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The Lincoln Park Conservancy is seeking public input and financial support for much-needed repairs to Lincoln Park's North Pond.

Conservancy seeks to revitalize North Pond and surroundings

Sledding will not be affected by proposed changes

PHOTOS AND STORY BY PETER VON BUOL

The Lincoln Park Conservancy, a non-profit advocacy group for Lincoln Park, continues to seek public-input and financial support for its plans to revitalize the park's North Pond Nature Sanctuary, 2610 N. Cannon Dr.

"The pond is over 130 years old and time has taken its toll; it needs help to stay healthy and survive for the next 100 years," said Doug Widener, group's ex-

ecutive director during a recent meeting of the nearby Park West Community Assoc. [PWCA].

According to Widener, the pond could become a self-sustaining ecosystem with restored natural shorelines. The conservancy's current plans include deepening the pond to help create greater biological diversity within the pond and will reduce the instances of algae blooms.

"By planting native plants, this will stabilize the pond's banks, long term. That way, run-off, sedi-

mentation and geese-dung, things like that, will not add [damaging] nutrients to the pond. This will increase the water quality and species diversity," Widener said.

Created more than 130 years ago, at its deepest, North Pond is now only four-feet deep. Due to more than a century of sedimentation, much of the pond is now much shallower. Deepening the pond and implementation of a proposed long-term maintenance plan, will help revive North Pond as a healthy habitat for native

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Taco Bell liquor license hangs in the balance for Lincoln Park location

BY JIM VAIL

Lincoln Park Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] and the Park West Community Assoc. held a public meeting Oct. 10 to discuss whether to grant a liquor license at 2407 N. Clark St. for a proposed new Taco Bell Cantina restaurant.

After hearing from community residents about their concerns with granting the license, Ald. Smith said the proposal will go forward based on certain conditions.

"As a result of input we have received from the community, the alderman's office is seeking to negotiate a Plan of Operation with the franchisee that will ensure that the operator is in compliance with the community's concerns," Ald. Smith said.

Smith further stated that the City of Chicago's liquor commission will make the final decision regarding the liquor license.

"To our knowledge," Ald. Smith stated, "the operator has not yet applied for that liquor license."

If all goes well the restaurant should open by the end of the year. Taco Bell Cantina sells spiked slushies and beer, and is a fast

food restaurant without a drive-thru, designed for cities. The first one in the country opened in 2015 in Wicker Park.

In October Taco Bell opened a new Lakeview location that features many of the same design elements as cantinas but does not serve liquor. However, according to Chicago Eater, the new Lakeview location isn't a replacement for the soon-to-be razed Wrigleyville Taco Bell. Reportedly company executives are now searching for a space closer to Wrigley Field to open another cantina restaurant that would also serve beer and slushies.

The Wrigleyville Taco Bell, 1111 W. Addison St., which offered cheap fast food for hungry fans coming out of Wrigley Field games recently closed. Demolition of the beloved Taco Bell on Addison St. will begin Nov. 1. It will be replaced with a three-story retail building which will feature a gym and a climbing wall on the top two floors.

The Taco Bell in Wrigleyville could have been a concern to residents in Lincoln Park who may have read about the crazy antics there that included a man getting stabbed by his manager earlier

this year during a dispute over a woman, and video images of several boozy, post-game brawls circulated over social media.

In 2016 the Taco Bell sign was stolen.

However, Taco Bell was mostly a welcome part of the community for over two decades where taco lovers from all over the Chicagoland area flocked for cheap eats after the game.

Last year Taco Bell fans tried to save their beloved burrito place when they found out it was going to close doors. "Save Taco Bell" T-shirts were printed to try to save it from closing, but demand for real estate around Wrigley Field proved deadly in the end to the restaurant.

The Ricketts family that owns the Cubs have spent \$750 million on a five-year plan to modernize the stadium and spent almost \$250 million on other Wrigleyville projects, including the Gallagher Way plaza, Hotel Zachary, a variety of rooftop clubs and a team office building. As a result Wrigleyville has seen an impressive building boom that includes a \$150 million Addison and Clark apartment and retail complex.

Alderman targets million-dollar homes for new homeless tax

Downtown and North Lakefront would be hit hardest

Ald. Walter Burnett [27th] and the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless [CCH] have proposed a new real-estate transfer tax on properties selling for \$1 million or more to help alleviate homelessness in Chicago.

This tax would impact many homes on the Near North Side and along the North Lakefront as well as rental properties as small as four or six units.

The referendum would ask voters to increase the city's real estate transfer tax by 160% on properties that sell for more than \$1 million; that would make the tax \$9.75 per \$500 of sales price, up from the current \$3.75 per \$500. Under the new rate, a \$1 million sale would then generate nearly \$20,000 in transfer taxes. And of course under the new federal tax laws enacted in 2017, most of the new transfer taxes would not be able to be deducted off of federal income taxes.

Burnett's proposal is expected to be introduced in City Council today. Advocates of the tax increase told the Chicago Sun Times that they have commitments from 31 of Chicago's 50 aldermen to support the measure.

Hoping to raise an additional \$150 million in property taxes, they claim the plan would help an estimated 36,000 people over the

next decade get new homes. They say that the new taxes would be coming only from the "top 5%" of residential sales. But it's likely that were such a tax to be added onto rental properties too, that those taxes would be passed on to the more moderate-income renters who lease those units.

The plan the alderman and CCH are calling for would include an item on the Feb. 2019 ballot during city elections asking

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voters to consider a referendum authorizing the City Council to raise the city's current flat real-estate transaction tax. If voters agree, the

City Council then could enact the measure by majority vote and approval of the new mayor. If the proposal does make it onto the ballot and voters approve the referendum and City Hall approved it that new tax could take affect as soon as July 1, 2019.

By targeting the tax increase toward more expensive properties in high income neighborhoods, organizers are hoping to win the support of those living in low-income neighborhoods who think they would not be charged the additional amount... unless they happen to rent an apartment in a million dollar-plus building that changes hands.

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Lakeview Township open for appeals

The Cook County Board of Review will be open for property valuation appeals for Lakeview township [from Fullerton Ave. north to Devon Ave.] from now until Nov. 13. Taxpayers file a one-page complaint, then the Board will analyze comparable properties to determine if the property is assessed at too high a value.

