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Small Gold Coast grocery being pushed out of location of 45 years

BY RONALD ROENIGK

There are things we all take for granted in life. A reliable old car, a comfy chair, your cozy slippers and perhaps the late night convenient store or Bodega just down the block.

We all have one, a place down the block we can walk to in our flip flops, with late hours and tireless staff who are there when we need something quick. It's taken granted at times because it's always there. The fridge may be full, but there's no cream for the morning coffee, someone swiped the last Diet Coke, or the munchies arrived and you crave your old pals Ben & Jerry.

For nearly a half century a small grocery in The Gold Coast called The 1350 Commissary Market had fit like a slipper with their multigenerational customers. Need a quart of milk, orange juice, Cheez-Its, cereal, chicken salad, some sriracha sauce or a sour pickle at 10:45 p.m.? This is the place.

And by the end of this month, the store's customers may have to use the past tense, it 'was' the place. Trouble is brewing and it's not the store's coffee. Those troubles encouraged some of their customers to reach out to this newspaper seeking help.



Store owner George Bockwinkel (L-R), store managers Kimberly Carpenter and Warren Smith, who has been employed by Commissary Market for 37 years, "and is extremely well liked by the customers," said Bockwinkel.

For 45 years the store, owned by George Bockwinkel, has withstood the retail test of time at 1350-60 N. Lake Shore Dr. at Banks and Ritchie Ct. Founded originally by his mother, this is George's lone store. It is not part of the Bockwinkel three-store chain some may be familiar with downtown.

George Bockwinkel owns and operates just this one lone 1,450-square-foot store. "It's a family institution, my mom first opened it as a mini-grocery store," he said. "This store is set up just

perfectly."

Running a small retail business is tough, with long hours spent working the counter, dealing with whatever may walk through the door. But Bockwinkel and his staff did it. And did it well too, according to their customers. And now they face an existential threat: a landlord who is playing hardball.

And so now their customers are worried, suddenly aware that the store's

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New Sterling Bay proposal calls for only 360 parking spaces for 608 residential units, plus retail

Last week developer Sterling Bay made their case to the community over their proposed two-tower mixed-use project at 1840 N. Marcey, at the old CH Robinson site.

(CH Robinson moved to a new riverfront facility further north.)

Located on the east bank of the Chicago River, near Lincoln Yards, the project site is across the street from the former General Iron site. Presently the site is occupied by a long one-story industrial building bounded by N. Clifton Ave., N. Kingsbury St. to the west, east to N. Marcey St. with W. Wisconsin St. to the south.

Rising 215 feet, the southern building will be a 16-story tower with 308 residential units, but will only provide 98 parking spaces for their tenants, their employees and customers. The severe lack of off-street parking means the building will draw a large volume of shared cars services and delivery vehicles.

The northern most building provides a bit more parking, with



Lincoln Yards at 1840 N. Marcey. Image by Solomon Cordwell Buenz

262 spaces for the planned 300 rental units.

The 26-story northern high-rise building will rise 325 feet, and most of the apartment units will be relatively small, coming in at between 740 and 780 square feet.

Of the proposed 608 apartments, some 92 of them will be classified as affordable housing. Sterling Bay has also proposed apartment projects at 2031-2033 N. Kingsbury Ave. and 2100 N. Southport Ave. If these are approved, the total number of new apartments near Lincoln Yards will almost reach 1,100.

During the Oct. 16 meeting, moderated by Ald. Scott Waguespeck [32nd], a number of local residents were rightly concerned about the added traffic and congestion in the area and how the development would exacerbate the situation. A connecting street will be constructed between the two high-rises and used for pick up and drop-off, hoping to keep the traffic off of main streets.

Many of those neighbors spoke up against the proposal during the meeting, and said the two towers

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Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph. Photo courtesy Serhii Chrukyy

City issues permits for Thompson Center redo

Google is getting its way. Last week the city granted permits to demolish the exterior and atrium of the Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, as a part of Google's \$280 million plans to remake the former state government building into the company's Chicago headquarters.

The permits were issued Oct. 13 by the Dept. of Buildings. Google plans to remove the metal and glass skin on the 17-story structure and on its soaring, trademark atrium as well.

The building was named after

former Gov. James Thompson [1936-2020], under whose watch the plan became reality.

Equally liked and disliked by Illinois citizens, completed in 1985 and designed by architect Helmut Jahn, the move isn't a complete surprise. Rehab of the property was part of the discussion all along when the State of Illinois was shopping the property.

When former Gov. Bruce Rauner wanted to put it up for sale, he

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Water Tower Place Mall and Clinic?

Top five floors of Water Tower may be transformed into medical use

The next life for the once mighty Water Tower Place Mall may be as the place to go to get your teeth cleaned, your braces adjusted, or your varicose veins injected.

That's far from the fun of finding new shoes, the latest fashions or bling jewelry, but it may be all that can sustain the stagnating Michigan Ave. anchor property going forward.

The top five floors of Chicago's Water Tower Place are up for grabs now as the seller explores conversion ideas for the suddenly suffering former retail property. Indeed the mall itself may be considered on life support, and in need of medical assistance.

MetLife Insurance has hired JLL brokers Meredith O'Connor and Tom Kirschbraun to market floors four through eight at 835 Michigan Ave., which could be transformed into offices, medical space or another type of use, CoStar reported. The lower levels of the mall could continue to function for retail purposes, as well.

"The location is great for a healthcare use," Savills office

tenant broker Eric Feinberg, who is not involved in listing, told the CoStar. "Space is at a big premium in that neck of the woods. In years past, the hospitals have gobbled up space when it's been available."

The sale price or rental rates for the upper floors have not been disclosed, and the formal marketing process has yet to commence, but the decision underscores the ongoing problems of the retail landscape in Chicago, in the face of changing consumer preferences and challenging market conditions due to retail crime, shoplifting, and security fears by normal shoppers who won't venture downtown.

The lower three floors of Water Tower Place — which has a retail base totaling 818,000-square-foot — will continue to house shops, even as the vertical mall has struggled with a dismal 33% vacancy rate. The departure of Macy's in 2021, one of the mall's largest tenants, started the property's demise.

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Taken from us mid-dance



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The signage across Chicago says it all in bright lights, like a Broadway production of a Mamet play. "Shelley Howard was one of a kind." His exit just the perfect last act, final scene.

Just around the time the US Navy was summersaulting over the lakefront and the Gazpacho was still icy at Ralph Lauren toward the end of summer, I found myself near Hugo's Frog Bar on Rush. Hadn't been there since my birthday.

I decided to take advantage of their cocktail special of a buck an oyster. That's too good to pass up.

As is the Spanish white wine to wash them down.

The weather was Chicago glorious so I decided to have my dinner there as well. It was almost five p.m., the street show was beginning, too good to miss. So out to the patio I went.

It wasn't long before I was seized by Irish guilt with my solo table on Rush St. and no one to share the "queerdos" of humanity with, hustling along the sidewalk. I telephoned "da Mayor," himself, Shelley Howard. Being a Tuesday night I thought he just might be free.

He answered his phone and said he'd get to Hugo's ASAP. I refreshed my Grey Goose martini with blue cheese olives and ordered him a Ketel One.

Shelley's arrival at Hugo's was column-worthy. Quite presidential. He waved like a Windsor upon exiting his Uber, careful not to miss the car-parkers, busboys and waitresses in his short walk to our table.

He took ownership of the air, filling up the iconic Chicago streetscape. He embraced this city in his every move. He even gave a wink to the shuttered Tavern on Rush under renovation.

I was enchanted to have one of Chicago's most authentic citizens all to myself. Kind of like eating with Plutarch in Ancient Rome.

All the tried and true ingredients for successful accomplishment. The armor plate for modern Chicago living. That and a strong handshake and a good memory. Important for remembering who a person is. And what they are best known for. A home run at Wrigley, the perfect bowl of pasta al dente with olive oil and garlic. Or the willing ability to listen to a book pitch, a new rock tune, or the pecking order of cherished friends' birthdays over the course of the year.

Most great global cities have always had people of wisdom and comedy ever watchful of the comings and going of everyday life. New York had Walter Winchell. Washington, D.C. had Eleanor Roosevelt. They eyeballed the inconsistencies and drama spilling out on the pavements from the car crashes and fender benders of everyday survival.

Life, they showed us, is more likely to be a corned beef sandwich than a bloody juicy steak.

They lead us through the cucumber salads and Pabst Blue Ribbon moments of everyday existence. But have the taste and common sense to let in the grandeur of a Maestro Stanley Paul to keep life's appropriate tempo going.

