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then everybody
would be great
at what they did,
let's face it.

— Mike Ditka

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Shoplifting soars as prosecutors back off

BY CWBCHICAGO

On Oct. 9, Area North detectives issued a community alert about a robbery pattern in Logan Square. Chicago police release similar warnings dozens of times every month.

But the Logan Square warning was unique. An armed man, police said, had shoplifted from the exact same Walgreens location and then threatened store employees with a weapon three separate times in three weeks.

A little after 5 p.m., Oct. 11, a small group of men gathered armloads of merchandise and ran out the front door of shoe retailer DSW's Loop location.

It was the second time in four hours that organized shoplifters had struck the store.

In May, shoplifting crews struck the DSW location at Clark and Halsted streets in Lakeview three times in one week. Each time, police reports indicate, groups of five to seven men and women entered the location and fled with duffle bags full of merchandise.

The popular Ulta Beauty chain has been targeted by countless shoplifting mobs across the city this year. Police on Oct. 13 said

a two-man team stole between \$8,000 and \$9,000 worth of merchandise from the company's Lincoln Park location at 1000 W. North Ave.

These incidents are not isolated. An examination of Chicago Police Dept. data by this reporter found that retail theft cases are up sharply in recent years across the city and in its busiest shopping corridors.

"A thousand dollars in merchandise — for a small business that could be the profit margin for a month," Justice Mayor Kris Wasowicz said.

The increase comes as Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx makes a public effort to back away from retail theft prosecutions. Attorneys in Foxx's office are instructed to not pursue felony charges against shoplifting suspects unless the value of the pilfered merchandise exceeds \$1,000. That's more three times the \$300 felony threshold set by state law.

Since Foxx was elected in Nov. 2016, retail theft reports are up

20% across the city. Along the posh Rush St. shopping district, reported incidents have more than doubled. And on State St., famed in movie and song for its shopping opportunities, retail theft cases are up 32%.

But the North Ave. retail strip between Halsted St. and the Chicago River may be the hardest hit.

Retailers there filed 100 shoplifting reports with police through the end of September. That's more than all of last year.

"Full extent of the law"

In a meeting with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle this Summer, suburban mayors spoke about the frustration their police officers and retailers have had with Foxx's policies. According to the Chicago Tribune: "People are not being prosecuted for stealing," Justice Mayor Kris Wasowicz told Preckwinkle during the event at the Oak Forest Village Hall hosted by 6th District Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller.

"My police officers are frustrated, my merchants are up in arms," Wasowicz said.

Thieves have shoplifted up to

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Central Uptown planning study wants you!

BY JIM VAIL

A central Uptown planning study commissioned by the 46th Ward Alderman's office and local businesses want to hear from people about plans to spruce up the area around the newly rebuilt Wilson CTA station.

Uptown United is embarking on a plan for the commercial corridors along Wilson Ave. and Broadway. The goal of this plan is to support and build a thriving commercial district.

"As we develop this plan, we need input from people who live, work, and visit the area," Uptown United announced. "We've already talked with business owners, nonprofit organization leaders, commercial property owners, and other key stakeholders. We survey local businesses annually, as well. Now we want to hear from you!"

The survey can be taken online at: <http://exploreuptown.org/survey>.

There are three public surveys to give your input: a separate survey for three distinctive sections of Central Uptown's commercial district - 1) Wilson Ave. in Sheridan Park; 2) Wilson Ave. east of Broadway, and 3) North Broadway near Wilson Station (4400-

4700 N. Broadway).

The goal is to create a long-range vision for enhancing the area's overall land use, economic vitality and physical appearance to support local businesses. They will review the existing streetscape and public space conditions and determine appropriate urban design improvements, understand the challenges existing small businesses face, encourage appropriate land uses and development, and engage the community.

Questions in the survey include what are the most important features you would like to see on the Wilson sidewalks - bike racks, landscape planters, trash cans, historic markers, murals, sidewalk cafes, street trees, or benches, and what kind of buildings are appropriate - retail only, residential only or mixed use, how high new buildings should be, and what type of architecture - modern (glass and steel) or traditional (brick and stone).

The Entertainment District near Lawrence Station is also part of the Uptown Square Landmark District. Once the city's second-busiest commercial area, Uptown Square remains to this day vibrant night and day thanks to a concentration of entertain-

ment venues such as the Aragon Ballroom, Riviera Theater, Green Mill, Preston Bradley Center, and Uptown Lounge. Uptown Square has a long and colorful history as an entertainment destination—derived from the many clubs and theaters that hosted stars of the silent film and jazz eras, movie palaces in the 1950s, and then rock shows in recent years. In the next few years massive public investment in sidewalks, a new plaza, and renovated transit stations will reinforce the area's vibrancy and continued appeal. A focused study of this area will be the second phase of the Central Uptown Planning Study.



Arson in Lincoln Park

Police are warning residents of a rash of arson cases taking place in Lincoln Park where the offender uses available materials to set city garbage cans and garages on fire.

These incidents occurred on Oct. 15 between 1:20 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. in the 700 block of W. Wrightwood; 700 block of W. Schubert; 500 block of W. Wellington; 600 block of W. Diversey, and 2700 block of N. Lehmann Ct.

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

Lake View may have Chicago's first pot retailer, *Story on page 7*

State's four most expensive zip codes for renters are in Loop, neighborhoods north and west

BY STEVEN DAHLMAN
Loop North News

No surprise here. The highest rents in Illinois this year were paid by renters in the Loop, West Loop, River North, and Streeter-ville.

The apartment search website RENTCafé analyzed the rents of 17 million apartments in 7,000 zip codes nationwide and declared these the four most expensive zip codes for renters in Illinois...

- 60606, which covers the west side of the Loop from Wells Street to 1-2 blocks west of the Chicago River. In this zip code, the average monthly rent is \$2,770, up 4.6 percent from last year. It is the most expensive zip code for the second year in a row.

- 60654, mostly River North from about State Street west to Halsted Street and from the Chicago River north to Chicago Avenue. The average monthly rent is \$2,761, up 5.2 percent from last year.

- 60611, mostly Streeter-ville from State Street east to Lake

Michigan and Chicago River north to Division Street. The average rent is \$2,679, up 5.7 percent from last year. That is the most significant increase among the priciest zip codes in Chicago.

- 60601, the North Side of the Loop, from Randolph Street north to the river and Wells Street east to the lake. The average rent is \$2,616, up 5.0 percent from last year.

According to RENTCafé, these rents are \$300 to \$700 higher than average rents in all of Chicago.

Of the ten most expensive zip codes for renters in the Midwest, nine are in Chicago and one is in Minneapolis.

But compared to New York City and San Francisco, Chicago is downright cheap. Eight of the top 10 highest priced rental markets are in Manhattan, with monthly rents ranging from \$5924 in 10282 at #1, and 10036 at #10 coming in at \$4375 per month. You can leave your heart in San Francisco for \$4762 a month in 94129 (#4), or \$4380 in 94105 in 9th place.

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No bed or vittles if you can't control your weapons or tempers



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Chicago is an informal place, you don't need a crease in your trousers to live here. You don't have to have the latest cravat to fit right in. Though in some locations it might help.

Don't get me wrong. Chicagoans like to doll themselves up. Stylish could be our middle name. We do have, after all, two Brooks Brothers stores in town. And you may want to tidy yourself up if you're going to plead your case in traffic court, lunch at Ralph Lauren Bar and Grill, shop on N. Michigan Ave. or sip cocktails on the Gold Coast.

But if you just want a big steak, you can get away with a more casual outfit at Gibson's, Erie Cafe or Gene and Georgetti's. We're pretty informal at the dinner table here. We're getting pretty informal elsewhere also, as no one goes to work in a blazer at the Board of Trade, or Sunday Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, or the Lyric Opera. The age of infor-

mality has arrived in the 606 zip code.

Old Mayor Daley would be appalled.

But it probably shouldn't be too surprising that a deep vein of informality runs through Chicago's urban character. After all we began our days as a frontier outpost in early 19th century America, situated along the banks of the Chicago River. Mark Beaubien, the village's most erudite and distinguished resident, had his Inn at the fork of Wolfe Point. (That's a spot that the Kennedy's own today.) Right now regal high-rises are ascending there, ironically, beginning to draw an architectural curtain across the face of the Merchandise Mart, also a piece of Ambassador Joe Kennedy's family real estate portfolio.

