

# 3750 NEWS

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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

Our 3750 Holiday Party is Sunday, December 8th, from 5-8PM in the Garden Court. If you've offered to bring dessert, please bring the appropriate serving piece(s) if needed.

The building directory now has an alphabetic listing of shareholders after the numerical unit listing. The directory is available in the protected section of our website at [3750lsd.net](http://3750lsd.net). You'll need your user ID and password to access. Thank you, Pawlos!!

Amazon has pick up and drop off locker service available at Whole Foods on the corner of Halsted and Waveland.

Chicago City Council will be voting on lowering the speed limit from 30mph to 25mph by the end of the year. Many are in favor, believing many lives will be saved. Others fear more episodes of road rage. If it does pass it will be implemented slowly. Stay tuned.

The DMV has launched a pilot program placing Department of Motor Vehicles kiosks in 15 grocery stores. The kiosks will allow Illinoisans to renew licenses, state ID's and vehicle registrations and buy vehicle stickers. Participating in the pilot are Mariano's, Kroger, Jewel-OSCO and Meijer. The cost will be \$4.95 per transaction and a credit card processing fee if applicable. For more information about the program or to find the closest kiosk to you go to [www.ilsos.gov/kiosks](http://www.ilsos.gov/kiosks).

3750's 100th birthday is coming up in 2026. Let's recognize this event with a big celebration. Please send a message for Linda Stern ([lakey3750@gmail.com](mailto:lakey3750@gmail.com)) if you've got some ideas or you're interested in working on this one time event.

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## HOLIDAY NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**Allstate CTA Holiday Trains and Buses are back! It's their 33rd year. Trains will run from 11/29-12/23. Buses from 11/26-12/21. Check out [transitchicago.com](https://transitchicago.com) for schedules.**

**SHOP LOCAL:** Terrific opportunity to shop our local neighborhoods for unique gifts. We can support local businesses and surprise family and friends with one of a kind treats. Visit [blockclubchicago.org](https://blockclubchicago.org). Click on Shop Local 2024 Guide and pick your neighborhood. There's a guide for Lakeview, Roscoe Village, Lincoln Park and Old Town. Another for Roger's Park, Edgewater, Andersonville and Uptown. There are other neighborhoods as well. Happy hunting!

### **Maggie Daley Ice Skating Ribbon opens for its 10th Winter Season:**

The quarter-mile curved rink in the middle of Maggie Daley Park at 337 E. Randolph St. will be open daily through March 9th. To the south of the Ribbon is the park's Rink Cafe open 11am-10pm, selling treats like hot chocolate, funnel cake and warm pretzels; also other "necessities" like hot dogs, chili and Nachos.

### **Art Institute Free Hours...**

Monday, 12/2, 11-5

Thursday, 12/5, 11-8

Friday, 12/6, 11-5

Monday, 12/9, 11-5

Thursday, 12/12, 11-8

Friday, 12/13, 11-5

### **Zoolights**

November 15-January 5

\$7-\$10

Free admission select Mondays

### **Gallagher Way**

3635 N. Clark Street

Check [gallagherway.com](https://gallagherway.com) for more details and to double check event dates.

On 12/6 from 6-7PM there will be a tree lighting ceremony.

Visit Winterland every Thursday 4-9, Friday 4-9, Saturday 11-9, and Sunday 11-7 from December 6th-21st. There will be music, Santa, seasonal food and drinks, Carnival rides and Bumper Cars.

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**FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH ADULT CHILDREN WHO HAVE ENOUGH SWEATERS AND SLIPPERS AND THOSE OF YOU NEEDING A HOUSE GIFT OR JUST WANTING TO TREAT CLOSE FRIENDS - CHECK OUT THESE GIFT BASKETS: The New York Times says “ Most Gift Baskets are Terrible. These are Great.”**

For the fish lover: Caputo's Feast of the Seven (Tinned) Fishes Gift Box.  
Including meaty sardines with lemon and olive oil, spiced calamari in ragout, tender squid stuffed with seasoned rice in a rich tomato gravy among others  
\$110 from Caputo's  
\$120 from Amazon

Bokksu Gift Bokksu Snack Box. Supercharged Japanese snacks.  
Including 22 Japanese snacks, candies and teas.  
\$50 from Bokksu

