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I had no idea that
his first name was
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— Rita Rudner

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Mother Nature taking as good as she gave

**North Siders should expect
a battering this Winter
along North Lakefront**

BY MAGNA MATER

Those who truly want to feel small, feeble and helpless can try to hold back the waters crashing on the North Lakefront this Fall and Winter.

For all the heartfelt concern by environmentalists toward protecting Mother Nature, she seems to be able to manage well enough on her own, and takes back Lakefront real estate as quickly as she gave it out.

According to city officials and members of the US Army Corps of Engineers, protecting Chicago's lakefront from rising water is going to be a very long, expensive and frustrating experience.

Lake Michigan's higher levels represent a significant swing from the early 2000s when Mother Nature tortured boaters with water levels so low that docking boats at Lakefront marinas was a problem. Conversely, Mother Nature gave Chicago's beach-goers



Rising lake levels, this winter could lead to damage to lakeside roads and the recently restore North Lakefront Trail. Photo courtesy of Joshua Mellin

wide, expansive sandy shorelines to enjoy. Lake levels are largely a function of water in and water out... rain runoff adds to the levels while evaporation lowers them. The extreme rain the Midwest had during late Winter and early Spring showed up quickly this year in the Great Lakes water levels.

At a town hall meeting Oct. 21 at Loyola University's Lake Shore Campus hosted by aldermen

Harry Osterman [48th] and Maria Hadden [49th], residents learned that the city is now relying primarily on those recently installed concrete barriers to manage what they warn will be an especially bad winter for Lakefront flooding and erosion.

Besides the two aldermen, other panelists included Michelle Kozak, of the U.S. Army Corps

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Rising Lake Michigan levels could submerge Sheridan and Lake Shore Dr.

BY JIM VAIL

The cost to repair Chicago's lakefront will be over a billion dollars, said Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] at an Oct. 21 community forum that addressed the higher lake levels.

Chicago aldermen and other city and federal officials said the rising lake levels and shoreline erosion cannot be ignored in the short term. Lakefront flooding this winter could impact homes and roads.

These public officials say that Lake Shore Dr. and Sheridan Rd. could both be submerged in ice and water. Concrete slab barriers (not a permanent solution) are slated for Juneway Terrace, Howard St., Rogers and Thorn-dale avenues, according to the officials who spoke at the forum. Barriers will also try to tame wave action and later ice dams adjacent to Lake Shore Dr. from Oak St. to North Ave. and along the lakefront at 49th, 50th and 75th Streets.

Due to their waterfront location, the strip of high-rises along the lakefront north of Hollywood Beach also may be at high risk. The Lakefront Trail too seems destined to be closed for long stretches this winter if giant ice sheets and ice dams form along those segments adjacent to the water, leaving those who bike to

work fighting traffic along residential and commercial streets.

The experts at the forum said that the city has sandbags ready and it has received water pumps from the Dept. of Homeland Security, which they hope will protect some of the city's most important infrastructure.

There does not seem to be a consensus on which department is responsible for funding the lakefront protection project - with the federal government [FEMA], the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Chicago Park District all mentioned. But experts agreed Chicago will need to seek state funding in the short-term, while federal dollars may be needed for the long-term.

The Great Lakes are at a high point in what is believed to be a 30-year cycle of rising and lowering lake levels.

Condo owners at the packed meeting held at Loyola Univ. in Rogers Park asked if the city would be partially responsible for increased erosion, but government officials said no - shoreline on private property is not under government jurisdiction.

One woman told the audience her building was hit on Monday with 30' sprays from the lakefront that felt like an earthquake. "We aren't even in November yet and things are already bad. What are we going to do?" she told Block

Club Chicago.

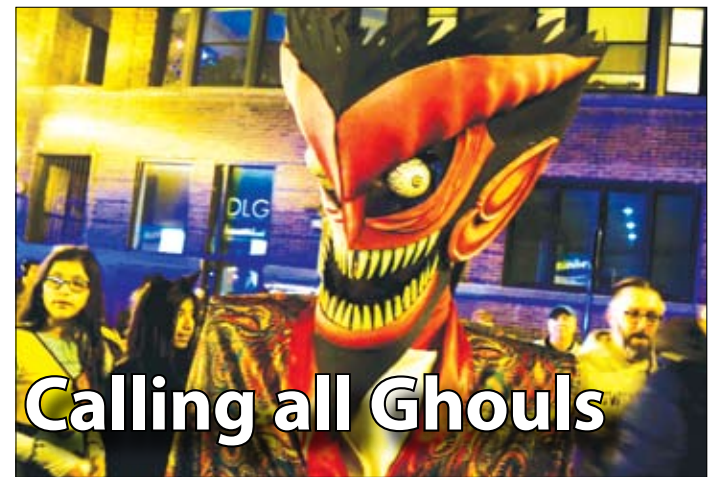
Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] said there is no solid plan yet.

"I think (this winter is) what everyone is afraid of," Hadden said. "That's what I'm afraid of."

People at the forum said the city should plant more natural grasses to prevent erosion, or else there will be few beaches left.

While this could make for a better Lake Shore Dr. and lakefront in the future, it is perhaps too late in the season to plant any new organic matter and expect it to take root by winter.

But in a city, county and state already suffering under severe financial crisis, lakefront residents and tax payers should expect things to get very costly very quickly, hinted the officials at the forum.



Calling all Ghouls

The Haunted Halsted Halloween Parade is Thursday night and Lakeview may be the best place to get your ghoul on and steep yourself in startling spirits.

Check in is at 6:30 p.m. at Halsted and Belmont, the parade steps off at 7:30 p.m.

There are \$4,000 in prizes to be awarded. Ghoul gazers can come early to mingle with the many menacing monsters. The morgue the merrier.

Photo by Jim Matusik

Sewer main construction project to close Barry at Broadway

Work is slated to begin this month on a new underground sewer structure at the intersection of Broadway and Barry Ave.

The Dept. of Water Management estimates the sewer main construction project will be completed by November.

Broadway will remain open to traffic while work is ongoing, although there will be parking restrictions along the northbound curb lane.

Barry Ave. will be closed east of Broadway during the construction.

"Outside of working hours, a travel lane may be left open for local traffic only," according to a press release from the city.

The city also is "agreeable"

to the use of "no parking" areas outside of working hours - generally 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. - but vehicles must be moved by the start of the next workday.

"We will try to preserve as much parking as possible" the city said, adding, "We know that construction always involves inconveniences and noise. We will do everything possible to maintain your quality of life throughout these projects and conduct ourselves as good and thoughtful neighbors in the course of our presence on your street."

Following this month's work, an in-house sewer crew will continue the project along Barry Ave. in early 2020. For more information call 312-744-4420.

Webster St. Bridge daytime closures

Starting Monday, Oct. 28, the Webster St. Bridge will be closed due to structural repairs that will last through Monday, Nov. 25. Construction will be taking place during the hours of 9:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday). City work crews will require daily bridge closures to all vehicular

traffic during those hours.

Both sidewalks will remain open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Eastbound traffic will be diverted north on Ashland Ave. to Fullerton Ave. Westbound traffic will be diverted north on Racine Ave. to Fullerton Ave. For more information call 312-643-2299.

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Out of step, again, with 21st century self-absorption



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

The word's out that after much speculation... Ditka's Steakhouse, 100 E. Chestnut, just received a stay of execution for one year over its lease. No denying that the colorful former coach of the Chicago Bears is a local hero. His personality and character has always added a special flavor to the true taste of the stew that is genuine Chicago.

He deserves an outpost for his efforts and the continuance of his celebrity.

But that the end is near makes many of us sad. Chicago is proud of the coach. He still makes us walk a little taller.

Sad too was the news that the Bridgeport Bakery on Archer Ave. was closing because owner Ron Pavelka was retiring. The bakery's great claim to fame for me was their "Paczki," ("POONCH-kee to a Southsider) a Polish version of a jelly-filled Bismarck. Very popular just before the fast of Lent begins.

While working at Chicago's City Hall, kind Southsiders in the office would generously bring them in to nosh on before Ash Wednesday.

I don't do such changes well. I don't like the way such establishments cease functioning in our lives. Especially when they bring such comfort to us.

Don't get me wrong, both Mike Ditka and Ron Pavelka deserve less busy work days, if they so desire.

We just get used to their being there. A part of our urban furniture.

That got me thinking of all the fabulous places that have disappeared over the years. We've survived their loss, but Chicago life is not the same without them.

Do you remember The Bakery, Chef Louis Szathmary's Lincoln Park storefront that opened in 1963? A one-time columnist for this newspaper, he ushered in a food revolution amid the shabby surroundings. The chef with the giant mustache offered a stunning 5-course meal for just \$12. He also served free lunch to whom-ever was in his building at noon. Odd how the UPS driver, meat deliveryman and postman always seemed to arrive right at 11:59 a.m. each day. They'd lunched next to sports celebrities, plumbers and Hollywood starlets who too were on site. Old School.

You probably remember the mouthwatering Beef Wellington or the Roast Duck with Cherry glaze. Not many Chicago bistros then. No one could offer such succulent cuisine.

Chef Louis was the Paul Bu-

nyon of Chicago restaurateurs. He kept it going until 1989.

Chef Louis really brought fine dining to the yuppifying neighborhood. He was a character. I used to see him some mornings shopping for ingredients at Treasure Island on Wells St. You couldn't miss him. His conversations were historic. When The Bakery closed a piece of Chicago died.



Chef Louis Szathmary at the now shuttered The Bakery.

It was much the same way when Binyon's closed in 1987 and those Veal Kidneys on toast disappeared for good. Along with that heavenly Turtle Soup. Golden Ox on Clybourn shuttered and their sautéed Veal Chops with Veal Kidneys were no more. Both those spots were old-fashioned food in old-fashioned venues.

Not sure Millennials would be looking for such vittles today.

Alexander's was another place I recalled. For its life that steakhouse was at 79th St. and South Shore Dr. Alongside a neighborhood of refined elegance. Another old-fashioned gem, great steaks and chops. But what everyone remembers was their special appetizer. A shrimp on a thin slice of Italian bread all on top of their homemade onion/garlic, mayo-based salad dressing. Oh my, they were good. Best thing for a martini since the olive.

Then there was that fabulous salad at Don Roth's Blackhawk on Wabash. The home of the Spinning Salad Bowl shut down in 1984. And who could forget Jacques at 900 N. Michigan Ave. with its lush garden, dome and superb French fare lunches? We always had a special Christmas lunch there every year. Warm. Cozy. Unrivaled.

Of course, it's a long list. But it's also very personal. When something you really cherish disappears, it takes a part of you with it. Especially places that comfortably fit into childhood. The Stock-Yard Inn was another legendary place, near the cattle pens on Halsted St., now long gone. It went the way of Fritzel's, the Como Inn and the Wrigley Building Restaurant. And of course, Gordon's on Clark St., perhaps, the ultimate urban outpost for superb cuisine nestled in a strange, dark part of town. But Gordon Sinclair, himself, was so remarkably welcoming and sophisticated with food like nowhere else. He established a memorable encounter with everyone.