Beaubien kept a cozy and cordial hotel, Chicago's first B&B, right there were the river splits. You got a bed for the night, and your vittles, from him. You also got some great fiddle playing. He was the best in town. You could relax and listen to his tunes and enjoy a glass of corn whiskey, right in the middle of nowhere. But it was the Ritz for the trappers and traders who populated the overcrowded Inn. (The original John Jacob Astor among them).

Beaubien had one condition for staying there. You had to surrender all weapons, guaranteeing everyone a good night's sleep. These

were the days before Chicago incorporated as a town in 1836. Pelts and hides were the number one crop of local commerce. And these commodities would shape both fashion and winter warmth in the populated Eastern portion of the nation.

Trading and trapping were reflective of Chicago's buckskin character and primitive roots in the heartland culture of America. But they also signed and sealed our place in the future of American life, given our geography. If you spent the night at Beaubien's Inn you could see Chicago's astounding future rearing its head out of the nearby waterways.

Looking east, just beyond the stockade gates of Fort Dearborn, all you could see was the lake. In those days the Chicago River flowed into the lake. But that would change on New Year's Day 1900 when the flow of the river was reversed. Still the largest single feat of engineering in American history.

But in the 1830s, standing at the Lake Michigan shoreline, you could see what every Native American already knew. All the continent's interior waterways were connected. And they did so just outside Beaubien's door. That meant that if you paddled your canoe from the Atlantic Ocean into the St. Lawrence River, there was nothing to stop your journey to what would be Chicago.

You could paddle, then, from one Great Lake to another. Until you finally reached the mouth of the Chicago River. But that wasn't the end. You could take the south fork of the river and paddle out to the area around 55th and Harlem. Then all you had to do was put your canoe on your shoulders and walk hip deep in mud to the DesPlaines River, just some hun-

dreds of yards away. Once there you could paddle yourself to the Illinois River down near LaSalle. Once your canoe touched the Illinois River, it was an easy ride to the Mississippi River that carried you to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

There was only one place you could do that: Chicago. Our waters were the making of us.

In the early days after Chicago incorporated as a city in 1837, it was obvious that engineers needed to redesign that 90-mile stretch of water connecting them. And they did. With picks and shovels. And the Irish. The Illinois River had to be joined to Lake Michigan so large vessels could navigate. It took 10 years of digging and a lot of Irish sweat. And fist fights. But when it was completed, "New Orleans here we come." The Illinois and Michigan Canal, as it was called, was a promise written across the geography of Chicago.

So the roots of our informality were actually the seedlings of our expansive national excellence. It isn't just our beer, pizza, or baseball. Once we redesigned the city and its urban grid after the fiasco of the Great Fire of 1871, our urban house was set to remain tidy and unchallenged. In the last five decades of the 19th century, the population of the city doubled every 10 years. We were the fastest growing city on the planet. There were 250,000 residents in Chicago in 1870. Half a million in 1880. One million in 1890. And two million in 1900. That was all due to the influx of mobile Americans, newly arrived immigrants and the absorption of surrounding towns and populations.

Mark Beaubien would never have recognize the place today. But his amazement might be short-lived when he discovered

that he was better at gun control than today's law enforcement.

Can you imagine what he'd think of the statistics of shootings, murders and mayhem? I'm sure he'd pop a fiddle string after getting the measure of Chicago's expanded gun play. No matter what Conde Nast projects. I think he'd have a few suggestions for Mayor Lightfoot and her posse. No bed. No vittles, if you can't control your weapons or your tempers. Sometimes the informality of our frontier town can push us over the edge. No matter which direction the river flows.

INSIDE GREYLORD: "Where's Mine" by **Charles P. Kocoras**. In the late 1970's and 1980's, the U.S. Attorney's Office based in Chicago and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation undertook an investigation of judicial corruption in the Circuit Court of Cook County. The lengthy investigation revealed that a group of lawyers routinely paid some judges to secure favorable treatment for their clients. The corruption was concentrated in cases in traffic court and in the criminal courts, along with a few in civil courts. The distinguished jurist Kocoras presents a thrilling tale from inside the corruption itself. The book is a fictional version of Operation Greylord. It describes characters, events, cases and testimony which are reflective of the actual investigation.

LYRIC OPERA: **Giuseppe Verdi's** sumptuously beautiful "Luisa Miller" is a romantic drama that tells the story of sweet, vulnerable Luisa, who loves Rodolfo, the son of a ruthless, unethical

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It's the great pumpkin (patch)!



Stacy White shopping for a pumpkin with her green, 18-year-old Monk parakeet named Chartreuse Feather Pants Dior.



Joey Tea's artwork of Sharon Seeder will be part of Brushes With Cancer on Nov. 2.



Sabrina Bermingham manning the pumpkin patch at the United Church of Rogers Park.

If you're looking for the great pumpkin, look no further than the United Church of Rogers Park, 1545 W. Morse Ave.



Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

There, in an enchanting little patch chock-full of pumpkins, you will find more than 500 jack o' lanterns just waiting to be taken home and carved up. They range in size and shape and are priced from \$5 to \$50, which would be a huge, 75-pounder. There's also another treat -- lots of gourds.

The proceeds support the church's summer camps and after school programs, all of which are free for neighborhood kids in first through eighth grades. Besides the patch itself, what I thought was especially bewitching is that the pumpkins came from an Indian reservation in New Mexico, so they make a little cash, as does the church. It's a win-win situation for all, including us buyers, who get to give, and receive.

"It's part of our mission to spread the goodness and to help those in need," said Sabrina Bermingham, the church's minister of administration.

The patch is open until Halloween night. I didn't see a black cat or any bats flying around, but I did happen upon East Rogers Parker Stacy White, a volunteer who had helped to unload the truck of pumpkins last Saturday (as did the Loyola U. Ultimate Frisbee Team). White was there shopping for a pumpkin with her green, 18-year-old Monk parakeet named Chartreuse Feather Pants Dior.

She (White, not Dior the parakeet) told me that on Oct. 27, the church will hold its Blessing of the Animals, with a service and blessing starting at 10 a.m. You can bring your pet or a photo or a representation of your beloved animal pal... whatever it may be. "Goats, llamas..." White joked. Seriously though, they have had worms, LOL. After the blessing, you can head over to the patch and have your photo taken.

The church will also be part of the neighborhood's Halloween Candy Crawl, taking place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Let me tell you a bit about the United Church of Rogers Park. It's a congregation that welcomes everyone, regardless of who they are or what their beliefs or sexual orientations are. They help neighborhood children and refugees and recently celebrated 35 years of a weekly community feast, which has served more than 182,000 meals.

This church reminds me of the Little Engine That Could. Last July, after work on a nearby water main revealed that the church needed to upgrade its plumbing to be in compliance with the city, it raised \$16,000 to do so, mostly from the neighborhood, Bermingham said. Although there is now a second, current water issue, the hope is that the city will be dealing with that.

Meanwhile, please support this Rogers Park gem if you can. If not, beware, as the Great Pumpkin will come to haunt you!

Twisting the night -- and cancer -- away... When breast cancer survivor Sharon Seeder met artist Joey Tea, "I was nervous," recalled Seeder. "I thought, 'He's a really young guy, meeting with an old lady,'" she laughed.

The pair, who soon found out they were Andersonville neighbors, were meeting up as part of Twist Out Cancer's Brushes With Cancer, which strategically matches artists with those touched by cancer to create unique pieces of artwork reflective of their journey.

After getting together with Seeder a few times and working from a photo, Tea created a piece called "Rainbow Lifeline," a mixed media collage that reflected Seeder's life and "tragic yet triumphant battle with breast cancer."

"All the things are photos of Chicago based on her story," said Tea. "This is the first time I've done anything like this, where you get an inspiration and make art of their story. It's a great experience," he said. "I have a lot of family and friends affected by cancer and anything I can do..."

In the collage of Seeder's face, the storm clouds in her hair and clothes represent her darkest hour, Tea said in his artist's statement. The vibrant rainbow of colors in the rest of the piece represent the wonderful life she found on the other side of her storm. And among her family members in Chicago is Seeder's sister, who owns a local bar named, "Rainbo Club."