Lots to nosh (both savory and sweet): Zingerman's The Weekender Gift Box  
Including Farm Bread, Beef Sticks Cabot Cheddar, Black Magic Brownie, sour cream Coffee cake among others  
\$115 from Zingerman's

Award Winning Cheese from Vermont: Jasper Hill Farm The Vermonter  
Including Harbison, Willoughby and Alpha Tolman cheeses and spiced pecans among others  
\$110 from Jasper Hill Farm

Cured Meats from this exceptional purveyor: Olympia Provisions Euro Charcuterie Box  
Including 3 styles of salami, seasonal pate, honey, pickled beets among others  
\$165 from Olympia Provisions

A deli spread for the homesick New Yorker: Katz's Birthday Box  
Includes pastrami, corned beef, rye bread, Swiss cheese, pickles, among others  
\$140 from Katz's Delicatessen

Criminally addictive Gummies: BonBon Large Gift Box  
Includes an assortment of sweet, sour and salty Swedish gummies  
\$43 from BonBon

Immaculate Syrian pastries: Mansoura Baklava Gift Platter  
Includes a ready to serve platter with two kinds of baklava, maamoul with two different fillings, pistachio birds nests among others  
\$100 from Mansoura

For the vegan chocoholic: Chocolat Moderne Vegan Vanguard Gift Basket

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Includes jammy cordials, toasty pralines and runny caramels among others  
\$165 from Chocolat Moderne

A cornucopia of handmade confections: Valerie Confections Large Gift Set  
Includes an 18 piece Baby Grand Assortment with a guide, almond toffee treats, two jars of fresh jam among others  
\$175 from Valerie Confections

What ice cream dreams are made of: Jeni's Best Sellers Collection  
Includes Brown Butter Almond Brittle, Darkest Chocolate, Salted Peanut Butter with Chocolate Flecks, Salty Caramel and Brambleberry Crisp  
\$58 from Jeni's

Classic ice cream treats: Graeter's Signature Chip Gift Selection  
Includes Raspberry Chocolate Chip and Mint Chocolate Chip among others  
\$85 from Graeter's  
Graeter's Assorted Chip Wheelies 12-Pack. (Chipwiches)  
\$84 from Graeter's.

Seasonal Fruit in ice cream form: Frog Hollow Farm Ice Cream Sandwiches  
Includes 12 individually wrapped brick shaped ice cream sandwiches in orchard driven flavors like apricot, peach, pear caramel, pluot.  
\$180 from Goldbelly

For the Cookie Monster in your life, the cookies of your dreams: Levain Bakery  
Signature Cookie Assortment  
Includes 8 hulking 6 oz cookies - the classics - Chocolate Chip Walnut, Dark Chocolate Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Peanut Butter Chip and Oatmeal Raisin  
\$49 from Levain Bakery (pack of 8)

A bounty of tropical fruit: Miami Fruit Variety Box  
Depending what's in season may include a cacao pod, an avocado, a mamey sapote, a guava, a jujube, a tree tomato - etc. For the adventurous eater  
\$50 from Miami Fruit

Show-stopping chocolates: Recchiuti Confections Sharing Box  
Includes a 9 piece collection of truffles, cacao nib and fleur de sel discs, dark hot chocolate among others  
\$150 from Recchiuti Confections

A selection of uniquely flavored jams: Welovejam Discount Jam Gift Box 6 pack  
Includes blueberry lemon, Blenheim apricot and vanilla blackberry among others  
\$65 from We Love Jam

## **For the Cook**

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North African and Middle Eastern-inspired spices and condiments: New York Shuk The Harissa Collection  
Includes 2 types of harissa (a spreadable chili based condiment), and three harissa based spice blends  
\$53 from New York Shuk

A taste of Chengdu: Fly By Jing By Jing Box - spicy Sichuan Condiments  
Includes Sichuan Chili Crisp, Xtra Spicy Chili Crisp and sweet and spicy Zhong Sauce among others  
\$62 from Fly By Jing with promo code WCBYJING

Imported Italian goodies: Gustiamo Party in Cucina Basket  
Includes Semolina pasta, Canned San Marzano tomatoes, Castelvetrano olives among others  
\$130 from Gustiamo

