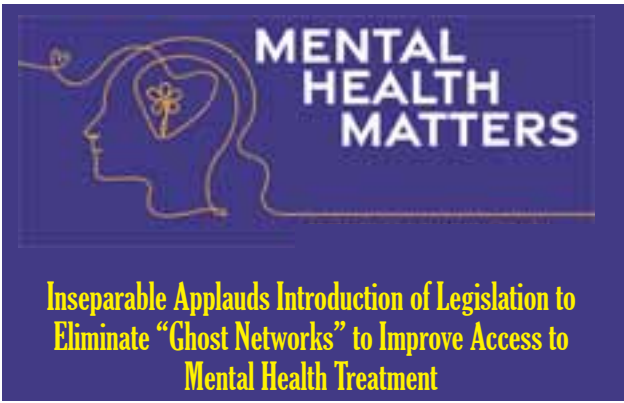




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Cook County Court Offers 'Second Chance'

By: Ashmar Mandou

The Clerk of the Circuit Court Iris Y. Martinez unveiled a new one stop shop center for residents struggling for a second chance. The Expungement Center of Cook County will provide aide for residents struggling to find assistance with filing for an expungement of their criminal records. "By helping those eligible complete their files with all the necessary documentation and streamlining the processes, we will see a much-needed improvement in the number of expungements granted in Cook County," shared Clerk Iris Martinez.

Expunging a record is a process allowed under the law of the State of Illinois that removes misdemeanor or felony arrests, charges, and convictions from one's record. However, the process is cumbersome and costly for many individuals,

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**El Tribunal del
Condado de Cook
Ofrece una 'Segunda
Oportunidad'**

The Editor's Desk



The Clerk of the Circuit Court, Iris Y. Martinez, hosted the grand opening of her new endeavor, the Expungement Center of Cook County, which will help residents who are struggling to receive assistance with filing for an expungement of their criminal records so they may begin their "second chance." Check out our latest edition to read the full story where you will also find new programs taking place at City Colleges of Chicago. For additional news, head over to www.lawndalenews.com

La Secretaria del Tribunal de Circuito, Iris Y. Martínez, fue la anfitriona de la gran inauguración de su nuevo proyecto, el Centro de Eliminación de Antecedentes Penales del Condado de Cook, que ayudará a los residentes que luchan por recibir asistencia para solicitar la eliminación de sus antecedentes penales para que puedan comenzar una "segunda oportunidad". Consulte nuestra última edición para leer la historia completa, donde también encontrará nuevos programas que se llevan a cabo en City Colleges of Chicago. Para noticias adicionales, visite www.lawndalenews.com

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which has impeded tens of thousands of eligible residents from receiving an expungement.

To be eligible to expunge a felony conviction, individuals must have been convicted of a crime that qualifies under the law, have successfully completed their probation/parole period, and have not been rearrested for 3-5 years. Due to the extensive legal process to expunge one's records, the process can take years and require multiple attempts at submission before it is approved for review by the State's Attorney's Office to file in Court. Clerk Martinez's announcement and the help offered at the new Expungement Center will result in meaningful reforms to many lives.

"There have been over 1,600 expungement applications that have been denied by the State's Attorney's Office and the Judiciary due to paperwork issues. True reform allows people to officially exit the criminal justice system. Those eligible have not been rearrested for many years after they have completed their sentence, and we need to help them get their lives back on track. Having a criminal record can impact a person's ability to find a job, obtain a certificate



for job-training, and even prevent a person from finding housing for them and their family. This will offer a true second chance and will impact countless lives," said Clerk Martinez. Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Iris Martinez

on Thursday cut the ribbon on her office's new Expungement Department, housed at the Leighton Criminal Court Building at 26th Street and California Avenue. The new department will offer a centralized location for

expungements, allowing for that paperwork to be filed in one spot.

Previously, people had to go to the specific district where their case was heard in order to make these filings. The goal, the clerk's office said, is to help eliminate hurdles for people seeking jobs, housing or education. According to Martinez's office, the department will offer assistance to those looking to file a petition for expungement as well as educational workshops and consultations. Staff will walk applicants through the expungement process, ensuring they have the necessary information and resources to clear their records.