"This is one of the many Chicago landmarks I superimposed into Sharon's portrait and it is one half of the inspiration for the title of my piece," said Tea. "The second half of the title comes from the 'Lifeline Theatre,' one of Sharon's favorite local theaters that is also hidden in her portrait."

Seeder's portrait will be one of more than three dozen pieces of artwork at Twist

Out Cancer's seventh annual Brushes With Cancer Art Exhibit and Gala, being held Nov. 2 at Moonlight Studios, 1446 W. Kinzie St. The evening will be centered on art, entertainment, storytelling, hope, inspiration, and survivorship.

For this year's program, 37 Inspirations (individuals touched by cancer) were matched with 37 Artists. This includes Jenny Conlee-Drizos, a breast cancer survivor and organist/pianist for The Decemberists. Conlee-Drizos was matched with a blood cancer survivor from the Chicago area and wrote a song about her experience with cancer, which she will perform at the gala. Another inspiration is Chicago native, actor, and comedian Lil Rel Howery, who lost his mom and brother to cancer.

Meanwhile, Seeder is now in remission and enjoying life while taking fitness classes and singing at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Tea, she said, was awesome.

"He did a wonderful job, he's a wonderful artist," said Seeder.

Say what?... Lots of grumblings are occurring over a couple pieces of development news. I was out of town all last week and don't know all the details, so more to come in the future.

The first news makes me very unhappy. Wing Hoe Restaurant's 106-year-old Edgewater mansion at 5356 N. Sheridan Rd. is set to be razed and replaced by a four story, 52' high, 50-unit, all residential building. The renderings I've seen do not excite me. It's a very non-unusual, nondescript plan.

All I know is, I've been ordering delivery from them for decades and consider Wing Hoe to be the best around. (Besides, where will us Jews now order from on Christmas?) I seriously hope they will reopen in the 'hood in the near future.

Then there's the former Baker's Square property on the southeast corner of Touhy and Western, which closed abruptly a few months ago. Apparently Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th] sent around an email with a proposal for a 7-Eleven and a gas station. There will also be a new restaurant/café with a drive thru, run by a reputable national franchise.

With a gas station already across the street, I hear neighbors are not thrilled about another possibly coming in. Hear the plans for yourself at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 at the 50th Ward office, 2949 W. Devon Ave.

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Why are luxury homes in North Park bargain-priced at \$100K less?

Second of two articles on the Chicago home-buying market.

Ever wonder why market values of similar luxury homes in different neighborhoods vary greatly in price?

For example, if a buyer is shopping in West Edgewater on the North Side, the purchaser would not find any nicely renovated homes priced less than \$795,000.

Go northwest to Sauganash and the lowest price of any listed luxury home today is \$754,995.

However, young buyers—especially those seeking to move up from a condominium to a family-size house—might be pleasantly surprised if they follow the late,



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great real-estate investment guru Arthur Rubloff's sage advice: "Buy on the fringe and wait."

Veteran brokers say motivated buyers can find excellent values if they are willing to shop away from hot lakefront neighborhoods and venture west of the Chicago River's North Channel into North Park/Hollywood Park. This quiet, little known Northwest Side neighborhood is in the "gap," or "fringe," between the high-demand areas of West Edgewater and Sauganash.

To shed more light on the state of the North Side and Northwest Side single-family markets, the Home Front column surveyed listings and prices of 4-bedroom and 5-bedroom, 3.5 bath to 4-bath homes with 4,000 square feet of living area in the North Park/Hollywood Park neighborhood and compared them with values of similar homes in upscale West Edgewater and Sauganash.

Here are the results of the survey:

North Park / Hollywood Park

Just west of the Chicago River, the boundaries of the quiet North Park/Hollywood Park neighborhood are Peterson Ave. on the north, to Foster Ave. on the south, Pulaski Ave. on the west and

Kedzie and Jersey avenues and woody Legion Park to the east.

A quick analysis of listings and recent sales in this "sleeper neighborhood" revealed an amazing price gap of roughly \$100,000 between the most affordable homes listed in West Edgewater and the traditionally coveted Sauganash area.

Here are details on three attractive home listings in North Park/Hollywood Park homes that currently are for sale:

- 5721 N. Jersey. Designed by award-winning architect Patrick Fitzgerald, this stunning 4,000-square-foot open-concept home overlooks Legion Park along the Chicago River. The renovated 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath home features a new quartz and granite chef's dream kitchen with butler's pantry, Bosch 800 Series appli-



Young buyers might be pleasantly surprised if they follow the late, great real-estate investment guru Arthur Rubloff's sage advice: "Buy on the fringe and wait."

wet bar, full basement, detached garage and 3,700 square feet of living space. It is listed for \$725,000.

"The North Park neighborhood is one of Chicago's very best kept secrets," said Realtor Sara Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty. "Parks, biking trails, playgrounds and tennis courts abound along the banks of the Chicago River's North Channel."

ance package, 14' vaulted ceilings, custom hand-made stained-glass windows, two fireplaces and natural oak hardwood floors. It is listed for \$649,000.

- 5134 N. Troy. Tucked away on a quiet side street just south of Foster Ave., this newly renovated 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath home has 3,692 square feet of living area. Located in top-rated Budlong Elementary School district, the home features a wide-open layout, an impressive all white kitchen, a living room fireplace and vaulted 10' ceilings with skylights. It is listed for \$700,000.

- 4900 N. Hamlin. This sprawling 5-bedroom, 4-bath vintage brick bungalow is on the southern fringe of North Park in the extreme northwest corner of Albany Park. Built in 1936, the home showcases original stained-glass windows, crown molding, a 10'-9" high concave living room ceiling, a marble gas fireplace, a

Here are details on some recent closings in North Park/Hollywood Park with sale prices under \$700,000:

- 3535 W. Hollywood. This 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath brick home has 3,468 square feet of living area, and sold for \$650,000.
- 6149 N. St. Louis. A 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath brick home showcases 3,113 square feet of living area, and sold for \$678,000.
- 5351 N. Christiana. This 5-bedroom, 3.5-bath brick home has 3,200 square feet of living area. It sold for \$680,000.
- 3435 W. Glenlake. This 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath brick home features 3,369 square feet of living area, and sold for \$687,000.

West Edgewater

The analysis of the upscale West Edgewater home market found 33 properties listed or recently sold with prices ranging from a low of \$795,000 to a high of \$1,399,900.

(Boundaries of the search were Ashland to Western avenues, and Lawrence to Peterson avenues.)

The homes listed in West Edgewater were mostly 4-bedroom and 5-bedroom dwellings with 3.5 to 4 baths and 3,000 to 4,000-plus square feet of living area. The survey found six homes priced in the \$800,000-plus range, six properties priced in the \$900,000 range and 17 residences listed above \$1-million.

Sauganash

A similar analysis of the popular Sauganash neighborhood found 28 properties listed or recently sold at prices ranging from \$754,995 to \$1,999,900. (Boundaries of the search were Devon to Bryn Mawr avenues, and Pulaski to Cicero avenues.)

The homes listed in Sauganash are mostly 4-bedroom and 5-bedroom dwellings with 3.5 to 4 baths and 3,000 to 4,000-plus square feet of living area. The survey found eight homes priced in the \$750,000-plus range, nine properties priced in the \$800,000 range, four in the \$900,000 and six residences listed above \$1-million.

Perks of North Park / Hollywood Park

While North Park/Hollywood Park is west of the Chicago River and often overlooked, the neighborhood is not considered northwest nowhere, Realtors say.

Families who reside in the area are within walking distance to three spacious parks—Legion, Hollywood and Peterson. The highly respected Northside College Preparatory High School campus—which is ranked No. 2 in the state of Illinois—is on Kedzie, just south of Bryn Mawr. Other educational anchors include the rapidly expanding Northeastern Illinois University campus, North Park Theological Seminary, and the Wonder Montessori School on Pulaski north of Bryn Mawr.

Just east of Pulaski is the North Park Village Nature Center, a 46-acre nature preserve with hiking trails, and the 124-acre Bohemian National Cemetery, founded in 1877.