Of course, we miss these treasures. Like Brigadoon, they seemed to magically rise to the surface and change our world before departing. But we are not the same for it. We were all transformed by the food, the civility, the hospitality and the nonchalance of excellence.

Such things are not merely nostalgic, they are seminal. Part of the cultural environment of safety and trust. The departure of familiar places of reference from our everyday living displays a powerful sense of disconnection from important safety codes. The discomfort engendered by their loss and the sense of spiritual failure of their withdrawal demonstrates a wearing away of important cultural confidence. No wonder people can't hold a meaningful conversation with one another about essential truths. Or eat dinner with their family without holding an iPhone in their hands.

All these small closures of favorite places loom large in our paths with shadow over life. All become very real to me amid the discomfort of "Impeachment" conversation. The sly shenanigans of Brexit. The promised protection of Northern Ireland's borders. The piano playing of Vladimir Putin. The hard line of Chicago teachers. The refusal of young Americans to vote. The spread of fake news and the re-naming of Lake Shore Dr. after an anti-American British sympathizer during our Revolution in 1776.

What are people thinking?

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Capone book sure to be big hit

Diane Capone only knew her grandfather Al for a few short years before he died, yet her childhood memories of him are clear as can be.



Heart of the 'Hood

By Felicia Dechter

"He was the most loving man -- a very devoted family man despite all that carrying on during his heyday in his 20s," said the 75-year-old Capone. "Despite everything that was said and alleged -- and whether it was accurate or not -- it doesn't matter to me. I don't know much about his public life, but in his private life he was very, very loving."

For those who would love to know about the personal side of the notorious gangster, his granddaughter has written, "Al Capone: Stories my grandmother told me." I had the pleasure of chatting with her about her first book.

Until now, she has lived a quiet, low-key life. But that will more than likely change for her since authoring the life story of her infamous grandfather, her "Papa."

"I think I came out of the closet," laughed Capone, a retired college counselor of 20 years. "It's wonderful to feel like finally the story of their private life is going to be told. There are so many misrepresentations," she added. "I tried to give the personal side."

The book is filled with memories and

never before seen pix, of growing up Capone. Diane Capone has been working on it for several years, ever since her sister Ronnie fell ill with leukemia. While Ronnie was in the hospital, she and Diane were reliving their childhood memories.

"After she died, I thought, 'There's no one left to tell the stories,'" said Capone. "My grandma lived 40 years after her husband died, my dad told stories, my mom told stories -- I found diaries and journals my mother had kept since meeting my father at the age of 14. I did this so the story would be told as truly as I could tell it," said Capone. "I'm running out of time. I had to tell it."

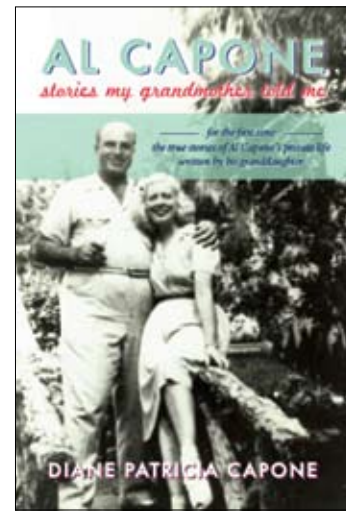
She also wanted to recognize her grandmother Mae, "an extraordinary woman who never gave up hope, never took off her wedding ring, and never stopped loving him."

"It's a beautiful love story," said Capone. "I wanted to tell what it was like."

Capone, whose father Albert Francis Capone was Al's only child, had just turned three when her grandfather, who she called "Papa," died. Her birthday is Jan. 14, his was Jan. 17, and the family had a wonderful Christmas, and a fabulous birthday celebration for the pair just before Al died on Jan. 25. The last photo of Papa, which is in the book, was taken at the family's Palm Island, FL, home that Christmas, 1947.



Diane Capone and her new book "Al Capone: Stories my grandmother told me."



that living room again."

Yet, "He found peace and joy in his last years, there was no danger, no looking over his shoulder," continued Capone, who has "very, very vivid memories of his death."

She also remembers the time she was six-years-old and in first grade when someone made a derogatory Capone remark to her.

"You have to be beyond reproach, because your name is Capone," she was told by her father, who, when he was a young boy, had to have notes signed by the parents of friends before allowing them to come

over to the house.

Al Capone moved to Chicago in 1919, at the age of 20. He bought a two-family duplex at 7244 S. Prairie Ave., and brought other family members to live with him. He lived here until 1928, when he bought the Florida home.

Despite it never being officially linked to Capone, it was widely assumed that the chief gangster was responsible for ordering the 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Yet he went to the big house [Alcatraz] for only tax evasion and Prohibition charges when he was in his early 30s, said his granddaughter. Papa, who today is somewhat like a cult figure -- served about seven and a half years and never again publicly re-

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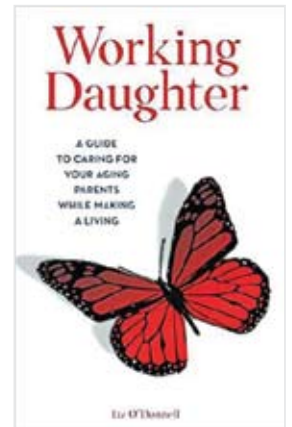
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Seven North Side communities posted whopping declines in sales

With a shortage of buyers touring listings this summer, many Chicago home sellers were left scratching their heads, as the market for single-family homes slumped in several North Side neighborhoods, experts say.

Total third-quarter home sales activity increased only in Lincoln Park, where it gained 11.1%, and was unchanged in Rogers Park, reported the quarterly Chicago



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

North Side Market Report prepared by Realtor Mary Jo Nathan of Compass.

The North Side Market Report tracks home sales in Edge-

As home sales slump, sellers are asking 'where are the buyers?'



Seven North Side communities posted declines in home sales activity ranging from a whopping -22% in Edgewater to -3.8% on the Near North Side. Other results were -16.2% in Lake View, -12.9% in North Center, -8.8% in Uptown, -7.3% in West Ridge and -4.6% in Lincoln Square.

water, Lake View, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Near North Side, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge.

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There were 2,640 home sales in the nine community areas that make up the North Side during the July-September quarter, down -7.4% from the total posted a year earlier, but better than the -7.6% decline in the second quarter.

The median sales price of homes, townhouses and condominiums rose only 0.9% to \$355,000, slightly up from the 0.7% increase for the second quarter.

Median single-family detached home prices ranged from a low of \$345,000 in West Ridge and \$545,660 in Rogers Park, to \$725,000 in Lincoln Square, \$747,500 in Edgewater and \$950,625 in Uptown.

In luxury neighborhoods, median detached home prices ranged from \$1,082,500 in North Center and \$1,232,500 in Lake View, to \$1,075,000 on the Near North Side and \$1.6 million in Lincoln Park.

"While total third quarter sales effectively tracked those of the second quarter, there were some changes worth noting," said Nathan, who is affiliated with the Charese David Team based at 2044 W. Roscoe St. "Although the single-family sales activity led the market in the second quarter, attached home sales were the stronger component of third-quarter results."

The sales data cited by Compass is collected by Midwest Real Estate Data, LLC, the regional multiple listing service.

Condos are selling

Attached residences—primarily condominiums and townhouses, accounted for 89.7% of all home sales on the North Side during the third quarter. Attached sales totaled 2,367 units—down 6.8% from the same period in 2018, while the median price gained 2.8% to \$330,000.

Condo and townhouse listings sat on the market an average of 72 days before finding a buyer—14 days longer than the same period last year. Average market time increased to some extent in all nine community areas, topped by a 20-day increase in Lincoln Park, one of the only neighborhoods to post an actual increase in attached sales, gaining 12.6% to 358 units. Attached sales rose 6.4% in Lincoln Square to 100 units.

The eight other communities

all saw declines in attached sales compared with the same quarter in 2018. Sales were off -0.7% in Rogers Park, -3.1% on the Near North Side, -6.5% in West Ridge, -8.7% in Uptown, -15% in Lake View, -22% in Edgewater and -22.7% in North Center.

The median condo and townhouse sales prices rose in five areas: 20.6% in Edgewater, 7.3% in Uptown, 3.2% in North Center, 1.9% in Lake View and 1.2% in Lincoln Square. Elsewhere, the median price fell -11.2% in Lincoln Park, -5.3% in West Ridge, -5.1% in Rogers Park and -3.7% on the Near North Side.

Single-family home slump

Third-quarter sales of detached single-family homes on the North Side were down -12.8% compared to the same period last year, while the median sales price for this segment rose 5.4% to \$988,237, and average market time declined by one day to 101 days. Nathan said that result reflects the shortage of moderately priced inventory across the North Side.

Sales activity rose in three neighborhoods: 10% in Rogers Park, 4.5% in North Center and 2% in Lincoln Park. Among the six communities where sales activity fell, four had declines of more than 20%, including Near North, down -55.6%; Lincoln Square, down -32.4%; Lake View, down -28.8% and Edgewater, down -21.4%. Sale also were off -10% in Uptown and -9.3% in West Ridge.

Median prices also showed a wide variation in performance though five communities had increases, including gains of 48.9% in Rogers Park, 28.5% in Uptown, 15.6% in Lincoln Square, 2.4% in North Center and 0.3% in Edgewater.

The median price in Lincoln Park was unchanged at \$1.6 million, while the median was off -4.2% in West Ridge, -8.7% in Lake View and an amazing -58.4% on the Near North Side.

"The big price decline on the Near North Side reflects the fact that only four homes sold there during the third quarter and all were outside the Gold Coast portion of that community, where sales prices for detached homes are typically well over \$1 million and often are multiples of that number," Nathan explained.

Gold Coast auction

To stimulate the market for a swank Gold Coast mansion at 1316 N. Dearborn, RE/MAX Premier Properties has partnered with auctioneer, Rick Levin, to auction the home on December 3, with a minimum bid of \$3.35 million. The owners spent \$6.9 million to buy and remodel the 6,500-square-foot home. RE/MAX anticipates three or four bidders and a final sale price above the minimum bid.

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Mayor proposes short term fix for budget

North Sider's properties, dinners, rides targeted for new taxes

Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced a plan on Oct. 21 to refinance \$1.3 billion of outstanding bonds and book resulting savings of \$200 million in the coming year to help balance the budget.

She is also planning to add higher taxes onto high priced real estate transfers - like those found on the Near North and North sides - as well as higher taxes on ride-share services, restaurant dining and drinks. Oh ya, and Downtown meter parking rates are going up.