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El Tribunal del Condado de Cook Ofrece una 'Segunda Oportunidad'

Por Ashmar Mandou

La Secretaria del Tribunal de Circuito, Iris Y. Martínez, inauguró un nuevo centro de ventanilla única para los residentes que luchan por una segunda oportunidad. El Centro de Eliminación de Antecedentes Penales del Condado de Cook brindará ayuda a los residentes que luchan por encontrar ayuda para solicitar la eliminación de sus antecedentes penales. “Ayudando a las personas elegibles a completar sus archivos con toda la documentación necesaria y agilizando el proceso, veremos una muy necesitada mejora en el número de eliminaciones de antecedentes penales concedidas en el Condado de Cook”, dijo la Secretaria Iris Martínez.

Eliminar los antecedentes de un récord es un proceso

permitido bajo la ley del Estado de Illinois que elimina arrestos, cargos y condenas por delitos menores o graves de su expediente. Sin embargo, el proceso es engorroso y costoso para muchas personas, lo que ha impedido que decenas de miles de residentes elegibles reciban una eliminación de antecedentes penales.

Para ser elegible para eliminar antecedentes penales en una culpa de felonía, la persona debe haber sido convicto de un crimen que califica bajo la ley, ha completado con éxito su período de libertad condicional y no ha sido vuelto a arrestar por 3-5 años. Debido al extenso proceso legal para eliminar antecedentes penales de los récords de una persona, el proceso puede llevar años y requiere múltiples intentos de envíos de documentos

antes de que sea aprobado para revisión en la Oficina del Procurador del Estado, para registrarlo en Corte. El anuncio de la Secretaria Martínez y la ayuda ofrecida en el nuevo Centro de Eliminación de Antecedentes Penales dará como resultado significativas reformas para muchas vidas.

“Ha habido más de 1,600 solicitudes de eliminación de antecedentes penales que han sido rechazadas por la Oficina del Procurador Estatal y la magistratura debido a problemas de papeleo. La verdadera reforma permite a la gente salir oficialmente del sistema de justicia criminal. Las personas elegibles no han sido arrestadas nuevamente por muchos años después de haber completado su sentencia y necesitamos ayudarlos a recuperar

su vida. Tener un récord criminal puede impactar la capacidad de una persona de encontrar un empleo, obtener un certificado para entrenamiento de empleo e inclusive evitar que una persona encuentre casa para ellos y su familia. Esto ofrecerá una verdadera segunda oportunidad e impactará incontables vidas”, dijo la Secretaria Martínez.

La Secretaria del Tribunal de Circuito del Condado de Cook, Iris Martínez, cortó el jueves el listón del Departamento de Eliminación de Antecedentes Penales de su oficina, ubicada en el Edificio del Tribunal Penal de Leighton en la Calle 26 y la Ave. California. El nuevo departamento ofrecerá una ubicación centralizada para las eliminaciones de antecedentes penales, permitiendo que esa



documentación se presente en un solo lugar.

Para hacer esos registros, anteriormente la gente tenía que ir a un distrito específico donde su caso era escuchado. La meta, dijo la oficina de la secretaria, es ayudar a eliminar dificultades para la gente que busca empleo, vivienda o educación. De acuerdo a la oficina de Martínez, el departamento

ofrecerá ayuda a quienes buscan registrar una petición de eliminación de antecedentes penales, así como talleres educativos y de consulta. El personal guiará a los solicitantes a través del proceso de eliminación de antecedentes penales, asegurándose de que tengan la información y los recursos necesarios para limpiar sus registros.

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Disney100: The Exhibition Extends Through March

Visitors will be taken on a visual journey where they can explore seldom-viewed works of art, including visual development drawings for *Sleeping Beauty* (1959), created by artist and Disney Legend Marc Davis. A very special piece of art from *Mary Poppins* (1964), which can also be seen in the opening titles of *Mary Poppins Returns* (2018), created by artist and Disney Legend Peter Ellenshaw,

will also be on display. Also included in the experience are some of the iconic props from various films, such as the Mad Hatter's teapot from *Alice in Wonderland* (2010); the poisoned caramel apple from *Enchanted* (2007) used by Timothy Spall and Amy Adams, and the dinglehopper from *The Little Mermaid* (2023) used by Halle Bailey. Fans won't want to miss seeing Disney-

