certified School. AVID is a fourth through twelfth grade system to prepare students for four-year college eligibility. It has a proven track record in bringing out the best in students and in closing achievement gaps. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The program targets students in the academic middle, B, C, and even D students, who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. These are students who are capable of completing a rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential. AVID pulls these students out of their unchallenging courses and puts them on the college track: acceleration instead of remediation.

Eggert is also quite proud of the special education program aimed at students with autism. "There are 30 young people in this program. With our concerned and caring teachers, they do amazingly well," she said. "This is another area where Alumni Association dollars have helped out, paying for educational trips for these youngsters."

There are 800 students at Sullivan at this time, she pointed out. More than 50 percent are African American, about 35 percent are Hispanic. Asians and Pacific Islanders make up more than ten percent and about five percent are white. "Sullivan is a safe school," she asserts, "with entry and dismissal times both very controlled. The police are doing a great job and we have few, if any issue."

The Alumni Association has a web site Sullivan High School Alumni Association, the only official website formally acknowledged by Roger C. Sullivan High School. To contact Dick Hurwitz, President of the Alumni Association, call 773-262-7420.



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Infamous Commonwealth Theatre closes due to lack of cash, support

After nine seasons filled with seven After Dark Awards, five Non-Equity Jeff Awards, and 27 productions that included such critically-acclaimed shows as The Kentucky Cycle and The Grapes of Wrath, Infamous Commonwealth Theatre (ICT) is now shutting down operations. They hosted their productions at the Raven Theatre Complex, 6157 N. Clark St.

A letter was sent out the morning of Monday to all ICT supporters from ICT Founder Genevieve Thompson, which said: "It is my

sad burden to inform you that ICT is closing up shop. As most of you are aware, the business of running a theatre company in the Chicago community is very hard work. For nine years, our dedicated ensemble members have been working on a strictly volunteer basis. Their passion and dedication has been, in my opinion, unmatched. To work 40 hours a week to pay the bills and then put in another 40 hours a week at your theatre? Without pay? That is truly incredible."

The letter went on: "But, as

we've all grown older, our priorities have had to shift. Many of us are unable to volunteer that much time to our company, much as we might want to, because we have important relationships to nurture; we have bigger bills to pay; and we have personal goals to reach. This shift in priorities has made it nearly impossible to keep up with the administration of running our beloved theatre company.

Their final production Fifth Of July, closed on July 10.

Child ID program: Helping ensure a safer community

A total of 800,000 children in America are reported missing each year, or 2,000 every day, according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

Child ID programs can provide families with child identification materials that may prove critical should an emergency occur. Children are fingerprinted and photographed and ID cards are given to the parents. Pickle's Playroom, 2315 W. Lawrence Ave., will be sponsoring an event, in conjunction with New York Life Insurance Company on Wednesday, August 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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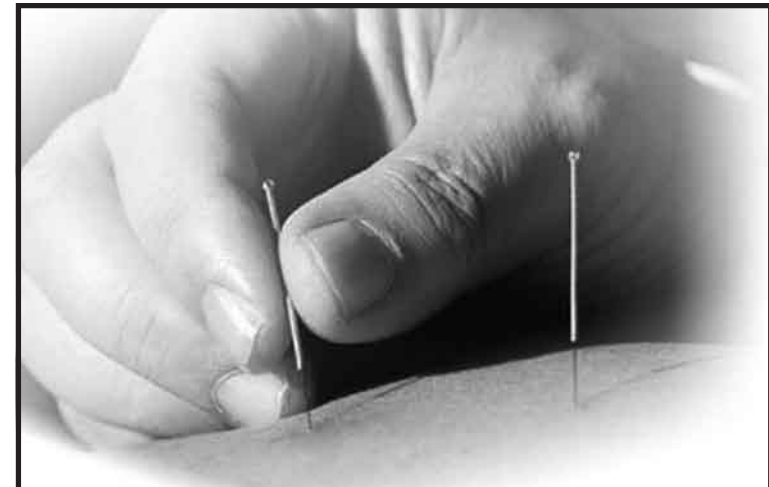
Seventh annual Lincoln Square Garden Walk

On Saturday, August 6, the Foundation of the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce will hold the 7th Annual Lincoln Square Garden Walk. Various gardens will be on display during the walk featuring a myriad of resourceful city-size gardens.