The savings generated by refinancing old debt representing nearly 25% of the city's \$838 million Fiscal Year 2020 budget gap. The City will issue General Obligation (GO) and Sales Tax Securitization Corporation bonds to refinance \$1.3 billion in outstanding callable City GO and Motor Fuel Tax bonds for savings.

The city says they can reduce interest payments on the borrowed money from 4.9% to something in the range of 3% to 3.5%, as reported by the The Bond Buyer. The savings on that \$1.3 billion in old debt would be 1.4% — or about \$18 million annually. The city's slick accounting trick is that the savings from the reduced interest costs will occur over the next 20 years, yet the entire amount will be taken upfront, Chief Financial Officer Jennie Huang Bennett told the Chicago Sun-Times.

So the total supposed savings of \$200 million is a one-time measure used to balance this years budget. The refinancing is pending approval by the full City Council. But Lightfoot said she anticipates issuing bonds as early as December.

The city would benefit from generally lower interest rates through this move because the new bonds will be "securitized." That's the new structure that was authorized by the state in 2017.

The basic idea behind securitized bonds is an actual sale of city assets. By transferring full ownership of city assets to ensure repayment of a bond, lenders believe they make their right to payment assured even in any future city bankruptcy. It's like completing a foreclosure sale before there's even a default. While City Hall says the chances of a Chicago bankruptcy are remote, the municipal bond community's actions say otherwise. They want not just collateral but full conveyance of ownership in something that generates income equal to their loan amount in exchange for the lower interest rates.

Mayor Lightfoot distinguished the move from the criticized "scoop and toss" technique of former mayors Rahm Emanuel and Richard M. Daley, who used refinancing of old debt with extended maturities to reduce short-term costs but saddle the city with more long-term debt.

Mayor Lightfoot's plan also calls for \$40 million in new taxes on users of ride-share services, and higher taxes on restaurant food and drink. She's also called for higher taxes through a Chicago casino and recreational pot sales, both that need the authorization of Springfield.

The city says it will use future sales tax revenue to securitize the new bonds, but it already sold that sales tax revenue for earlier bonds. So, the new bondholders will get a junior interest in future sales tax revenue, the city says. Presumably there's some value in that junior position, which helped the city get the reduced interest rates.

Mayor Lightfoot proposes to save another \$337 million through various efficiencies, including the implementation of zero-based budgeting, department mergers, better debt and tax collection, and various other financial improvements.

She wants the remaining \$350 million deficit to be paid through new tax increases.

They include raising taxes on Chicago's real estate transfers — a tax that applies to anyone selling or buying a home. "These reforms will bring an additional \$50 million this coming year with an additional \$100 million every year after that," said Mayor Lightfoot. But a graduated real estate transfer tax targeted to hit high value transactions hardest will require cooperation from Springfield in rewriting state law.

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Downtown meter rates have been frozen for the last five years. The mayor did not say how she could raise the parking rates and pocket the money, instead of forwarding it to Chicago Parking Meters LLC,

which still owns the parking meters for another 65 years. The much despised deal negotiated by former mayor Daley gave Chicago Parking Meters LLC, the right to collect and retain all of the metered parking revenue derived from metered parking spaces city-wide.

Lightfoot plans to target the food and dining industry too, through an increase in the restaurant tax from a quarter of a percent to half a percent, which is expected to generate another \$20 million in new taxes a year.

She also promised \$18 million a year in new property taxes to allow libraries to remain open seven days a week.

If the mayor doesn't get those items, she's threatened to close the remaining budget deficit with a property tax increase.

In her budget speech, Mayor Lightfoot did not address a need for pension and collective bargaining reforms needed to help City Hall cut the massive pension liabilities that now hamstrings any long term budget progress, and leave Chicago trapped in a vicious debt spiral. Far from stemming the negative trajectory of the city's finances, the budget proposal keeps in place most of the structural problems that have led the city to annual budget deficits.

Employers should be aware too that the mayor is accelerating the city's move toward a \$15 minimum wage. "Our 2020

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Seminars on digital marketing strategies

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce is now hosting a series of seminars on digital marketing.

The next seminar - on how to create content - will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., at Wintrust Bank, 100 W. North Ave.

For more information call 773-880-5200.

Public benefits, services topic of senior seminar

The Circuit Court of Cook County's Elder Justice Center will be hosting a senior enrichment seminar on Thursday, Nov. 7, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., room 2005.

Guests will learn everything they need to know about public benefits and services for seniors.

This free event will feature lectures by Lindsey Kahney of AgeOptions and Dwight Taylor of the Illinois Dept. on Aging.

The topics will include information on those who are 60 and over or have a disability, and where help is available. Some seniors are eligible for help with health care costs, Medicare premiums, utility bills, prescription costs and your grocery bills.

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The race to save rare butterfly species



Join Nick Haddad as he addresses butterfly conservation and the fight against time to save rare butterfly species during a lecture Nov. 7 at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Dr.

Haddad is an ecologist at the Kellogg Biological Station in Kalamazoo, MI, and for 20 years he has studied some of the rarest butterflies in the world, tracking their populations and working toward their restoration. He has tracked the 20-year decline across all of Ohio's butterflies. He directs a large, long-term experiment to understand the effects of land use intensity on ecological systems.

Doors open at 6 p.m., lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and a cash bar and complimentary light refreshments will be provided.

For accessibility information contact access@naturemuseum.org.



Left to right: John Clement, Alexandria Halkin, and Protect Our Parks president Herb Caplan in Jackson Park last weekend. Clement's mother, Kay Clement, and Alex's mother, Diti Halkin, were good friends and protested the extension and widening of Lake Shore Drive through Jackson Park in the 1960s. They were arrested one day while protesting in 1965.

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turned to Chicago.

"From the time he went back to Florida, he never wanted to go back to any of that," said Capone. "Papa had health problems and lived a very quiet life after Alcatraz." And even though he lived in Florida until his death, Papa is buried in Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Hillside.

"One main thing I wanted to do was tell the true story and this is one most people don't know," said Capone. "It's astonishing that people don't think of him as an anti-hero any more -- there's an iconic thing about him. People don't think about Prohibition.

They think about the glamour."

Mob historian John Binder, who runs the "Chicago Prohibition Gangster Tour," said the book shatters quite a few myths and misconceptions about Al Capone and his family.

"Despite claims to the contrary, he never worked in Baltimore as an accountant before coming to Chicago," said Binder, who has appeared in dozens of documentaries related to gangland and is a consultant to the Chicago History Museum on organized crime. "And there is no lost Capone fortune hidden out there waiting to be found. Certainly his descendants never saw much of his income, because he essentially spent it as fast as he got it."

"And it tells for the first time how he met his wife Mae, the reaction of her Irish family to him being Italian, and how their only child was conceived," said Binder.

The soft-cover book, which sells for \$19.99, should be available on Amazon by next week. It is also available through the publisher, The Troy Book Makers at www.shoptbmbbooks.com. And Capone has already started her second book, "Growing Up Capone," which begins when Papa died and goes to modern times.

"I was lucky to have a relationship with my grandma and she lived so long," said Capone. "I wouldn't have these stories if not."



Hyde Park women 40 years ago protesting to save the park trees.

At the head of the class... are the teachers of this world. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the strike will be over and my two little granddaughters will be back in class. Although some people do not agree with this, I surely hope they get everything they're asking for. My mom was a 30-year CPS teacher. Her work day did not end when the bell rang. I watched as every day, she brought home a stack of papers to grade after a hard day of teaching. I saw her spend her own money for supplies and things she wanted or needed for her classroom that CPS did not provide. Hang in there teachers and don't give up! And thank you.

Saving the trees and our park... the following is a letter from Herb Caplan, a Lakeview resident who is president of Protect Our Parks (POP). As someone who used to live on the South Side not far from Jackson Park, I can't say that I disagree with POP. I'm still waiting for someone to develop the Michael Reese site (I was born there by the way), why not put the Obama Center there? Perhaps a casino is coming to that site?

"The ceremonial Jackson Park tree saving protest that took place on Saturday -- led by the revived Burnham Brigade and more than

25 representative community supporters -- had to defy the rain, and repel invading Obama Presidential Center (OPC) supporters who were simultaneously tearing down the ribbons placed to identify the ancient trees scheduled to be clear cut to provide open space for construction of the proposed OPC in the historic public park.

"The protest event was dignified by the presence of children of the Hyde Park women who some 40 years earlier had also come to save the park trees by symbolically chaining themselves to the threatened trees. Present were John Clement, whose mother was the famed park protection activist Kay Clement, and Alex Halkin whose activist mother, Diti Halkin, some 44 years before, had also come to protest the cutting of public park trees to extend and widen the road in Lake Shore Drive through Jackson Park. They were arrested for engaging in that protest in 1965. By coincidence the women at that time were represented by Attorney Marshall Patner who coincidentally was the law school classmate and friend of Herb Caplan in today's protest. There were no arrests on this Saturday.

"The issues of the protest were quite simple: Historic Jackson Park is a world famous public park, on the National Register of Historic Places - often compared to Central Park in New York. The attempt to clear cut 500-600 ancient trees in the public park is an environmental atrocity, and will further contribute to advancing dangers of climate change. There is no credible reason to thoughtlessly cut down 100-year-old trees to build an invasive 235-foot tower in historic Jackson Park; There are better suited and easily available sites for an OPC in nearby underserved communities in need of neighborhood investment and development that with a legally enforceable CBA (Community Benefits Agreement) would escape the current OPC gentrification; and when objective environmental and economic development principles are applied, the Obama legacy would be exalted and properly honored, not forever blighted by a blind desecration of a unique and much needed South Side public park."

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J. Blanton Plumbing University raises level of professionalism

May be the first program of its kind in U.S.

BY BOB AND JOANNE KITSOS

What began as a plumbing company by Jack Blanton, Sr. and Jack Blanton, Jr. more than 25 years ago has grown into a firm that now also offers HVAC services – heating, ventilation and air conditioning. In addition, this three-generation family business is leveraging the experience gained from its founders by developing a curriculum to ensure all its technicians are trained in the same way to ensure the best customer experience.

Training is in the form of J. Blanton University that began this year and may be the first of its kind in the country. It's a six-month program based on Blanton Jr.'s more than 30 years of plumbing experience; all the company's service technicians are required to complete the course.

"The need for the course is to better set our staff up for success in the field when conducting business," Blanton, Jr. said. "It's also an opportunity to grow both the company and the industry as a whole."

University focuses on service

The curriculum was designed by Blanton, Jr. and includes film and hands-on training taught by Blanton Jr. and other management staff. The course stresses the importance of what makes a good service plumber in the field and in the office.

"It establishes a solid foundation and touches on the customs and courtesies that go into making Jack's idea of the perfect plumber," said Oscar Kush, head of marketing. "Customer service is something that Jack takes very seriously. The course is geared around giving customers the utmost, best possible service and provide options to allow customers to choose the best one for themselves."