North Park, a bastion of Swedish heritage, is home to Swedish Covenant Hospital, founded in 1886. Nearby on Foster west of Kedzie is Tre Kronor, one of Chicago's most authentic Nordic restaurants, where Glogg, a spicy Scandinavian mulled-wine is served hot.

Hollywood Park's emerging restaurant district on Bryn Mawr, just west of Kedzie, features Midori—a traditional Japanese eatery complete with private Tatami dining rooms. Other venues include the popular Bryn Mawr Breakfast Club, the boutique Big Hill bar and steak joint, and a Starbucks, along with several other new night spots.

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Metropolitan Planning Council report details Black exodus from Chicago

BY JIM VAIL

One of the biggest migration stories in Chicago has been the mass exodus of Black families from this city. Over 250,000 Black people have left Chicago in the last 15 years.

The Metropolitan Planning Council [MPC] - a think tank comprised of global corporations - recently issued a report about this phenomenon.

"Many Black families are leaving or being displaced from neighborhoods with proximity to high wage jobs," the Council reported. "More specific strategies are needed to prevent displacement and ensure economic mobility for all populations."

Chicago topped out at 3.6 million residents in 1950, and then went on a slide over the next 40 years, but the trend now is being driven primarily by an exodus of African-Americans, who have seen their population decline by 33% in that time, according to Teresa Córdova, director of the Great Cities Institute at the Univ. of Illinois Chicago. And it's expected to get worse... Chicago's Black population is on track to shrink to 665,000 by 2030 - down from a peak of about 1.2 million in the late 1950s, according to a study by the Urban Institute.

The fact is, Chicago's population would be increasing today if not for the Black exodus.

Still, the MPC says new analysis shows the Black population loss is more "nuanced." Chicago lost an estimated 228,968 African American residents between 2000 and 2017. However, while Black numbers have dramatically dropped in Cook County - which includes the surrounding North, West and South suburbs - every other county in the region has gained African American residents since 2000, the Council stated.

"The population loss story is much more varied across Chicago neighborhoods, and across the region," the MPC wrote. "Our analysis shows that racial integration is accelerating in some parts of the region, including Chicago neighborhoods. However, much of the Black population loss is happening in areas that provide pathways to economic mobility, raising concerns about displacement."

They say African Americans have moved to more diverse areas with less concentrated poverty. Black people are moving to areas where there are a lower share of poor families and single parent households and a higher percent-

age of white, foreign-born, and Latino families.

There is no doubt that Chicago is becoming richer and whiter than before. Segregation has kept this city mostly Black on the South Side and mostly White on the North Side. The Chicago Public Schools have closed a large number of Black elementary schools on the South Side, and there are

ment Financing or TIF districts (which the MPC study did not mention) have taken tax monies that could have helped develop "blighted" areas on the South and West Side, and instead divert billions to the wealthier downtown and North Side neighborhoods - the latest being over \$1.2 billion of TIF money earmarked for the Lincoln Yards development.

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"Many Black families are leaving, or perhaps are being displaced from neighborhoods that have potential to provide economic opportunity to jobs with high wages," the MPC stated. "At the same time, the areas that have historically provided a stable Black middle income existence and economic mobility, albeit in areas that are less racially integrated, are under pressure by larger economic forces."

The MPC called for more public and private investment to stop the population loss.

A recent study by the Urban Institute showed white neighborhoods received nearly five times the amount of investment than majority Black neighborhoods, and about two and half times the amount as mostly Hispanic neighborhoods.

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"Chicago is responsible for the region's loss of Black population," the MPC report stated.

The loss is attributed to a mix of factors: the high cost of living, high taxation, lack of opportunity and a fear of crime and violence. City policies such as Tax Incre-

The city is getting too expensive for many in the middle class to live in, and there are fewer public sector jobs which many Black families held as a result of Civil Rights legislation against discriminatory hiring practices.

The MPC noted that some of the areas where Black families left where gentrified, and saw rising rents. The Black people who can stay, no surprise, are those in the top 20% of Black income earners. This mirrors the white population, so the racial segregation argument breaks down a bit when income levels are compara-

'Paris! The Show' on stage for one night in Chicago

A one-night presentation of "Paris! The Show" is at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave.

Writer and director Gil Marsalla created the new production, which transports the audience to post-war Paris and the cabarets of Montmartre, where young Françoise dreams of becoming a famous artist. On her journey, she crosses paths with the legendary Piaf, who becomes her friend, guardian and confidante, and finds love in the person of Charles Aznavour, a young singer living in Pigalle.

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Three accused of kidnapping, robbery of DePaul student

Two men and a woman who were accused of kidnapping and robbing a DePaul Univ. student in January have reached plea deals.

Prosecutors said the 19-year-old student went to a home in the Garfield Park neighborhood on Jan. 8 to meet with Tarika Gilmore, 18. During the meeting, the man was allegedly robbed by Gilmore, Lasam Davis, 24, and Deaaron Jackson, 27.

The DePaul student got away and reported that he had been robbed at gunpoint and kidnapped in an alley near the school's Lincoln Park campus. Investigators determined that the student's version of events was not true, and he eventually admitted that he went to the West Side home voluntarily to meet Gilmore, police said.



Lasam Davis

Three days after the robbery, police went to the Garfield Park home because a light was on inside, and the house was supposedly abandoned. Cops arrested Gilmore, Davis, and Jackson as they ran from the home. Some of the DePaul student's property was found inside.

Prosecutors reached plea deal agreements with all three offenders, according to court records. Davis pleaded guilty to aggravated unlawful restraint and is sentenced to four years in prison with 326 days credit for time served. After receiving a 50% sentence reduction for anticipated good behavior, he will be paroled on Oct. 2, 2020. Prosecutors dropped a series of felony charges in the deal, including Class X armed robbery and multiple Class X kidnapping counts. Jackson pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft in exchange for two years probation. Prosecutors dropped three Class X kidnapping counts and two other felonies in their deal with Jackson. Gilmore pleaded guilty to aggravated unlawful restraint and received a three year sentence with 231 days credit for time served. The state agreed to drop three Class X kidnapping counts and identity theft charges. Her anticipated parole date is July 9, 2020.



Tarika Gilmore



Deaaron Jackson

Prosecutors charged him with felony residential burglary. Judge Susana Ortiz set bail for the burglary charge at \$50,000 and ordered Smith to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a 10% deposit bond. Ortiz also ordered Smith held without bail for violating the terms of a recognizance bond he received for a June robbery case.

striking the driver of the other vehicle in the neck.

Surgeons worked to save the victim at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, but doctors pronounced the man dead around 5:30 p.m. He is identified as Daniel Cox, 53, of the West Town neighborhood. Cox worked as an electrician at a Rogers Park-based firm.

Witnesses told police that the shooter's vehicle turned west on Waveland and sped from the scene. Another witness reported seeing a white SUV "flying over speed bumps and bottoming out on the 3800 block of N. Hermitage" around the time of the shooting.

The witness told this newspaper they were walking their children home from school activities when they saw the SUV speeding on Hermitage with a male driver and a female passenger. Police said the gunman's vehicle has a large sunroof and two rails on the top.

Cox is the fifth person to be shot in Lakeview this year. He's the neighborhood's second homicide victim of 2019.

Man charged with burglarizing Old Town home while awaiting trial

An Englewood man is accused of burglarizing an Old Town home this month while he was free on a recognizance bond, awaiting trial for robbery.

Police responded to a burglar alarm at a home on the 1900 block of N. Hudson around 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5. When they arrived, officers allegedly saw Paris Smith, 27, behaving oddly in a vehicle outside the home.

While cops were speaking with Smith, other officers allegedly found a side window broken out of the home and an iPad and a coat on the home's front porch.

After a nearly hour-long investigation, police arrested Smith and prosecutors charged him with felony residential burglary. Judge Susana Ortiz set bail for the burglary charge at \$50,000 and ordered Smith to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a 10% deposit bond. Ortiz also ordered Smith held without bail for violating the terms of a recognizance bond he received for a June robbery case.

On June 17, a man called police to an address in the Garfield Park neighborhood and told them that Smith had robbed him a month before. Police checked their records and learned that detectives wanted to talk with Smith about the robbery after the victim identified him in a photo array.