The walk will occur from 10am - 4:30pm. The fee for the walk is \$10 and goes to benefit the not-

for-profit Lincoln Square Foundation's young leader projects. Programs and tickets are available in Giddings Plaza where Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and there will be "how-to" demonstrations that will help educate gardeners.

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Infamous name for burglary bandit

Michael Vick – a member of the local Chicago chapter of the Gangster Disciples, not to be confused with the infamous QB playing in Philadelphia – and two other men, both of whom eschewed identifying themselves to the victim, are wanted by police for armed burglary. A police report alleges that the men forced their way into a home along the 6500 block of Sacramento using a handgun as a persuader around 4 a.m. on July 18. The house's three occupants, a 32-year-old woman and her child, and her 40-year-old male acquaintance, were menaced and threatened with the handgun, while the woman had more than \$10,000 worth of jewels and electronics in addition to \$1,000 in cash stolen, according to the report.

The male victim, a guest of the woman's, told police that a knock came on the front door very early in the morning of the burglary, which he'd answered believing it was a recently departed friend returned to collect something forgotten. At the handles turn three men broke into the room and the man had a semi-automatic pistol shoved against his head. He was told to sit in a chair next to the door and asked if anyone else was in the house? When he answered there were he was forced downstairs, thrown over a couch, and again had the pistol put to his head. The woman awoke at the row going on outside her downstairs bedroom door. She was ordered out and put next to the man on the couch.

"You know what this is about," said the man who'd later identify himself to the woman? "No I don't," she said in a sort of oath, according to the report. "This is because of what your husband owes us," he said.

The woman told police that her husband is locked-up and that she doesn't know what he's been doing. In her statement she said she believed it was drug related.

"I don't have anything of value here," she returned, "all his s*** you are looking for is at his mother's."

At this, the three intruders called a time out to plan their next play, the report states. When they broke huddle the leader traveled upstairs to search the house while the pair remained downstairs to ransack the basement. They quickly found the \$1,000 cash the woman uses for rent tucked into a figurine on the bookshelf.

"I knew you were lying b****," said one to the woman, according to the report.

The thieves re-huddled in the family room and divided the cash amongst themselves. The woman rose to visit the man, who'd been moved to the bedroom. She was stopped:

"B****, what else you hiding?" asked one?

A man snatched the necklace from her neck and took the rings from her fingers. After having her jewelry stripped she was sent to the bedroom with the man. The offenders searched the rest of the house and took many things, according to the report. Four rings, a necklace, a video camera, and a \$400 cell phone were taken. The woman discovered this during the inventory of her house she took afterwards.

When the man finished their work the captain of the misfits came to the bedroom. He had a message for the woman:

"Tell your husband Mike Vick the GD got his s***." Then, the men left.

Sisters sacked in an alley

Two sisters, 41 and 43, claim they were menaced by a man with a knife in an alley behind the 6100 block of Winthrop and robbed the evening of July 17. The sisters, who stand 5 feet 3, and 4 feet 11 inches tall, contend they were traveling the alley on foot when they came upon a black male with a shaved head standing next to a white garage. The sisters estimate he stood 6 feet 3 inches tall, and when they reached his location the man pulled a knife from his belt and told them to empty their pockets. They turned over two CTA bus cards worth \$68 each and \$12 cash. According to the women, before leaving the man instructed them to turn around and count. When they turned, he ran off. The women tell police they could identify him if they saw him again. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

Broad Beam and String Bean bungle two jobs

Police documents suggest a connection may be found in the robberies of two Rogers Park 7-Eleven stores early the morning of July 19. According to reports the shop at 1414 W. Pratt was hit around 5:10 a.m., while the 7-Eleven at 6401 N. Sheridan, less than a mile to the southeast, was robbed around 5:30 a.m. In both incidents a mismatched pair entered the store and carried items to the counter as if to transact a purchase before one of the men slipped around the counter with a knife in hand to demand money. The men are described as black males both, though one stands approximately 5 feet 10 inches and weighs 260 lbs, while the second is estimated at 6 feet 4 inches and 130 lbs.

At the first store the 64-year-old clerk told police he'd triggered the alarm when the tall skinny one brandished the knife. No words were exchanged after the knife was pulled, but the clerk believes the implication was obvious: he was supposed to hand over money. At the sound of the alarm the pair fled before receiving any currency.