Training topics include demonstrations and practice in thawing frozen pipes, dealing with burst pipes, rodding clogged pipes and using iPad technology. In addition to the classroom training, the company weekly discusses issues and shares ideas online with members of a nationwide alliance of plumbing, HVAC and electric companies.

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The program includes a written test about plumbing and customer service. For Anderson, completing the comprehensive curriculum meant a better understand-



General Manager Jordan Blanton, left, and Andrew Anderson, the first graduate of J. Blanton Plumbing University. Completing the university's six-month curriculum, which focuses on customer service, leadership and mechanical techniques, is a requirement for all the company's technicians.



J. Blanton Plumbing, 4541 N. Ravenswood, is a family-owned and operated business that serves residential and commercial plumbing, heating, gas, sewer and air conditioning needs in Chicagoland and the Near North Shore. The company prides itself on its 24/7 service where "no job is too big or too small."



The J. Blanton family.

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ing about the mechanics of the business and customer services as well as a promotion, raise and vacation bonus.

The company is looking to hire more people and pass along the ethics, workflow and system that works for the company and its customers. "We want people to learn the trade and to grow the industry," said Jordan Blanton, general manager, Jack Jr.'s son.

"The university represents a resource and organization that pushes people to become better versions of themselves," said Jordan. "We want to motivate and excite our techs. Our common goal is that we want to do everything we can do to help each other -- whether they stay with us until they retire or go elsewhere. If we

can show a better way, you're better for it."

Jordan, who started learning the business six years ago at his father's elbow, said, "I'm proud of my dad. Now, we're seeing kids of customers that he serviced early in his career. If you do right by the customer, they feel good about the experience and want to call you back."

This commitment to service may well be Blanton Plumbing University's legacy: To build an environment where its service technicians develop and pass along the knowledge, tradition and craftsmanship to help grow and advance the plumbing industry. Or, as Jordan said, "We want to pass the baton."

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Police Beat...

Police chief, in town for convention, falls victim to thief in River North

The head of a police agency in Virginia lost her wallet to a thief while she dined at a River North restaurant on Oct. 25. The woman was visiting Chicago to attend the International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police (IACP) convention.

A CPD spokesperson confirmed that someone stole a 55-year-old woman's belongings on the 500 block of N. Wabash. A source told this newspaper that the thief stole the woman's property as she dined at P. F. Chang's, 530 N. Wabash, around 6:30 p.m.

The thief went on to use the woman's credit cards at various locations in the downtown area before the victim realized what happened.

State Rep charged with taking bribes

Illinois State Rep. Luis Arroyo [3rd] has been charged in federal court with offering a bribe to a fellow state lawmaker in an effort to influence and reward the lawmaker for supporting legislation that would benefit Arroyo's private lobbying client.

Arroyo, 65, of Chicago, is charged with one count of federal program bribery, according to a criminal complaint and affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago. Arroyo made an initial court appearance Monday morning before U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez and was ordered released on a personal recognizance bond. The next court date was not immediately set.

Arroyo has served in the Illinois House of Representatives since 2006. He has also managed Spartacus 3 LLC, a private lobbying firm in Chicago.

According to the complaint, on Aug. 2, Arroyo offered to pay \$2,500 per month to an Illinois state senator in return for the senator's support of sweepstakes-related legislation that would benefit one of Arroyo's lobbying clients. On Aug. 22, Arroyo met with the senator at a restaurant in Skokie and provided him a check for \$2,500 as an initial payment, with the expectation that additional payments would be made for the next six to 12 months, the complaint states. The check was made payable to a nominee of the senator for the purpose of concealing the illicit payment, the complaint states.

Shots fired at West Loop carjacking

Two carjackers fired shots as they robbed a man of his vehicle in the West Loop Oct. 27, police said. No injuries were reported.

An 18-year-old man was standing near his 2006 Chevrolet Uplander when the offenders approached him on the 600 block of W. Lake at 10:06 p.m., according to CPD's Office of News Affairs. The two men then displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's keys.

Police said the carjackers fired two shots before driving away with the minivan—one into the pavement and the other at the victim. Shell casings were found at the scene.

The minivan, which bears a license plate that begins with BN707 and had three bicycles in the rear storage area, was last seen heading

westbound on Randolph St., according to witnesses. Police described the carjackers as two black males wearing black hoodies.

H&M stores robbed in South Loop and Mag Mile

A shoplifting team pepper-sprayed employees at two H&M stores this week during a pair of robberies just four hours apart, according to police records. Detectives issued an alert to businesses as investigators try to track down the offenders.

Three women placed merchandise into bags and headed out the door at the Magnificent Mile H&M location, 840 N. Michigan, at 3 p.m. Oct. 24. They then pepper-sprayed a security guard who tried to stop them.

Later, the same women did the exact same thing at H&M's South Loop location, 1135 S. Delano, at 7:15 p.m.

Police issued descriptions of three offenders in the community alert:

Female, black, 16-20, 5'06", 130-145, dreadlocks, mustard jacket

Female, black, 20-30, ponytail, gray hat, gray sweater, maroon pants

Female, black, 20-30, gray headband, gray sweater, black pants

The woman in the mustard-colored jacket returned to the 840 N. Michigan store around 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, but she left before police arrived to take her into custody.

Anyone with information about the robbery crew can contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8384. Refer to pattern #P19-1-346.

Gunman who robbed Lakeview phone store has struck two other times



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Investigators say the man who robbed a Lakeview wireless store at gunpoint last week has held up at least two other phone retailers since Sept. 9. A second man may also be involved.

That's all according to a business alert issued by Chicago Police Dept. detectives Oct. 26.

The man is seen striking around closing time, entering cellular stores and forcing employees into back rooms while displaying a machine pistol, according to the alert. He orders workers to open the store's safe and empty its contents into plastic bags.

On at least two occasions, the offender fled out the back door.

The offender struck most recently in Lakeview when he targeted the Sprint store, 2850 N. Broadway, at 7:53 p.m. Oct. 16. 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 near 111th Street and Interstate 57.

The two other cases took place on the South Side and Near West Side.

Police released two offender descriptions:

Male, black, 20-30, 5'-8" to 5'-10", 150 to 160 lbs, wearing a long dread wig, a baseball cap, glasses with no lenses, and a black hoodie. He carried a machine pistol that has an extended magazine.

Male, black, 20-30, 5'-5" to 5'-8", wearing a long dread wig, grey skull

cap with red stripes, and a black coat. He carried a MAC-11 machine pistol.

Police in the alert encouraged businesses to install surveillance systems inside and outside their establishments and to install a hold-up alarm within reach of the cash register.

People with information about the robberies can share it with Area North Detectives at 312-744-8263 or Area Central Detectives 312-747-8380.

Four-year sentence for shooting at a group of people and battering a cop

Four years. That's the sentence given to a man accused of firing a handgun toward a group of people in the Near North neighborhood on June 9, 2018.



Trashawn Steele

in a deal with prosecutors.

Judge Catherine Haberkorn sentenced Steele to two concurrent four-year terms.

Police arrested Steele at a River North gas station on July 5, 2018, after he was allegedly identified as the man who shot toward a group of people on the 900 block of N. Cambridge about a month earlier.

Steele "became irate" as cops tried to place him into a transport van and said, "I ain't going up in there. You have to shoot me!" He battered one officer, prosecutors said.

According to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records, Steele previously received a three-year sentence for battery to a police officer in 2014.

Steele received credit for 440 days spent in jail awaiting trial on the 2018 charges. The state will cut his sentence by 50% for good behavior, giving him an anticipated parole date of June 26 of next year.

As part of the plea deal, prosecutors agreed to drop eleven felonies, including multiple counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm, being a felon in possession of a handgun, and aggravated battery to police.

Not guilty

A man who police accused of having a gun in his car as he drove around Edgewater in March 2018 has been found not guilty in a bench trial.

Police said they pulled Justin Johnson over on the 2000 block of W. Granville because his car had only one headlight and no working tail lights. Officers further accused Johnson of having pot in his pants pocket and on his car's center console.

And, police alleged, when a cop tried to open the locked glove compartment of the car, Johnson became nervous and reportedly asked if "it'd be OK to not search the glove box."

Police said they eventually opened the compartment and found a loaded 40-caliber handgun inside. Johnson denied ownership of the gun.

Johnson, 27, waived his right to a jury trial and put his fate in the hands of Cook County Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer, who found him not guilty.

76-year-old man robbed at Loop ATM

A Good Samaritan helped cops track down the man who allegedly pushed a senior citizen to the ground and stole his money at a Loop ATM last Monday, prosecutors said.

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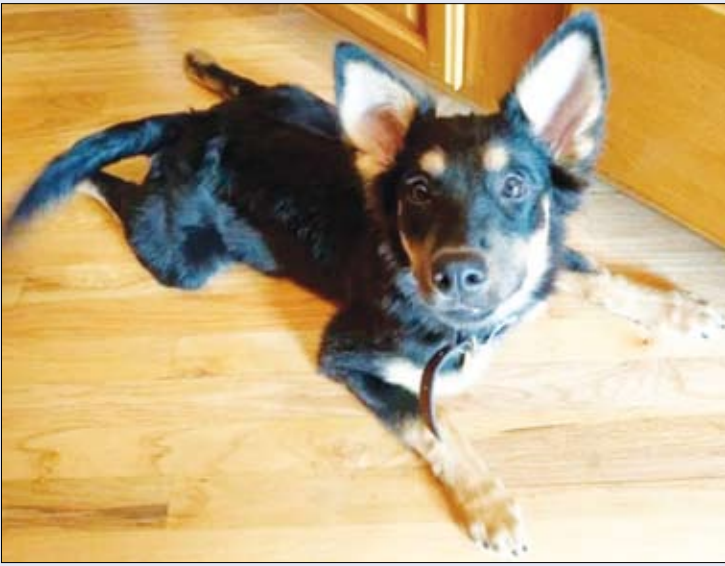
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Stolen puppy Caela.

River North dognapping

The search continues for Caela, a 17-month-old shepherd mix who was stolen from outside a River North restaurant while her owner picked up a to-go order on Oct. 3.

Videos show a man unleashing Caela and walking away with her from outside Gus' Fried Chicken, 401 N. State St., around 7:20 p.m.

the ground, and robbed him around 12:30 p.m., according to allegations in court records.

Zuffa, who's 29 and lives in suburban Alsip, allegedly ran from the scene with \$300 of the elderly man's cash — but a witness was hot on his heels.

The witness chased Zuffa and reportedly saw him shed a green sweatshirt before he boarded a #20 Madison bus a few blocks from the robbery scene. Police responded to the Good Samaritan's 911 call and stopped the bus a few moments later on the 300 block of W. Madison.

Police said they removed Zuffa from the bus because he matched a description provided by the witness. Zuffa was carrying \$280 in \$20 bills, police said.

The victim, who lives in Lincoln Park, could not identify Zuffa, according to police. But the witness reportedly did that for him. Cops also recovered a green sweatshirt from the bus stop on Madison St.