According to court records, Smith robbed the man of his wallet, cash, and a Venra card on May 15. Smith was also wanted for allegedly throwing a brick through a woman's apartment window, police said. Cops arrested Smith.

Judge Arthur Willis released him on a recognizance bond the next day after prosecutors filed felony robbery and misdemeanor criminal damage charges. Smith is now being held without bail for the robbery case.

Lakeview East Sprint store robbed

The gunman who robbed a Lakeview cellular store Oct. 16 got away with an undetermined amount of electronics, according to Chicago police. No injuries were reported and no one is in custody.

Police said the gunman entered the Sprint store at 2850 N. Broadway at 7:53 p.m. and pointed a handgun at an employee. The offender gathered

an assortment of phones from the store's inventory and then ran out the back door.

One of the phones contained a tracking device similar to those used to follow bank robbers. The tracker pinged down Lake Shore Dr., past downtown, and was last recorded in the area of 111th Street at I-57.

Surveillance video showed the robber to be a black man in his early- to mid-30's who stands about 5'-5" tall. He had a mustache, wore a purple wig under a Rasta hat with a baggy hoodie and loose-fitting cargo pants.

An officer on the scene said the robber may have been armed with a "high powered" handgun similar to a TEC-9.

Man beaten with skateboard in Millennium park

Prosecutors have charged a man with using a skateboard to beat and rob a man in Millennium Park.

Jameil Williams, 25, is accused of chasing down a 24-year-old Norridge man, taking the victim's skateboard, then beating the man with it in the park at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 23.

After beating the victim, Williams stole valuables from the man's fanny pack and fled the 300 block of E. Randolph, prosecutors said.

The victim identified Williams in a photo line-up, according to police records, and cops took him into custody on Oct. 4 after recognizing him during a routine patrol on the 1100 block of S. Wabash.

Prosecutors charged Williams with Class X felony armed robbery and felony aggravated battery in a public place. He is being held without bail.

Williams recently completed parole after serving time for robbing a 58-year-old man of cigarettes and a Venra card in March 2016, according to court records.

Prison sentence for Dunkin' Donut thugs

A Cook County Judge gave a 20-year prison sentence Oct. 15 to one of two men who allegedly beat and robbed the employees of a River North Dunkin' donuts last October.

Raul Tijerina, 33, pleaded guilty to one count of Class X robbery with a deadly weapon in a plea deal with prosecutors, according to court records. The state agreed to drop 13 other felonies. Judge Lauren Edidin handed down the sentence and over- saw the case.

Police went to the donut shop at 309 W. Chicago around 2:30 a.m. Oct. 14, 2018, after employees noticed two masked men outside the restaurant's front door.

Prosecutors said Tijerina and Joshua Santa, 28, entered the donut shop and beat the employees with their fists and a handgun before taking the cash register and other valuables.

Cops arrived in time to see the robbery unfolding and they engaged two men in a foot pursuit that ended with the arrests of Tijerina and Santana.

Officers said they recovered the store's cash register, a self-defense baton, a laptop bag, and a firearm from the two men.

Court records show that Tijerina was on parole at the time of the robbery after receiving a 10-year sentence for shooting someone in 2008.

Driver's windows shot out in Lincoln Park, Streeterville

A gunman fired on a vehicle as it traveled along Lake Shore Dr. in Lincoln Park early Monday, police said. Investigators are also exploring a similar case reported in Streeterville overnight.

In the Lincoln Park incident, a 21-year-old driver told police that he was driving northbound on the 1700 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. when he heard two gunshots around 12:23 a.m. The

Loop pickpocket team caught on video



Chicago police have released surveillance video of a pickpocket theft team working in a major downtown hotel. The footage shows just how quick and sneaky such teams can be.

The video captured images of a two-man team as they targeted a guest at an elevator bank inside Chicago's Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker, at 3:27 p.m. Sept. 1.

One member of the team gets close to a piece of luggage that the victim is pulling behind them. Then, the thief uses a large Staples shopping bag to cover his hand as he removes a wallet or other valuable item from the victim's luggage.

Once the pickpocket has his grasp on the item, the rest goes off like clockwork: He conceals the stolen property inside the large bag, then backs away from the elevator to create distance between himself and the victim. The elevator doors will soon close. By the time the victim figures out what happened, they will likely be several floors away and the criminal will be long gone.

Police said a second man seen standing near the elevator is part of the team — likely serving as a lookout or causing a diversion.

rear window of his GMC Yukon shattered, but neither he nor his female passenger was injured.

Police did not know if the alleged gunman was in another vehicle or on foot.

Then, around 4:40 a.m., police met with a man near Michigan Ave. and Ontario St. who said the rear window of his vehicle shattered after he heard a single gunshot.

The man said the incident happened as he drove on Ontario St. after leaving the W Hotel Lakeshore, 644 N. Lake Shore Dr., minutes earlier.

As of 5 a.m., police classified both incidents as criminal damage to property.

At least three 'L' passengers robbed in Loop, Lincoln Park since Sunday

Chicago police are investigating at least three robberies involving CTA train passengers in the Loop and Lincoln Park since Oct. 14. No arrests have been made.

Most recently, a man punched another man in the face and stole his phone aboard a CTA train on the North Side. Police found the victim on the Fullerton Brown Line CTA platform, 945 W. Fullerton, around 12:55 a.m. Oct. 14. He declined medical attention.

Officers responded to another robbery on the 200 block of W. Adams at 10:40 p.m. The victim, 58, told police that he had a confrontation with another man at the Diversey Brown Line CTA station a few minutes earlier. The offender followed the victim when he exited at an 'L' stop in the Loop, then beat him up and robbed him.

Police said the robber struck the man in the head, kicked him, and took his backpack. The victim is in stable condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

An officer on the scene said the offender is a black man in his 20's with short hair who wore earbuds, a black jacket, ripped blue jeans, and orange gym shoes. He was last seen heading northbound on Wells St.

Violent crime has been on the rise across the CTA system. This newspaper exposed the problem in a June

The men seen in the Hyatt Regency video resemble a two-man pickpocket team that police have warned downtown 'L' passengers about twice in the past month.

In a community alert issued on Oct. 6, police said the two men had struck repeatedly in the Loop subway system.

The offenders work together to take wallets from passengers' pockets and book bags, police said. One man creates a diversion or blocks the victim's path while the other relieves the victim of their wallet, the alert said.

Police said pickpockets wear a variety of baseball hats and are 45- and 60-years-old.

The team is responsible for at least nine thefts from victims on board CTA trains and in train stations: in the first block of W. Jackson at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 23; in the 200 block of S. State at 5 p.m. on Sept. 24 and again at 5 p.m. on Oct. 2; in the 300 block of S. Dearborn at 2:47 p.m. on Sept. 19; in the 1100 block of S. State at 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 28; in the 200 block of S. Wabash at 3:20 p.m. on Sept. 30 and again at 8 p.m. on Oct. 1; and on the 100 block of N. Dearborn at 3:37 p.m. on Sept. 23 and 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 2.

It's worth noting that the Sept. 30 incident on the 200 block of S. Wabash took place just a few minutes before the Hyatt Regency theft unfolded a few blocks away.

2018 report. Reports of robberies and aggravated batteries were up sharply on train lines, we found. Yet overall crime within the CTA was "down" on paper because the city had largely stopped prosecuting fare jumpers and narcotics cases.

This newspaper's report is bolstered by a new Chicago Tribune analysis:

Reports of serious crimes on the CTA rail system have doubled since 2015, even as ridership declined, and such crimes rose only slightly citywide...

At the same time, the arrest rate for these 'L'-related crimes has dropped, suggesting that even as CTA's rail system has become more dangerous, there is less chance the perpetrators will be held accountable.

In other recent incidents, two men robbed a victim at gunpoint outside the North-Clybourn Red Line CTA station just before 8 p.m. Oct. 18. They got away with \$400 of the man's money.

Also, around 1 a.m. Oct. 7, a woman told police that a man grabbed her arm and took her wallet as they rode a southbound Red Line train near Belmont. No one is in custody for any of the robberies.