At the second store the knife was pulled by the shorter, stout man, and words were exchanged. The offender told the 51-year-old clerk to open the safe, while the second man threatened to cut him if he didn't expedite his process. Here the clerk was punched in the face by the one who'd threatened to cut him. The clerk punched him back and tripped the alarm. This time the men gathered up the items they'd brought to the counter and fled the store. The clerk told police that one of the men rode a skateboard while the second rode a bike. The value of the items they stole was estimated at \$5 or \$6 by the clerk. Both stores have surveillance footage being prepared for Area 3 Detectives.

Bat brought to settle paycheck discrepancy

Two employees who felt jilted by Broadway Internet Laundry, 6028 N. Broadway, robbed their 36-year-old boss of his cell phone in lieu of full payment for their services the evening of July 14. The manager told police that the two employees, 25 and 30, came to the Laundromat to collect their paychecks around 8:30 p.m. Both men opened their checks in store and both went into a rage when they came to believe their pay was short for the hours they'd worked, according to the manager.

"You ain't got my money," said one to the manager, according to the report, "then you ain't got no phone!"

The employee snatched the manager's \$150 cell phone from his hand. The second employee, who had a baseball bat in his hand, pushed the manager to the ground. "It would be wrong to bash your head," he said, as though deciding whether he might not do it anyway, the manager told police.

The manager grabbed the bat from the employee's hand and pushed his way out of the store, calling for help. Both employees ran from the scene. The manager refused medical attention. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

May have picked the wrong audience for his presentation

A drunken, unemployed, 26-year-old man made a confession to police on the 1100 block of Thorndale the night of July 13 that had him arrested for a sexual offense and charges of public indecency, according to a police report. Beat officers on a routine patrol spotted him, whose address is listed on the 6100 block of S. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., staggering along the street. The obviously drunk man stumbled directly into the body of the stopped squad car, which compelled the officers to ask for an interview? The man reeked of alcohol, according to the report, and his eyes were bloodshot. As officers initiated their questions the man dropped his shorts:

"Look," he said, according to the report, "I got a big d**k." He was arrested on site and transported to the 24th District, 6464 N. Clark, for processing.

Man traveling with mobile pawn-shop robbed on Winthrop

A man, 30, called police to come to his home the night of July 16 to report being robbed at gunpoint by two unidentified men on a sidewalk along the 5100 block of N. Winthrop. The victim told responding officers he was on foot heading home when the suspects, black males between 19 and 25-years-old, approached him along the sidewalk. The pair seemed to pass by, but turned on him and put a gun into his side.

"Give me everything you have," one said, according to the report.

The second man rifled the victim's pockets and took his bag, which, the man says, carried many things. Gone with it were a \$700 Toshiba laptop, a \$200 portable printer, an engraved watch worth \$250, a Toshiba digital camera \$130, several DVD's, a check book, prescription glasses, a 24-karat gold ring, a 10-karat medical alert bracelet, a writing book and resume, an Illinois identification card, a leather laptop bag, a wallet with \$50 cash inside, a 35 mm camera, telephoto lens and camera bag. The man did not say what he was doing on the street with such plentiful and expensive equipment. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

Bad attack outside of run-down Lawrence House

Four men attacked and robbed a 26-year-old male outside of Lawrence House, 1020 W. Lawrence, the controversial low-income housing building in Uptown, around 5 a.m. on July 17. The victim reported being punched and knocked to the sidewalk; and while on the ground his wallet was taken. After snatching the wallet the perpetrators kicked him in the head and body before running away. The victim told police he sees these men in front of his building regularly and believes he'd have no difficulty identifying them. He was taken to Weiss Hospital, 4646 N. Marine, for treatment to minor injuries.

Broken window and blood, but nothing missing

A surveillance video from Moody's Pub, 5910 N. Broadway, shows an unidentified culprit shattering a window next to the beer garden and entering the restaurant around 3 a.m. on July 18. The man left without stealing anything when the alarm sounded within the restaurant. Responding officers arrived at the restaurant in response to a burglary in progress call. They reported finding the front gate ajar on arrival and the front door, which the suspect left through, unlocked. The large, rough chunk of concrete used to shatter the window rested on a booth seat. There were fingerprints and blood left on the glass remaining in the window. An evidence technician was summoned to process the scene for DNA and forensic evidence.