Taxpayers may also present an appraisal, comparable properties, or any other evidence showing the fair market value of their property. There is no fee to appeal to the Board of Review.

Tax payers can file an appeal online. For more information call 312-603-5560.

Who knows, maybe it was the beer?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Are you a beer drinker? Bottle or draft? Lager or Pilsner?

I'm much more likely to consume wine. But on certain occasions, there's nothing like a beer. Beer can be a real treat. I learned that much studying abroad, and isn't that what an elegant education is all about?

Most of us love the taste of German beer. More delicate than you might suspect. Dutch and Polish beer as well. My first Polish vocabulary words learned at university there were *Zimne Piwo* - "cold beer."

The Czechs make quality beer too. Ever heard of the town of Ceske Budejovice? Budweiser (in German). It's the home of artesian-water brewed beer. Mexican beer of course owes its pre-eminence to its only Emperor, Maximilian von Hapsburg who brought over a boatload of beer meisters when he took the throne. That's also most likely how the accordion got south of the border. That's what I was thinking when we visited the tombs of the Hapsburgs in Vienna two Christmases ago.

I've never really been a beer drinker. Sounds unpatriotic in our American "land of sky blue waters." But time spent on Colorado's winter slopes gave me a

taste for what was once impossible to find here east of the Rockies. Coors. It's been available for decades outside that old familiar shoe print. Haven't sipped it in a long time, although I am told it is the official beer of this newspaper's softball team.

True confession: I've never liked Guinness Stout. Even with all my socializing with the wonderful Guinness family. Come to think of it, I actually don't recall seeing them knock it back, either. They're more French white wine folk. The black beer was always too sour for my taste. Except accompanying a feast of boiled pig's head and cabbage in Ireland which my grandmother, Rebecca, claimed I always craved. Enjoyed? Yes. Craved? Not so much. Too salty.

When out on a pub crawl in Dublin, I was always the odd man out, enduring the embarrassment of my barrister friends who were strictly Guinness boys. They told me seriously once that drinking Harp Lager was a shabby working class thing to do. The Trinity educated lads were strictly stout men.

My dad, Mossy, was the beer boy in our family. He cherished his ice cold brews. I think they were also a tonic against all the women in his life. The ones making suggestions. And the ones shouting orders. Popping the cap on another beer was a real way of getting distant relaxation.

My dad might have wine on occasion, but it was beer he knew quenched best. Even his mother-in-law, Nora O'Connor, knew that. Which is why she took a great gulp of beer in the deepest summer heat. Though to him that



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was like inviting a Soviet spy to come view a missile site. He preferred her away from the beer. Not enough respect. Beer and the White Sox brought the best out in my dad. They were intimate summer friends. It wouldn't be summer without them.

St. Brigid is the 5th century saint considered the patroness of the Irish. She's famous for many things, like most tough women. But she is admired among the beer drinking Irish for her great prayer in which she pleads for a great lake of beer for the creator and his angels. She had a sense of humor. My dad always said she just liked beer. Here's a couple of lines, no wonder she's the patroness:

"I should like a great lake of beer for the King of Kings. I should like the angels of Heaven to be drinking it through time eternal."

Mossy was never happier than on all the Saturdays that we spent doing errands in the Loop, finishing up with a great lunch at Berghoff's. There was something about their house-brewed lager there that just lit him up. He was young and sophisticated and Berghoff's was so accommodating. He always mixed his lagers. Half a dark beer and half a golden brew. He always drank them in a big stein, and relished his concoction sip by sip. Who knew he was having a "Black and Tan." For him it was the perfect accompaniment for his favorite corned beef platter with cabbage and potatoes and horseradish mustard, or the veal schnitzel, which was another favorite of his.

Mossy was great for chatting up the real old-fashioned German waiters with their heavy accents and brisk business-like attitudes. He didn't know it at the time, but my dad was teaching me a quizzical, but powerful, lesson in reconciliation in those Saturday afternoon lunches at Berghoff's. I was usually drooling over their roast duckling or leg o' lamb but I never forgot the civility with which my father treated the German staff.

My father was a teenager when he deployed to the Philippines and New Guinea in World War II to fight the Japanese. My sister and I were always digging through his wartime memorabilia and medals. A Purple Heart for being wounded. A Good Conduct Medal for obedience. We could imagine him no other way. And some others that identified him as an infantryman. He had some gruesome photos too. And he had some snaps of the other boys he

served with. Our grandmother had some of his letters which we always loved to read. I guess even as children we were historical researchers at heart. But we loved trying to piece his story together. Most vets didn't share much of their stories with others.

His older brother, David, landed in Normandy on D-Day. We knew that was the mother of all battles. For our generation, thanks mostly to films and television, we learned a lot about World War II.

His younger brother, Seamus, was only 18 when he died at the Battle of the Bulge (Bastogne), Germany's last hope at stopping the allies advance. In Belgium. In the snow. A flash maneuver that almost worked but didn't. Germany was finished after that.

I don't think my grandparents ever recovered from that. Ironically my grandfather had left the Irish military and come to the U.S. to free his sons from the burden of the bloodshed and carnage he saw trying to gain independence for Ireland. That their youngest son should die so late in the war was a pain they were never far from. The official telegram announcing his death had to be read to my grandparents by German friends who lived with them through the war.

So I was always uniquely posed at our Berghoff lunches to see how my dad would handle the white haired old waiters who I am sure he never saw as Storm Troopers. But I did. (Too much TV.) He was always gracious with them. Kind, friendly and civil. I saw his respect for them as a sign of his personal goodness. I thought of his Good Conduct medal. He deserved it. He hadn't retreated into a world of blame and hard hearted anger. From what he had seen, he was left with a willingness to try again to live with old enemies in peace. Who knows. Maybe it was the beer. Maybe he couldn't believe that anyone who could make beer so hearty and delicious weren't deserving of his respect. I look back now and it makes me proud and allows me to lift a stein heavy with the very choicest of suds during Oktoberfest.

CAVA: The Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists announces "CAVA at 30", in celebration of 30 years of serving and promoting senior artists. Featured are "Best-of-Show" winners stretching back over 30 years of juried

exhibitions. CAVA will also host its 30th Anniversary Holiday Show and Sale on the weekends of Nov. 8-11 and Nov. 15-18, featuring small works, sculpture, jewelry and textiles. All events will be at Gallery 1070, 1070 W. Granville.

CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE: It's official! Four-time Tony Awards nominee and Law and Order SVU alum **Raúl E. Esparza** will take on the title role in Hamlet, staged by **Barbara Gaines**, in the Courtyard Theater, April 17-June 9, 2019.

NBC CALLING: Chicago actor **John T. O'Brien** is exploding with excitement over his appearance on NBC's Chicago Fire last week. His Chicago fans are going crazy. And he has a new commercial that just came out. Check out



John T. O'Brien

his "Hockey Highlights" ad. Someone call the fire brigade, this lad's seriously on F-I-R-E.

COCO LOCO: There was quite the commotion recently at a famous couture shop on Michigan Ave. when a fitting room door popped open to an embarrassed customer and

a young store employee. He may lose his job. No one would notice this in France.

WHAT REMAINS: What Remains unites MacArthur Fellow poet **Claudia Rankine** and choreographer **Will Rawls** for a

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North Side homeowner's fight against city continues

BY JIM VAIL

The battle of homeowner Raminder Chadha vs. North Park Elementary School over who has the right to the property he purchased continues.

Chadha purchased his home in Lincoln Square in 2008 and was ready to rehab his property when suddenly North Park, a private school located at 2017 W. Montrose, decided it wanted to expand and got the city to issue an imminent domain order to seize his property.

Chadha said the city didn't offer enough money for him to be able to sell and buy another house in the area that has seen house prices skyrocket over the years. He has been locked in a court battle ever since.

"It all started because I wanted to give our kids an education in the neighborhood," Chadha told Hard Lens Media on Youtube. "So we found Lincoln Square/North Park and Coonley Elementary School. At the time the house had fire damage, but was salvageable. We bought it, lost money, but wanted to rehab it. The school then wanted to purchase the property. If we sold we wanted to buy in the neighborhood so our kids could still go to the neighborhood

school. Then we saw the school was collaborating with the City of Chicago to put violation after violation on our building to force us to sell."

Chadha only found out about the violations from discovery in his lawsuit to hold onto his house. Those violations included accusing him of having a demolished garage that blighted the community, and weeds that were an inch or so above the city limit.

"They wanted the property and I didn't want to sell it to them for the price (they offered)," he said. "So then (the school) started (conspiring) with the city with all the violations."

He also found from the lawsuit discovery a series of emails from Chicago Board of Education members, who are handpicked by the mayor, saying they need to put this affair to rest before the owner finds out what they've been doing the past four months.

Chadha paid the fines and thought everything would then be according to the law. He said he didn't know "the Chicago way."

"I didn't talk to (my alderman)," he said. "I thought I was doing everything honestly."

This reporter was reminded of a problem his cousin had with his house at Montrose on Camp-

bell Ave. He said that a developer bought his neighbor's house to rehab it. The developer was working round the clock keeping him up at night, the construction resulted in water and debris flooding his backyard, and a giant fan was blowing dust into his house.

He called his alderman's office to complain. When city workers showed up the next day, he was ready to explain in detail the problems resulting from the construction. Instead, the workers issued him violations, including an illegal rehab of the attic completed more than 50 years ago. When he spoke further with the alderman's office, he found out the developer had contributed to the alderman's campaign and did not even have a proper city permit to perform the work. The office worker told him that most construction in the city is illegal.

Today, Ald. Ameya Pawar (47th) is backing the private school's interest over Chadha, and Chadha says the alderman has blocked him on Twitter. Chadha

then contacted the Illinois ACLU, who took his statement, and he asked them to investigate the City and Pawar. They tell him the investigation is ongoing.

"The funny thing is Pawar, who is a Pritzker fellow at the Univ. of Chicago, now is supporting the school. He gave them approval to build a massive structure at the current site," Chadha said. "As for my interactions with the alderman, he has avoided me even though I am a constituent and have not said anything derogatory to him."

Because the city forced Chadha to demolish his house, his tax bill went from \$8,000 per year (had he been able to just rehab it), to \$21,000 because it is new construction, he said.

"They didn't allow me to rehab," he said. "The alderman's office and city building dept. forced me to demolish the house, so you make it new construction to build a new house and then you're liable for higher property taxes."

He said the city sued him for

lead poisoning even though a report was never filed with the EPA. Chadha says officials at the EPA told him the city has much higher levels of lead in the drinking water than what they were accusing him of having. "The city issued him a temporary restraining order, with the intent to stop him and force a sale," he said.

Chadha said he's been in litigation for over four years and is running out of funds. "The private school has deeper pockets and have worked with the alderman's office and the city to set a price I did not feel comfortable with."

Another twist to the saga, North Park School - which is a private school that is tax-exempt - is using the city to force the sale of the property it wants to buy, and got zoning approval from Ald. Pawar, "but the neighbors physically behind the school banded together to hire a zoning attorney to fight the approval."

Inside Booster contacted the alderman's office for comments but he has not yet responded.

City now offers 24/7 ticketing

City adding new inspectors to manage off hours 'problem operators'

BY PAEDA KLIRK

The Chicago Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) announced new efforts to improve the city's ability to write tickets for violations of city regulations on nights and weekends. BACP Cmsr. Rosa Escareno claims that they're adding these new inspectors on nights and weekends to crack down on illegal activities in neighborhoods

and think this will help other small businesses.

BACP is adding extra enforcement with permanent nights and weekends inspections to respond quickly and effectively to issues that may arise outside of regular business hours. They say that four new permanent investigators who're currently training will be hitting the streets during off hours in December. Those new on-site inspectors will be tasked with issuing tickets with large fines to try and force businesses to copy with city regulations.

The kinds of businesses ticket-

ed during the pilot included those selling untaxed tobacco, as well as party buses and charters operating without a license or security guard when required.

The tickets will be issued for everything from illegal massage, out of date merchandise, no license or illegal tobacco. The new ticket writing teams will also be enforcing plans of operation, making sure businesses are complying with the agreements that allow them to continue doing business in a particular neighborhood area. On special missions the investigators will also partner with the Chicago Police Dept. for late night enforcement, including public vehicles, bars, nightclubs and illegal valets.