So for me, Shelley was kind of a cross between Walter Winchell and Eleanor Roosevelt.

One of Shelley's greatest gifts was his ability to turn a picnic bench into a banquet table by the pleasing pungency of the vittles, the beverage and the table talk.

From the rock and roll of everyday struggles to the sorry state of what now passes for politics in Chicago wards, his eyes were on the accomplishments of its stars or lack, thereof, of its losers.

He looked for the good sushi of honest souls with the intelligent capacity for shaking-up the perfect companion martini.

Possessed of a sophisticated palette with the capacity to taste all the flavors God and good cooks devised. Gibsons and LuxBar weren't just restaurants, they were sacred destinations where the friends of a



Shelley Howard

lifetime knew it was a good day for soup.

Topo Gigio and Kamehachi weren't just Old Town neighborhood fine dining, but the favorite tables where the soul and heart refreshed in the company of old friends.

Now we must continue the journey without him. But we know how to step. And maneuver.

Sadly when we weren't looking our jitterbug was snatched from us. Mid-dance. Mid-twirl. When we were looking the other way, when the street lights were low, and there was no commotion. The cloud cover heavy.

But we can be confident of our path before us. Like Shelley. That mellow blend of celebrity mixed with urban poetry, reason and intelligence. With a touch of an inside scoop for good measure. And an Old Town chiming of the bells from Old St. Michael's.

It's impossible for me to think of Shelley without thinking of Jay Barksdale, Fernando Asturizaga, Dennis Donn, Larry Wright and Jim Coston by his side always. Even at a Gibsons pre-deep-freeze dinner. And Phil Stephani, beloved Pump Room Maestro Stanley Paul, DJ Robert Murphy and wife, Cheryl Larsen, and Shelley's son, Shaun, who was his heart.

The words of the Irish poet fit us well today. "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends." - WB Yeats

STEAKHOUSE BULLETIN: Gibsons Restaurant Group signs 15,000-square-foot lease in Fulton Market.

BARE NATURE: After 45 years, Tom Skilling, WGN'S on the spot weatherman, is choosing a fresh life for himself in the warm sunshine of Hawaii in the wintery months. When it gets to sweater weather that's when he can embrace the pristine wonder of Alaska. He has consented to do some weather specials when the need comes up. A real Chicagoan through and through.

TART ENOUGH? The West Town neighborhood is preparing itself for the arrival of "Lemon Bar," the new jazz club opening up at 1600 W. Grand, at the corner of Grand and Ashland.

THOMPSON CENTER: Word is that the renovation of the Thompson Center, once the GHQ of the State of Illinois, has received the necessary permits to begin removing the exterior atrium. Helmut Jann's flight of fancy will begin to disappear, soon to be Googleville.

GUINNESS: Property of the newly opened Guinness brewery at 901 W. Kinzie, in Chicago's West Loop can be yours. The spot in the West Loop has been listed for sale, according to a real estate industry source.

SMASH: Who doesn't love to smash a rotten pumpkin? The Edgewater Environmental Coalition is hosting their annual Pumpkin Smash noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at 6040 N. Clark St., north of the fire station. The Smash has diverted tons of pumpkins from area landfills, so compost your pumpkins and learn how to compost food waste at home. Contact **Nina Newhouser** at nnewhouser@

gmail.com if you want to volunteer.

GRAMMYS: Irene Michaels has been officially nominated for a Grammy. Chicago pals are off the charts.

RIP: Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, 84, a member of the ancient Benedictine order, long a voice for the hungry and the disposed has died. A holy woman of intelligence and Catholic reason, inspired by her remarkable parents, the deeply progressive Catholic couple **Pat and Patty Crowley**, invited observers at Vatican II. "And let them first pray together, that so they may associate in peace." - St. Benedict.

RUN MIKE RUN: Father Mike Bradley at St. Gertrude Catholic Church ran in his 50th Chicago Marathon. Bravo, what an accomplishment. He raises money



Tom Skilling

for a program that provides assistance for older people in Edgewater. He is a priest at the church at 1420 W. Granville in Edgewater.

BOOKS: Deborah Karabin is a talented artist and writer with strong threads to the events in Ukraine. She has written a wonderful book about "Bita, the Ukrainian Warrior Dog," which I have written about.

On Sunday, Oct. 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. she will be at the pop-up Ukrainian Pop-up Store and Bookstore called "c-Ukraine" in the Wrigley Building to speak of her work and offer signed copies. Please try to stop in and support this wonderful Chicago talent and the people of Ukraine.

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North, Northwest side bars, restaurants now compete with adjacent suburbs who have lower sales taxes, license fees, payroll costs

Through the five-year phase-in plan, tipped workers in Chicago will gradually see wages increase until they reach the city's \$15.80 minimum wage, under the One Fair Wage Ordinance legislation that passed in City Council in early October.

The minimum wage for tipped workers will go up by 8% starting July 1, 2024, and another 8% every year until 2028.

Currently the "subminimum" wage in Chicago ranges from \$9 to \$9.48 an hour plus tips. While the subminimum wage falls below the city's regular minimum wage, a worker's pay is expected to be boosted by tips from customers.

But people in the Chicago bar and restaurant industry are now forced to take on another concern: the challenges faced by the hospitality industry in the city, when nearby suburban neighbors offer lower sales taxes, license fees and lower payroll costs for competing bars and restaurants than those located with the city of Chicago face.

This gap in fixed overhead costs within the hospitality industry, and the potential city-mandated disparities, may affect businesses operating within the city. Bars and restaurants on the Far North, and Northwest Sides are expected to be hardest hit as they abut the suburbs of Evanston, Skokie, Niles and Lincolnwood.

According to the Tax Foundation, Chicago's 10.25% sales tax rate is the second highest of any city in the entire nation. And for restaurants located within the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Area Food and Beverage tax zone (basically Diversey Pkwy. south to McCormick Place), the total sales tax is 11.75% (inclusive of the city of Chicago's 0.50% restaurant tax and the 1.00% MPEA food and beverage tax).

The City of Chicago outlines different classes of liquor licenses to regulate establishments serving alcoholic beverages. Among these categories, the Tavern License costs \$4,400 per year and is necessary for bars, nightclubs and similar establishments that primarily serve alcohol.

The cost of business for bars is expected to go up as well after the One Fair Wage Ordinance phases out the tipped minimum wage by July 2028, ensuring that all businesses pay their workers the same minimum hourly wage regardless of tips earned.

Another factor is employees that commute to Chicago that may have lunch or dinner (or both) in Chicago instead of where they live. Chicago's taxable sales are \$1,043 more per capita from bars and restaurants than the State average.

CHART 1A. TOP 10 CHICAGO ZIP CODES PER CAPITA RETAIL SALES

ZIP	Neighborhood	Retail Sales Per Capita
60603	Loop	\$491,414
60602	Loop	\$329,584
60604	Loop	\$157,450
60606	Loop	\$131,850
60611	Navy Pier/Mag Mile	\$88,952
60601	Loop	\$42,301
60654	River North	\$40,189
60661	West Loop	\$37,806
60607	Near West	\$36,152
60610	Old Town	\$27,433

CHART 1B. BOTTOM 10 CHICAGO ZIP CODES PER CAPITA RETAIL SALES

ZIP	Neighborhood	Retail Sales Per Capita
60624	Garfield Park	\$3,558
60623	South Lawndale	\$3,312
60621	Englewood	\$3,254
60628	Roseland	\$3,187
60629	Chicago Lawn	\$3,165
60651	Humboldt Park	\$3,026
60637	Woodlawn	\$2,841
60644	Austin	\$2,460
60645	West Ridge	\$2,299
60633	Hegewisch	\$2,195

Within the City, retail sales per capita vary widely, from \$491,414 in ZIP code 60603 (Loop between Madison and Jackson) to \$2,195 in 60633 (Hegewisch on the Indiana border).

Courtesy Taxpayer Federation of Illinois

A 2021 study by the Taxpayer Federation of Illinois [TFI] found that sales tax receipts could show the economic effects of tax disparities, as Chicago was more than 25% below the Statewide average in per capita sales tax collections, or taxable sales per capita. "We had assumed the tourism and business activities there, in addition to higher prices of goods in Chicago, would produce higher than average taxable sales, or at least totals close to the State average," they reported. "Our analysis found that as expected, eating and drinking establishments catering to tourists and business customers generated a substantial amount of sales, but not enough to offset the lower sales from other types of retailers."