A big box of the best beans: Rancho Gordo Deluxe Gift Box  
Includes five 1 pound bags of heirloom beans with simple cooking instructions.  
Promises to be unlike anything you've tasted before  
\$65 from Rancho Gordo

A connoisseur-worthy coffee sampler: Onyx Coffee Lab Collection Box  
Includes 8 4oz bags. Each has the roasting date, origins, tasting notes and where the flavor falls on a scale of "traditional" to "modern".  
\$55 from Onyx Coffee Lab

A collection of high-end teas: Harney and Sons Best Sellers 20 Count Sachets  
Includes the following flavors: English Breakfast, Earl Grey Supreme, Paris and Hot Cinnamon Spice  
\$45 from Harney and Sons  
Harney and Sons Best Sellers 4oz. Loose Tea  
\$45 from Harney and Son

## **ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, ETC.**

### **IF YOU HAVEN'T FOUND THEM YET YOUR NEIGHBORS RECOMMEND:**

For lovers of live music in a cafe atmosphere like some of your neighbors do visit these live performance venues - a special treat for the Holidays or anytime.

WINTERS JAZZ CLUB  
465 N. McClurg Court  
[wintersjazzclub.com](http://wintersjazzclub.com) for upcoming shows

GREEN MILL

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4802 N. Broadway  
[greenmilljazz.com](http://greenmilljazz.com)

JAZZ SHOWCASE  
806 S. Plymouth Court  
jazz [showcase.com](http://showcase.com)

DAVENPORT'S PIANO BAR AND CABARET  
1383 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
[davenportspianobar.com](http://davenportspianobar.com)

### **RESTAURANTS RECOMMENDED BY YOUR NEIGHBORS:**

ARTANGO BAR & STEAKHOUSE  
4767 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Argentine cuisine - Trio de ceviches, Pulpo a la Plancha Octopus, Assortment of Argentine sausages, Empanadas, Argentine style BBQ...

DENUCCI'S  
503 W. Dickens (Where 4 Farthings used to be)  
Old School Italian - Artichoke Vesuvio, Baked Mozzarella & Prosciutto, Veal Marsala, Branzino Piccata...

SAL'S TRATTORIA  
2834 N. Southport Ave.  
Classic Italian fare, serving Mussels with Italian sausage, tomato, garlic, Chili flake, white wine and cream, Crabcake with spicy apple mostardo, Farro salad, Orecchetti with duck ragu, mushrooms, smoked Gouda and Orange breadcrumbs, Rainbow trout piccata, 14 oz. Pork chop...

TURQUOISE RESTAURANT  
2147 W. Roscoe  
Mediterranean, serving classic Turkish lentil soup, French onion soup, Kebabs including salmon, scallops, and falafel, zucchini fritters, eggplant salad, Mezze platter, lamb chops, ossobuco Milanese, Mediterranean branzino...

MIDORI JAPANESE RESTAURANT  
3310 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.  
Whether you like sushi, sashimi or teriyaki, MIDORI has it all. Fresh and beautifully prepared and served. At a table, the counter or in a tatami room. Dinner is served with appetizers, salad and miso soup. Be sure to check Roberto's special maki...shrimp tempura,

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snow crab meat spicy sauce, wrapped with rice. Everyone I know ends up ordering it after they taste mine. (Linda S.)

#### CHEZ JOEL BISTRO FRANCAIS

1119 W. Taylor St.

Southern French Cuisine. Serving Duck liver pate, Escargot Bourguignon, Filet mignon, Lamb shank, Coq au Vin, Bouillabaisse, Sea Scallops...

#### NORTH POND RESTAURANT

At the edge of North Pond overlooking the dramatic Chicago skyline.

Beginning 12/5/24 North Pond will be serving a five course meal. Reservations only.

Currently serving a 4 course tasting menu for \$129 with \$71 for a wine pairing. Definitely for a special occasion and the menu is VERY special. Choose from...

First Courses: Potato Samosa...Beet, Chocolate... Crab, Japanese Sweet Potato

Second Courses: Pork, Pear...Scallop, Sweet Potato, Lamb Cauliflower

Entrees: Sablefish, Chestnut...Duck, Duck, Squash...Wagyu, Orange

Desserts: Apple, Hazelnut...Pumpkin, Cream Cheese...Chocolate, Sesame...Cheese Plate...