This initiative is the latest in a series of efforts by the city to raise money off of small businesses around-the-clock by writing tickets for violations of city regulations. The new nights and weekends team is currently training and is scheduled to start in December. A pilot program launched in Sept. 2017 with monthly strategic night missions resulted in issuing 504 tickets to problem operators.

"By supporting good businesses and cracking down on problem operators, this nights and weekends team will add to the vibrancy of our neighborhoods," said Escareno. "This new business compliance reform will enhance our effectiveness after hours and promote positive behavior, by holding problematic businesses accountable and ensuring all businesses are playing by the rules."

BACP will also be piloting an Active Compliance Program to proactively inform business in order to increase compliance rates. The city says they will also target resources toward what they refers to as "bad actors." BACP investigators will conduct proactive, non-disciplinary consultations

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The cast of "Women of Soul," whose talent blew the doors off of the Black Ensemble Theater at Sunday's opening.



(L ro R) Daryn Whitney Harrell as "Louise," Aalon Smith as "June" and E. Faye Butler as "Rose" in Porchlight Music Theatre's "Gypsy."



The incredible Betty Buckley as Dolly Levi in "Hello Dolly," at the Oriental Theatre.

No tricks, just treats, at three local theaters



Heart of the 'Hood
By Felicia Dechter

It was a theater extravaganza for me this week and all I can say is, the amount of talent in this town totally floored me. If you can catch any of these three shows, you're in for a real treat.

Blowing the doors off of the Black Ensemble Theater (BET), 4450 N. Clark St., is "Women of Soul," a celebration of women with a tribute to Aretha Franklin. Every single one of the performers was amazing, nine women -- and even one man -- made this a show definitely worth seeing.

Have you ever seen the movie "Sleeping Beauty" and if so, do you remember the part where the fairies are throwing their magic around and there's so much of it that it spills out of the house and into the sky? That's how I felt with "Women of Soul." Like there was so much talent in that house that it could have blown the roof off and spilled out into the community.

"Women of Soul," guides us through the lives of some of the most powerful women in soul music, including Chaka Khan, Diana Ross, Whitney Houston, Natalie Cole, Donna Summer and many more. I saw "Gladys Knight," sing "Midnight Train to Georgia," and "Janis Joplin" belt out "Cry Baby." "Tina Marie," did a rousing duet with "Rick James," and I totally loved the Donna Summer medley. A special tribute to Aretha Franklin warmed my heart, as

did all the performances, too many to point them all out. This show takes a look at the struggles and the triumphs these women went through to reach the pinnacle of their success, and it does so with zest, finesse, and some remarkable singing.

Writer/director Daryl D. Brooks, whose hits with Black Ensemble include "Men of Soul" in 2015, did a phenomenal job with this show. And BET founder Jackie Taylor has done wonders with the place, where her mission of eradicating racism seems to be accomplished, at least within the walls of her theater.

Taylor has a fundraising campaign going, \$25 and 25 days. She is asking people to give \$25 to help support BET. Her goal is to raise \$100,000 for vital programming. "If you truly believe in the BET and all we do in nourishing and strengthening our community, if you believe in equity and inclusion and creating a better world of respect, acceptance and understanding, if you believe as we do that there is no place for racism in this world, then you will be a participant in our \$25 and 25 days campaign," said Taylor.

I can't think of a better holiday gift than a donation to BET or tix to "Women of Soul," which runs through Jan. 27. The cast, the costumes, and of course the band, all make this community theater at its best.

Porchlight Music Theatre's Mainstage 2018 - 2019 season launched recently with "Gypsy, A Musical Fable," at The Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St. With E. Faye Butler as Mama Rose, this musical feast is definitely a delight.

"Gypsy" is the story of a pushy stage mother who raises her daughters to reach for the sky in the world of show business, whether they want to or not. It is loosely-based on the 1957 memoir of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, and features songs that have become musical standards, including "Let Me Entertain You," "Some People," "Together Wherever We Go," and the show-stopping "Everything's Coming Up Roses." "Gypsy" shows the end of the Vaudeville era when it's being replaced by Burlesque.

For me, "Gypsy," was a trip down Memory Lane. The star of this show was the music. Each song took me back to when I was a little girl, watching the movie with my mom, who knew every song and sang every word. My mother also took me to see "Gypsy" on Broadway, with actress Tyne Daly playing Mama Rose. I enjoyed Porchlight's version almost as much as the

I started talking to a woman sitting in front of me about how much the younger generation knows about these oldie-yet-goodie shows like "Gypsy." We discussed whether or not young people were seeing some of the classics that we grew up with.

Broadway show -- or maybe even as much. How could I not with E. Faye Butler playing Rose? (And don't get me wrong, the entire cast is terrific too.)

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Emergency heating repair program opens

The Emergency Heating Repair Program [EHRP] will open to new applicants on Thursday. This program provides grants for income-eligible Chicago homeowners to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system. Limited funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The EHRP is available to Chicagoans who own and occupy a

habitable one-to-four residence building. Enrollment will be accepted through April 1, 2019, or until all funds have been exhausted.

The application package will be available online on Nov. 1 or in the Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development's office, 121 N. LaSalle St., room 1006, call 312-744-3653 for more information.

Free talk Nov. 5 on state's pension crisis

DePaul Univ. will be holding a free discussion 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 on how to overcome the constitutional hurdles to the state's pension crisis with municipal finance expert James E. Spiotto. The talk will be held at the DePaul Univ. Keeley Center for Financial Services, 1 E. Jackson Blvd., room 8005.

The event is free to attend, but guests must register. For more information call 312-362-8810.

At the end of September, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System pegged unfunded pension liabilities of US state and local governments now at more than \$4 trillion, a significant increase on the previous figure of \$2 trillion. Information from



James E. Spiotto

various bonding and credit rating agencies shows some states, Illinois included, have such large amounts of hidden debt and unfunded liabilities that they're essentially insolvent.

According to the annual survey of American Fears, one real fear for most Americans for the fourth year running, is the fear of corrupt government officials. Out of 94 categories, including the fear of dying (which comes in at 54) or a significant other cheating in a relationship (83 on the list), nearly three-quarters of the country — 73.6% — reported they are "afraid or very afraid" of dishonesty or wrongdoing by government officials, and that would certainly apply to Illinois' pending government pension and debt crisis.