Per capita taxable sales from bars and restaurants in Chicago had consistently been above the State average, as expected. The primary driver of this was the convention and tourism aspect of Chicago's economy, compared to the rest of the State. But post pandemic, a lot of that convention and tourism economic activity has dried up.

However, that too is dropping, as more people choose to work from home, and not go downtown.

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All of the top 10 per capita ZIP codes are downtown, in or near the Loop, with an average per capita retail sales of \$138,313, significantly above the statewide average of \$15,000 per capita. The farthest away of the top 10 was the Near West Side.

The results confirm the TFI's assumption that downtown businesses (this was before COVID) and tourism would drive up Chicago sales tax collections. In the Top 10 per capita ZIP codes, bars and restaurants accounted for 43% of all sales tax collections; citywide bars and restaurants accounted for 28%.

The ZIP code with the highest total retail sales is 60611, which includes Navy Pier and the

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Halloween adds a ghostly spirit to local housing market



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Halloween—the eerie, windy and dark late autumn event—is when Chicagoans are more aware of ghostly visions, goblins, creaking eves and noises in the night.

In Chicago's crazy North-Side housing market, buying or selling a home in 2023 can be a pretty scary event, especially if the property seemingly has a haunted or paranormal past.

Real estate brokers generally refer to such parcels as “stigmatized properties.” They include sites of murders, notorious representations, or environmental contamination. And—of course—homes that allegedly are inhabited by spirits or ghosts.

However, not all properties classified as stigmatized are undesirable. Those inhabited by spirits or ghosts may actually attract some buyers rather than dissuade clients.

According to Dale Kaczmarek, president of the Ghost Research Society in Oak Lawn, there are thousands of haunted homes and businesses in the Chicago area alone.

Kaczmarek, who has been involved since 1975 in researching supernatural phenomena, says most ghostly encounters are benign and most spirits are playful and mischievous—not evil.

One of Kaczmarek's best ghost stories is about Bachelor's Grove Cemetery in south suburban Midlothian. Apparently, visitors report seeing the apparition of a phantom Victorian farmhouse in the woods near the cemetery. And, witnesses report as night falls, orbs of blue lights can be seen twinkling and floating near the house. However, if you walk toward the lights, they vanish.

“Some people say an orb—or ball of light—is the spiritual energy ghosts gather before manifestation or poltergeist activ-

ity,” noted ghost-hunter Celeste Busk, a retired Chicago Sun-Times reporter who has written many haunted house stories. “To be a true orb of light, it has to move with purpose.”

This autumn, while preparing her vintage Chicago condominium ready for sale, Busk took a digital photo of her beloved pet dog, and noticed a white orb in the upper right corner of the picture. This writer viewed the photo, and there really was a white, softball-size orb in the background.

“Orbs are thought to be a spirit and/or white balls of energy the spirit is using to manifest itself, or use for poltergeist mischief,” Busk explained.

In the 1980s, Busk witnessed the appearance of an orb of light in a garage being investigated by ghost hunters because the former homeowner hung himself there.

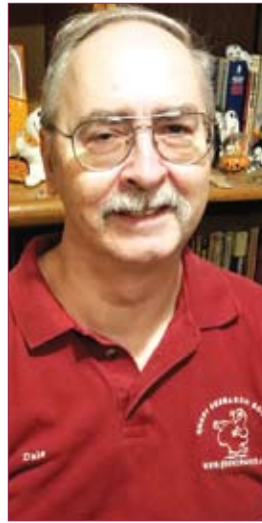
“It was dark and quiet at midnight when an orb of light appeared and zig-zagged with intelligence all the way to the garage floor where it disappeared,” Busk recalled. “I was awestruck and couldn't move. The professional ghost hunter captured it on video.”

Did you know nearly half of all Americans believe in ghosts and poltergeist activity, according to spirit experts? Just in time for Halloween, this writer offers Home Front readers these classic ghostly apparitions:

- **Baby-sitter ghost.** A young mother tells the tale of Tom, the friendly ghost, who enjoyed haunting her baby son's room in her two-flat on the North Side in the late 1980s. “Our vintage-oak rocking chair would mysteriously rock by itself. Sometimes, a hand-crank ‘Swing-O-matic’ baby swing would start slowly moving by itself, and the non-motorized mobile over the crib would spin,” she recalled. “And, lights would come on by themselves, and stereo music would play.”

Once at 3 a.m., the baby was found laughing while sitting on the floor near his crib. “I sat down on the bed and had a heart-to-ghost chat with Tom, explaining that he was a spirit and had to move on,” she said. “The ghost finally ended his haunting.”

- **Grandma's perfume.** Just before mid-



(L-R) Ghost-hunter Dale Kaczmarek, and an eerie photo of Bachelor's Grove Cemetery in Midlothian.

night on Christmas Eve in 2020, a senior citizen homeowner was relaxing by his fireplace reading a book. Suddenly he noticed the heavy aroma of perfume wafting from a nearby corner curio cabinet in the living room, where his wife displayed photos of her late grandmother and late grandfather.

The aroma flowed into the library, and lingered. Then, the fragrance concentrated in the bedroom that once was occupied by Grandma Ruth, the builder who erected the home in 1965. Gradually, the aroma faded.

“We recently had completed renovation work on our 55-year-old house, which we purchased from the family estate,” said the wife. “It seemed like grandma came back on a midnight spirit's tour to review our upgrades. Her fragrance was Tabu. She loved to read. The new library seemed to be a magnet for her, and her 1950s ‘Little Book Club,’ leather bookmark was on the shelf.”

On Christmas Day, the wife witnessed poltergeist activity. The terrace swing moved, but there was no wind. Later, the aroma of grandpa's cigar smoke wafted across the deck. Four of their grandchildren simultaneously experienced the haunting.

- **Flickering lamp.** On a recent visit to the getaway house this autumn, a couple started happily chatting about all the work that they had completed on the home over the past decade. The wife said: “If my father were alive, he wouldn't believe how much we improved the house.” Simultaneously, the bulb in a vintage table lamp that once belonged to her father, began flickering on and off in a sign of approval. No electrical problems were found.

- **Haunted “blue room.”** In late Oct. 1985, a young couple purchased a vintage English Tudor home in the Sauganash neighborhood on the Northwest Side. They were only the second owners of the house,

which dated to the 1920s.

After doing a total renovation of the house, the new owners decided to leave one of the bedrooms intact because they liked its deep blue color. So, the walls were freshly painted the same color of blue. A matching blue bed spread and curtains were added.

Soon afterward, however, thumping began inside the blue walls of the second-floor bedroom. Just noisy heat ducts or plumbing, they rationalized. But the noise continued even when the furnace wasn't on.

A year later, a house guest stayed in the blue room, with no mention of the “haunting.” Within minutes of retiring for the evening, the house guest raced down the stairs in hysterics. “There's something in that room,” she said. “I heard heavy breathing and groaning, and it's freezing cold in there.”

While researching the house's past, the new owners found that the only prior resident had built the home in the 1920s and lived there happily for more than 60 years. His family said their father had passed away of lung and heart difficulties in the blue bedroom only months before the couple had purchased the house.

Because of the credibility questions supernatural phenomena raise, the National Assoc. of Realtors encourages states to adopt legislation based on model language provided to each state Realtor association.

The model language asks Realtors to declare that “all psychological impacts or stigmas associated with real property are not material facts and need not be disclosed to a potential purchaser or lessee.”

Although it may take supernaturally creative marketing campaigns to sell an allegedly haunted house, buyers are out there.

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Cook County fails to prosecute criminals, so citizens forced to fight crime themselves

Shootouts between robbers and concealed carry holders cap another night of robbery sprees

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Throughout world history, when governments have failed to provide a legitimate level of criminal prosecutions to help protect law-abiding citizens, citizens are then forced to protect themselves. America's Wild West was, after all, settled with the six-shooter, not the peace pipe.

A concealed carry license holder [CCL] exchanged gunfire with armed robbers Oct. 22, Chicago police said. The shootout came at the end of two robbery sprees that hit the neighborhood and nearby Bucktown between 9 p.m. and midnight Oct. 21.

The first string of crimes began around 9:20 p.m. with a carjacking in Bucktown.

A food delivery driver was in his car in the 1700 block of W. Wabansia when two hijackers pulled up next to him in a black Jeep, according to police.

The carjackers forced him out of his silver Toyota Prius, then drove away with his car and the Jeep.

Two more robberies were reported within minutes.

A couple told police they were

held up at gunpoint in the 1600 block of N. Leavitt by three men who traveled in a black sedan. The men took a purse, phone, and wallet.