Knife cutter caught by cops

Nicolas Hernandez, 29, was tracked down and arrested on Argyle near Winthrop for slicing a 52-year-old man with a knife during an argument the evening of July 19. The victim told police the suspect pulled a knife and waved it menacingly during the course of a verbal disagreement. When the victim raised his hand instinctively to block the knife, the suspect cut him across the left palm. The offender fired a departing word at the man and walked off from Winthrop on to Argyle. The victim called police and pointed them his direction. On the day of the fight the offender wore a red shirt. Officers located him on Argyle and returned him to the victim for identification. The victim was treated on site by paramedics from Ambulance #31 for a superficial cut wound to his hand.

Robbed at gunpoint on Carmen

"Why don't I just take all you have?" asked the man who robbed a 53-year-old at gunpoint the night of July 19, according to a police report.

The victim of the robbery called 911 around 11:40 p.m. to report the crime. He told police he was walking east on Carmen from Sheridan when the man, a black male in his middle 30s, approached near the 940 block and asked for a cigarette. Before getting an answer he'd taken out a semi-automatic handgun and posed his question. The victim turned over a Dell laptop, a cell phone, wallet and \$380 cash. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

Steak knife robbery on the CTA

A 34-year-old man told police he was robbed at the point of a steak knife near the Argyle CTA Red Line stop early the morning of July 15. The victim tells police he was approached by a black male who wore his hair in dreadlocks, and stood 6 feet 3 inches tall, by his estimation, and was told to keep quiet. To enforce this position the man flashed a steak knife. The offender motioned for the man's iPhone, which was given over. The victim stayed on the train several stops before exiting at Fullerton. He reported the incident to a CTA employee, who advised him to dial 311. The victim did not know which stop the offender exited at. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

— Compiled by Mark Schipper

Victim and his car both hit by Uptown's "Paper Bag"

A 44-year-old man suffered a fractured arm and possibly a broken nose during an apparent dispute over a phone on the 1000 block of Wilson shortly before noon July 21.

Police said a man known in the neighborhood as "Paper Bag" started yelling at the victim, then began hitting the victim with a large wooden stick. When the victim tried to fight back, he was also hit in the nose. The victim said "Paper Bag" then started whacking at the victim's car, causing minor damage to the front passenger side.

Victim caned during argument in Uptown alley

A 24-year-old man was hit in the head repeatedly with a cane during an argument in an alley behind the 4500 block of N. Sheridan Rd. 7:30 p.m. July 19. Police said the assailant appeared to be in his 40s and that victim was treated at Weiss Hospital.

Thieves smash Roscoe Village store window, get \$500

Burglars got \$500 during a break-in at Lucas Tires, 3501 N. Western, sometime between 8 p.m. July 14, and 8:30 a.m. the next day, police said. Police said the thieves broke a bay window and climbed inside.

Assailant hits victim, then victim's car

A 29-year-old man was hit in the face during an argument with a reputed gang member, who then punched the victim's car, creating a dent in the front driver's side door, police said. The incident occurred on the 3200 block of N. Damen around 1:45 a.m. July 17.

— Compiled by Patrick Butler

The Home Front

Cash-strapped homeowners associations feel the recession pinch



BY DON DeBAT

Most American homeowners know the bank is not their friend.

Now, apparently owners in community

associations have to worry about the loyalty of neighbors who administer their homeowner associations.

The lingering Great Recession is pitting neighbor against neighbor as cash-strapped homeowners and condo associations are starting to feel the pinch of non-payment of assessments.

More than half of the nation's 300,000 homeowner and condominium associations face serious financial problems because owners aren't paying their assessments, according to a recent study by the Community Associations Institute (CAI).

The survey found that 65 percent of the homeowners associations have assessment delinquency rates higher than 5 percent. In 2005, only 19 percent of the associations had delinquency rates that high.

More than 80 percent of newly constructed homes and condos in the U.S. are governed by home and condo owners associations. And, owners complain that these powerful association boards are acting like quasi governmental units as they oversee more than 24 million homes and condos nationwide.

Associations not only set rules for their communities. They also collect monthly dues, or assessments, to cover the cost of maintenance and services within the condo building or subdivision.

If repairs are needed, such as a new roof or new windows, the association has the power to levy special assessments to cover the costs. If a financially struggling home or condo owner doesn't pay his or her assessment, other hom-

owners have to pick up the cost.