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Apartments dwellers believe renting more affordable than owning



The Home Front
By Don DeBat

Apartment rents are on the rise in Chicago and most other sections of the nation, but large and growing segment of renters continue to believe leasing a residence is a more affordable option than owning.

Despite the obvious tax advantages of owning the American Dream—a single-family home—barriers to buying for the young Millennial generation also include saving up enough down payment cash while paying off college loans, housing experts say.

While renters are feeling the squeeze of rising housing costs, they will continue to rent because they perceive it to be the more affordable housing choice, according to a new research report from Freddie Mac Multifamily.

The survey—"Profile of Today's Renter"—reports that 78% of renters believe leasing an apartment is more affordable than owning. That finding is up a stunning 11 points from just six months ago in Feb. 2018. And, this is the case even as the majority of renters (66%) reported difficulty affording their rent at some point over the past two years.

In Chicago, one of the major forces driving up apartment rents is soaring property taxes, which landlords are forced to pass on to tenants in the form of rent increases.

The recent skyrocketing reassessment on the North Side likely will mean hefty rent increases in 2019.

The market value of North Township apartment buildings with six units or less surged to \$1.3 million from \$1.1 million—an appreciation of more than 18% over the past three years, according to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios.

As a result of the assessor's new, improved "state-of-the-art" reassessment model, Berrios declared that the median assessed value of these properties increased

to \$129,082—a whopping gain of 23.32%.

Other rising costs for small apartment owners include higher water, sewer and garbage taxes, which have doubled over the past few years.

The Freddie Mac Multifamily survey also found nearly 9 in 10 renters employed in the essential workforce, such as healthcare and education, had significant difficulty affording the rent over the past two years.

"Views of renting as the more affordable option continue to drive the behavior and satisfaction of a large and growing majority of renters," said David Brickman, president of Freddie Mac and head of Multifamily. "While renting is seen as more affordable, this research underscores that renters are feeling the effects of the rising cost of housing, driven in part by lack of supply, increased demand and the cost of construction."

The survey found the perception of affordability of renting over owning was evident across generations. In fact, Millennials (up 14 points to 75%), Generation Xers (up 11 points to 70%) and Baby Boomers (up eight points to 81%) all saw marked increases in the perception that renting is more affordable than owning.

Here are other findings of the survey, which was conducted online in mid-August among 4,040 adults aged 18 and over, including 1,059 renters, by Harris Poll, on behalf of Freddie Mac:

- While 66% of renters report having trouble affording their month rent over the past two years, only 43% of homeowners surveyed experienced similar difficulties in paying their housing costs.

- More than half of renters surveyed said rent affordability also affected spending on food, utilities and other essentials (51%), as well as savings (50%) and non-essential items (64%).

- For renters living in rural areas, the impacts were particularly stark, with 77% spending less on essential items versus 59% in urban and suburban areas.

- While a majority of renters across generations reported these difficulties, older Millennials (aged 28 to 37 years) reported the greatest hardship, with 79% reporting trouble affording rent over the past two years.

- Renters employed in that essential workforce had significant

additional difficulty affording rent, with a staggering 88% reporting hardship affording rent over the past two years. This is compared with 65% of all other workforce renters, and 61% of homeowners in the essential workforce.

- Approximately half (48%) of renters working in essential jobs believe it is difficult to find housing that is both affordable and close to where they work—compared with 39% of homeowners in the essential workforce.

"The struggles experienced by renters in the essential workforce are particularly sobering," noted Deborah Jenkins, senior vice president of Freddie Mac Multifamily. "Nearly 9 in 10 renters experienced some hardship in affording their rent in the last two years."

Despite those gloomy findings, a consistent number of apartment dwellers (63%) continue to express their satisfaction with their rental experience, Freddie Mac said. In fact, 58% of renters believe that renting is a good choice for them now and do not have plans to buy a home at this time—up from 54% in February.

Over the last three years there has been a gradual increase in the number of renters who are not interested in buying, according to Freddie Mac. This quarter shows a small increase in this trend, with 23% of renters reporting they have no interest in buying a home—up from 20% in February. In addition, 42% of baby boomers surveyed expressed no interest in owning a home.

The survey found that 66% of renters plan to continue leasing their next residence—up 11 points from February. Consistent with this view, fewer renters (41%) believe buying a home will be equally or more affordable in the next 12 months—down from 46% in February.

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

Residential Permit Parking passes now available

Aldermanic Ward Offices are now selling the new 2019 Residential Parking Passes. The new 2019 passes are purple, and the expiring red-colored 2018 passes are still valid through Dec. 31.

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CTA to install 1,000 new HD security cameras



The CTA's goal is to add 1,000 new surveillance cameras and upgrade more than 3,000 older-model cameras throughout the system to the latest-generation high-definition, using \$33 million in ride-hailing taxes collected from care share service users.

With crime and violence plaguing the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) train lines and platforms these days, CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. has announced the installation of nearly 500 new security cameras in CTA stations.

In the last year, CTA and Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) installed nearly 500 cameras in and around rail stations along the Red, Blue and Brown lines as part of a multi-faceted, collaborative effort to further improve public safety. Over 400 of these are HD cameras were funded with \$33 million collected through Mayor Rahm Emanuel's ride-hailing tax.

"Chicago is the first city in the nation to create a ride-hailing [tax] dedicated to transit, making it possible to continue to invest in the latest technology and improvements that enhance commuting and improve the quality of life in our city," said Mayor Emanuel.

The CTA's goal is to add 1,000 new cameras and upgrade more than 3,000 older-model cameras throughout the system to the latest-generation high-definition. The program also includes new lighting, repairs and enhancements to safety at all 145 CTA rail stations. New cameras will also be installed at more than 100 CTA bus turn-around locations, and video monitors will be added to CTA rail stations to aid personnel in monitoring station and customer activity. CTA's security camera network has doubled in size since 2011 and can be found at every rail station and on every bus and train.

Public safety officials from the Chicago Police, OEMC and CTA have worked together to strategically deploy new street-level cameras near CTA's subway and elevated stations. So far this year, OEMC

has overseen the installation of 95 new HD surveillance cameras near the entrances of the Grand and Chicago Blue Line, Sedgwick Brown Line, and the Clark/Division, Lake, Grand, Jackson and Monroe Red Line stations. OEMC says they will continue to work with the CTA and CPD to enhance surveillance capabilities to CTA's system in 2019.