#### PETIT POMEROY

748 N State St.

Serving bistro favorites. Sister to POMEROY in Winnetka. Serving the usual plus Steak tartare, Warm tomato tart, Lobster roll, Poulet Cajun, Bouillabaisse, Arctic char, Duck fat potatoes...

#### REGALIA

5959 N. Broadway

Italian...Upscale yet unpretentious. That's what they say. Our reviewers loved it. Serving Shrimp Gorgonzola, Long Stent Artichokes Francese, Tuna Carpaccio, Beef Carpaccio, Poached Pear Arugula Salad, Risotto with shrimp and asparagus tips, Rigatoni Ragu Alla Rustico (Braised beef short rib, mushroom, garlic and sweet ricotta), Fettuccine with Assorted seafood, plus several chicken and meat entrees.

#### O'SHAUGHNESSY'S PUBLIC HOUSE

4557 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Authentic Irish Bar with a big selection of domestic and imported beers. Serving Sausage Rolls (Irish sausage wrapped in puff pastry), Onion Rings (whiskey battered), Brussels and Bacon, Curry Chips, Mediterranean salad, Corned beef press, Pulled Pork, Chipotle - Lime Chicken Sandwich, The Sullivan (Smoked salmon, crispy smoked bacon, lettuce, tomatoes and creamy caper aioli on toasted multigrain bread...

#### O'DONOVAN'S PUB AND RESTAURANT

2100 W. Irving Park Road

Serving Tomato Basil Bisque, Chili, Baked Goat Cheese, Reuben Rolls, Potstickers, Cobb Salad, Asian Chicken Salad, Blackened Tilapia Tacos, 3 b's chicken (Bacon, BBQ and crumbled bleu cheese on a ciabatta roll), Beef Tenderloin, Cuban, Turkey Club, Burgers galore, Brick Chicken, Chicken Parmigiana, Brownie Skillet, Red Velvet Cupcake...

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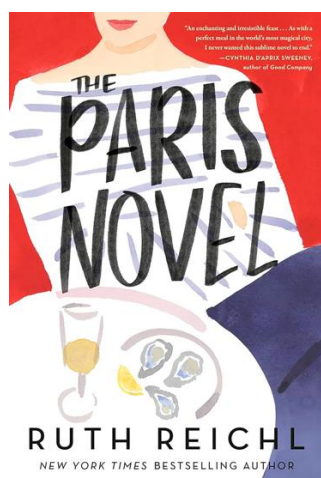
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## QUE RICO

2814 N. Southport

Neighborhood Mexican for 30 years. Serving delicious fruity margaritas (strawberry, raspberry, mango, peach or banana, homemade soups including Cream of Jalapeño, Tomato Habanero, Cream of Wild Mushroom, Butternut Squash, Cream of Leek and Tortilla. Guacamole, three kinds of Empanadas, Enchaladas, Tacos, Fajitas, and for entrees...Pork in Chile Mole or Chile Verde, Chicken six ways, Burritos, Tostadas, Flautas, Chimichangas, Chiles Rellenos, Mexican meatloaf... Choice of 8 desserts and much more. Always good.

## BOOK CLUB FOR MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2024



Come join fellow shareholders for a glass of wine and lively discussion of *The Paris Novel*, by Ruth Reichl.

Best selling author Ruth Reichl takes readers on an adventure of food, art, fashion, and mystery in 1980's Paris in this dazzling, heartfelt novel.

When her estranged mother dies, Stella is left with an unusual one-way plane ticket and a note reading "Go to Paris". Hardly cut out for adventure, she resigns herself to honoring her mother's last wishes.

Alone in a foreign city, Stella falls into old habits, living cautiously and frugally. Then she stumbles across a vintage store where she tries on a fabulous Dior dress. The shopkeeper insists that this dress is for Stella and, for the first time in her life, Stella does something impulsive. She buys the dress and together they embark on an adventure.

Her first iconic brasserie Les Deux Magots, where she meets her first oysters, and then meets an octogenarian art collector who decides to take her under his wing. As he introduces her to a veritable who's who of the 1980's Paris literary, art, and culinary worlds, Stella begins to understand what it might mean to live a larger life.