To battle delinquent assessments, some community association boards are switching off utilities, disconnecting TV cable feeds and threatening to place a lien on the property and start a foreclosure on owners who are 60 days past due on fees.

Here are some of the findings of the CAI study:

- Forty-four percent of the 1,500 community managers surveyed said the mortgage foreclosure crisis and related assessment delinquencies are having a "serious" impact on their associations.
- Sixty-five percent reported that their homeowners association has an assessment delinquency rate higher than 5 percent.
- Seventy-eight percent of the managers surveyed said their association's operating revenue has declined as a result of the mortgage crisis and the Great Recession.

Non-payment of assessments is starting to have a dramatic effect on condo and homeownership

in America, the CAI study concluded. As a result, nearly half of all U.S. homeowners associations are taking a more aggressive approach to collect delinquent assessments and fees. To counteract the shortfall of association dues, 40.3 percent of the boards have increased assessments, while 35.9 percent cut contributions to the community's reserve account and 38.5 percent deferred maintenance of common elements. Nearly 40 percent postponed major capital improvements.

In fairness, the majority of home and condo owners are sympathetic to the issues faced by managers and the association board. However, most home and condo owners believe that they have suffered more in the Great Recession than the community managers.

Don DeBAT's weekly real estate column is syndicated by DeBAT Media Services. For more home-buying information visit his website at: www.dondebat.net.

Homeowners Electing to Redo and Reuse Instead of Move

With sales of new homes hitting record lows, existing-home sales slumping, and home prices sliding in the first quarter of 2011, many Chicagoland homeowners are deciding to stay put, turning towards smaller, more affordable home improvement projects to upgrade their property.

In fact, a report released in January by the Remodeling Futures Program at Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies predicted that spending on home remodeling would rise 9.1 percent in the first quarter of 2011 in comparison to the first quarter of 2010.

This trend is boosting business for a home improvement industry in a prolonged slump, as homeowners delayed fix-up projects during the recession. In February, Home Depot, Inc., the largest home improvement retailer in the United States, reported its first annual sales increase since 2006, with maintenance and repair accounting for 40% of its sales, a sharp increase from recent years.

Sellers of salvaged building materials are also seeing increased customer traffic, as do-it-yourselfers look for remodeling bargains. "Changing out hardware or lighting, adding a decorative door or

window, or replacing cabinets, flooring or countertops are easy and affordable ways to update an interior," said Elise Zelechowski, Executive Director of the ReBuilding Exchange, Chicago's non-profit building material reuse center that recently relocated to 2160 N. Ashland in the Wicker Park/Bucktown neighborhood.

A survey conducted between June and August of 2010 by Remodeling Magazine said that minor kitchen remodels return 82 percent of their estimated costs, a bathroom addition will return roughly 72 percent, and the addition of a family room will return 71 percent. "Using salvaged materials, at a fraction of the cost of new, is a way to boost the return on investment from home remodeling projects even higher," noted Zelechowski.

The ReBuilding Exchange gets most of its inventory as donations from home deconstruction or renovation projects, and occasionally new materials that would otherwise end up in landfills. "Deconstruction is better than demolition both environmentally as well as economically," says Zelechowski. "Jobs are created, landfill waste is diverted, contractors expand their

toolbox to include another green building strategy, and people can find quality materials at an excellent price."

As a further incentive, building owners can get a substantial tax write-off when they donate lumber, flooring, and other reclaimed materials to a non-profit reuse center, such as the ReBuilding Exchange.

Redoing by reusing isn't all

about sacrifice, however. According to Zelechowski, architects and interior designers often use reclaimed materials to achieve a contemporary aesthetic. "Thanks to deconstruction and salvage, you can get an eco-chic look for very little," she said.

For more information, visit www.rebuildingexchange.org or call (773) 252-2234.



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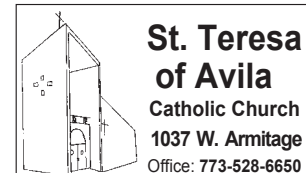
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Dark continent offers bold creations

Edgewater immigrant designer trying to make a mark in tough local fashion industry

BY SARAH LOUISE KLOSE

The third time's the charm, as the saying goes. Kahindo Mateene would know. The resident of Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood applied to the Chicago Fashion Incubator (CFI) three times before she was finally accepted.