Not funny

A cleaning crew interrupted a burglary in progress Monday morning when they arrived to tidy up the iO Theater, 1501 N. Kingsbury.

Police said the workers walked into the club and found two burglars in the bar area. Both prowlers ran out the back door, but one of them took a moment to steal a \$20 sweater from the counter. That was reportedly the only thing taken.

One of the burglars dropped a screwdriver at the scene. Police collected it as evidence.

The clean-up crew said the burglars looked very much alike: Both were reportedly black men in their mid-40's who stood about 6'-3" tall, and weighed about 240 lbs. They both wore black hoodies with black jeans and each carried a bookbag.

—Compiled by CWBChicago.com

Phone thefts in Lincoln Park

Police are warning residents of Lincoln Park of two recent cellular phone thefts. One or two offenders entered into businesses and approached individuals seated with cellular phones resting on tabletops. One offender removed the phones from the tabletops before fleeing from the business on foot.

The first incident occurred in the 1000 block of W. Diversey Pkwy. 2:35 p.m. Oct. 16, and the second in the 1100 block of W. Wrightwood Ave. 3 p.m. 16 Oct 16.

The offenders are described as [1.] African American male, dark complexion, 20-25 years of age, with a black and braided hairstyle. [2.] African American male, dark complexion, 18-20 years of age, with a black short hairstyle.

Business safety seminar Oct. 29

With quality of life crimes on the rise and shoplifting mobs plaguing many North Side retail districts, several North Side chambers of commerce are now hosting a business safety seminar in hopes of limiting the number of victims due to the areas growing crime problems.

The free seminar will be held in room 146 at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave. at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, presented by the Cook County State's Attorney Office and The Safer Foundation.

Called "Keepin' It Real: A Burglary & Crime Prevention Program," this program features speakers with insider knowledge who will provide information about crimes they have committed, their methods, selection criteria and what deterred them from breaking into specific businesses. Light refreshments will be served.

This seminar is being jointly hosted by the Lincoln Bend, Andersonville, Uptown, Lincoln Square Ravenswood and Roscoe Village chambers of commerce.

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City comes to terms over pot zoning, Lake View may have Chicago's first retailer

Weed exclusion zone in River North narrowed

After a late night of negotiations on Oct. 15, and following a series of community engagement meetings, Zoning Committee Chairman Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] negotiated a settlement that will allow pot dispensaries to operate in traditional retail areas.

But those wishing to sell retail pot out of retail storefronts will still need to come to City Hall to seek zoning changes and a special use permit.

The Loop, Mag Mile, Streeter-ville and parts of the River North areas will remain in a zoning-imposed weed-free zone under the announced agreement between Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the City Council.

Meanwhile Ald. Tunney's own Wrigleyville neighborhood may be one of the first to see a recreational pot shop open up on Jan. 1, 2020. On Oct. 16, state officials also announced that six more medical marijuana dispensaries have been granted approval to start selling recreational pot when sales kick off at the start of next year.

Cresco Labs, the River North company that operates in multiple states, was awarded licenses to sell recreational pot at its five current medical dispensaries including the MedMar location in Lake View, 3812 N. Clark St.

But the status of the lease Cresco Labs acquired at 3524 N. Clark St. - and the opportunity for them to open a new and larger pot retail facility adjacent to Wrigley Field, appears to still be unsettled.

City Council approved Mayor Lightfoot's ordinance Oct. 16 that established Chicago's first zoning

regulations for the sale of adult-use marijuana. City officials say that the new ordinance modifies the City's downtown exclusion zone, strengthens regulations on residential, business, commercial, downtown and industrial zoning districts, and expands community input to ensure residents can petition against new dispensaries applying to establish in their neighborhood.

"Zoning is the first step in a broader process of working in lockstep with community leaders and residents to ensure meaningful opportunities for all communities - including those that shouldered the burden of unjust drug policies have - to benefit from this new industry," said Mayor Lightfoot.

The northern boundary of the city's arbitrary pot-free zone will be located at Division St., but the western boundary north of the Chicago River has been moved east from LaSalle St. to State St.

As part of the ordinance, the City's downtown exclusion zone bans cannabis sales north of the Chicago River from Lake Michigan to the east, State St. to the west and Division St. to the north. South of the Chicago River, cannabis sales are banned from Lake Michigan to the east, the Chicago River to the west and Van Buren St. to the south.

Following Jan 1, 2021, the City says it will conduct a land-impact study as part of an effort to analyze the environmental, economic and social impacts of dispensaries in various communities and determine in consultation with City Council whether adjustments to the designated cannabis zones and caps are needed.

"Ensuring Chicago's central

business district and lucrative commuter corridor have access to this new market is essential to maximizing the economic opportunities created by this emerging industry," said Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd].

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The ordinance also establishes requirements for all new cannabis business establishments to host community engagement sessions as part of their application through the Zoning Board of Appeals. Additionally, residents can ban dispensaries from establishing within their precinct of the city if more than 25% of residents sign a petition within 90 days demanding that the applying dispensary establish elsewhere.

More than 500 community

members from across Chicago attended community information sessions hosted by the Mayor's Office and the City Council Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards to provide public input opportunities on the City's proposed zoning regulations for recreational cannabis sales.

"Over the past three community engagement meetings, we've heard residents from across Chicago express their enthusiasm, concerns and feedback on the implementation of legalized cannabis," said Tunney. "Through working with community members, businesses, city leaders, and other partners over the past month, we've built on our smart and effective cannabis regulations to ensure Chicago's health and safety are at the forefront of this new industry."

The city says that additional meetings with the industry and community chambers of commerce will be held across the City to gather public input on the licensing, consumption and additional factors of the new pot-selling industry.

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Oct. 20, Oct. 25, Oct. 28 and Oct. 31.

HOT ART: The U.S. Attorney's Office is looking for the rightful owner of a **Jean Dubuffet** painting seized from the collection of notorious art dealer and swindler **Michel Cohen**. The painting, "Site avec 5 Personnages," (1981) is one of Dubuffet's late canvases. Cohen left it with a New York dealer in 2001 to try to sell it, unsuccessfully, and it was subsequently deposited with the FBI.

FINE ART: At a recent fine art auction at Christie's in London a \$9.1-million **Jean-Michel Basquiat** led the way in subdued sales for a record with a painting called "Four Big."

CLOSURES: Sorry to hear that **Mike Ditka's** Steakhouse may be shuttering over their Gold Coast lease. Always nice to have the Coach engaging diners. And Bridgeport Bakery, a huge South Side staple on Archer Ave. is reportedly closing. When I was at City Hall, Lent wasn't Lent without Polish treats like "Paczki" from Bridgeport Bakery, a real piece of Chicago history. Owner

Ron Pavelka is retiring.

HALOS AND REASON: Cardinal **John Henry Newman**, a brilliant theologian widely credited with reviving Catholicism in 19th century England, was recently canonized by **Pope Francis** in front of 20,000 onlookers at the Vatican. He's also founding rector of Ireland's only Catholic university, the University College Dublin. **Prince Charles**, the next head of the Church of England, watching the ceremony in St. Peter's Square, said: "In the age in which he attains sainthood his example is needed more than ever. He could advocate without accusation, could disagree without disrespect and perhaps most of all could see differences as places of encounter rather than exclusion."

NEW BOOK: "Entertaining Chicago" by **Neal Samors** and co-author, **Bob Dauber**, the story of Chicago's famed nightclubs and watering holes, comes out this week at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and local Chicago area bookstores. The authors will be appearing on WFLD, Fox TV with **Bill Zwecker** on Friday, Oct. 25 at 9:40-9:50 a.m., doing a book signing and presentation at Anderson's Books on Main Street in Downers Grove on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m., and at Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St. on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 3-5 p.m. What a great read.

WOMEN CENTERED THEATER: Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, Chicago's only Equity theatre dedicated to producing new work with women at the core, presents the world premiere of "Laura and the Sea" by **Kate Tarker**, directed by **Devon de Mayo**. The play, an unhappy comedy, runs Oct. 25-Dec. 8, at Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.

ANDY WARHOL: Arriving in the Midwest after drawing hordes in San Francisco and New York, this retrospective (the first to be organized by a U.S. institution since 1989) of **Andy Warhol's** career features more than 350 works for guests to explore. Instead of focusing on a specific era of his life, "From A

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



Barb Bailey with her posse.