#1, issued to Walt Disney in 1955, and early photography of Walt Disney's birthplace in Chicago. The show is presented in partnership with Exhibition Hub and Fever, both leaders in global live entertainment operations. Tickets are on sale now <https://disney100exhibit.com/chicago/>. *Disney100: The Exhibition* is scheduled to be open through March 17. **Photo Credit: Disney100: The Exhibition**



Love is in the Air, Bald Eagles in Big Marsh Park

From eagles courting in Big Marsh Park to the Great Lakes Piping Plovers building a family near the Montrose Dunes, the Chicago Park District's citywide natural habitat restoration efforts have created ideal environments for endangered species to return to the Midwest, and call Chicago's newly reclaimed natural areas home. A majestic Bald Eagle has been spotted soaring through the skies and propped stoically on trees above Horner Park in Chicago's Irving Park community area. But, the recently restored riverfront is not the only place in Chicago that these largest of North American raptors are calling home. Big Marsh Park in particular has been a magnet for these mighty birds since industry



was replaced with nature. The northwest section of the park in the Calumet Area Reserve opened to the public in 2016 with new walking trails and a bike park, but Bald Eagles have been appearing regularly since the early 2000s. Their presence has only

increased in numbers as restoration work picked up with the highest count being 12 eagles on a single day in 2018. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

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Disney 100: La Exhibición se Extiende Durante Todo Marzo



Los asistentes serán llevados a un viaje visual donde pueden explorar obras de arte rara vez vistas, incluyendo dibujos de desarrollo visual de *La Bella Durmiente* (1959), creados por el artista y Leyenda de Disney, Marc Davis. Una pieza muy especial de arte de *Mary Poppins* (1964), que puede verse también en los títulos de apertura de *Mary Poppins Regresa* (2018), creada por el artista y Leyenda de Disney Peter Ellenshaw, que estará

también en exhibición. Incluidos también en la experiencia están algunos de los icónicos props de varias películas, como la tetera del Sombrero Local de *Alicia en el País de las Maravillas* (2010); la manzana de caramelo envenenada de *Enchanted* (2007) usada por Timothy Spall y Amy Adams y el saltamontes de *La Pequeña Sirenita* (2023) usada por Halle Bailey. Los fanáticos no querrán perderse la insignia de empleado número 1 de

Disneyland Park, emitida a Walt Disney en 1955, y las primeras fotografías del lugar de nacimiento de Walt Disney en Chicago. El espectáculo se presenta en asociación con Exhibition Hub y Fever, ambos líderes en operaciones globales de entretenimiento en vivo. Los boletos ya están a la venta <https://disney100exhibit.com/chicago/>. *Disney 100: La Exposición* está programada para estar abierta hasta el 17 de marzo. **Credito de foto: Chicago Park District.**



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Inseparable Applauds Introduction of Legislation to Eliminate “Ghost Networks” to Improve Access to Mental Health Treatment



Inseparable, a national organization focused on closing the treatment gap for people with mental health conditions, improving crisis response, and supporting youth mental health, applauded the introduction of legislation in the General Assembly to improve access to mental health treatment by eliminating “ghost networks,” or provider networks that are filled with providers who are not actually in-network, not taking new patients, no longer in the same location, or not even practicing at all. The bill, HB5313, was recently introduced by State Representative Margaret Croke (IL-12) to ensure that enrollees seeking a mental health care provider can rely on accurate provider directories from their health plan. While insurance companies are required to make provider directories available for consumers when selecting a health plan or looking for an in-network provider, research shows that these directories frequently mischaracterize available providers or include “ghost networks” that are not actually available to people enrolled in a plan.