Stella uncovers a 100-year old mystery in a Manet painting and discovers a passion for food that may be connected to her past. A feast for the senses, this novel is a testament to living deliciously, taking chances, and finding your true home.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, AT 7 PM, IN THE GRACE SREET LOBBY

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Please RSVP to Todd Cannon at [todd cannon@comcast.net](mailto:todd cannon@comcast.net) or 312 841-9795.  
SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE NEXT THREE BOOK CLUBS:  
Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM: Daniel Silva's latest mystery: *A DEATH IN CORNWALL*.

Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 PM: *BALZAC AND THE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS*, by Dai Sijie.

Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 PM: *A VISIT FROM THE GOON SQUAD*, by Jennifer Egan.

#### **TV to WATCH, STREAM OR DVR:**

##### **ON HBO:**

THE FRANCHISE - A sequel takeoff on Hollywood's obsession with making Comic book movies

##### **ON NETFLIX:**

WHAT'S NEXT - A documentary on Bill Gates

THE LINCOLN LAWYER - Season 3

##### **ON BRITBOX:**

MAXINE - A 3 part miniseries based on the story of Maxine Carr's involvement in the 2002 Soham murders - two 10 year olds were murdered by Carr's boyfriend.

BLACK WORK - a 3 part British detective fiction thriller.

##### **ON CBS**

BLUE BLOODS - Last Season of this police procedural featuring Tom Selleck as the Police Commissioner, with his entire family involved in the law.

#### **RECOMMENDED PODCASTS:**

WISER THAN ME with Julia Louis-Dreyfus

SAW BONES - Why Doctors Don't Fix Teeth, Insomnia

THE DAILY - NYTIMES daily 20 minute update

IN THE DARK - An award winning investigative-Journalism podcast that started in 2016

#### **TWO RECIPES...FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND BEYOND...**

**FIRST, FROM Patty DeMarais** - Quick and easy **ROASTED TOMATO PASTA**, 2 variations. (From twitter, altered by Patty)

##### **INGREDIENTS:**

2 pints cherry tomatoes

2-3 cloves garlic, chopped

4-6 oz block Feta (can substitute Goat Cheese)

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4 Tbsp olive oil (more if you prefer)  
Fresh ground black pepper to taste  
1 lb. Pasta of choice  
Salt

Preheat oven to 400. Place tomatoes and garlic in a 9x14 inch baking pan. Pour 3 Tbsp oil in and mix well. Place Feta in center. Pour last Tbsp of oil over Feta. Pepper to taste. Bake for 20-30 minutes until tomatoes are soft and jammy and the Feta is soft and slightly browned. During last 15 minutes of baking cook pasta al dente in well salted water. Drain pasta reserving 1 cup of pasta water. Pour tomatoes and Feta over pasta. Pour 1/2 cup of pasta water into baking pan and scrape to remove any tomatoes and cheese remaining. Add to pasta and mix well. Sauce should be soft and creamy. Add remaining pasta water as needed. Add salt if desired.

Version 2:

Same ingredients as above, substituting 1 lb. asparagus for Feta. Trim woody stems from asparagus and slice stalks into 1 inch - 1 1/2 inch pieces. Place asparagus pieces throughout the tomato and garlic mixture, add the 4 Tbsp of olive oil and bake for 20-30 minutes. Mix with pasta as above. Season well with grated Parmesan if desired.

**FOR BREAKFAST...FOR DESSERT...FOR HIGH TEA from Anne Heekin**

### **CRANBERRY NUT BREAD**

2 cups sifted flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons hot water  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 cup orange juice  
2 tablespoons melted butter  
1 cup cranberries  
1/2 cup walnuts

Sift dry ingredients together; add water, egg, OJ and butter and blend; fold in nuts and cranberries.

This can be prepared as a loaf or muffins.  
Bake 60-75 minutes at 325 degrees.