Prosecutors charged Zuffa with felony robbery of a victim over age 60. Judge John Lyke set bail at \$75,000 and ordered Zuffa to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post a 10% deposit bond.

Police gave the \$280 cash that Zuffa was carrying to the alleged robbery victim.

Three North Side women robbed in two hours

Three women reported being robbed within about two hours Oct. 26 in Lincoln Park and River North. No one is in custody.

The first victim reported that two offenders approached her from behind on the 1700 block of N. Sheffield and threatened to shoot her if she didn't hand over her purse around 12:40 p.m. She complied. No description of the robbers is available.

Another woman told police that she was walking near LaSalle and Maple streets when two teens jumped her from behind and tried to steal her bags around 1:10 p.m. She managed to hang onto her property and the would-be robbers escaped empty-handed.

That woman said both teens are black males about 15-years-old. One

Gus' is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to Caela.

According to information posted on Craigslist, the man who took Caela is a black male in his mid-20's with a light complexion and short dreadlocks. He stands about 6'-3" tall and weighs around 150 lbs., the post said.

stands around 5'-8" tall, weighs 140 lbs, has a close-cropped hairstyle, and wore a gray North Face jacket, dark jeans, and a dark backpack. The other is about 5'-4" tall and 160-170 lbs. He wore a charcoal gray hoodie, a gray jacket, and a dark baseball cap. Both teens were last seen heading eastbound on Maple from LaSalle.

The third victim sought help from staff members at a retailer on the 900 block of W. North Ave. after an offender jumped her and took her belongings around 2:30 p.m. Again, no offender information is available.

Teenager pulls gun on Walgreens employee

A 15-year-old boy pulled a handgun and threatened staff members of a Walgreens who tried to stop him from shoplifting in Lincoln Park Saturday afternoon, according to Chicago police. Charges are pending.

Police said the teen and a 17-year-old male companion entered the store at 2500 N. Clark around 2:25 p.m. and then tried to walk out of the store with unspecified merchandise.

Two men who work for the store, ages 22 and 25, confronted the teens but backed away when the 15-year-old threatened them with a handgun.

The two juveniles fled to a northbound #36 Broadway bus and left the area, according to witnesses.

Officers stopped the bus near Broadway and Wellington a few minutes later. Cops removed both teens from the bus and recovered a handgun from the 15-year-old, according to a CPD. Witnesses and the victims identified the boys for police, the spokesperson said.

The older teen was later released without being charged. The 15-year-old remains in custody as prosecutors consider charges.

Robberies on Near North Side, downtown

Citizens of the Near North Side are being warned by police of robbery related incidents during the month of October. In each incident, the victim is approached by one to three offenders who take an iPhone from the victim using force.

In several of the incidents, the of-

Where are the North Side's adult-use cannabis social equity zones?

Most know that recreational cannabis will be legal for adult use in Illinois starting on Jan. 1, 2020. The State of Illinois is now making an effort to help those communities they feel have been historically impacted by the criminalization of cannabis, by designating certain areas as opportunity zones, and giving them favorable treatment to participate in the legal cannabis industry.

But where exactly in the community are those zones located that will gain the state's favor going forward?

On Chicago's North Side those areas include large swaths of the former Cabrini Green complex, Uptown, Edgewater and Rogers Park.

On the Near North Side that area includes property east of N. Larrabee between Chicago and North avenues, reaching as far east - in parts - as Wells St.

In Uptown that area is east of Clark St. from Irving Park to Foster Ave. (And the honored dead will be stunned to find out that for some reason it includes all of Graceland Cemetery.) From Lawrence south to Montrose, the zone runs all the way to Lincoln Park. From Lawrence north to Foster it's bounded by Broadway and Sheridan.

The zone in Edgewater runs from Peterson Ave. north to Pratt Blvd., and from Western Ave. east to N. Clark St. North of Devon Ave. that zone extends east to Greenview.

Rogers Park boast two zones, one that is bounded generally by Farwell and Touhy south and north, and from Sheridan Rd. west to the Red Line tracks. The second zone has two segments: one bounded by Touhy Ave. to the south, Howard St. to the north, Ridge Ave. on the west and Ashland to the east. The second is bounded by Howard St. and Juneway Terrace south and north, and from the Red Line tracks east to the lakefront.

In order to address the impact on those communities, the Act establishes a program for Social Equity Applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Has at least 51% ownership and control by one or more individuals who have lived in a Disproportionately Impacted Area in 5 of the past 10 years.
- Have been arrested for, convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for cannabis-related offenses eligible for expungement, including cannabis possession up to 500 grams or intent to deliver up to 30 grams.

- Have a parent, child, or spouse that has been arrested for, convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for cannabis-related offenses eligible for expungement, including possession up to 500 grams or intent to deliver up to 30 grams.

- Has more than 10 full-time employees, and more than half of those employees currently reside in a Disproportionately Impacted Area.

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Social equity applicants can receive technical assistance and support provided through the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Applicants will receive consideration on everything from creating a business plan to applying for a license at a range of locations throughout the state. The state says that information will be released soon on where to find technical assistance to prepare an application and start and operate a pot business.

Letter to the Editor

CBD, Vaping and Tobacco Legislation

The recent national attention to vaping related illness has made many of us in the State reflect on the laws we have here to protect youth and regulate vaping products as a whole.

In addition to the alarming stories of illnesses among teens and adults primarily linked to unregulated street market CBD and THC vapes, teens have also been reportedly purchasing CBD products because Illinois law does not address age requirements for CBD only products whereas our tobacco or cannabis laws specifically address minors' access to the products.

Additionally, the majority of the illnesses related to vaping reported have been associated with unregulated street market vapes without the controls over production or testing in the regulated marketplace. That is why HB 3906, led by my colleague Bob Morgan, will prohibit the sale or distribution of a CBD product unless the CBD product has labeling and has undergone lab testing that meet labeling and testing requirements set by the Dept. of Agriculture.

I've been hearing from a lot of constituents both for and against HB3883 to prohibit flavored tobacco. There are many who feel strongly about the importance of limiting youth access to smoking and specifically are concerned about flavors intended to appeal to youth while at the same time

I'm hearing from others about the relative benefits of flavored smoking cessation items.

There is a hearing on this on Monday of next week and I intend to ask some of the thoughtful questions I've heard from constituents and weigh the language of the bill carefully. I have always voted for measures aimed at reducing access to tobacco

products by youth, as well as clean air initiatives, so I'm hopeful that this bill can meet the concerns of all and move swiftly through the process to passage of a policy that can responsibly address the concerns.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy [14th]

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Man robbed in Boystown, but local muggings at 19-year low

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

since at least 2001.

Police in the Lakeview-based 19th District recirculated a robbery alert Oct. 23 following a hold-up on the Boystown bar strip earlier in the day.

Despite that victim's bad fortune, robberies in the Wrigleyville and Boystown neighborhoods are on pace to end 2019 at their lowest level in nearly 20 years.

Not bad for a part of town that, just five years ago recorded more robberies than any other beat in Chicago.

Around 4:30 a.m., a man told police that two offenders implied they had a handgun and robbed him on the 3500 block of N. Halsted St. The victim gave the men his valuables and the robbers ran from the area, he said. A clerk working at a nearby gas station called 911 for the victim.

Police at the scene said the robbers were two black men in their mid-20's. One of the men wore a red sweater, and the other wore a brown or orange sweater. They were last seen running southbound in the west alley of Halsted St.

Around 10:30 a.m. Oct. 23, the 19th District sent out a community alert issued on Sept. 12 in which detectives warned of a robbery pattern that involved a group of up to three men who were striking in Wrigleyville. However, the note did not explicitly say police believed Wednesday's hold-up is related to the earlier pattern.

The pattern identified last month included robberies on the 1100 block of W. Waveland, the 1100 block of W. Addison, and the 3500 block of N. Clark.

Still, robberies are affecting far fewer people in the Wrigleyville and Boystown area than any time

Police recorded 93 robberies in the neighborhoods through Sept. 30, 2019. That's one incident more than during the same period last year, which was the area's best performance in 18 years.

And robberies this month are pacing well behind nearly all previous Octobers on record.

All things considered, Wrigleyville and Boystown appear to be on track to record their lowest robbery count since before 2001, the first year for which records are publicly available.

"The 19th District has seen a reduction in robberies due to the preventative patrol and immediate response to emergency calls for service by our officers," said Cmdr. Chris Papaioannou, who has led the district since May.

"We have also utilized our Strategic Decision Support Center (SDSC) to quickly identify and track offenders in real-time, improving our initial response to emergencies," he said.

Officers assigned to the SDSC monitor the district's POD cameras and other intelligence streams, then communicate key informa-

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OUT OF STEP *from p. 2*

All of these are signs to me of a disintegrating sense of American self-understanding. I regret the loss of a convenient local eatery. But I decry the loss of foundational American self-awareness and truths upon which the dream of a Republic was built. Out of step, apparently, with 21st century self-absorption. And the selfish cultural impact of 21st century goals. Maybe the lease is up for everyone.

STEVENS AWARD: Retired Judge Sheila Murphy recently received the Justice John Paul Stevens Award from the Chicago Bar Assoc. and the Chicago Bar Foundation. A noted jurist and champion of civil liberties, Judge Murphy has been a judicial role model to the bench because she is first a great defender of the freedoms of others. Her influence and friendship on me personally goes back 40 years. Bravo, Judge Murphy.

TIDBIT: Judge won't toss Chicago's lawsuit against Jussie Smollett.

THE VERSACE WAY: The ladies of The Service Club of Chicago were treated to an afternoon of all things Versace. Starting with a special luncheon at Le Colonial, complete with Versace place settings, a private fashion show, champagne toast and DJ. That's one fabulous way to shop for a cause!

BROWN PAPERED WINDOWS: Are you keeping track of whose drawers the Feds are raiding? The latest round appears to have hit a political consulting business head on. Can't be good

for other clients. They are digging deep and coming up with tasty tidbits.

SUPER SLEUTH: Sean Eschaghy reports that the last townhouse on Maple St. between State and Dearborn has been pulled down. Sadly, it was once the home of Astor St. girl Hazel Martyn (1880-1935) during the 1880s. Her poppa, Edward Jenner Martyn, once ran the Armour Meat Packing Empire. She later married Sir John Lavery, the famed Irish portrait artist. As Lady Lavery, she is reported to have had a love affair with young General Michael Collins, head of the Irish Free State. Lavery designed the Irish paper currency featuring her as the mythic Kathleen ni Houlihan from 1925 to 1975. A tip of the hat for an American, a Chicago socialite who did great things for Ireland.

PRIMA BALLERINA: Alicia Ernestina de la Caridad del Cobre Martínez del Hoyo; Dec. 21, 1920–Oct. 17 2019, was a Cuban prima ballerina assoluta and choreographer whose company became the Ballet Nacional de Cuba in 1955. Best known for her portrayals of Giselle and the ballet version of Carme.