Research also proves the importance of ensuring people get the treatment they need – delays can cause conditions to worsen, a rise in additional health concerns, and a dramatic increase in costs. HB5313 would expand what a plan must disclose in its provider directories to include a description of how to dispute charges for out-of-network providers

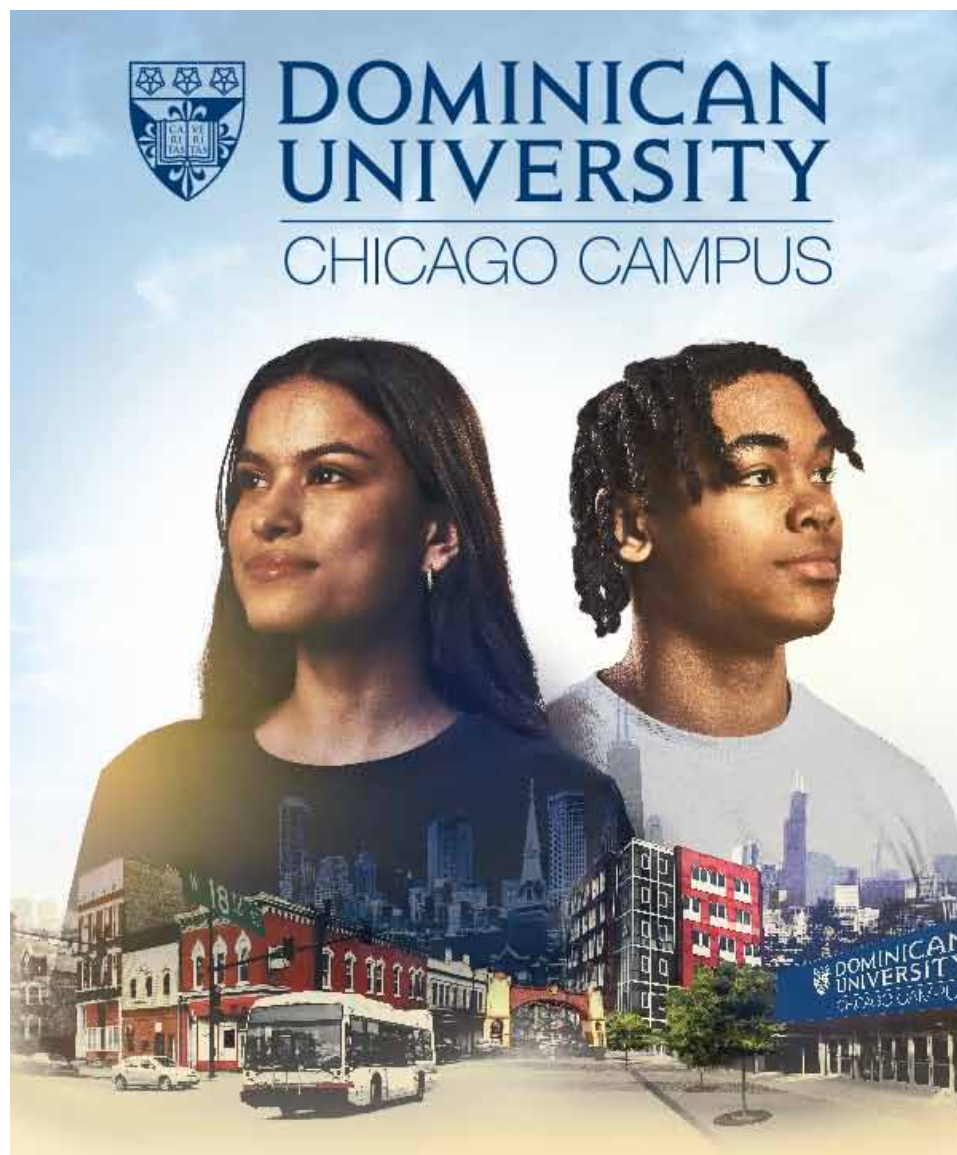
that were incorrectly listed as in-network prior to the provision of care, including a phone number and email address. It would allow consumers to recoup out-of-pocket expenses if they were charged out-of-network costs for a provider that was listed as in-network in their provider directory. To learn more about HB5313, read more on ILGA.gov.