The city also announced last week that \$5 million in tax money was going to foster new transit-oriented development on high-capacity bus corridors and a new pilot program to add digital information screens on CTA buses.

Transportation hub coming to Union Station

On Monday the City also expanded the scope of the redevelopment of Chicago's historic Union Station. The next phase of work in the project, the addition of a new entrance on Clinton St. that will open the west side of the Amtrak-owned station's Headhouse for development as a food court and retail space. This comes as City Council is scheduled to vote today on a proposed office tower that will be built by Riverside Development on Amtrak land south of the station.

The Planned Development proposal for Union Station may revive the historic station house after decades of neglect. Part of the plan includes 1.5 million square foot, 50-story office tower and a 1.5 acre public park on land now occupied by an Amtrak-owned parking garage. The project is estimated to be worth \$900 million. Construction is anticipated to begin the fourth quarter of 2019 and is expected to last three years. The project includes the renovation of floors 4-8 of the Headhouse and a 9th-story addition for two hotels comprised of

400 rooms combined.

Interior and exterior renovations will be made to a section of the station that has been closed off and neglected since a fire in 1980.

Amtrak said they will invest some of the proceeds from the real estate transaction to enhance a portion of the undeveloped spaces around the historic Great Hall for restaurants and other services. This will include the creation of a new entrance to the Headhouse from Clinton St. on the west side of the station that will improve ADA access and allow the station to meet the needs of the fast-growing business and residential areas in the West Loop.

Amtrak is also inviting Metra, the City of Chicago and others transportation pro-

viders to join in a partnership seeking government funds to fully reconfigure portions of the station's Concourse and other areas heavily used by Metra customers.

Other proposed improvements include posting traffic control and parking enforcement aides during the morning and evening rush hours, Monday through Friday to help traffic operations around Union Station and allow for better enforcement of both curbside regulations and parking restrictions. The Developer will also modernize CDOT traffic signals at 14 nearby intersections, improve passenger vehicle, taxi, and TNP pick-up and drop-off zones surrounding the station's Headhouse, and improve and expand nearby CTA and commuter shuttle bus stops.



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Talk on Native Americans in Chicago Nov. 10



The Edgewater Historical Society and Museum will be hosting a presentation titled Native Americans in Chicago, given by Prof. Theodore Karamanski, 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov., 10 at the Edgewater Branch Library Betty Barclay Community Room, 6000 N. Broadway.

Karamanski is a Professor of History and Public History Di-

rector at Loyola Univ. He will be speaking on the important history of Native Americans in Chicago, including the North Side, where Rogers Ave. was a significant border in the history of treaties as they were pushed ever westward. Edgewater was also the site of seasonal village settlements when Kenmore and Winthrop were wetland swales.



Studio behind 'Matrix' series selling their Andersonville offices

BY DANIEL ZAGOTTA
Edgevillebuzz.com

The film production and special effects offices of the company behind big name movies such as The Matrix series, V for Vendetta and Jupiter Ascending are selling their Andersonville offices for just under \$5 million.

The 21,500-square-foot space at 5645 N. Ravenswood comes complete with several green features such as solar panels, an advanced water reuse and filtration system and a planted green roof as well as full size cafeteria, a 36-person theater, massage rooms and a half basketball court. The owners of Kinowerks, Lilly and Lana Wachowski, had occupied the building since they renovated it in 2007. However with their latest project coming to a close (Netflix's Sense8) and no new projects in the works, they felt it time to close the location.

The siblings have worked as a writing and directing team through most of their professional film careers, until the second season of Sense8 in 2016. At this

point Lilly took an active break from writing and directing, with Lana continuing the TV series solo, which has marked the first time that the siblings worked separately.

Though the industrial brick building has a bland exterior, the interior is alive with all the bells and whistles for a new owner. According to a Crain's Business article, the space has seen the likes of some of Hollywood's biggest celebrities including Tom Hanks, Susan Sarandon, Halle Berry, Hugh Grant, Kevin Bacon, Laverne Cox and Sam Smith.

Though the Wachowski's admit that most of the filming took place in Berlin, West Andersonville has been their headquarters where much of the pre and post-production work and special effects were completed. They won four Oscars in 2000 for their work on the original Matrix, which are proudly displayed in the main hallway.

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Local politicians easy to find just prior to election

BY PATRICK BUTLER

A plea for more citizen involvement, a cautionary note by two local police commanders, an update on what's happening in the 'hood, and a Congressman's reminder that the best way to get results from elected officials even at the highest level is still face-to-face were among the discussions at the Heart of Lincoln Square's Oct. 11 community at the DANK Haus, 4740 N. Western Ave.

Politicians are easy to find just prior to an election and this event was packed wall-to-wall with them.

Turning to the everyday quality of life crimes that are now plaguing Chicago, and the frustration of local police who arrest the same offenders over and over, only to see Cook County set then free, 19th Police District Cmdr. Mark Buslik said that while crime is low in the Lincoln Square area compared to more dangerous areas like Streeterville and River North, residents can still do a lot to curb what Buslik called "self-inflicted crimes" like stepping away from your car with the keys still in the ignition, and leaving garage doors open or front doors unlocked, or leaving purses or computers in full view in parked cars.

"In fact, the only crime issue I see here is garage burglaries," Buslik said, adding "there are some weeks when 70% of our crime is avoidable."

Tire thefts and catalytic converters are being stolen from parked cars, sometimes to be sold to mechanics who offer to sell these items back to the victims, Buslik said.

But there's always room for improvement, said 20th District Cmdr. Sean Loughran, noting that his district has the lowest crime rate of any district in the city and that he is depending on observant citizens to help keep it that way.

In what he said may well be his last community meeting as 12th District county board member, John Fritchey – who lost his last election and is wrapping up his two terms, said "it's not your father's Cook County government. We've gotten a lot more efficient. And you're going to have an easy year as a taxpayer. No new taxes."

Although that likely has as much to do with the upcoming elections in February than any sudden fiscal restraint by office holders.

"We passed a very responsible budget that didn't lay off one employee. We just made them more efficient," he said. But he warned he "can't guarantee" things will stay that way.