THE STARS CAME OUT: Haute Dog presented by Canine Companions for Independence is in its 8th year. Haute Dog LA went Hollywood at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles on Oct. 20, with many pals of Chicago's Bobbi Panter flying out to be with the heart and soul behind Haute Dog. Her love for the canine caregivers is magic. Her wonderful husband, Matt Arnoux by her side. True friends

made all the difference: Sherrill Bodine, Irene Michaels, Rhonda Sanderson, April Schwartz, Sheree Schimmer Valukas, Sherry Lea Fox, Heather Jane Johnston, Mary Lasky, Sally Jo Morris, Irene Michaels, Sherry Abrahams and Tina Weller.

LOTTA MOOLA: At \$110.5 Million, Jean Michel Basquiat painting becomes priciest work ever sold by a U.S. artist.

BREAK SOME EGGS: Paul Borg is with Marc Joseph Sievers at Marchesa Chicago. Congratulations, Marc, on the launch of your fabulous new cookbook. Best omelette ever!

FOUR WAYS ALWAYS: Sherry Lea Fox with Sally Jo Morris, Mary Lasky and April Schwartz at Tony Duquette Studios in LA.

GET OUT THE VOTE: Dan Balanoff spent the morning collecting signatures in the 27th Ward at Marshall Field Apartments with Dionne, one of his rockstar volunteers. Important that people in all parts of the district feel represented to achieve our goal of equal justice for all. www.judgeb2020.com.

TIDBIT: The world's largest Starbucks is opening in Chicago this Fall. As they serve the world's most popular diuretic, we assume they'll also have the world's largest Starbucks bathrooms too.

NEW BOOK: Entertaining Chicago by Neal Samors and co-author, Bob Dauber, the story of Chicago's fabled nightclubs and watering holes, out this week at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and local Chicago area bookstores.

SMART LADY: Congrats to Julie Weyforth Quattlebaum who received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Adler Univ. with piles of Palm Beach folk here this past weekend.

SMART SERVICE: A big welcome to young John Hanley, a smart efficient pro, now a server at Gibson's Steakhouse.

SMART WIN: Lois Dal Santo Harring and husband, Michael, in the stands in Champaign-Urbana for U of I's stunning victory over #6 Wisconsin.

SMART READ: On National Book Day, for those who show a book instead of ticket, Dutch book lovers got free rail travel across their country's entire network for the weekend as part of the Netherlands' annual book week celebrations. Every year since 1932 the Netherlands has encouraged reading with "Boekenweek"—a celebration of literature marked with literary festivals and book signings across the country.

WHO'S WHERE? Sherrill Bodine spotted looking beautiful amid the sunshine and Chanel in LA... Erin Eileen and hubby, Dr. Adam Manatee Del Conte in Italy, Castellina in Chianti, Vico dal Gargano a tiny ancient town where Dr. Adam's family originated-- "a tumor just above the achilles tendon of the boot," as Adam describes the location. They stayed at a great airbnb, and met family, friends and many cats... Michael Fustin and Paul Hickey at Beer and Ale — attending Cider and Ale Festival with Madison Hickey and Elizabeth at the Morton Arboretum... Victoria Dal Santo and John Dombrowski back from Portugal and Morocco visiting daughter, Christina, at Wisconsin and checking in to State St. Brats... Rosemary Holland at Apartmentos Alvaflor in Portugal waiting for the airport bus after a lovely sunny week... Galway Arms' Deirdre Canty in Ireland watching Ireland vs New Zealand ... c'mon you boys in green... couturier Lauren Lein is celebrating friendship with Sherrill Bodine and Thomas P. Kavanaugh at Marchesa Chicago, happy birthday, John Bodine... Dan and Laurie Baker Lawlor on the Lake Geneva shore path... Dan Scheffey, Emma Snowdon-Jones and (Mr. Manners) Tom Farley at the National Arts Club listening to Jeffrey Banks talk Tartan... writer Lucia Adams in Springfield at the home of Abraham Lincoln... The Samurai Brothers have had many adventures, none more important than their literary pursuits... Brian White and Peggy Snorpf decorate any room they inhabit, none more elegantly than the WAC... Jim and Anne McNulty with their five daughters who live in five different time zones, back together for a McNulty cousin's wedding, Maureen, Therese, Patricia, Annie and Peggy, all so elegant and chic... B.J. Murray and his army of Chicago pals cheering on his "swelligant" birthday bash at Marchesa... gentlemen lawyers Thomas and Eddie Murphy, bros laughing on Lasalle St., the nostalgia of elegant educations and South Shore memories.

AUTUMNAL AROMA: Game pie was a creation yesterday... not just any game pie but the fantastic pie created at Chatsworth by Debo Devonshire (the late Dowager Duchess)... Desmond Guinness' beloved auntie Deborah's recipe, rich with many mushrooms and pearl onions and peas and leftover roasted pheas-

ant and partridge.

FUNNYMAN: Chicago actor/comedian John T. O'Brien still celebrating his great achievement of receiving the "Catalyst" award for his work in "Dad Man Walking," remarkable saga of his reflective parenting skills. Quite the achievement for a St. Ignatius College Prep lad. We are all very proud of John.

DESPERATE MEASURES: The Brooklyn Museum is selling a Francis Bacon painting, entitled "The Pope," out of its collection, to be auctioned at Sotheby's contemporary art evening sale on Nov. 14 in New York. The work is expected to bring in between \$6 million and \$8 million.

YOUNG FEMINISTS: Reserve your free ticket for the 4th annual Cause the Effect Chicago Young Feminist Conference. Sat. Nov. 9; 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., ages 14-21. Motorola Mobility, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza. You must register on line in advance.

ON WORTH AVENUE: Longtime partners, Roscoe Village's "The Toms," Tom Hackett and Tom McGuire, were jubilantly wed in Palm Beach last weekend in a gathering of friends and family that equalled the sweet surroundings of the Colony Hotel. Many days of happy celebration among the guests with the lads who are deeply cherished by so many. Palm Beach was filled with Chicago folk like Leslie Hindman's Jim Sharp, Sarah Touhy, Mon Ami Gabi's Johnny Mahady and hubby, David Izaguirre, Matthew Mika, Patrick Falso, Dave Camp, Markus Richter, Brad McLaughlin, Bill Bacarella and legions more. Sharp's hubby, Michael Moore, did the honors. The wedding cake was supreme.

DOUBLY INDICTED: What well-known spouse was caught with her boy toy shopping for a yoga mat in Wicker Park, far from the neighborhood she shares with her beleaguered husband?

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. Laura and the Sea, an unhappy comedy, runs now through Dec. 8, at Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.

Any fool can make something complicated. It takes a genius to make it simple.

— Woody Guthrie
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(Left) The famous Art Institute lions guard the city of Chicago. Photo courtesy of Art Institute of Chicago (Center) The Tin Man in Oz Park. Photo courtesy of Chicago Park District (Right) Bob Newhart's couch at the east end of Navy Pier. Photo courtesy of Navy Pier

Chicago's talking statues a first in the U.S.



Picasso's sculpture in Daley Plaza.

'Hi, we used to be guards, but now we're celebrities'

BY PATRICK BUTLER

For the past few years, Beth Sair has been talking to 30 different statues in Chicago's parks.

And nobody thinks it's strange.

Sair held a lecture on talking statues Oct. 17 at Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln, courtesy of the Ravenswood/Lake View Historical Assoc., telling the audience that anyone with a smartphone and a map of Chicago's parks can do the same thing.

The former teacher will happily introduce you to everyone from the lions in front of the Art Institute; Dorothy, Toto, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion in Oz Park; the Millennium's Bean; a dinosaur guarding the Field Museum; former Gov. John Peter Altgeld in Lincoln Park; a bronze cow near the Chicago Cultural Center; and Nathan Hale who used to hang around the Tribune Tower alcove.

She'll even take you over to Humboldt Park to meet Leif Ericson, who bristles at the very name of Christopher Columbus.

After all, he'll have you know, it was fake news... it was the Vikings – not the Italians or the Spaniards – who discovered

America some 500 years before Columbus accidentally tripped over the New World, thinking he had finally reached the Far East.

They weren't about to put up with all that Columbian Exposition nonsense.

After all, they didn't call him "Leif the Lucky" for nothing, howled the hot-headed Swedes and Norsemen who then made up the Humboldt Park neighborhood (named incidentally for Baron Von Humboldt, another explorer – this one a German – who's also honored with a statue in Lincoln Park.

Moving on, she'll introduce you to the roaring lions in front of the Art Institute on Michigan Ave.

"We used to be guards, but now we're celebrities," one of the lions will tell you. "Our purpose is to symbolize and celebrate this city. We've become the unofficial mascots. For all of Chicago's sports teams. In fact for all of Chicago."



Beth Sair

Not far away – on 11th Street – there's a memorial to a merchant prince who spent 20 years fighting in the courts to keep the Grant Park lakefront free and open, Sair said.

"Were it not for me, I'm not sure this lakefront would still be here," said Aaron Montgomery Ward, creator of America's first major mail order business (a business largely done in at this point by online merchandising.)

"I was determined not to allow

that lakefront to disappear," Ward tells passersby.

Another driven Chicagoan – Jane Addams – holds court in the Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, 1801 S. Indiana Ave., through the medium of actress Amy Morton.

Almost larger than life, Ms. Morton tells the story of how the first woman ever awarded the Nobel Prize organized the first

Hear the story of how the first woman ever awarded the Nobel Prize, Jane Addams, organized the first settlement house, fought for the first Child Labor laws in Chicago, worked for Chicago's first juvenile courts, and while she was at it, fought for women's rights to vote.

settlement house, fought for the first Child Labor laws in Chicago, worked for Chicago's first juvenile courts, and while she was at it, fought for women's rights to vote.

Back in the Loop, at Daley Plaza, lies one of Chicago's great mysteries – the 50'-tall Picasso statue.

Since 1967, Chicagoans and tourists alike have wondered whether it's modeled after the quirky Spanish artist's afghan hound, a baboon, or the Egyptian deity, Anubis, or maybe one of Picasso's models.

Former North Side Ald. John Hoellen [47th] suggested replac-

ing it with a statue of Chicago Cubs great Ernie Banks, while a newspaper columnist and one-time Booster reporter called it "an interesting design, I'm sure. But the fact is, it has a long stupid face and looks like a giant insect that is about to eat a smaller insect."

Several years later, another Booster editor/reporter told a pair of out-of-town girls the mysterious statue was our "Civic Deity" which feasted on visiting virgins once a year.

The ladies never batted an eyelash.

Picasso himself never told what the statue represented and for decades the debate has continued.

And just to get your head straight, she'll take you over to

psychologist's Bob Newhart's bronze couch at the east end of Navy Pier.