Inseparables aplaude la introducción de Legislación para eliminar las “redes fantasma” para mejorar el acceso al tratamiento de salud mental

Inseparable, una organización nacional centrada en cerrar la brecha de tratamiento para personas con problemas de salud mental, mejorar la respuesta a las crisis y apoyar la salud mental de los jóvenes, aplaudió la introducción de legislación en la Asamblea General para mejorar el acceso al tratamiento de salud mental mediante la eliminación de “redes fantasma,” o redes de proveedores que están llenas de proveedores que en realidad no están dentro de la red, que no aceptan nuevos pacientes, que ya no están en el mismo lugar o que ni siquiera ejercen en

absoluto. El proyecto de ley, HB5313, fue presentado recientemente por la representante estatal Margaret Croke (IL-12) para garantizar que los afiliados que buscan un proveedor de atención de salud mental puedan confiar en directorios de proveedores precisos de su plan de salud. Si bien las compañías de seguros están obligadas a poner directorios de proveedores a disposición de los consumidores cuando seleccionan un plan de salud o buscan un proveedor dentro de la red, las investigaciones muestran que estos directo-

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Cicero Police Announce the Arrest of Eric Cabada in Connection with Two Vehicle Crash Fatalities

The Cicero Police Department announces the arrest of Eric Cabada, 24 years old of Berwyn, Illinois, in connection with the deaths of Eric J. Solano of Cicero, 30 years old, and Steve Alvarado-Nandi of Little Village Chicago, 29 years old. On February 18th, 2024, at approximately 1:46 AM, Officers responded to a traffic crash with injuries at 16th Street and 61st Court. When officers arrived, they observed a major crash with significant damage to multiple vehicles. Police and witnesses observed Cabada attempting to flee from his SUV but officers were able to detain Cabada. Two male victims, later identified to be Solano and Alvarado-Nandi, were observed on the roadway unresponsive. Both had been ejected from their

vehicle during the collision and did not survive their injuries. The West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) Major Crash Unit was requested and assisted Cicero Detectives in the investigation.

It was determined that the vehicle operated by Cabada was traveling at high speed northbound on 61st Court in the 1600 block, which is a residential street with a speed limit of 20 MPH. Cabada's vehicle entered the intersection of West 16th Street and 61st Court without stopping or slowing down and violently struck the victims' vehicle, which had been traveling eastbound on West 16th Street at 61st Court. Cabada sustained a minor injury due to the crash. As a result of the investigation, Cabada was identified as the driver and sole occupant



of his SUV. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the case and approved two counts of Reckless Homicide.

All further inquiries should be referred to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Members of the public are reminded that these complaints contain only charges and are not proof of the defendant's guilt. A defendant is presumed

innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Salud Mental...

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rios frecuentemente caracterizan erróneamente a los proveedores disponibles o incluyen "redes fantasma" que en realidad no están disponibles para las personas inscritas en un plan. Las investigaciones también demuestran la importancia de garantizar que las personas reciban el tratamiento que necesitan: los retrasos pueden provocar que las condiciones empeoren, un aumento de problemas de salud adicionales y un aumento dramático de los costos. HB5313 ampliaría lo que un plan debe divulgar en

sus directorios de proveedores para incluir una descripción de cómo disputar los cargos de proveedores fuera de la red que figuraban incorrectamente como dentro de la red antes de la prestación de atención, incluido un número de teléfono y una dirección de correo electrónico. . Permitiría a los consumidores recuperar los gastos de bolsillo si se les cobraran costos fuera de la red por un proveedor que figurara como dentro de la red en su directorio de proveedores. Para obtener más información sobre HB5313, lea más en ILGA.gov.

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Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar and 16th District Seniors Celebrate Valentine's Day

On Wednesday, February 14th and Thursday, February 15th, Commissioner Aguilar celebrated Valentine's Day with 16th District seniors. Over the course of two events, Commissioner Aguilar spoke with hundreds of seniors, passed out community resources, and discussed further ways to deliver support for senior residents. "We love our seniors!" said Commissioner Aguilar. "Getting to speak to and celebrate with seniors is always one of my favorite things to do. But more importantly, these events give us an opportunity to talk directly with seniors about resources and support that is available to them. By being accessible, we can ensure seniors are supported at every level." On Wednesday, February 14th, Commissioner Aguilar celebrated Valentine's Day at the

Berwyn Recreation Center. Over 100 seniors were in attendance, and received health kits, calendars, and other community resources. Also in attendance were Berwyn Mayor Robert

Lovero, Berwyn Assessor Jacqueline Pereda, Berwyn Township Supervisor David Avila, and Berwyn Alders Scott Lennon and Richard Leja. Then, on Thursday, February 15th,

Commissioner Aguilar joined Lyons Seniors at the Lyons Community Center.