"Cook County hasn't raised property taxes in 20 years. But Springfield doesn't pay its share of the costs of education, so we'll have to make up the difference."

"We have to fix the pension situation. The chickens are coming home to roost," he said, calling on concerned citizens to "stay on top of things. You've got to get involved. It's your money."

Fritchey said he remembers

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State Rep. Ann Williams [11th] agreed, noting that legislators need to hear from their constituents, especially about problems related to schools, taxes and public safety.

Asked what she expects will happen after January when the legislature reconvenes, Williams admitted she didn't know what to expect. "But if you ask me after November (following the elections), I'll be happy to talk to you," she said.

At the very local level, the biggest issues facing Ald. Patrick O'Connor [40th] include density around transportation centers like the Jefferson Park Terminal, where there is likely to be "a lot of clamor for multi-unit buildings and more transit to get people downtown."

For Ameya Pawar (47th), how-

ever, the biggest issues are likely to be schools – how we fund them and how many more local schools will be closed in the future.

"I don't think Waters School will have a problem, but by the time the kids are moving into the neighborhood three or four years from now, there may not be enough of them to fill schools like Bell and Coonley because of a possible affordable housing shortage."

"Not everyone can afford to have a million-dollar-plus house," Pawar said.

"We need to have housing for singles, families and seniors. If we don't have a diversity of housing and businesses, we'll be in trouble," he warned.

Despite the penchant of many grassroots groups to deluge elected officials with petitions, letters and e-mails, the best way to make an impact on elected officials is to show up at public meetings and talk to them in person or in small groups, said U.S. Rep Mike Quigley [5th].

The least effective would be mass mailings, petitions, or e-mails, said Quigley, a lifelong Chicago machine Democrat now facing off against Tom Hanson.

Quigley said he's been especially focused on the upgrade of the CTA's Red Line and next he says he's trying to get money for the CTA's Blue Line.

But much of his job these days revolves around national issues like illegal immigration and keeping an eye on the Russians who may be doing a lot more than just "meddling, but a frontal assault on our democratic process."



Heading to the Pub Crawl on Division on Saturday night were these adorable Care Bears, left to right: Debi Twardowski of Bucktown; Sarah Stec of the West Loop; Lakeviewer Erin Held; and Nina Boryszczuk of River North.

Fundraiser memorial for shooting victim

A fundraiser memorial will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Loyola Park Fieldhouse, 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave., for Elyahu Moscovitz, 24, who was murdered Oct. 1 on the Loyola Park path near Lunt Ave. All proceeds will be donated to Elyahu's family.

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Lincoln Park Chamber moving

The Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce [LPCC] has announced plans to move from their office at 1925 N. Clybourn Ave. into new offices to 2468 N. Lincoln once a build-out of the new space is complete.

As of Nov. 1, the LPCC will be in temporary offices at Bridgeway Bank, 1970 N. Halsted St., while their new office is being renovated.

City seeks artists

The Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events provides more than \$1.7 million a year in direct funding for Chicago's arts community through its Cultural Grants Program, which includes the Individual Artists Program. The goal of this program is to assist professional artists in creating work that elevates their careers and brings value to the City of Chicago. Interested candidates can go to www.chicagoculturalgrants.org to learn more and apply.

Learn the rules of the road at workshop

Join the Indo-American Center for a special Rules of the Road Workshop where new or even experienced drivers will learn everything you need to know to pass the exams for an Illinois driver's license.

The workshop will be held 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 15, at the Indo-American Center, 6328 N. California. For more information call 773-973-4444, ext. 10.

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unique, collaborative live performance at the Museum of Contemporary Art's Warehouse. The performers stage encounters with themselves and one another, poetically addressing the erasure and exposure that drive the historical murder and disturbance of black citizens. Taking texts and inspiration from Rankine's acclaimed books *Citizen* and *Don't Let Me Be Lonely*, and merging them with atmospheric music by **Jeremy Toussaint-Baptiste**, the performance features dancer/per-



Gordon Sinclair

formers **Leslie Cuyjet**, **Jessica Pretty** and **Tara Aisha Willis**, the MCA Associate Curator of Performance. "What Remains is personal for me as the boundaries between artist and curator are porous," says Willis. "I am invested in the ways the performance brings the multivocality of black citizens to life on stage, and the work and energy it takes to hold both our own voices and the voices of other folks not in the room." What Remains takes

place at the MCA Warehouse 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5-9.

MEDIUM RARE: Former mayor **Richard M. Daley** dining at lunchtime at Gibson's Steakhouse in a quiet booth, and nearby chic **Barb Bailey** with **Sheila Lamb Gabler** and daughter **Rose**.

HARDCOVER OR SOFT? Rumors abound that a cherished bookstore on N. State is going to soon close but it sure looked open for business in the gents toilets last week where two men were having their own version of a book club.

ART INSTITUTE MUSEUM: AIC has launched a newly redesigned website. The result of several years of technical investigation and design exploration, the new site offers an enhanced user experience—with streamlined navigation, powerful search tools and a clean visual vocabulary. Whether you're planning a museum visit or looking for ways to dig into the collection, you'll find just what you need and more than you expect. Take a look—a new and improved experience awaits. arctic.edu

ABT: American Blues Theater continues with tradition with its 17th annual production of *It's a Wonderful Life: Live in Chicago!* from Frank Capra's film and directed by Artistic Director **Gwendolyn Whiteside** with musical direction by Ensemble Member **Michael Mahler**. Runs Nov. 15, – Jan. 5, 2019 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

LAUGH YOUR TROUBLES AWAY: That #22 Clark St. bus really gets a workout. Who are the two library employees who have apparently found each other before they get too old? Or at least too old to be smooching on the bus ride to work? They often have the bus shaking with laughter. And they talk about sending out search parties for the priest in hiding who burnt the rainbow flag. He'll never get a book on loan again.

WHO'S WHERE? Many are saying that songstress **Denise Tomaselto** is not only a fabulous singer, she's a fabulous dresser. She looked stunning on stage at Park West last week... artist **Carla Inwood** with quintessential American painter **Jaimie Wyeth** reminding us of our simple but impactful artistic tradition. Broadway's **Betty Buckley** at the Oriental Theater for the opening of "Hello Dolly." **Kathy OMal-**



Emily Sachs Wong, Thad Wong and family.