The "Talking Statues" exhibit – first of its kind in the United States and slated to run through Aug., 2020 – took its cue from a similar display in London and is funded by the Richard Driehaus Foundation.

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Expungement summit Nov. 9

An expungement and sealing summit will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, co-sponsored by Sen. Heather Steans, Rep. Kelly Cassidy, Cabrini Green Legal Aid, Howard Area Community Center, and Ald. Maria Hadden where direct assistance on having a criminal record expunged or sealed will be provided.

The summit will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and be held

at the Gale Community Academy, 1631 W. Jonquil Terrace.

In order to participate individuals must turn in their hard copy rap sheets in to Howard Area Employment Resource Center, 7637 N. Paulina, by Nov. 1. Request your rap sheet in person from the Chicago Police Department Headquarters for a \$16 fee.

For more information call 773-784-2002.

POLICE BEAT

from p. 8

fenders have struck the victims about the head and body. These incidents have occurred during the late afternoon and early morning hours in the general geographical locations listed below: the 300 block of N. State St. 9 p.m. Oct. 16; the 800 block of N. State St. 8:45 p.m. Oct. 17; 0-100 block of W. Grand Ave. 2:30 a.m. Oct. 19; the 700 block of N. State St. 5:30 a.m. Oct. 21, and the 800 block of N. State St. 4:45 p.m. Oct. 21.

The offenders are described as one to three male African American offenders between 15-30 years of age.

A second robbery alert has been issued for the downtown area during the month of October.

In these incidents, three to four male and female teenage offenders engaged transit system users in physical altercations and took the victim's personal property. A black handgun was displayed in one incident. These

incidents have occurred during the nighttime hours in these areas: the 0-100 block of E. Roosevelt Rd. 10 p.m. Oct. 15; the 1100 block of S. Michigan Ave. 10:05 p.m. Oct. 19; 0-100 block of E. Roosevelt Rd. 9 p.m. Oct. 23, and the 0-100 block of E. Roosevelt Rd. 2:40 a.m. Oct. 25.

The offenders are described as: black 17-19, 6'-1" tall, 165 lbs; male, black, 15-18, 6' tall, 150 lbs, fade hair style; male, black, 15-18, 5'-7", 200 lbs, short hair; female, black 15-18, 5' 130 lbs, medium black hair; female, black 15-18; male, black, 13-15, 5'-6" tall; male, black, 13-15, 5'-6" tall; male, black, 13-15, 5'-6" tall; male, black, 20-30, 5'-10" tall, 130 lbs, and a male, black, 20-30.

Man shot teen while AWOL on robbery charge

We've shared many outrageous stories about what some people have allegedly done while free on "affordable bail" in Chicago. Few reach the level

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

achieved by Randy Wilson.

Prosecutors say Wilson, 18, shot a teenager while on electronic monitoring for robbery, then went AWOL from the court system, and subsequently threatened another man with a gun before cops caught up with him. When police arrested him for the robbery, he already had an electronic monitoring bracelet on his ankle for yet another case.

It all started on May 15, 2018, when cops arrested Wilson for criminal trespass to a vehicle. He was released to await trial. Not a big deal.

A month later, on June 11, Chicago police arrested him again. They say he was carrying a gun this time. Prosecutors charged him with possessing a firearm without a valid Firearm Owner's ID card. He was released to await trial again.

Three weeks later, a 50-year-old man told police that Wilson and three other men robbed him and two teenagers on the South Side. Police arrested Wilson. They said in his arrest report that Wilson was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet when they found him. Prosecutors charged him with two counts of attempted robbery with a firearm.

Someone paid a \$2,500 deposit bond to get him out of jail again — while being ordered to be on electronic monitoring, of course.

There was a little hiccup on March 11. That's when Wilson failed to show up for court and the judge issued an arrest warrant. Wilson remained



Randy Wilson

AWOL until April 25. Police caught up with him after a man reported that Wilson walked up to his car and pointed a handgun at him. The victim said he thought the incident was a matter of mistaken identity because Wilson quickly lowered the gun and walked away.

A judge finally decided to have Wilson held without bail, and the Cook County Sheriff's Office filed an escape charge against him.

On Aug. 19, Wilson pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and to unlawful use of a weapon in the two most recent cases. Judge Carol Howard sentenced him to 2-1/2 years for the robbery case and a consecutive one-year term for pointing the gun at the guy who was sitting in his car.

He's currently in prison with a parole date of May 20, 2020.

About that failure to appear in court we mentioned, on Sept. 17, a month after Wilson went to prison, prosecutors charged him with five counts of attempted murder and aggravated discharge of a firearm. They say he shot a 17-year-old boy on the 4100 block of S. Prairie around 1:40 a.m. March 9 — two days before he skipped bail.

He has pleaded not guilty to the attempted murder charges. The electronic monitoring escape charge is pending.

Man robbed at Maggie Daley Park

Detectives are investigating after a man reported being robbed in Maggie Daley Park on Oct. 23. The offender may have tried to rob three other people nearby just a few minutes earlier.

A police spokesperson said the victim was walking along a path in the

park when a stranger approached him on a bicycle at 6:51 p.m. The bicyclist announced a robbery, pulled the victim's arm, and threatened to shoot him if he didn't hand over cash, the victim said. No weapon was seen.

The robber then rode away on his bike after getting about \$20 from the victim.

A group of three people approached officers during the robbery investigation and said that a man on a bicycle tried to rob them moments earlier a little further south in the park.

Those victims, two men and woman, reportedly foiled the robbery by explaining that they are all broke college students.

The four people who spoke with police about the man said he is black, about 5'-10" tall, and rode a gray bike. He was wearing a gray hoodie with a blue bandana on his face.

Commercial burglaries targeting ATMs in Edgewater, West Ridge

Thieves stole money from at least two ATMs during burglaries of small businesses in the Edgewater and West Ridge neighborhoods since Oct. 17. Police issued a community alert to warn retailers about the pattern.

The burglars shattered the front doors to gain entrance to the stores and then stole property, the alert said. This newspaper learned independently that the offenders targeted ATMs at least twice.

According to information in the alert and details secured by this newspaper, the burglars first struck on Oct. 17. A witness reported seeing three men break into Youmax Food & Li-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.

CURTIS M. KESSLER; 2744 NORTH BOSWORTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
17 CH 15803

NOTICE OF SALE
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P.I.N. 14-29-300-107-1001.
Commonly known as 2744 North Bosworth Avenue, Unit G, Chicago, IL 60614.

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 Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbeli Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W17-1037 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I3136259

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-

REEHAN L. SHEIKH, SOPHIA SHEIKH, BELDEN CENTRE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2019 CH 00523
350 WEST BELDEN, UNIT 412
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 September 9, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 10, 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 350 WEST BELDEN, UNIT 412, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-106-016-1088
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$86,800.61.
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/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

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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.

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For information, Penny A. Land, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 233 S. WACKER DRIVE, 70TH FLOOR, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 566-0040. Please refer to file number 126588.

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E-Mail: krcmarteam@qpwblaw.com
Attorney File No. 126588
Attorney Code. 48947
Case Number: 2019 CH 00523
TJSC#: 39-5721

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Case # 2019 CH 00523

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-B, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-B
Plaintiff,
-v-
NATEL MATSCHULAT-GOULETAS, 111 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM, 111 EAST CHESTNUT GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, NICHOLAS STEVEN GOULETAS
Defendants
2019 CH 04507

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111 E CHESTNUT ST UNIT 2800J
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 15, 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 111 E CHESTNUT ST UNIT 2800J, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-03-225-078-1169
The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the 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/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.
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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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2019 CH 04507
TJSC#: 39-4567
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Case # 2019 CH 04507
I3135172

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
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/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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For information, The sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's 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.

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Case Number: 18 CH 8912
TJSC#: 39-5431

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Case # 18 CH 8912
I3135108

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 DEVEISES OF JAMES PORN, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES PORN, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISES 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/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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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 670869570.

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POLICE BEAT *from p. 12*

quor, 2222 W. Devon, around 4 a.m. The offenders double-parked a black sedan in front of the store, ATM proceeds and other property, then sped away northbound on Bell Ave, the witness said.

Police described the offenders as black men between 5’-6” and 5’-11” tall who weigh between 160 and 180 lbs. They wore masks and hooded sweatshirts, according to CPD’s community alert.

The thieves then struck twice in the Edgewater neighborhood on Oct. 22: at Everything Dollar, 6028 N. Broadway around 3:30 a.m. and at Hollywood Spirits, 1301 W. Hollywood, around 4:15 a.m.

Police said the men used a red Ford Explorer during the Edgewater heists. The crew targeted an ATM at Hollywood Spirits, according to a police report.

Detectives are encouraging business owners to share information about the crime pattern with their colleagues and neighbors.

Anyone with tips about the burglaries can contact Area North detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding pattern #P19-3-281.

Man shot in Old Town

A 42-year-old man is in serious condition following a shooting Oct. 23 in Old Town. Three persons have been detained for questioning.

Police said the man was walking on the 1300 block of N. Sedgwick around 1:15 a.m. when someone fired shots from a red SUV, striking the victim in his left leg and right foot.

CPD surveillance cameras captured images of a red SUV as it fled the wrong way on Goethe St. after the shooting. Police suspect a stolen silver Mercedes SUV bearing a specialty Indiana license plate was also involved in the shooting. Both vehicles were used in a homicide Monday evening in the Austin neighborhood.

Patrol officers stopped the red SUV as it neared the Kennedy Expy. and Ogden Ave. shortly after the shooting. Investigators detained three occupants of the vehicle.

The victim’s condition has been stabilized at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Another armed robbery in Lincoln Park

A gunman robbed two more people in Lincoln Park Oct. 22, according to Chicago police.

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

A 24-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman told police they were on the 2100 block of N. Lincoln Park West around 7:50 p.m. when a man approached them. They said the man pulled a handgun from his pocket, collected their valuables, then ran from the scene.

Cops searched the area, but they did not find the offender.

A police department spokesperson said the robber is a black male in his mid-20’s who stands 6’ tall and weighs about 160 lbs. The victims last saw him running northbound on Stockton Dr. while wearing a black Nike-brand hoodie, black pants, and a black skull cap.

Tuesday’s hold-up took place just a few blocks from where another robbery unfolded Oct. 20. In that incident, a 31-year-old man said two offenders robbed him at gunpoint as he stood on the sidewalk in the 500 block of W. Arlington around 11:55 p.m.

Sunday’s victim said the men who robbed him are both black and in their early 20’s. One is about 6’ tall and wore a black leather coat over a black hoodie. The other wore all black clothing.

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BUDGET *from p. 5*

Budget will also institute a path to a \$15 minimum wage in Chicago that we will arrive at by 2021. We will roll out our \$15 minimum wage the right way – through ongoing work with the City Council, business, labor, and community groups who have been at the table to create prosperity that is not only strong but alleviates poverty for years to come.”