CFI provides educational programs, business resources and showcase opportunities for those interested in a career in fashion design. The prestigious incubator program accepts, and mentors, six emerging fashion Designers in Residence (DIR) annually.

As a new DIR, Mateene has met with fashion attorneys, accountants and costing specialists. She's utilized the cutting table and sewing machines at CFI's industrial workspace. And she's been taken under the wing of CFI's executive director Laura Miller.

"I've only been in the CFI program since spring 2011, and I already have so much knowledge

in my head," Mateene said. Her clothing line is marketed under the name Modahnik. The logo is a silhouette of Mateene's face in profile. The word "modahnik" is an anagram of Kahindo and the letter "M" in Mateene. "People think it looks like fashion in Italian, which is moda," she said.

Modahnik's fresh, contemporary women's dresses are comprised of bold, 100% cotton African prints. "I try to make my fashions edgy. I use a lot of ruffles, pleats. I love details, color. I use African prints that are modern in design," Mateene said.

The fabrics are called hollandaise wax, and have the appearance of Indonesian batik. Double rollers print hot resin on both sides of the fabric for color fastness. The fabrics are made in Holland and sold to Africans, and have been since the early 1900s.

That's ideal for Mateene, 32, who was born in Uganda and went to school in Kenya. The citi-

zen of the Democratic Republic of Congo has lived in Niger, which is French-speaking, and Nigeria, which is English-speaking. Both are in west Africa.

"When we lived in Uganda, I saw my mother dress up in bright colors -- bellbottoms, maxi-dresses. She wore traditional African looks too. I wanted to create a contemporary look that combined the modern and the traditional," Mateene said.

After moving to the U.S., Mateene earned a BS in Business and Economics from Blackburn College, then a BFA at the Illinois Institute of Art (IIA). She studied color theory, design, pattern making and sewing at the IIA, and her creativity blossomed. Mateene began designing light-hearted dresses from size 2 to 12.

"Most of my pieces have pockets; I think that makes them more wearable. You put pockets on pants, skirts, shorts but not on cocktail dresses -- so my fashions



Kahindo Mateene [left] shows off two of her pieces.

are different," Mateene said.

For Spring/Summer 2011, Mateene produced limited quantities of six styles, which she may sell at the Galleria in Andersonville. Shops in the three-story complex sell limited editions of art and jewelry. "The most they have of each piece is 20. You need to sell out of it, and then think about re-producing it."

Mateene is currently working on adding online sales to her website, www.modahnik.com. For her 2012 collection, she is aiming for five to ten boutiques that will carry her fashions. "I try to create a cohesive look. That's what boutiques look for. I like to have detail, but still make each piece unique," she said.

Modahnik dresses are produced in Africa using sustainable fair trade practices. This means the workers are paid a fair living wage, and get time off and breaks. Mateene said it is a way to increase employment in underserved African communities.

Mateene's target buyer is a metropolitan woman, with an established career, between age 27 and 45. "I don't want to say my fashions are for older woman, but I'm not targeting a young person right out of college," Mateene said.

The fashions are priced from \$300 to \$450, the high price perhaps another reason why younger women may not be her target audience. The line includes breezy summer frocks for daytime festivals and dinners with the girls. The Double Bubble halter dress is for a date night or a wedding, and has a sexy cutout in the back. It's cut to the waist to fit different body types.

"The bubble starts below the hip, so the fullness is below the hip. That makes it less bulky, and gives you an a-line, which is always slimming," Mateene said.

The mini, mid-length and maxi dresses feature ruffled sleeves, skirts and flourishes. The fabric prints are blended in different styles. In one, all the circles in the fabric pattern are in the skirt top. In another, they draw attention to a plunging neckline. "I place the fabric there and use the design detail. I wanted to put a twist on it."

To see such designs in person, fashionistas can head down to the CFI Annual Open House, on Thursday from 12 to 2pm. The DIR will be on the 8th floor at Macy's to meet the public and present samples of their fashions.

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The park honors Theron W. Merryman (1897-1967), who had once been the neighborhood's alderman and had also been a past-president of the National Association of Master Plumbers.

The Merryman Park Advisory Council is a 501(c)(3) helping to renovate and restore the half-century old park.