Dan Balanoff with an army of amazing volunteers including Frank Calabrese, Mike Brody, Adam Schlesinger and Ty Rhoad.



Lucien Lagrange, Lauren Lein and Melinda Jakovich-Lagrange.

to B and Back Again" accounts for the entire breadth of the Pop Art legend's output, from early illustrations that were commissioned for magazines to recolored portraits of celebrities that graced the cover of Interview magazine. Art Institute of Chicago, Sunday Oct. 20 through Sunday, Jan. 26 2020.

DOGGY LOVE: **Bonnie Spurlock** and **Wayne Gailis** out and about at "Angels with Tails" in Roscoe Village. Also spotted **Michele Mistovich**, **Paula** and her daughter **Alexis Fasseas**, **Angie Byington DeMars**, **Tom Hacket**, **Thomas McGuire**, **Celene Mielcarek**, **Romona Griffin**, **Kenny W. Kwan** and others.

THIS LITTLE PIGGY: What bright young Gold Coast brat just informed his mother that unless she is more financially cooperative, he will be forced to let his papa know how mama played championship "footsie" all summer with the club poolboy while

papa was out of town?

EVERSIGHTS: On Oct. 24, Eversights 21st annual Gala will be honoring **Sherry Lea Holson (Fox)** as their Visionary Woman of the Year. She's the best.

SING OUT LOUD: **Denise Tomasello**, the Queen of Cabaret, performs her final cabaret show of 2019, one night only with the **Nick Sula Trio**, Saturday, Nov. 9, at Drew's on Halsted, New Super Club and Cabaret, 3201 N. Halsted St. Reservations and info: 773-244-9191. Dinner 7 p.m. Showtime 8:30 p.m.

WHO'S WHERE? **Chris McGuire** is with **Lindy Fleming McGuire**, **Eleanor** and **Brooke** doing that amazing drive up from Boston to Manchester, VT, to Stratton Mountain Resort... artist **Rosemary Fanti** at the Galien River in New Buffalo, MI... couture **Lauren Lein** displaying her fashions with writer **Sherrill**

Bodine at REV UP... **Gabriel Nieves**, one of the Tres Amigos, just ran the marathon with **Neil Halpin** and **Steven Diederich**... attending REV UP Chicago fashionistas **Jolanta Ruege** and **Julia Jacobs**, a fabulous event with the best of Chicago Fashion... **Barb Bailey** on the town with her posse, **Susan Wilhelm**, **Jeanaw Paul**, **Dina Cherin** and **Kim Duda**... the **Burke Bros**, **Dan**, **Tom** and **Jim** off to Wisconsin to celebrate brother **Michael Burke's** bachelor bash weekend, golf and football before his soon-to-be wedding, brothers are the best ... **Shaun Rajah** getting in some falconry and eating with **Sharmila Rajah** and the family at Frangipani in Kuala Lumpur... Maestro **Stanley Paul** enjoying perfect weather on the streets of Dubrovnik in Croatia.... **Lucia Adams** in Branson, MO, at Waxy O'Shea's Irish pub, hopefully researching her next book ... **Mary Pat Flanagan** feeling fantastic at Skaftafell - Vatnajökull National Park, Iceland... **John Dombrowski** and **Victoria Dal Santo** are back in Portugal with her sister and bro-in law, **Colleen** and **Kevin Ryan**, after desert "glamping" in Morocco... **Jim** and **Lynn Kiley** and their remarkable **Kiley Family** honored at the Emerald Ball for their leadership and energy on behalf of Old St. Pat's. They don't come any better or more elegant.

8TH SUB-CIRCUIT: **Dan Balanoff** was joined by an army of amazing volunteers who turned in over 2,000 petition signatures! Halfway to the goal. A victory on Election Day will be because of all the help and support. The candidate is filled with gratitude. Now let's finish the petition period strong! With **Frank Calabrese**, **Mike Brody**, **Adam Schlesinger** and **Ty Rhoad** at Tobacco Road Tap Room.

FRAT NEWS: **Colonel Paul Malarik III** off to his alma mater, Indiana Univ., for the centennial kickoff of his Acacia Fraternity, marking 100 years of Brotherhood among the Hoosiers with superb tailgating and the big homecoming game. Indiana trashed Rutgers 35-0.

IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN: Researchers have long speculated that light exposure and oxygen may have contributed to the darkening process of Renaissance-era paintings. A new study on the once popularly used pigment called verdigris revealed exactly how the green paint faded to dark brown.

MUSIC TRIBUTE: "A Musical Tribute Showcasing the Songwriting & Musical Genius of **Harry Warren**" will be Sunday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m., at the Auditorium of Triton College in River Grove, and will showcase the talents of some of the best-known Italian and African-American musical talent, including **Anthony Rago**, **Mark Madsen**, **Joan Collaso**, **Bobbi Wilsyn**, the legendary **Redd Holt** and Emmy Award winner **Joan Collaso** singing Harry Warren's "At Last"

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Stagings of "Incendiary" are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, Thursday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 30; 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 and Thursday, Nov. 7; and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

"In the Sick Bay of the Santa Maria" will be staged at 8 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Thursday, Oct. 31; 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1; 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 and Wednesday, Nov. 6; 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

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 Property Index No. 17-03-225-078-1169
 The real estate is improved with a condotown-house.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real 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

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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.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
 630-794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-19-03305
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 2019 CH 04507
 TJSJC#: 39-4567
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 2019 CH 04507
 13135172
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Real Estate For Sale

Plaintiff,
 -v-
 MATTHEW F. SAUER, MARGARET M. SAUER, FREEBORN & PETERS LLP
 Defendants
 18 CH 8912
 2018 NORTH ORLEANS STREET
 CHICAGO, IL 60614
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 6, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2018 NORTH ORLEANS STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614
 Property Index No. 14-33-207-035-0000
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
 The judgment amount was \$1,779,111.23.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real 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

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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.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 For information, the sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 18-087056.
 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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 SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC
 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301
 Bannockburn IL, 60015
 847-291-1717
 E-Mail: ILNotices@lsgs.com
 Attorney File No. 18-087056
 Attorney Code. 42168
 Case Number: 18 CH 8912
 TJSJC#: 39-5431
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 18 CH 8912
 13135108
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 MARIANNE CULBERSON, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES PORN, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JAMES PORN, DECEASED,

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UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES PORN, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JAMES PORN, DECEASED, MARIANNE CULBERSON, THOMAS J. PORN, CLIENT FUNDING SOLUTIONS, INC., STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, LOWELL HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 19 CH 01918
 88 W SCHILLER #1502
 CHICAGO, IL 60610
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 28, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 2, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 88 W SCHILLER #1502, CHICAGO, IL 60610
 Property Index No. 17-04-209-043-1040
 The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
 The judgment amount was \$243,980.51.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real 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.

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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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 For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 670869570.
 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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 HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
 111 East Main Street
 DECATUR IL, 62523
 217-422-1719
 Fax #: 217-422-1754
 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
 Attorney File No. 670869570
 Attorney Code. 40387
 Case Number: 19 CH 01918
 TJSJC#: 39-5525
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 19 CH 01918
 13131341
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Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC.
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM G. DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM DIFUNDORUM; DANNY DIFUNTUROM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM G. DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM DIFUNDORUM; WINSTON TOWERS NO. 2 ASSOCIATION; WALTER DIFUNTUROM; WESLEY DIFUNTUROM; TRICIA ANN GARCIA; TERESITA DIFUNTUROM; MARYLANA N. DIFUNTUROM; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
 Defendants,
 19 CH 4806
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 10-36-120-003-1181.
 Commonly known as 6833 North Kedzie, Unit # 1211, Chicago, IL 60645.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385. SPS000151-19FC1
 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
 13135551
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
 NEIGHBORHOOD LENDING SERVICES, INC.;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 GREGORY L. CURTIS; THE WAVERLY ON WALLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; NEIGHBORHOOD LENDING SERVICES, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD
 Defendants,
 19 CH 4116
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 11-31-411-020-1005.
 Commonly known as 1618 West Wallen Avenue, Unit 1N, Chicago, IL 60626.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)