Photo Credit: Office of Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar

El Comisionado Frank J. Aguilar y Personas Mayores del Distrito 16 Celebran el Día de San Valentín

El miércoles, 24 de febrero y el jueves, 15 de febrero, el Comisionado Aguilar celebró el Día de San Valentín con personas mayores del Distrito 16. En el curso de dos eventos, el Comisionado Aguilar habló con cientos de personas mayores, aprobó recursos comunitarios y discutió otras formas de brindar apoyo a las personas mayores. "Queremos a nuestros mayores!" dijo el Comisionado Aguilar. Hablar y celebrar a las personas mayores es siempre una de mis

actividades favoritas. Pero más importante, estos eventos nos dan la oportunidad de hablar directamente con las personas mayores sobre los recursos y apoyos disponibles para ellos. Al ser accesibles, podemos garantizar que las personas mayores reciban apoyo en todos los niveles". El miércoles, 14 de febrero, el Comisionado Aguilar celebró el Día de San Valentín en el Centro de Recreación de Berwyn. Más de 100 personas mayores asistieron y

recibieron estuches de salud, calendarios y otros recursos comunitarios. También estuvieron presentes el Alcalde de Berwyn, Robert Lovero, la Asesora de Berwyn Jacqueline Pereda, el Supervisor el Municipio de Berwyn, David Avila y

los Concejales de Berwyn, Scott Lennon y Richard Leja. Después, el jueves, 15 de febrero, el Comisionado Aguilar se unió a personas mayores de Lyons en el Centro Comunitario de Lyons.



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Albany Park Theater Presents 'Port of Entry'

Albany Park Theater Project (ATP) and Third Rail Projects' immersive production *Port of Entry* will return following a winter hiatus for performances starting March 8. After premiering in July 2023, *Port of Entry* had sold-out audiences through December. Spring performances are currently at capacity through June 15, but new dates will be announced soon and interested attendees are encouraged to join the waitlist for tickets to experience Chicago's Albany Park neighborhood



like never before. A three-story immersive performance space located in the heart of the Albany Park community at 3547 West Montrose Avenue acts as an additional character

within the story for this extremely successful show, which has set the standard for immersive experiences locally and nationally. Since last year, ATP's talented youth ensemble

has brought *Port of Entry* to life through the lens of real stories set over the course of the last century. The intersecting plots play out in intimate and immersive settings highlighting the

characters' environs – apartments, courtyards and patios that tell the story of the immigrant experience. *Port of Entry* offers a pay-what-you-choose ticketing model, ranging from \$20 to

\$140, with ticketholders at every price level enjoying the same experience. To sign up for ticket updates or learn more about *Port of Entry*, visit portofentrychicago.com.

Albany Park Theater Presenta 'Port of Entry'

Albany Park Theater Project (ATP) y la producción inmersiva de Third Rail Projects, *Port of Entry*, regresará luego de una pausa invernal para sus presentaciones, a partir del 8 de marzo. Después de la premiere en julio del 2023, *Port of Entry* tenía audiencias vendidas hasta diciembre. Las actuaciones de primavera están actualmente a su capacidad hasta el 15 de junio, pero se anunciarán nuevas fechas pronto y se aconseja a las personas interesadas a que se unan a la lista de espera de boletos para experimentar el barrio de Albany Park de Chicago como nunca antes. Un espacio de actuación inmersiva de tres pisos ubicado en el corazón de la comunidad de Albany Park en 3547 West Montrose Avenue actúa como un personaje adicional dentro de la historia de este espectáculo extremadamente exitoso, que ha establecido el

estándar para experiencias inmersivas a nivel local y nacional. Desde el año pasado, el talentoso conjunto juvenil de ATP ha dado vida a *Port of Entry* a través de la lente de historias reales ambientadas a lo largo del último siglo. Las tramas que se cruzan se desarrollan en entornos íntimos e inmersivos que resaltan el entorno de los personajes: apartamentos, patios y patios que cuentan

la historia de la experiencia de los inmigrantes. *Port of Entry* ofrece un modelo de emisión de boletos en el que paga lo que elija, que oscila entre \$ 20 y \$ 140, y los poseedores de boletos de todos los niveles de precios disfrutan de la misma experiencia. Para registrarse para recibir actualizaciones de boletos u obtener más información sobre *Port of Entry*, visite portofentrychicago.com.