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS**

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**'THE HAMMER KILLER'**  
**LAKEVIEW'S HOMICIDAL, INSANE MURDERER**  
**PART III of III**  
**THE PRISON ESCAPE, CAPTURE, MORE TRIALS, & FREEDOM**

**Hammer Killer Escapes  
Prison with 2<sup>nd</sup> Maniac.  
Make Keys and Open Cells at Chester.**

In February 1938, six years after being sentenced to the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, Paul Harrison, 35, along with another prisoner, Peter Florek, "fashioned keys in some manner in the prison's shoe repair department, and let themselves, unnoticed, out a side door of the prison." News spread throughout the Midwest and the report of Harrison's appearance renewed the apprehension of many Chicagoans who were threatened by him after his capture. Police in the city were asked to keep watch on Harrison's old haunts there. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 13 February 1938, p. 5). It was thought he might be looking for his former wife, Margaret, whom he had married in January 1932, shortly after committing one of his murders. Margaret had obtained an annulment of the marriage in 1936 after telling the judge that immediately after the marriage, she and Harrison had returned to their apartment when Harrison said he would return after he had finished some work. "The next day, he returned carrying a hammer while his wife was away. He did not await her return." (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 12 July 1936, p. 7).

**Insane Chicago Hammer Killer is Recaptured**

Chester, Ill., Feb.18.—AP—"Suffering from exposure, Paul Harrison and Peter Florek, escaped criminally insane patients from the Illinois Security Hospital at Menard, were captured without resistance on Chester's Mississippi river water front. The building is less than a mile from the hospital.

The fugitives were hidden in the warehouse, most of the time without food, since Saturday night, when they attempted to swim the Mississippi river after fleeing from the hospital...

Both feet frozen, Harrison, 35 year old hammer slayer of four persons in Chicago in 1931 and 1932, had to be carried from the building. At the hospital, the superintendent said Harrison was 'in bad shape and in danger of pneumonia.'

An iron spike, part of a pike pole, used by river boats to fend off logs and driftwood, led to the capture of the men.

Finding the spike, detectives searched the levee district and discovered the handle on the lower floor of the old warehouse. Going to the second floor, their searchlights directed them to a pile of lumber and boxes in a far corner. They noticed footprints in the dust. Searching, they

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found the two men in a large box, one end of which was open.” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Saturday, 19 February 1938, p. 1).

## **COURT TO HEAR SANITY PLEA OF HAMMER SLAYER**

Five years after his escape from prison, “A petition for a writ of habeas corpus to restore to sanity Paul Harrison, hammer slayer of three men and a woman in Chicago in 1931 and 1932, was heard in Chicago’s Criminal Court.

The victims of Harrison’s hammer killing forays were Dr. James Shaffer, a dentist, slain in his office at 3801 Broadway; Earl Davis, a watchman, killed in a garage at 3740 Sheridan road (adjacent to 3750); Charles Pagel, beaten to death at 27 East Harrison street; and Mrs. Norma Newby, slain in the Elk Grove forest preserve.

If Harrison is released as sane, the state’s attorney’s office will have the problem of whether he shall be tried for the four killings.” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Wednesday, 31 March 1943, p. 21)

Appearing before the Criminal Court in Chicago in early April 1943, the Chief Justice approved a commission of four alienists to examine Harrison.

## **HAMMER SLAYER OF 4 SANE NOW; EXPERTS TESTIFY**

### **Killer Beat Doctors at Chess, Says Guard.**

“Four psychiatrists testified before Chief Justice John A. Sbarbaro of the Criminal Court yesterday that Paul Harrison, 38 years old, hammer slayer of four persons in 1931 and 1932, now is sane.

Five guards from the Illinois Security Hospital at Menard, where Harrison has been confined since 1932, also testified they believe he now is sane. One of the guards, Charles Bullock, was asked how he had reached that conclusion. ‘I saw him play chess with the bug doctors, and they never could beat him,’ Bullock replied....”

One of the psychiatrists placed on the stand was subjected to vigorous cross-examination by the Assistant Attorney General. When asked why the doctor never recommended Harrison’s discharge, the psychiatrist answered “No one ever asked me.” The prosecutor followed up by asking “Isn’t it your duty to inform the authorities when men in the hospital recover their sanity?”

“No,” was the response. “And why not,” asked the prosecutor. “If you work for the state of Illinois you find out you get along a lot better by keeping quiet” was the reply. When cross examined, Harrison said he knew nothing of his acts of violence and that he did not remember his previous sanity trial. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Wednesday, 5 May 1943, p. 21)

## **SANITY HEARING FOR SLAYER OF FOUR NULLIFIED**

The criminal court hearing to determine Harrison’s sanity was nullified when it was discovered that the manner of proceeding was incorrect. Harrison’s lawyer persuaded the court that a simple sanity trial by jury was the lawful procedure; the court agreed; and Harrison’s habeas corpus action was withdrawn. All evidence regarding Harrison’s sanity would have to be repeated at the later trial. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL Saturday, 22 May 1943, p. 113)

## **DEFENSE CLOSES SANITY CASE OF HAMMER KILLER**

“The defense completed its testimony yesterday in the hearing before a jury in the Criminal court of Judge Rudolph Desort in which Paul Harrison is seeking his release from the Illinois Security hospital in Menard on the grounds that he has recovered his sanity...