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(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act
 Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-0325 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
 13135532
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2015-RP2 -- CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2015-RP2 C/O CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUST ADMINISTRATOR
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 HATTIE EVANS A/K/A HATTIE FRANK, SKYE FRANK, GOLDEN COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 2019 CH 03900
 7411 N HOYNE AVE UNIT A
 CHICAGO, IL 60645
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 25, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7411 N HOYNE AVE UNIT A, CHICAGO, IL 60645
 Property Index No. 11-30-315-024-1018 UL 11-030-315-001-0000
 The real estate is improved with a condotown-house.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real 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,

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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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 For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
 630-794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-19-02378
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 2019 CH 03900
 TJSJC#: 39-5460
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 2019 CH 03900
 13134752
 023023023
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 KEO A APHAY A/K/A KEO APHAY, FIFTH THIRD BANK S/II TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN), WARREN PARK ON FARWELL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 18 CH 12114
 2217 WEST FARWELL AVENUE UNIT 3D
 CHICAGO, IL 60645
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 25, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2217 WEST FARWELL AVENUE UNIT 3D, CHICAGO, IL 60645
 Property Index No. 11-31-122-032-1009
 The real estate is improved with a tan brick, three story condominium with no garage.
 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

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accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real 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.
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 MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
 MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC
 One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200
 Chicago IL, 60602
 312-346-9088
 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com
 Attorney File No. 267626
 Attorney ARDC No. 61256
 Attorney Code. 61256
 Case Number: 18 CH 12114
 TJSJC#: 39-5392
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 18 CH 12114
 13134767
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A

Real Estate For Sale

MR. COOPER
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 KAREN L. HAWKINS, BELL AND ARTHUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Defendants
 2019 CH 04320
 6449 N BELL AVE 2
 CHICAGO, IL 60645
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 20, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 22, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6449 N BELL AVE 2, CHICAGO, IL 60645
 Property Index No. 11-31-315-041-1002
 The real estate is improved with a condo/town-house.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real 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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 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 subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 18-036836 F2
 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
 Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
 630-794-5300
 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com
 Attorney File No. 14-19-02960
 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
 Attorney Code. 21762
 Case Number: 2019 CH 04320
 TJSJC#: 39-5451
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 2019 CH 04320
 13134672
 016016016
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SATESH B. DAIBY, AKA SATESH DAIBY; GAITRI DAIBY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; 1415 LUNT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION;
 Defendants,
 18 CH 15750
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, November 15, 2019 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 P.I.N. 11-32-113-027-1014.
 Commonly known as 1415 WEST LUNT, AVENUE UNIT 301, CHICAGO, IL 60626.
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
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Handy tips to save your Halloween pumpkins from slaughter



SQUIRREL OFF that is just going to sit on the shelf all year when you already have a dog or cat?

That's right, squirrels don't like the scent of other animals that they may consider to be predators, so, the first suggestion is to place your pumpkin on a bed of animal hair. If your home is like ours, you'll find some in the corners of your living room or in the cracks between your couch cushions.

You are going to need some spray adhesive to make this more permanent, but what a great way to get rid of all those fur balls now blowing across your floors.

Or you can visit your spice rack for some powdered cayenne pepper to give that squirrel a shock to his olfactory system.

Just mix your hottest pepper, or Louisiana hot sauce with water, add a few drops of dish soap or vegetable oil to help the solution stick, and pour it into a spray bottle. Spray down your pumpkins every few days for maximum effect.

Squirrels have super sensitive noses and they don't like sticky textures, so the final remedy is my favorite and it is none other than the ubiquitous Vics Vapor Rub, which everyone definitely has in the medicine cabinet.

The sticky feeling and especially the menthol will give your backyard brunchers a double whammy and they will flee from your front porch in terror.

The great thing about this stuff is that it is practically weatherproof and one good coating will probably last the entire Halloween season. While your neighbors pumpkins start to rot and decay, yours will be just glistening in the cold and rain.

Too bad, Mr. Squirrel, you will just have to go nuts.

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It's nearly Halloween and the trees are full of those insatiable mammals that want to make a merry meal out of your brand new pumpkins. These voracious little guys just don't know when to stop.

But there are some simple remedies to help your quintessential autumn decorators make it through the month and some of the ingredients are probably already in your house.

There are specific spray deterrents, but why go to Home Depot for a can of

Celebrate the fall of the Berlin Wall Nov. 5

While some people are now calling for the rebirth of Marxist Socialism in America, others will be celebrating the death of Soviet-style Communism in Europe when North Siders celebrate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall during a rededication ceremony at the Western Ave. CTA Brown Station, 4648 N. Western Ave., starting at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The Berlin Wall was a guarded, weaponized concrete barrier that physically and ideologically divided Berlin from 1961 to 1989. Construction of the Wall was commenced by the German Democratic Republic on Aug. 13 1961. The wall fell between Nov. 4 and 9, 1989, when the locals stormed the ramparts in an epic explosion of sudden freedom from Communist tyranny. The Wall cut off West Berlin from surrounding East Germany, including East Berlin.

In the tumultuous aftermath, the world has witnessed the emergence of dozens of new States in Eastern Europe. Significant transformations occurred in other continents around the globe that laid the foundation for the new world order we live in today.

Chicago was offered a section of the wall in 2008 by the German government. The city chose to place the monument in the historically German-American Lincoln Square neighborhood inside the CTA's Brown Line station. It is dedicated to the citizens of Chicago for helping "secure the freedom" of Berlin. In memory of the local visual symbol of the fall of the Iron Curtain, DANK Haus and the German General Council will host a ceremony at that station. For more information call 773-561-9181.



North Siders can celebrate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall during a rededication ceremony of a segment of that wall at the Western Ave. CTA Brown Station, 4648 N. Western Ave., 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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\$1,000 worth of goods at a time from independent retail stores and prosecutors did nothing about it, he said.

"A thousand dollars in merchandise — for a small business that could be the profit margin for a month," Wasowicz said.

Foxx's office issued a statement after the meeting.

"The state's attorney's office continues to prosecute both misdemeanor retail theft cases when charged by law enforcement and felony retail theft cases to the full extent of the law," the office said.

Yet, Foxx's own policy of not pursuing felonies for thefts of less

than \$1,000 is a direct conflict with her claim to be pursuing cases "to the fullest extent of the law."

An outlier

This reporter studied retail theft report trends for all major shopping districts downtown and on the North Side. Only one is seeing a decline in cases this year: Michigan Ave. between the Chicago River and Oak St.

After logging 468 cases through Sept. 2018, the Mag Mile racked up 389 during the same period this year. The reason for this year's decline is not clear. However, Water Tower Place mall in January began requiring teen-

agers to have adult chaperones on weekends, which may make the retail strip less attractive.

Despite the year-over-year decline, shoplifting reports this year on Michigan Ave. are still pacing 13% higher than before Foxx was elected in 2016.

Familiar tones

California voters in 2014 passed Proposition 47, raising the cut-off point for felony retail theft to \$950. Store owners blame Prop 47 for what they say is a noticeable increase in shoplifting.

"It's happening every day, hour by hour," said 7-Eleven Franchise Owner, Jassi Dhillon.

At every one of his six locations,

he said snacks fly off the shelves, but are often not paid for.

"It's unbearable. It's out of control. You will have the same guy coming in five times a day, picking things out," said Dhillon.

He said it feels it's no longer a priority for police because it's now considered petty theft.

Dhillon said each of his six stores loses \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year to shoplifters.

A reversal

According to data on the state's attorney website, prosecutors under Foxx are rejecting felony shoplifting cases more often than they pursue them. The ratio? About 2-to-1. By comparison, in

the year before Foxx was sworn in, prosecutors approved felony retail theft charges by a ratio of roughly 3-to-1.

In 2016, ASAs rejected 26% of Chicago Police Dept. requests for felony retail theft approval, according to the state's attorney's data. The next year, Foxx's first in office, ASAs rejected 65% of such requests. The rejection rate so far this year is 69%.

The data also shows that Chicago police, understanding Foxx's policies, are asking for felony retail theft approval far less often than before Foxx took office. CPD requests for felony approval fell 34% during Foxx's first year.

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