Then, two victims were robbed at gunpoint in the 1500 block of N. Artesian by three masked men who traveled in a silver sedan. They told police the men took two phones, keys, and a wallet.

The second spree began in Bucktown about two hours later, at 11:33 p.m. in the 1600 block of N. Wolcott. Two women, ages 28 and 22, were walking to their car when two men got out of a silver sedan to rob them at gunpoint, according to Chicago police.

Things started to escalate with the next robbery, which occurred in the 3500 block of W. Pierce around 11:55 p.m.

Police said a 26-year-old man was exiting his car when a silver sedan pulled up, and three men got out with handguns. The crew chased the victim, struck him in the face, and took his property. He suffered minor injuries and refused medical attention, police said.

Moments later, a 24-year-old CCL was standing outside of a vehicle in the 3300 block of W. Beach when he saw two men get out of a silver sedan. He saw the men pull out firearms and open a woman's car door nearby, police said.

Police said the robbers shot at the CCL when he tried to inter-

vene in the robbery. He returned fire, and a shootout ensued, according to CPD. No injuries were reported, but the offenders left a gun behind and crashed their getaway car, a stolen 2018 Hyundai. They may have fled the area on foot.

CPD did not release descriptions of the suspects.

Robbery reports are up 25% from last year in Chicago. They're up 36% compared to 2019.

The real story, though, is what's happening in the areas where the sprees occurred.

Robberies are up 58% this year in CPD's Shakespeare 14th District and up 114% versus 2019, according to the police department's latest stats. Shakespeare's officers serve nearby neighborhoods like Bucktown, Wicker Park, and part of Humboldt Park.

Next door, in the Near West 12th District, which includes areas from Humboldt Park to the West Loop, robberies have increased by 63% this year. They're up 95% compared to 2019.

Just west of the 12th District, the Grand Central 25th District is even worse, with robberies up 129% from 2022 and 111% compared to 2019.

Shootout in Old Town Walgreens, two injured

A shootout inside a Walgreens left a store employee injured and the other gunman critically

wounded in Old Town Oct. 21, according to Chicago police. It happened just before midnight at 1601 N. Wells St.

Police said a man in his late 20s entered the store and pulled out a gun during an altercation with a 26-year-old employee that he knew. The employee pulled out a gun, too, and the men exchanged gunfire, leaving up to 20 shell casings on the floor in aisle 13.

The employee refused medical attention for a graze wound to his chest. Chicago police officers took him into custody as they investigated the shooting and whether he possessed the firearm legally.

Meanwhile, the other man fled the scene in a car that arrived at Northwestern Memorial Hospital a few minutes later. He underwent surgery with gunshot wounds to his head, chest, and abdomen. The police were still trying to locate the black Ford Taurus and the driver who dropped him off.

So far this year, 12 people have been shot in Lincoln Park. The neighborhood had four shooting victims for all of last year.

The most recent shooting before Oct. 21 occurred in the 500 block of W. Wrightwood on Sept. 4. Officers responding to calls of shots fired found a 24-year-old man lying on the street with gunshot wounds to both legs.

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Police Beat...

Man with ten pending felony cases in three states robbed a woman near Union Station

Davon Fullilove has a lot going on. As prosecutors charged him with robbing a woman in downtown Chicago last week, they told Judge Barbara Dawkins that Fullilove is a four-time convicted felon with five felony theft cases pending in the suburbs, three pending felony cases in Wisconsin, and two pending felonies in Indiana.



Davon Fullilove

His local problems began on Oct. 10, when prosecutors charged him with stealing phones and purses from women in the suburbs between May 6 and Oct. 9, according to court records. Once he was in custody, Chicago police picked him up from the jail to face charges for allegedly robbing a woman in their jurisdiction.

Fullilove, 27, met the 24-year-old woman on a dating app and offered her a ride to Union Station on June 5, CPD officers wrote in their arrest report. As they neared the train station, Fullilove pulled the car over.

"I am not going to lie," he allegedly told the woman as he pulled a gun from under his seat. "Leave your phone and get out of the car, or I am going to shoot you."

He was generous enough to give the woman permission to get her travel bag out of his car, but then he drove away before she could retrieve it, the report said.

Later, Fullilove used the woman's phone to transfer money from her Chime and CashApp accounts to himself, prosecutors alleged this week. CPD officers arrested Fullilove after the woman identified him in a photo line-up.

Judge Barbara Dawkins ordered him into custody as a safety threat.

The suburban cases accuse Fullilove of stealing phones, purses, and an Apple Watch from victims at Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve on May 6, July 21, and Oct. 9; from a CVS in Oak Forest on Aug. 25; and from Honey Bear Cafe in Lansing on June 3.

His Cook County felony convictions are for burglary: two in 2019 and another in 2019, according to court files.

Teens, 70-year-old attacked with baseball bat at Oz Park

A suspect is in custody after three people were attacked with a baseball bat in Lincoln Park on Oct. 18, Chicago police said.

Officers responded to calls of a man attacking people with an orange baseball bat at Oz Park, 2021 N. Burling, around 5:25 p.m. They found a girl and a boy, both 17, who said a man walked up to them with a bat, hit them with it, and then ran away, according to a CPD spokesperson.

The attacker struck a 70-year-old man nearby before cops apprehended him.

"It was during Little League," a witness told us. "Super f***ed up!"

Passersby tended to at least one of the victims until paramedics arrived. The police spokesperson said all three victims were taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center with cuts and bruises.

The suspect remains in custody with charges pending.

Five-time felon broke CTA passenger's leg in a robbery that netted \$6, prosecutors say



Mugshot of Anthony Jackson, and CTA surveillance images.

A five-time convicted felon broke a CTA passenger's leg during a robbery that netted him just \$6, prosecutors said Oct. 19.

Judge Barbara Dawkins ordered the accused man, Anthony Jackson, 34, detained as a public safety threat.

Chicago police released surveillance images of the robbery suspect on Oct. 16, hoping someone would recognize him. Less than 48 hours later, Jackson was in police custody.

Prosecutors said Jackson "snuck behind" the 58-year-old victim at the Pulaski Blue Line station around 10 a.m. Oct. 13 and reached into the man's pockets. While taking \$6 from the man's pocket, Jackson pulled him backward, causing him to fall, a Chicago police arrest report said.

The victim's left femur and right thumb broke during the fall. He underwent surgery to repair the leg injury.

Prosecutors pointed to Jackson's five felony convictions, including one in 2018 for punching a cop, in their petition to have him detained before trial.

He is charged with robbery and aggravated battery in a public place.

Man gets probation for driving toward cops at street 'takeover'



Chicago police at the scene of a street takeover on Lower Wacker Dr. on Oct. 14. Courtesy Jeremy Trigg/TMX

If you've been on social media lately, you've probably seen a video or two of a crowd pounding on a Tesla that was stuck in traffic because of a street "takeover" in downtown Chicago.

While city officials have talked a big game about cracking down on the stunt-driving circuses, few arrests have been made.

At an Oct. 14 sideshow on Lower Wacker Dr., two adults were arrested. Mauricio Huerta, 19, was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude police, obstruction of traffic, and driving without ever being issued a license, according to CPD arrest records, and Denys Schesnyak, 18, was charged with mob action.

Inspired by that weekend's video, we decided to see if we could find any other recent sideshow arrests and also figure out what happened to participants who've faced charges in the past.

As it turned out, most sideshow arrests we've covered are still pending in court. But one of them, coincidentally, wrapped up two days before last weekend's incident in the Loop.

In Nov. 2022, Demetrian Perez was

one of two men charged with felonies after Chicago cops arrested them at a sideshow in the 4300 block of S. Pulaski.

About 200 cars were involved in the meet-up. Spectators threw vehicle parts and beer bottles at CPD squad cars, officials said.

At one point, Perez allegedly put his vehicle in reverse to try to hit a squad car following him with its lights and sirens activated. Prosecutors said he missed the police car but struck another vehicle.

Once Perez finally pulled over, he again put his car in reverse and accelerated toward an officer at high speed, prosecutors said. The cop moved out of the way and took shelter behind another vehicle while Perez allegedly slammed into another occupied squad.

Arrested and charged with multiple felonies, Perez has been on electronic monitoring ever since.

On Oct. 12, he pleaded guilty to three counts of aggravated assault of a police officer and criminal damage to government property, all felonies, in exchange for two years of probation from Judge Stanley Sacks, court records show.

Prosecutors dropped felony mob action and a second criminal damage charge in the plea deal.