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Lew Wallace, director of the hospital, and his wife, Grace, testified that Harrison was a good prisoner and an unusually good workman. Wallace said he had never noted any abnormal behavior by Harrison. The court psychiatrist testified that a recent examination of Harrison showed he had superior intelligence.

Dr. Charles B. Congdon, consulting psychiatrist and a professor at Loyola university medical school, said that in his opinion, Harrison had permanently recovered his sanity.” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Friday, 19 November 1943, p. 8)

### **FIND HAMMER KILLER SANE; FACES TRIAL**

Paul Harrison was found sane by a jury of seven women and five men who deliberated for slightly over four hours before reaching their verdict.

The defendant’s immediate release was blocked by the Assistant State’s Attorney who asked the court to set a motion for a new trial when three new murder charges could be filed.

Harrison’s attorney, Thaddeus Toudor pointed out that in the original hearing, the head of the state’s Criminal court behavior clinic had pronounced Harrison insane. Harrison’s confession to the murders was, therefore, “made by an insane man and consequently would be valueless in court.” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Tuesday, 23 November 1943, p. 1)

### **HAMMER KILLER OF 4, HELD SANE, LET OUT OF JAIL**

#### **State Drops Murder Case Against Him.**

One week after being adjudged by a jury to be sane, “Paul Harrison walked out of the county jail a free man yesterday after the state’s attorney’s office had stricken the murder charges against him.”

#### **‘Can’t Remember Crimes.**

“During his habeas corpus sanity hearing, Harrison, 38 years old, said he couldn’t remember what had occurred during the time he was accused of the hammer killings...

“The prosecutor said the state had no evidence against Harrison except his confession and that the state alienist had testified as a state’s witness that Harrison was insane at the time he made the confession, thus preventing any use of the statement. The state asked that the murder charges be stricken with leave to reinstate in the event new evidence is found.”

Harrison’s attorney said that Harrison planned to return to his mother’s home in North Carolina. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Saturday, 4 December 1943, p. 13)

### **OPENING THE ASYLUM GATES.**

“Paul Harrison, who confessed in 1932 to the hammer slaying of four persons, was adjudged insane and sent to the Illinois Security hospital in Menard. The other day he walked out of the county jail a free man....

This case is not unique in Cook county. Less than a month ago a former WPA worker who murdered his aged mother in a drunken rage and spent five years in a state insane hospital won his freedom in about the same manner. A jury held that he was insane at the time he committed the crime, but another jury held that he is sane now, so he had to be released.

The theory of the law is that a crazy man is not responsible for his acts and therefore should not be punished for them. Common sense replies that there is more reason to put to death a homicidal maniac than an ordinary murderer because there is a greater probability that the maniac will repeat his crime.

It is possible, of course, that a man who commits a crime while insane will recover his mental balance and never suffer a relapse. The trouble is that when such are turned loose, society takes all the chances. There no doubt are a lot of sane men in jail for life who wouldn’t commit another crime if turned loose, but society prefers not to give them another chance if only because there is no certain way to predict their behavior.

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There can be even less certainty about the homicidal maniac, supposedly restored to reason. Until psychiatry is a much more precise science than it now is, such men ought to be kept in custody as long as they live. As it is, the insanity plea is a splendid way to beat a murder rap.”  
(*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Monday, 6 December 1943, p. 16)

**POSTSCRIPT:** Shortly after his release from prison, Harrison did return to his mother’s home in Mount Holly, NC where he was registered for the WW II draft 30 December 1943. By 1945 he had moved to East St. Louis, IL, with his wife and only child, a son, where he worked as a machinist for the Hudson Auto Company. He founded his own company in East St. Louis, the Paul Electric Company, and eventually moved to Belleville, IL, where he died in 1973.

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