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Tickets include beer, soft drinks, water and a beach barbecue buffet; as well as premium show seating with a few extras. Fees to reserve a spot are \$60 for Friday and \$90 for Saturday and Sunday. No one without a purchased wristband or under the age of 21 will be admitted to the area (even if they are accompanied by an adult). Additionally, no coolers, personal beach

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certified funds at the close of the auction; 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee,

judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate

arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is

offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to

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

after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective

bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and

the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 10-2222-15714. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD. 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105 CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 372-2020

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

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff

- v. -
JANET L. COYOCA; NIKOLAY DERVICHEN A/K/A NIK DERVICHEN; 2610 WEST FITCH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM

Fisher and Shapiro file # 10-037355 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

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

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff

- v. -
JANET L. COYOCA; NIKOLAY DERVICHEN A/K/A NIK DERVICHEN; 2610 WEST FITCH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants

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Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated February 16, 2007, known as Trust No. 8002348222, Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated December 10, 1986, known as Trust No. 5712, "Unknown Owners" and "Non-Record Claimants," Defendants.

09 CH 46502; Sheriff's No. 110190-001F.

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on August 30, 2011, at 12 Noon in the hallway of Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: Common Address: 6911-15 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60645. Permanent Index No.s:

11-31-117-012, 11-31-117-013, 11-31-117-002, which is a vacant lot and COUNT II: The West 10 feet of Lot 491 and all of Lots 492 and 493 in William H. Britigan's Budlong Woods Golf Club Addition Number 2, being a Subdivision of that part lying East of Sanitary District right-of-way of the South half of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 40 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian (except the South 33 feet taken for Street), in Cook County, IL. Common Address: 2844-48 W. Berwyn Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Permanent Index No.: 13-12-116-055, which is improved with an eight (8) Unit Apartment Building. Sale shall be under the following terms: Ten percent (10%) down in certified funds at the time of sale, the balance in certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages. Premises will NOT be open for inspection. For information: Joy Pinta, Esq., Jones & Jacobs, 77 W. Washington St., Ste. 2100, Chicago, IL 60602, Attorney for Plaintiff, Tel. No. (312) 419-0700. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I359765

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

First American Bank, Plaintiff,

- v. -
Carl A. Lavespa, Julie A. Ruano, Thomas A. Thornton, Thornton Properties, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

09 CH 45356; Sheriff's No. 110187-001F.

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on August 30, 2011, at 12 Noon in the hallway outside Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

P.I.N.: 14-07-206-018-0000. Address: 1740 W. Rascher, Chicago, IL 60640. Improvements: Multi Unit Residential. Sale shall be under the following terms: 10% down certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages. Premises will NOT be open for inspection. For information: Lebow, Malecki & Tasch, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 903 Commerce Dr., Suite 160, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Tel. No. (630) 571-9000. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I359354

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

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

- v. -
STEPHANIE LAMPKIN, et al
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 18, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 22, 2011, at the 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: Commonly known as 5601 N. SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT #4B, CHICAGO, IL 60680 Property Index No. 14-05-411-012-1019. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 10-2222-15714. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD. 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105 CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 372-2020

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

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff

- v. -
IVAN K. ARATLAKOV A/K/A IVAN ARATLAKOV A/K/A I. ARATLAKOV; DENISE ANN JOHNSON A/K/A DENISE JOHNSON; THE FITCH PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; CITIBANK, N.A. S/B/M TO CITIBANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM

Fisher and Shapiro file # 09-032679 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff

- v. -
MAHMUDA B. CHOWDHURY AKA MAHMUDA CHOWDHURY, et al
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 17, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 3, 2011, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor

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City opens Office of New Americans to support Chicago's immigrant communities

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"Chicago's vitality has been built on the strength of immigrant populations that have come to enjoy new freedoms and access new opportunities," said Mayor Emanuel. "I want to make Chicago the most immigrant-friendly city in the world and the Office of New Americans will ensure every law-abiding Chicagoan has access to the resources they need to become productive members of society and contribute to our thriving global city."