Chicago cops also arrested three 19-year-old men at a sideshow near 118th and Halsted on Sept. 24.

Gabriel Angulo and Casey Kowalczyk, both of Melrose Park, and Daniel Diaz, whose hometown was not available, were each charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon, according to court records.

In their arrest reports, police said officers were dispersing a drag-racing crowd when they saw Diaz running with the handle of a firearm sticking out of his waistband. He jumped into the back seat of a nearby Ford Escape, police said.

Kowalczyk was in the car's driver's seat. Police said he had a loaded gun tucked into his waistband.

Angulo, the front-seat passenger, allegedly exited the car and ran while clutching his waistband and holding a gun in his right hand. Police said he dropped the weapon when a car nearly struck him.

According to court records, Judge Charles Beach released all three men later that day with nighttime curfews.

Chicago police said they recovered another gun during a motorcycle and dirt bike takeover in River North on Sept. 21.

Officers responding to calls of up to 40 motorcycles "blocking traffic and performing burn outs" in the 300 block of N. State found "multiple motorcycles" stopped in the traffic lanes, a CPD arrest report said.

Cops who stopped Connor Castaneda, 21, of Plainfield, for not having plates on his motorcycle asked him if he had any weapons. According to the report, he admitted to having a firearm in his backpack. Police recovered a holstered .40 caliber pistol from the bag, the report said.

Castaneda is licensed to own guns in Illinois, but he does not have a concealed carry license, according to police. He's charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon and attempting to flee or elude police.

Judge Maryam Ahmad released him to await trial.

Teen robbed Uptown convenience store

A 14-year-old boy is charged with robbing an Uptown convenience store last month, according to Chicago police.

At about 7:42 p.m. Sept. 13, a group walked into the store at 4150 N. Broadway and started helping themselves to the merchandise, a CPD report said.

They physically attacked a store employee who tried to stop them, leaving him bleeding from the head, and they fled with chips, candy, and

other snacks.

A CPD surveillance camera captured footage of them heading east on Buena Ave. after the robbery. A cop who reviewed surveillance footage radioed descriptions of four suspects, all Black males believed to be in their teens: two wearing blue hoodies with khaki pants; one wearing a black hoodie with khaki pants, and one wearing a gray hoodie with khaki pants.

On Oct. 16, the 14-year-old was arrested at Area Three headquarters, 2452 W. Belmont. No other details are available about him because he is a juvenile.

Halloween arsonist strikes again in Lincoln Square

Someone set fire to a Lincoln Square homeowner's Halloween decorations early on Oct. 21. The arsonist has committed several similar crimes in the area. One of those fires caused extensive damage to a home, forcing two families to relocate.

The latest fire occurred around 2:45 a.m. Saturday in the 4900 block of N. Bell. The homeowner uploaded video to the Ring network showing a hanging decoration on fire, but the security system did not record any footage of the arsonist.

In the footage, a large flame crawled up the side of the house, then subsided after a few seconds. Later, minor damage was visible on the home's stonework and siding, but the fire did not spread to the home.

A North Center homeowner was not as lucky last Monday when an arsonist set fire to a decorative hay bale on their porch in the 3600 block of N. Hoyne. That fire quickly spread to the wood frame home, leaving extensive damage to the front part of the house. Everyone got out safely but had to be relocated until repairs were made.

Chicago police released an alert about the pattern later in the week, saying a serial arsonist was responsible for at least eight fires in the area this month, including one in the 4600 block of N. Lincoln at 1:50 a.m. Oct. 4; in the 2100 block of W. Montrose at 3:48 a.m. Oct. 4; in the 4500 block of N. Lincoln at 4 a.m. Oct. 4; in the 4600 block of N. Lincoln at 4:13 a.m. Oct. 7; in the 4000 block of N. Lincoln at 2:58 a.m. Oct. 9; in the 2100 block of W. Agatite at 3:10 a.m. Oct. 11; in the 2200 block of W. Roscoe at 3:43 a.m. Oct. 11, and one in the in the 3600 block of N. Hoyne at 3:27 a.m. Oct. 16.

His usual technique is to set fire to hay bales, barrels of hay, and scarecrows that people and businesses put out as decorations, according to reports provided to this reporter.

On Oct. 7, several small fires broke out along Lincoln Ave. in the heart of Lincoln Square. Only minor damage was reported. Another small fire was set in the 4000 block of N. Lincoln early on Oct. 9.

Two days later, a hay bale was set ablaze next to a porch in the 2100 block of W. Agatite around 3:11 a.m. The owner put it out and didn't file a police report. About 20 minutes after that, the arsonist set a hay bale on fire on a porch in the 2200 block of W. Roscoe. Again, the owners extinguished the fire before any serious damage occurred.

A handful of smaller fires have also occurred, but police reports were not completed, according to neighbors who spoke with us.

Police described him as white, 35 to 40 years old, and about 6 feet tall. He is slim, balding, has a beard and mustache, and usually wears glasses while carrying a messenger bag.

Last weekend, a man who resembles the arsonist was caught on camera as he used scissors to decapitate Halloween inflatables in the neighborhood. That footage was posted to the Ring network.

Anyone with information that might help investigators can call CPD's arson section at 312-746-7618. Refer to crime pattern #P23-3-019-079.

Teen charged with carjacking woman in River North

Chicago police announced this morning that a 15-year-old boy has been charged with carjacking a woman in River North in August.

The hijacking occurred around 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 in the 400 block of N. Orleans.

At the time, a witness who was going to an event at the nearby Merchandise Mart told us they saw a man pull a woman out of a white Toyota Camry. The witness reported that the carjacker climbed into the woman's car, which had Wisconsin plates, and headed west with the vehicle. CPD said the victim was 24 years old.

A second vehicle believed to be involved in the hijacking, believed to be a Kia Seltos, fled with the carjacked Toyota.

Cops arrested the teenager on Oct. 19 in the 1100 block of S. Hamilton. Cook County's Juvenile Center, including the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and juvenile courts, are located on that block, suggesting the boy may have other matters before the courts.

Man gets six years for having gun in U-Haul after downtown looting spree



Mugshots (L-R) Brian Duren and Marcus Strozier.

A four-time convicted felon has picked up a fifth felony conviction by pleading guilty to having a gun in the cab of a U-Haul truck as he drove around River North in the aftermath of a massive looting spree in Aug. 2020.

Almost as interesting as what happened to Marcus Strozier is what the guy cops found hiding in the truck's cargo area (with another gun) has been up to.

Authorities had sealed off the downtown area on Aug. 10, 2020, as they tried to prevent another wave of looting like the one that ravaged the area the night before.

Chicago police transit officers pulled Strozier over in the 500 block of N. Clark for making an improper lane change with his U-Haul truck around 11:35 p.m., officials said. Similar trucks had been used to ram storefronts and carry away vast amounts of merchandise from stores during looting sprees in May 2020 and again the night before.

Prosecutors said police heard noises coming from the U-Haul's cargo area as they placed Strozier into custody for failing to provide a driver's license and proof of insurance.

When officers opened the truck's rear door, they allegedly found Brian Duren, 18, hiding inside with a handgun. Another gun was found in the truck's cab, where Strozier had been.

Strozier bailed out, went on electronic monitoring, and disappeared in April 2022. Officials finally caught up with him again in January.

According to court records, he has now pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, reduced from Class X armed habitual criminal, in connection with the 2020 case. Judge Michael McHale handed him a six-year sentence.

Prosecutors dropped an escape from electronic monitoring charge in their plea deal.

Meanwhile, Duren, the guy police found in the U-Haul's cargo area, has been keeping himself busy in

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New liquor license moratorium in 42nd Ward

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] has used his legislative authority to enact liquor moratorium zones across the 42nd Ward to stop the issuance of any new Tavern or Late Hour licenses downtown.

The moratorium ordinances also significantly restrict the transfer of existing liquor establishments to new owners.

He said that the action was taken to prevent Blüm's Tavern license cannot be transferred to any future new tenants.

The tavern at 316 W. Erie St. was the site of a mass shooting on Oct. 8. That night eight people were left wounded when gunfire erupted in the early morning.

CPD issued a Summary Closure Order after the shootout at Blüm in order to temporarily close the venue. "We are pleased to report that the landlord has changed the locks on the building to deny Blüm access," said Reilly.

The Chicago City Council passed a series of ordinances re-

stricting the issuance of liquor licenses in various locations throughout the City. These moratorium restrictions may apply to licenses for consumption on premises, taverns, private social clubs, and stores selling package goods.

Restaurant services are generally not subject to these restrictions.