AI Introduction at City Colleges of Chicago

City Colleges of Chicago will offer classes in Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) this Spring. The classes titled, Prompt Engineering for Everyone (non-Coding) and Accelerated and Machine Learning for Leaders - Generative AI, will be offered the first two Saturdays of each month beginning

March 2, through May, 2024. The cost for each is \$80. "We're offering these two classes in AI to empower those interested in learning how to compete in the workforce of today but more urgently, to lead and evolve with the changing workforce of tomorrow," said Executive Director Robert Clarke, City Colleges of Chicago.

"The impact of these courses on students' lives and career prospects cannot be overstated." AI is changing the way people and businesses operate and compete. It is revolutionizing the way people work because it is producing and creating better and faster output. For more information or to register, visit www.ccc.edu.



Rep. LaShawn K. Ford Introduces Police Scanner Transmissions Legislation

Illinois State Representative LaShawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) has introduced legislation which would require any law enforcement agency in Illinois which encrypts police scanner transmissions to provide real time access to those

transmissions to accredited media in the state. House Bill 4339 amends the Public Records Act to require that any law enforcement agency that encrypts radio transmissions provide, by license or otherwise, access to those transmissions to FCC licensed broadcasters

and accredited newspapers as defined in the Act. Under the Lightford Administration, the Chicago Police Department instituted a program designed to encrypt police scanner transmissions across all police districts in the city. “I understand



El Representante LaShawn K. Ford Presenta la Legislación Sobre Transmisiones de Escáneres Policiales

El Representante Estatal de Illinois LaShawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) introdujo una legislación que requeriría que cualquier agencia de la ley en Illinois que cifra las transmisiones del escáner policial, brinde acceso en tiempo real a dichas transmisiones a los medios acreditados en el estado. El Proyecto 4339 de la Cámara enmienda el Acta de Récords Públicos que exigían que cualquier agencia de aplicación de la ley que encripte transmisiones de radio proporcione, mediante licencia o de otro modo,

acceso a esas transmisiones a emisoras con licencia de la FCC y periódicos acreditados según se define en la Ley. Bajo la Administración de Lightford, el Departamento de Policía de Chicago instituyó un programa diseñado para cifrar las transmisiones de los escáneres policiales en todos los distritos policiales de la ciudad. “Entiendo el deseo de evitar que miembros del público usen información policiaca escaneada en tiempo real para cometer crímenes o para evadir la ley”, dijo el Representante Ford. “Sin embargo, los medios tienen la obligación de informar

sobre los acontecimientos de manera oportuna y el uso de información en tiempo real procedente de escáneres policiales es esencial. Bloquear el acceso en tiempo real a los medios acreditados va en contra de la transparencia gubernamental y no se presta a la declaración original del propósito del programa de cifrado”. El representante Ford hizo notar que su propuesta legislación aplicaría a las jurisdicciones de Illinois. Varios departamentos de aplicación de la ley del sur del estado también han instituido programas de cifrado.

the desire to prevent members of the public from using real time police scanner information to commit crimes or to evade law enforcement,” said Representative Ford. “However, the media has an obligation to report on

events in a timely manner and its use of real time information from police scanners is essential. Blocking accredited media from real time access is counter to governmental transparency and does not lend itself to the

original stated purpose of the encryption program.” Representative Ford noted that his proposed legislation would apply to jurisdictions across Illinois. Several downstate law enforcement departments have also instituted encryption programs.

Giannoulas Calls for Stronger State Ethics Laws

Days following the sentencing of Mike Madigan’s former chief of staff, Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulas announced a series of ethics reforms that would strengthen enforcement and require more transparency and disclosure regarding the financial dealings of lobbyists. The measures – contained in House Bill 4591 – come amid the ongoing federal corruption probe of state government that has led to the criminal indictments and convictions of several Illinois politicians and insiders. As Secretary of State, Giannoulas’ office maintains lobbyist registrations and statements of economic interest filed by public officials. Aside from a nominal fine, no enforcement



mechanism currently exists for the Secretary of State if lobbyists fail to comply with current reporting requirements. HB 4591 would enable the Secretary of State’s office to investigate allegations of wrongdoing and the authority to suspend or revoke a lobbyist’s

registration. The bill also requires lobbyists to provide more client information by way of compensation and would give the Secretary of State’s office the authority to suspend or revoke a lobbyist’s registration for violating the act or if convicted of certain crimes.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC F/K/A REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
Plaintiff,