To advance its mission, the Office of New Americans will forge partnerships with community organizations and educational institutions who will help immigrants access city services and start new businesses. The long-term goal is to make Chicago the world's most immigrant-friendly city and the private sector. In that effort the new office intends to:

- Establish a centralized language access policy for the City of Chicago that ensures access to important information about education, public safety, healthcare, and City services;
- Expand opportunities for immigrant business owners and entrepreneurs;
- Enhance coordination between City government and community organizations to increase access

to existing city, state and federal programs;

- Expand immigrant parent engagement throughout Chicago Public Schools by building on successful models such as the Logan Square Neighborhood Association's Parent-Mentor program;
- Expand English language educational resources and opportunities in community settings;
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Neighborhood Arts Program brings art making to Chicago neighborhoods

Grants awarded to 22 artists furthering arts education

Artists in 22 Chicago neighborhoods will bring art making opportunities to youth, seniors and people with disabilities in areas of the city with few or no traditional venues for engaging in arts activity. The Neighborhood Arts Program (NAP) provided \$59,400 in grants awarded by the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. The grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500, extend the opportunity for residents in low-to-moderate-income communities to reap the benefits of a variety of arts experiences.

"The Neighborhood Arts Program grants are one of the many ways the Department is able to promote arts education in underserved communities," said Michelle T. Boone, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. "Providing opportunities for people throughout the city to learn and study the arts helps build stronger communities and

adds to our vibrant cultural landscape."

The Neighborhood Arts Program is a biennial, multi-year grant initiative that supports artists' proposals that demonstrate the potential to generate ongoing community activities in specific neighborhoods or by matching teaching artists with communities in need.

The following are the 2011 awardees: Ellamonique Baccus, Regina Harris Baiocchi, Nancy Pochis Bank, Clovis Bordeaux, Ines Castaneda, Marisa Cordeiro, Carlos Cornier, Tiffany Daniels, Hazel A. Domangue, Kathryn Trumbull Fimreite, Alvaro Gonzalez Jr., Diane Green, Dionna M. Griffin, Jose Guerrero, Markeya Howard, Nicole J. LeGette, Erica Mott, Anthony A. Smith, Sabrina Diane Smith, Nelson Sosa, Brenda Starr Woods, and Carolina Xavier.

More information on the Neighborhood Arts Program and the award recipients can be found online at www.cityofchicago.org or by calling 312.742.2884.

Career Tech accepting applications to prepare displaced workers

First-of-its-kind job retraining initiative helps Chicago businesses bridge the skills gap and fill job openings

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Chicago celebrates Dillinger's 77th deathday in Lincoln Park

BY PATRICK BUTLER

It's been 77 years since bank robber John Dillinger was gunned down by J. Edgar Hoover's G-Man as he left the Biograph Theater at Lincoln and Halsted in Lincoln Park, but people like David Jendrycki haven't forgotten.

The Albany Park artist and window display designer was one of about 200 who turned out for a July 22 "John Dillinger Died for You" memorial rite led by professional ghost hunter Richard Crowe retracing Dillinger's last steps from the cinema's front door to the "death spot" in the alley a few dozen yards away to the south.

After a brief homily, the singing of "Amazing Grace" by the audience, and a ceremonial pour of beer, Dillinger's spirit would be sent on its way by bagpipers to the next world, Crowe told the almost reverent, onlookers.

Crowe wasn't surprised at the good turnout despite torrid temperatures similar to those on the actual night of Dillinger's death. After all, many people are interested in what Crowe calls Indiana's own Jesse James for a variety of reasons.

"The alley itself is considered very haunted, so you've got all the ghost people coming, you've got the social history people, the antique car buffs. People come for different reasons, with an overlapping interest in Dillinger," Crowe explained.

Jendrycki himself started going to the annual memorials to honor an uncle who "did a lot of boxing and hanging out with gangs," including Dillinger's, and because of Jendrycki's own fascination with America's very first Public Enemy Number One.

After all, Jendrycki said admiringly, Dillinger wasn't just any robber, but a true gentleman "who didn't want to hurt anybody. He just wanted to rob banks [when] the banks were the bad guys who foreclosed on everyone." Just like today, said Crowe, noting that Dillinger has over the years become a kind of Robin Hood folk hero like Dillinger's own hero, Jesse James, still almost revered in his native Missouri.

"I only wish Indiana would get with it and they could do a lot of Dillinger-related tourism and put a lot of un-



Spectators sing "Amazing Grace" during memorial rites for bank robber John Dillinger outside the Biograph Theater on Lincoln Avenue. - Photo by Patrick Butler

employed people to work. They're a bit backward when it comes to promoting the local bad boys," Crowe said.

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