The ordinances significantly restrict the transfer of existing liquor establishments to new

owners. Presently, there are six limited exceptions in the liquor ordinance that permit existing locations in a moratorium to legally be transferred. The following transfers are permitted: Between spouses; Between parents and children; An heir of the prior licensee by interstate succession or a will; Any shareholder who already held shares prior to the creation of the moratorium area; Any person acquiring less than five percent of the shares

of a corporate licensee, and any other person who is acquiring the licensed business by purchase, if that person can obtain the consent of over 51% of the legal voters registered within 500 feet of the premises.

If the above exceptions do not apply, the transfer of a license may only be approved if the local alderman introduces an ordinance to lift the moratorium.

Chicago mayor's SUVs racked up 11 red light and speed camera tickets in five months

BY CWBCHICAGO

Brandon Johnson has only been Chicago's mayor for five months, but he is already outperforming his predecessors by one metric: His SUVs are racking up red light and speed camera violations faster than any of them.

Since taking the keys to City Hall, the black SUVs that Chicago cops drive him around town in have racked up an impressive 11 moving violations, according to records reviewed by this reporter. That's about one ticket every two weeks. One of the SUVs picked up a parking ticket earlier this month, too.

Over the years, we've told you about motorcade tickets racked up by former mayors Rahm Emanuel, Lori Lightfoot, and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. But none of them accrued violations as prodigiously as Johnson.

The mayor's drivers went next level on Sept. 1 by getting a red light ticket on one of his cars and, 65 minutes later, getting a speeding ticket on another.

As of Oct. 18, Johnson's SUVs owe the city \$855. When we first contacted the city about this story, even more was owed, but someone started making payments.

Neither the mayor's press office nor Johnson's press secretary, Ronnie Reese, responded to emails seeking input for this story.

During the mayoral campaign, Johnson called red light and speed cameras "an easy revenue grab by the city, and they're horribly unfair."

Before the general election, Johnson largely stopped short of saying he would get rid of the cameras, but he went there during the run-off campaign.

"I'm phasing them out if the Constitution allows us to," he said a week before he would be

elected. "And if we can't, whenever a speed ticket has been accumulated, or acquired, that ZIP code should get the revenue."

He was most vocal about the city's decision under Lightfoot to lower the threshold for speeding citations from 10 mph above the posted limit to 6 mph.

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That may be a topic for Johnson to revisit. Five of the seven speeding tickets his cars collected were for speeds of 6 to 10 mph above the limit.

We wanted to know where Johnson's cars were going when they received tickets, so we filed a Freedom of Information request for his daily schedules and scoured the city's news outlets for contemporaneous coverage.

But for two conference calls, which were over by 9 a.m., the mayor's public schedule was blank for Friday, May 26. Yet one of his cars was going 37 mph at 4040 W. Chicago Ave. just before 11 a.m. The city sent a warning for that one.

On July 24, Johnson returned to Chicago from Cedar Rapids and had a couple of meetings, with the last item on his agenda scheduled to end at 4:15 p.m.

At 7:42 p.m., one of his SUVs picked up a ticket for traveling 11 mph over the limit at 536 E. Morgan in Washington Park. His car's blue lights were activated, and, instead of being trailed by another black SUV, a marked Chicago police unit followed.

Most likely, Johnson was on his way to the Univ. of Chicago Medical Center, where a Chicago police officer was taken minutes earlier after being shot on duty.

The lead car in Johnson's three-vehicle caravan picked up another ticket on Sept. 9 in the 1200 block of E. 83rd. Hundreds of people were waiting for him at 82nd Street and Blackstone Ave., where a street would be named in honor of fallen Chicago Police Officer Areanah Preston. He was about a half-mile away and two minutes late when the speed camera clocked him doing 39 mph in a 30 mph zone. That ticket is one of two that have been paid.

Not so easy to explain is the spectacular September 1 performance by Johnson's police drivers, who earned a red light ticket in one of his cars at 4:08 p.m. and a speeding ticket in another at 5:13 p.m.

Johnson's official schedule had him heading home from Soldier Field at 2:45 p.m. and leaving the house at 5:10 p.m. to go to the African Festival of the Arts at the Washington Park Fieldhouse.

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court.

While on bail for the 2020 case, he picked up a second felony gun charge after Chicago police responding to a ShotSpotter alert said they found a loaded handgun in his waistband in February 2021.

He pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a weapon in both cases and received concurrent one-year sentences from Judge McHale, court records show.

Currently, Duren is on electronic monitoring, awaiting trial on a new charge of Class X armed habitual criminal. Prosecutors said Chicago police found a loaded handgun in his jacket during a traffic stop in the South Loop on Feb. 26.



Ben Vereen, photo by Jai Lennard



Karen Root Larkin



Kathy and Bill Bartholowmay.



Dan Kirk, Brian Wolff and a big cat.



Rev. John I. Jenkins, CSC



Sam Drucker and Rhoda Sweeney.



Debi Catenacci with Susan Gohl and Sylvia Muller.

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to rebuild the frontline hospital in Kharkiv region of Ukraine. All donations and profits are sent to this special fund.

'CHICKEN' GEORGE!: Porchlight Music Theatre has announced that 2023 ICON Award-recipient and multi-award winner **Ben Vereen** is the newest member of Porchlight's Artistic Advisory Board.

ROCKIN': **Irene Michaels** won the Josie Music Award's Best Song of the Year (Pop Singer/Songwriter). The ceremony was held at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville on Sunday night.

TALENT: Can we help this become a star? Singer **Albert Stott** is terrific. Listen to him sing **Elton John's** "Your Song" on his new album. <https://albertstott.bandcamp.com/album/albert>

KAREN LARKIN REQUIEM: Bundles of love to all the many **Larkins** and **Johnsons** of Grand Beach and Winnetka on the death of their very singular mom, **Karen Root Larkin**, who was the very soul of that Chicago mayoral beachfront community. Karen was a woman of faith, intellect and great humor. Her gentle eyes watched over the shoreline wonder of that "Little Chicago" for generations. She was a treasured friend to me. A leader of the local A-Team with the likes of the late **Fr. Andrew Greeley**, **Dan Moriarty**, **Louis Briody**, **George Connelly** and a host of Chicago celebrities. She was buried from Notre Dame Parish, Long



Irene Michaels

Beach, last week.

WHO'S WHERE: **Jack and Sandy Gubbins** in transit from Wisconsin's North Woods to Maine's magic landscapes following the Oyster-brick road... **Jim Kinney** lapping up the sunshine in Mexico... **Peggy Snorf** back from Paris and the treasures of the Louvre... **David Ben Kay family** reunion in Arles... artist **Adam Handler** enjoying success and sales at exhibition in Seoul, Korea a talented man...

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Tom Balanoff grabbing a festive Greek lunch with Sheriff **Tom Dart** at Greek Islands... Chicago's Very Own **Paul Konrad** (meteorologist) WGN-9, dining at Bacchanalia, where staff loved serving him... **Kathy** and **Bryan Byrnes** in Lisbon, Portugal meeting up with old Grand Beach friends for dinner... **Tim Ryan** counting another year and looking swell, daughter **Kate Ryan** is coming in from New York for a Chicago shindig and Tim and wife, **Lovey Ryan**, are off to celebrate with son, **Nate Ryan**, now an ABC sports anchor in San Antonio, TX.

THANKS SHELLEY: 2003 was a very good year. Before facebook and iPhones, photos like this of me with **Bob Fioretti** and **Maria Pappas** at **Dan Weil's** annual holiday party at Fireplace Inn were on www.ShelleyVision.net

UND: The Reverend **John I. Jenkins, CSC**, President of the Univ. of Notre Dame, has announced his plans to leave the post at the end of the 2023-2024 academic year. In addition, the Board elected **John Veihmeyer** to succeed **Jack Brennan** as Board chair.

GILDED AGE: Sunday night, Oct. 29 is the date for the return to HBO of the historical family drama "The Gilded Age," about the privileged folk in New York City. Don't miss it.

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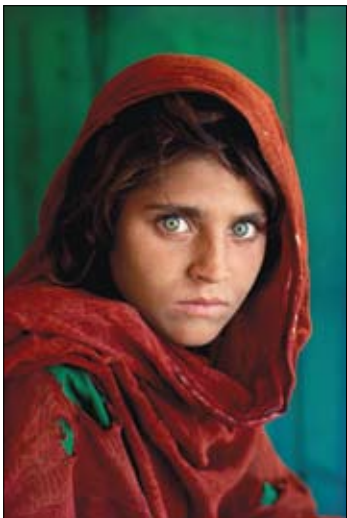
You've seen some of his photos, now go see them all

McCurry photos on display at LUMA

Those who like photography as an art form need to visit ICONS, one of the most complete retrospectives of famous American photographer, Steve McCurry. At last we all have a very good reason to go back down to Michigan Ave., running through Nov. 26.