-v.-
ROBERT STAPLES, JR., YVONNE PETTY A/K/A EVAUGHN PETTY, MARY NEAL, EDWARD STAPLES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SADIE M. STAPLES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SADIE M. STAPLES (DECEASED)
Defendants
2023 CH 06275
1047 N SAINT LOUIS AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60651
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 11, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1047 N SAINT LOUIS AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651
Property Index No. 16-02-406-005-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff,

-v.-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF DOROTHY JACKSON, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, ON BEHALF OF DOROTHY JACKSON, MILTON JACKSON, JACQUES JACKSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 02976
3110 W. WALNUT ST.
CHICAGO, IL 60612
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 20, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 3110 W. WALNUT ST., CHICAGO, IL 60612
Property Index No. 16-12-308-046
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$121,613.64.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 20 8234.
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TJSC#: 44-58

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC
Plaintiff,

-v.-
SHUNTAH BUTLER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HATTIE BUTLER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, CARY ROSENTHAL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HATTIE BUTLER (DECEASED)
Defendants
2023 CH 06622
4633 W. ADAMS ST
CHICAGO, IL 60644
NOTICE OF SALE

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Property Index No. 16-15-109-011-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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Maria Pappas Column

Your Property Taxes with Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas

Pay your Property Tax Bill Online to Avoid Risk of Check-washing Fraud

By: Maria Pappas

As the March 1 due date approaches for Cook County property owners to pay their First Installment 2023 tax bills, I encourage people to pay online. It's more convenient — and much safer. People who still pay their bills by mailing a check are at risk of falling prey to check-washing fraud. That's when thieves intercept checks from the mail and alter them to steal money from bank accounts. Paying your taxes online at cookcountytreasurer.com is easy — and free. There is no fee to pay online. My office collects about \$18 billion a year in property taxes from owners of 1.8 million parcels. We've embraced technological advancements, including adding the option to pay online at no cost, during my 25 years leading this office.

When I first walked into the office, \$30 million in unopened checks sat in

cardboard boxes on the floor. Some were there for 12 weeks. The undeposited funds earned no interest for Cook County. I immediately set up a lockbox at a bank and within the first year interest earned went from \$4.8 million to nearly \$19 million. I thought of those uncashed checks when I saw recent reports about a surge in check-washing fraud in Cook County and across the country. Several Chicago-area news outlets have reported on recent incidents of thieves stealing checks from mailboxes. Those reports should serve as a warning to those who still mail checks to pay bills. Those thieves typically soak checks in chemicals. That allows them to remove names and increase dollar amounts. Then they cash the checks.

That's what happened to Pedro and Dinah Zaragoza of Cicero, CBS2 Chicago recently reported. Dinah, 88, wrote and mailed a \$62 check to Nicor July 15. The check was stolen and \$4,200

was withdrawn from their bank account. Their bank eventually refunded the money after CBS2 inquired on the couple's behalf. Police and the U.S. Postal Service Inspection Service recently warned residents of Winnetka and Glenview to take caution after dozens of residents were scammed by check-washing incidents, the Chicago Tribune reported. The Postal Inspection Service provides information on ways to protect yourself from check-washing fraud.

You can avoid the risk of check-washing fraud by transferring funds electronically to pay your property tax bill. Simply visit cookcountytreasurer.com and click on the blue box that says Pay Online for Free. When you search using your address or Property Index Number, a picture of your property should appear. That tells you that you've found the correct parcel. You should see amounts due for Tax Year 2023 that are billed in 2024. Click on a small blue box that says Pay Now. You can pay for free from a checking or savings account using E-Check, an Automated Clearing House debit. You'll be prompted to provide your bank routing number and bank account number. You will also be asked to provide contact information, including a phone number and email address. You should receive an email acknowledging the transaction. The website offers a secure way to pay your tax bills and avoid the risk of check-washing fraud. You can also use the website to discover if you're eligible for a refund because of previous overpayments or missed exemptions. Visit cookcountytreasurer.com to learn more.

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