Low income tax-payers will also get relief in this budget through the new Utility Billing Relief program, “which is an unprecedented, equity-focused effort that will reduce the water utility rates for homeowners with incomes 150% below the federal poverty level,” said Lightfoot. She claimed this effort will

MUGGINGS *from p. 9*

tion to responding officers. The recently-installed tech center also generates intelligence reports for patrol officers like one that recently led to the arrest of an alleged burglar in Boystown.

Papaioannou also pointed to his district’s “collaboration with our various communities in building trust and effectively affecting arrests.”

Not too long ago, things were much different. The nightlife and entertainment-heavy neighbor-

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cut the size of water bills for every other Chicagoan by “creating monthly – rather than twice-a-year-bills – and end water billing after an account has been shutoff. This program will cut water utility taxes, end the threat of water shut-offs, stop any referral to collection agencies.” After one year of participation, Lightfoot says the City will then “waive all past due water bill debts.” The city estimates that about 20,000 households are eligible to participate in this targeted relief.

hoods recorded record high robbery counts in 2011, then again in 2012, and yet again in 2013.

The local aldermen, CAPS meeting leaders, and a string of police district leaders early in this decade refused to acknowledge that there was a problem. Thankfully, new attitudes emerged and more motivated leaders took the reigns. Out went the denials and misinformation, and in came facts, the re-alignment of police assets, and the aggressive pursuit of robbery offenders.

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF10 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF10
Plaintiff,
-v-
TEREFE BEYENE, HANNAH BEYENE
Defendants
18 CH 846
1723 W. THOME AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
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Commonly known as 1723 W. THOME AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-06-210-040-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$318,801.98.
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/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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Case # 18 CH 846

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
ROBERT CARL MARKS AKA ROBERT MARKS, 920 CARMEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 02627
922 W. CARMEN AVE., #3W
CHICAGO, IL 60640
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Property Index No. 14-08-407-025-1006
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$96,850.20.
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Commonly known as 1143 WEST MONTANA STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-29-425-007-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$1,165,941.16.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The

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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 Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 367656.
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Plaintiff,
-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID B. SELIG AKA B. DAVID SELIG AKA DAVID SELIG, PNC BANK, N.A. SBM TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SBM TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB, BELMONT BANK & TRUST, SHANE C. SELIG AKA SHANE SELIG, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID SELIG, RYAN B. SELIG AKA RYAN SELIG, MEGAN SELIG AKA MEGAN MITCHAM SELIG, SEAN SELIG, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 10029
1143 WEST MONTANA STREET
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Property Index No. 14-29-425-007-0000
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For information, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F17070041.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN

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INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HY4
Plaintiff,
-v-
RICHARD W. CHUK, 4343 CLARENDON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 5150
4343 N. CLARENDON, UNIT #2715
CHICAGO, IL 60613
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 4343 N. CLARENDON, UNIT #2715, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-16-300-032-1374
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$133,527.91.
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/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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For information, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 19-01631.
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Attorney Code. 18837
Case Number: 19 CH 5150
TJSC#: 39-5675
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Case # 19 CH 5150

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2014-9TT;
Plaintiff,
vs.
STEPHEN T. KREISLER; JEFFERY BARTLETT; WINTHROP TERRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CCM ASSOCIATES OF CLIFTON PARK, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
18 CH 12657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, November 27, 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. 14-08-409-024-0000.
Commonly known as 4936 N. WINTHROP AVE, UNIT 1W, CHICAGO, IL 60640.
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. Brian D. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. 312-566-0040. 122461
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I3134865

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
BROOKE DUNWELL, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., THE ANNEX CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
18 CH 16096
1969 W. CULLOM AVE., G
CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 26, 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 1969 W. CULLOM AVE., G, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-18-406-043-1016 fka 14-18-406-001

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The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$213,467.64. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, 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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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 2120-15549.

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Attorney File No. 2120-15549

Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 18 CH 16096
TJSC#: 39-4735

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

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a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 18 CH 16096
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff,

-v.-
CHRISTINA R CAPRI, EGON VICTOR MAX KOOPMANS-CAMPOS, 4216 N. ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 04767

4216 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE APT 1 CHICAGO, IL 60613
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 26, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 27, 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 4216 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-18-410-044-1002

The real estate is improved with a condominium within hi-rise with a detached two car 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 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).

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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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Attorney File No. 269806
Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 19 CH 04767
TJSC#: 39-5448

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 04767
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

-v.-
GREGG A. THORPE, YATTA SHERIF, 4321-4323 N. HAZEL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
18 CH 07110
4321 NORTH HAZEL STREET, 1N CHICAGO, IL 60613

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 29, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 12, 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 4321 NORTH HAZEL STREET, 1N, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-17-407-056-1001
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$335,441.86.

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

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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).

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For information, EGAN & ALAILY LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 321 NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 1430, Chicago, IL, 60654 (312) 253-8640.

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Attorney Code. 59515

Case Number: 18 CH 07110
TJSC#: 39-6429

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 07110

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-EQ1 Plaintiff,

vs.
MARY ANN DALY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; 919 WEST CARMEN STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants,
17 CH 7339

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant

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to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 21, 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. 14-08-408-043-1006.
Commonly known as 919 WEST CARMEN AVENUE, UNIT F, CHICAGO, IL 60640.

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 Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-017945 F2

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AR15 Plaintiff,

-v.-
ROBERT D. LOVENTHAL, DEBORAH LOVENTHAL, THE EMBASSY CLUB ASSOCIATION, LAKE FOREST BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, NCEP, LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants
17 CH 8800

2609 N. GREENVIEW AVE., UNIT C 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 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 2609 N. GREENVIEW AVE., UNIT C, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-29-302-268-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$798,187.74.

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

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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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 17-01626.

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Case Number: 17 CH 6800

TJSC#: 39-5532

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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; DANNY DIFUNTUROM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM G. DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM G. DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM DIFUNTUROM AKA WILLIAM DIFUNTUROM; 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 Intercounty 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

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
I3135551

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 Intercounty 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

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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)(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

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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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 60

Activists see higher taxes on 1%ers, corporations as fix for budget deficit

BY JIM VAIL

ONE Northside - an affordable housing activists group - hosted a City Budget Northside Town Hall with aldermen Matt Martin [47th], Andre Vasquez [40th] and Maria Hadden [49th] on Oct. 19 in Uptown.

Over 200 North Siders were in attendance demanding a budget that makes corporations and the one percenters pay their fair share, divest from police and luxury development and fully funds housing, mental health, and other programs, according to ONE Northside.

The co-sponsors included Reimagine-Chicago coalition, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Asian American Midwest Progressives, The People's Lobby and Jane Addams Senior Caucus.

The city is facing another of their annual financial crises, this year with a \$838 million deficit, and the mayor said she hasn't taken cuts to services or raising property taxes, fees and fines off the table.

These groups are also supporting the

Chicago Teachers Union who have been on strike over funding the schools with more nurses and social workers and capping class sizes.

Many groups have been criticizing Mayor Lori Lightfoot's decision to greenlight the Lincoln Yards \$1.2 billion TIF, where property tax dollars are subsidizing a wealthy developer building on the Northside. It is not a "blighted" area as the TIF was designed to eradicate.

These grassroots groups said they have \$5 billion in progressive revenue solutions that would ask corporations and the city's wealthiest residents to pay what the activists feel would be their fair share.

"Chicago simply can't afford another austerity budget that raises more regressive taxes," ONE Northside stated.

Ald. Vasquez stated on his facebook page that he agrees with the revenues the mayor proposed, although he thinks the police budget should be reduced.

The mayor said in her budget address last week that she wants to remove redundancies in city departments (fire workers), and

raise more tax revenue from Springfield with a graduated Real Estate Transfer Tax and reforms of a casino tax structure that would bring the city a larger share of the taxes. She also included a ride-share tax, a restaurant food and drink tax and other sources of revenue.

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"I also believe that we can raise TRUE progressive forms of revenues that ask the wealthiest corporations to pay their fair share," Ald. Vasquez wrote. "This can take the form of the corporate head tax, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, a commercial lease and luxury tax, and other methods."

Vasquez and the other North Side aldermen who attended the budget town hall meeting stated on their social media pages that they will be hosting budget ward nights in the upcoming weeks.

Money to tame wetlands of south Lincoln Park

A \$500,000 capital grant from the Illinois capital improvement bill that passed this year is coming to try and mitigate flooding in the southern portion of Lincoln Park. The tax money will be used to improve the stretch of Lincoln Park along LaSalle St. that now experiences frequent flooding issues.

Casino Uptown fundraiser Nov. 7

Casino Uptown, a fundraiser that features games, food, and drinks, will be hosted at the historic Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave., 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, and will including a jazz performance by Lakeside Pride Jazz Orchestra.

Guests can play poker, blackjack, roulette or craps to win prizes. Docent-led behind the scenes tour of the Aragon Ballroom will also be offered.

The event is a fundraiser for Uptown United and Business Partners, The Chamber for Uptown. All donations are tax-deductible. For tickets call 773-878-1064.

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of Engineers Chicago District, who is responsible for water resources development, including flood risk management and storm damage reduction; Sarah White, the lakefront planning coordinator for the

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Chicago Park District [CPD]; Julia McCarthy, a Federal Emergency Management Agency representative, and Vasil Jursek, a representative from the Chicago Dept. of Transportation.

While much of the meeting focused on short-term flood mitigation and disaster preparedness as it relates to the North Side, most people are aware that these high water levels are affecting the entire lakefront, and indeed the entire Great Lakes region. So don't despair, most all of our Midwest-

ern neighbors are also in this same rising boat.

The issue for Chicago and the North Side is that protecting the beaches, parks, bike paths and N. Lake Shore Dr. itself may require large-scale solutions. Rogers Park's Juneway Beach is just one beach that has just disappeared due to increasing lake levels, leaving crumbling retaining walls and a small, sandy patch where once there was a spacious beach.

And the timing seems right, as the city, state and Federal government are all right in the middle of reimagining Chicago's N. Lake Shore Dr. and the North Lakefront. But as usual, city and state officials who are already suffering under a severe financial crunch may have a hard time finding the additional funds to do such broad and expansive infrastructure repairs and improvements. For sure federal assistance will be needed to enact longer-term solutions like constructing eight additional revetments, which would cost an estimated \$500 million or more.

As Winter's winds will surely whip up dangerous wave heights and create ice build ups along the lakefront, state and lo-



Winter winds will surely whip up dangerous wave heights and could create ice build ups along the Lakefront Trail.
Photo courtesy of Barb Schooley

cal officials will be searching madly for the 'extra' cash needed to combat Mother Nature's ill will. Meanwhile, the CPD will continue their ongoing assessment of Chicago's shoreline, an effort begun this Summer with drones zipping north and south photographing the entire Chicago lakefront to help evaluate their present state.