The show is now on in Chicago at Chicago's Loyola University Museum of Art [LUMA], 820 N. Michigan Ave., for a limited time.

The exhibition previously toured Australia, Portugal, Mexico and Spain. This unprecedented journey through the inspiration, life and work of McCurry features over 80 large-format photographs of McCurry's most iconic images, including the legendary 1984 portrait of the Afghan Girl, Sharbat Gula, which was famously featured on the cover of National Geographic magazine.



Famous American photographer Steve McCurry has a new show on display at Loyola's LUMA Museum. (Above) Afghan Girl and Ahmadi Oil Fields, Kuwait.

The showing also includes other very well-known pictures he captured throughout his 40 years of professional photography, including his most recent works.

The ICONS exhibition immerses guests into the photographic universe of McCurry through a journey that took him to some of

the most beautiful and harrowing parts of the world. From Afghanistan to India, Southeast Asia to Africa, Cuba to the United States and Brazil to Italy, ICONS is a fascinating collection of images in which the human element is always the protagonist.

Inspired by conflict, ancient

traditions and contemporary culture, McCurry's work represents the emotion of human suffering, joy and wonder, and features people of all ages, cultures and ethnicities - something he knew how to portray with surprising strength and naturalness.

Letters to the Editor

Make more pedestrian spaces

Your Aug. 9 issue contained a letter from reader Mike Sullivan who claimed, among many wild allegations, that the street closures and lack of 'critical parking lots' would hurt the success of Apple Fest and the merchants along Lincoln Ave.

Perhaps Mike stayed away from the Apple Fest because of the parking situation, but those of us who did attend to support local businesses saw just how packed it was. When you create an enjoyable space for people to congre-

gate, they will find a way to get there, whether by car, transit, biking, or walking.

Whether it's the regular street festivals or in Giddings Plaza, people flock to enjoyable public spaces, and nearby businesses benefit. Instead of complaining about scarce parking in a dense city, let's spend our energy advocating for more pedestrian spaces for residents to enjoy.

Alec Schwengler
Ravenswood

The results are in, Sen. Feigenholtz was a leader for animals this year

Animal protection is a top priority among many Cook County voters, who expect their elected officials to take pro-animal votes during each legislative session.

We at Humane Society Legislative Fund were thrilled to announce the results of our 2023 Legislative Scorecard—which we use to hold legislators accountable—showcasing four landmark bills passing into law this past session. Illinois now prohibits the unnecessary use of dogs and cats in toxicity testing, public contact with bears and non-human primates, breed-based insurance policies, and predatory practices in pet financing.

This past session, Sen. Sara Feigenholtz did more than cast her vote for animals—she fought to protect our feline friends from the barbaric, agonizing practice of non-therapeutic declawing.

It says a lot about a candidate the way they perceive animals. We urge other lawmakers to look to the example set by this humane champion, and to lend their support to the lifesaving cause of animal protection. And we can all look forward to Sen. Feigenholtz's continued leadership.

Marc Ayers
Springfield

Beware of the Machine's tax plans

Inside Publications' Don DeBat (a big hitter on the Mike Royko softball teams of the 1960's & 70's) reported of another big swing the Chicago Machine wants to take at homeowners [Sept. 27].

A 167% increase in the transfer tax. Why do I think the elites will use Blind Trusts to get exemptions from this tax? It will trickle down (or maybe deluge) onto grandma when she sells her two-flat.

Just like when Evanston politician Daniel Biss was a state senator and running for governor, he came up with a plan to "save" public pensions. His idea was to cut the pensions of every Kindergarten teacher, firefighter and crossing guard in half and give a tax break to millionaires. Bruce

Rauner would have liked that.

Or Gov. Pritzker lying to get a property tax break on the mansion next door to his other Astor St. mansion. But he wanted to change state law to raise personal income taxes, after he moved his investments offshore out of Illinois.

And how about the Queen of the alphabet people, Lori Lightfoot. She put automatic escalators in the property tax increases. She moved police out of North Side neighborhoods and increased the bodyguard presence for herself, her family and both her properties.

And who can forget Illinois Supreme Court Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr.? He continued to claim a

Bears bash Nov. 5

The Neighborhood Boys and Girls club in North Center is hosting their annual Bears Bash 2023 on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub, 1351 W. Addison St.

Guests at this club fundraiser can reconnect with fellow alumni and have a day with friends, family, and coworkers.

Tickets are \$75 in advance or

\$85 at the door, includes appetizers, lunch, and an open bar. Guests can also participate in square pools, and purchase tickets for raffle prizes.

Whether you're a die-hard Bears fan or just looking for a good time, don't miss this chance for camaraderie, sportsmanship, and fun. For tickets or more information call 773-463-4161.

Legacy of Studs Nov. 11 at Bezazian

The legacy of Studs Terkel and why he matters for a modern era will be the topic discussed at a lecture 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Bezazian Library, 1226 W. Ainslie St.

Author Sydney Lewis, teacher George Drury and Terkel Estate Archivist Adrian Marin, will lead a discussion on the legacy of Terkel and his contributions to Uptown, Chicago, the modern labor movement, with a media and oral history.

This conversation hopes to explore why Terkel is still such a vital and important influence for progressive thought.

Lewis worked closely with Terkel for 25 years, co-authored his memoir Touch and Go, written toward the end of his life, and is the author of three oral histories of her own.

As Spoken Arts Curator for WFMT Radio, Drury produced and co-produced many features and programs, including (with Lois Baum) the Word of Mouth series. He collaborated frequently

with Terkel for more than a decade. Both Lewis and Drury were close friends and associates of Terkel.

Adrian Marin was one of the producers of the Emmy-nominated HBO short documentary Studs Terkel: Listening to America (2009) and is the archivist for the Terkel Estate.

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Metropolitan Brewing files for bankruptcy

Beloved local beer maker calling it quits

As the old song goes, “turn out the lights, the party’s over, they say that all good things must end,” and that’s certainly true now about Metropolitan Brewing who filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Oct. 3.

The beloved Ravenswood-area brewery is another victim of the government imposed economic

lockdown and an inability to meet the expenses in their new riverfront beer palace.

That palace was opened at 3057 N. Rockwell with all the best intentions. But things got ugly after a battle with the landlord over past due rent went public.

In the end, beer and food sales were not robust enough to cover the costs of running a small brewery and its custom-designed taproom overlooking the Chicago

River.

Owners Doug and Tracy Hurst left Ravenswood and moved into the current space in 2017, where landlord Paul Levy retrofitted the 1880s tannery next to the river into a space for beer and food.

But the troubles started even before the pandemic lockdown, when in 2019 the Hursts fell behind in rent payments. They never caught up. After a short battle over the peace language, Levy

moved to evict the brewery in late 2020. The Hursts countersued in 2021, accusing the landlord of improperly inflating the square footage in their lease, the Chicago Tribune reported at the time.

Today the brewery and the Hursts reportedly owe more than \$1 million in back rent and fees.

The 15-year-old craft brewer said it will not survive and on Oct. 3 they filed for bankruptcy.

Metropolitan launched their

product line out of a Ravenswood warehouse in 2008, building a following for its German-style lagers. In 2017, Metropolitan moved to Rockwell on the River, a commercial redevelopment with a picturesque patio near Belmont and Elston avenues.

According to the filing, Metropolitan owes more than \$1 million to North Carolina-based Live Oak

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CRIME from p. 5

Witnesses reported hearing an argument or yelling between two men before the shots were fired just east of Clark St., but police offered no motive for the shooting.

The store was closed for business as of 7:15 a.m. Sunday.

Wrangling with the rustlers

In the days of the Old West, cattle thieves frequently rode across the border into Mexico and stole cattle from Mexican ranchos, which they then drove back across the border and sold in the United States. Those may have been America’s earliest forms of organized crime syndicates.

In the Old West, as we now see in our modern times, with crime comes guns. Since its founding, Chicago has been a gangland city. Ask any traveler about our reputation overseas, and they’ll tell you criminal behavior, guns, Al Capone and our famous shootouts are near the top of the list of Chicago stereotypes.

Whether you are a proud law-abiding legal gun owner, or are anti-gun, or somewhere in between, one thing has held true to form, guns have been a part of American culture since the early days of the Republic. They were part of American culture even before the writing of the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

But pistol packing was seldom the answer to crime problems.

What the western cow town leaders saw intimately in their day-to-day association with guns is that more guns in more places caused not greater safety, but greater death in an already dangerous wilderness. By the 1880s many in the west were fed up with gun violence. Gun control, they contended, was absolutely essential, and the remedy advocated was usually no less than a total ban on pistol-packing.

The editor of the Black Hills Daily Times of Dakota Territory in 1884, called the idea of carrying firearms into the city a “dangerous practice,” not only to others, but to the packer himself.

He emphasized his point with the headline, “Perforated by His Own Pistol.”

The editor of Montana’s Yellowstone Journal acknowledged four years earlier that Americans have “the right to bear arms,” but he contended that guns have to be regulated. As for cowboys carrying pistols, a dispatch from Laramie’s Northwest Stock Journal in 1884, reported, “We see many cowboys fitting up for the spring and summer work. They all seem to think it absolutely necessary to have a revolver. Of all foolish notions this is the most absurd.”

Cowboy president Theodore Roosevelt recalled with approval that as a Dakota Territory ranch owner, his town, at the least, allowed “no shooting in the streets.”

The editor of that town’s newspaper, The Bad Lands Cow Boy of Medora, demanded that gun control be even tighter than that, however.

Like leaders in Miles City and many other cow towns, he wanted to see guns banned entirely

within the city limits. A.T. Packard in August 1885 called “packing a gun” a “senseless custom,” and noted about a month later that “As a protection, it is terribly useless.”

Old West cattlemen themselves also saw the need for gun control. By 1882, a Texas Cattle Raising Association had banned sixshooters from the cowboy’s belt.

“In almost every section of the West murders are on the increase, and cowmen are too often the principals in the encounters,” concurred a dispatch from the Texas Live Stock Journal dated June 5, 1884.

“The six-shooter loaded with deadly cartridges is a dangerous companion for any man, especially if he should unfortunately be primed with whiskey. Cattlemen should unite in aiding the enforcement of the law against carrying of deadly weapons.”

Indeed Chicago’s own history of criminal shootouts continue to this day. This is a lesson Chicago does not need to relearn all over again, each generation.

COMPETE from p. 3

Magnificent Mile, followed by Lincoln Park, Old Town, Logan Square and Lakeview. All have significantly more residents than do the Loop ZIP codes and are also destinations for shopping, eating, and drinking.

All told, the top 10 ZIP codes account for 41% of Chicago’s retail sales; those same ZIP codes represent 21% of the city’s population. Retail sales per capita within Chicago vary greatly by neighborhood. As TFI suggests, they were particularly high downtown, driven by business, retail, and tourism operations located there.

The ZIP codes that generate the largest levels of retail sales come from N. Michigan Ave. and Navy Pier, followed by Lincoln Park, Old Town and Logan Square.

GHOSTLY from p. 4

Is your hair standing on end? Do you have goose bumps after reading this column? Happy Halloween!

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Bank for an equipment loan. Other large creditors include the Small Business Administration, which is owed \$386,000 for a disaster loan made during the pandemic.
Another large financial hole was dug when Metropolitan signed their 15-year lease in 2015, investing \$955,000 of its own money in a custom buildout. But the Fursts claim they unwittingly committed to 9,000 square feet more than they needed, accord-

ing to the bankruptcy filing. Metropolitan stopped paying the rent in Dec. 2019, thinking they were overpaying the rent.
According to their bankruptcy filing, Metropolitan Brewing generated a gross revenue of \$2.16 million in 2022, and were projecting similar revenue for 2023. But the math didn't work, the brewery's rent and operating costs were just too high. Those same factors play against any quick sale or merger for Metropolitan.

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale 252525 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff, -v- THOMAS QUINN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BEVERLY FISHER, DECEASED, 2424 W. ESTES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DIANE FISHER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BEVERLY FISHER Defendants 2022 CH 07336 2424 WEST ESTES AVENUE UNIT 3A 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 June 5, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 27, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2424 WEST ESTES AVENUE UNIT 3A, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-207-013-1016 & 10-36-207-013-1044 The real estate is improved with an apartment building. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The	Real Estate For Sale 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. 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. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plain-	Real Estate For Sale tiff's 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.tjsc.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. 22-092521L_778634 Attorney Code. 61256 Case Number: 2022 CH 07336 TJSC# 43-2548 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 # 2022 CH 07336 13228570 181818 111111 Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700
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Google has big plans for the Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St.

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was roundly criticized by local officials. But Gov. JB Pritzker got little pushback when he agreed with Rauner that it needed to be sold.

The building was plagued by construction cost cutbacks that resulted in the use of cheap-looking materials, the windows leaked, it was noisy inside the atrium, and an initial heating and lighting air conditioning system failed to work properly.

Renderings released after the tech giant's takeover last year show prospective views of the renovated edifice with new exterior and interior glazing that either abandoned or reduced the building's current blue, salmon and white color scheme and other architectural details.

Preservationists are now rallying to try and save the property frequently described as a space ship. "Continued demolition and remodeling might significantly alter the historic building," said Ward Miller,

executive director of Preservation Chicago. Many preservationists believe that the Thompson Center is one of Chicago's most important architectural marvels.

But in 2015 Chicago Magazine called it a "failed experiment in transparency to a rusting state center held together by duct tape, the former State of Illinois Center has long succeeded as a metaphor for its times."

"From what we're seeing, there's a chance that this building could really lose its integrity and look like a mylar balloon if we're not careful," said Miller. "It was one of the first major projects by the star architect Helmut Jahn and has become an important city landmark." Miller praised the decision not to demolish the building but would like to see more recent renderings. He called on local officials including Mayor Brandon Johnson to encourage the companies to maintain the building's character.

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are out of scale with the area and would exacerbate traffic congestion.

When building tenants do not have their own vehicles, they tend to rely heavily on delivery vehicles to bring food and products to them, and those many delivery vehicles are some of the most prolific double parkers in Chicago. Park a few on nearby streets and traffic is sure to back up.

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existence should not be taken for granted.

Last week the staff posted a note on their front door for all to see stating that "after months of back and forth, Draper and Kramer are only offering a lease which is month-to-month in place of our traditional 10-year lease. Without resolution of this issue, The Commissary Market plans to close permanently on October 31."

They posted a contact email, and are hoping their customers will email the property management company to express their support for the store's future at this location.

The Commissary Market is now literally days away from being put out of business by the landlord, as they are refusing to offer a lease agreement that Bockwinkel and his staff think is reasonable.

"The store will close its door at the end of month," said Bockwinkel. "The landlord [Draper and Kramer] have sustained an adversarial relationship with the Commissary for 35 years. Animosity from the landlord towards us which has been ongoing with the success of the Commissary operation."

He said the lease being presented is a 10-year lease with the landlord having the right to terminate lease at any time (i.e. a month to month lease). While the downtown commercial real estate market right now is flooded with retail vacancies, Bockwinkel thinks they're "offering the store to a new tenant, then they want to terminate my lease with 180 days to get out, and also with several other trap doors."



Store owner George Bockwinkel placed this note on his store front door.

"The Market is in the lobby of 1350 N. Lake Shore Dr. and has been there for 45 years. It's a huge benefit for the many retired folks who live in the Draper-owned building as well as those others nearby," said neighbor and store customer Chuck Connor.

He may choose to leave, but moving product and equipment out, or selling it to a new tenant brings its own new struggles. "I'm not sure what I'm going to do if I have to leave this store, I have \$350,000 worth of equipment in here," said Bockwinkel.

He says he will gladly "sign the same lease I have that was for 10 years with no trap doors." The current lease has a

breakpoint for sales over \$90,000, and the landlord gets 5% of store sales that exceed \$150,000.

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"Contrary to popular thinking, The Gold Coast is full of solo seniors on fixed incomes who have trouble walking several blocks to shop for the few groceries they must have. The place will close just so Draper and Kramer - the landlord for most of the affected seniors - might be able get more rent for the lobby retail space."

This newspaper contacted Draper and Kramer's office by phone over this matter, but had not heard back from them by deadline. Established in 1893 by Arthur W. Draper and Adolph F. Kramer, the family-owned property management and financial service firm now works in markets across the United States.

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When the mall first opened in 1975 it was considered the height of urban retail elegance and was the destination of choice for tourists and conventioners alike. But changes in consumer behavior resulting from the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdown and looting and riots of 2020 have hurt the shopping district worse than most could have imagined four years ago.

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