Barb Bailey, Sheila Lamb Gabler and daughter Rose.



Carla Inwood with Jaimie Wyeth.

ley Piccone with **Sherry Lea Fox**, **Nikki Friar** and **Toni di Meola** at Tao Asian Chicago... big congrats to **Emily Sachs Wong** celebrating her big 50 with husband, **Thad Wong** and the family... fabled restaurateur **Gordon Sinclair** looking fab and catching the Joffrey's production of "Swan Lake."

MISS MIDLER & ME: **Patricia Salinski** at Davenport's, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$20 cover, two drink minimum. Music Director **Beckie Menzie**. Special guests **Brendan Michael** and **Irwin Berkowitz**. Saturday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m., reservations recommended. "Miss Midler and Me," reflections of the life and

career of the often irreverent and incredibly talented **Bette Midler**. Cabaret at its Chicago best!

PAINTING AT AUCTION: Yes, one of my paintings will be auctioned off at the Service Club's Gala Nov. 2. It's a great way to get a lot of art for a small price for a good cause. Check it out.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES: There's a great buzz underway about A Sign of the Times, the show featuring the songs of **Petula Clark** and other hit songs from the 1960s. From a book by six-time Emmy Award winner **Bruce Vilanch**, based on an original story by Chicago's own **Richard Robin**. The production is directed by **Gabriel Barre** (Amazing Grace). Previews on the road in Delaware will begin Nov. 28 ahead of a Dec. 8 opening; performances are currently scheduled through Dec. 23. A Sign of the Times, received its world premiere at Goodspeed Musicals in 2016. The musical features songs like "Downtown," "You Don't Own Me," "Don't Sleep in the Subway," "The Shoop Shoop Song (It's In His Kiss)," and "The Boy From New York City." A Chicago contingent is getting ready to go out to Delaware with Richard and **Linda Robin** for the previews. Exciting.

When a person can no longer laugh at himself, it is time for others to laugh at him.

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Divvy conducts annual bike inventory, something's missing

Impact and cost of summertime theft surge may not be known for another year

BY CWBCHICAGO.COM

The operators of Chicago's Divvy bike share program have conducted their annual inventory of the system's ubiquitous blue bicycles. But the true extent of this summer's widespread theft of bikes from docking stations may not be known for another year due to a stipulation in the company's agreement with the city. And, reporting by the Chicago Reader has revealed that the Divvy theft crisis was enabled by a decision to remove a security device from the system's docking stations.

Divvy told the city this month that, as of Oct. 1, 43 of the system's 6,294 bikes were missing for more than six months and another 55 bikes were "untracked." Eleven more bikes were retired from service due to irreparable frame damage. That's all according to city documents secured via a Freedom of Information Act Request.

But there's a catch.

Divvy's widespread theft problem did not start taking root until mid-June and the thefts peaked in August, according to Chicago Police Dept. reports and court filings reviewed by this newspaper.

Because the theft surge began less than six months before the Oct. 1, inventory date, there could be a significant number of bikes "missing" without qualifying for

replacement because they've been at-large for less than six months.

The next contractually-required inventory of Divvy bikes will take place on Oct. 1st of next year.

Of the 109 replacement bikes to be purchased in the year ahead, Motivate will pay for 49; bike and docking station manufacturer PBSC Urban Solutions will pay for 55; the City of Chicago Dept. of Transportation (CDOT) will pay for four, and the City of Evanston will purchase one. The bikes cost \$1,200 each, according to Motivate.

It is not clear if the city will ultimately shell out more money for lost and stolen bikes as it already reimburses Motivate for a percentage of the bike system's annual operating losses.

This year's replacement of 109 bikes is more than double the number of bikes purchased after inventories in 2017 (51 bikes); 2016 (50 bikes); and 2015 (45 bikes), the city's documents show.

As recently as Aug. 26 "over 500" Divvy bikes were missing, according to an email between PBSC and CDOT, the Chicago Reader reported. "We only have seven bikes missing for a long period within all our systems around the world," PBSC's CEO wrote, "The number is over 500 in Chicago alone!"

Enabling thieves

This newspaper first reported the Divvy theft problem in July. Thieves, we said, had



An Andersonville youngster pedals away on a docked and locked Divvy bike in early September. The Divvy remained secured in its station.

learned how to remove supposedly-locked bikes from the system's docking station. One of our own reporters had seen the theft technique being used twice in a week. There were multiple reports of criminals using Divvy bikes while committing robberies and even pedal-by shootings in the Loop and Old Town.

How did a years-old bike sharing system suddenly become susceptible to thieves? According to the Reader, someone either at Divvy or the city decided to remove a small piece of security hardware from the docking stations because people were complaining that it was too difficult to dock the system's bikes.

With the pesky hardware removed, it became much easier to return bikes. It also

became much easier to steal them.

How the thieves did it

In these exclusive photos, people are seen "riding" Divvy bikes to defeat the dock's locking mechanism. The combined actions of riding a docked Divvy and rocking its handlebars was enough to cause the system's docking stations to released bicycles after the "troublesome" security part was removed.

More than 200 adults have been arrested for possessing stolen Divvy bikes in Chicago since mid-June, according to court record research by this newspaper. Accused thieves are most often being sentenced to community service or short periods of time served in exchange for guilty pleas.

Dead body found at scrap yard

A dead man was found 5 a.m. Monday at the Lincoln Park-area metal scrap yard General Iron Industries, 1909 N. Clifton Ave. The body had not yet been identified as of Tuesday afternoon, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

General Iron security workers found the body of a 35-45-year-old man, and say he was not employed there and was not authorized to be on the property.

Authorities gave no indication regarding how the man died. Police were conducting a death investigation.

Holiday art contest for local high school students

Get your artwork on the cover

Inside Publications is once again holding our annual holiday art contest for high school students.

Students should draw an 8 1/2-x-11-inch vertical ink black and white drawing of a North Side landmark with a holiday twist. The student's name, age, telephone number, high school name, and year in school should be on the back, not front, of each drawing.

Past winning examples include a tomb at Graceland Cemetery wrapped in holiday lights; Lincoln Square's Abe Lincoln statue in a Santa outfit with a bag of toys; Cloud Gate [the Bean] festooned in a giant bow reflecting a holiday scene, the Picasso sculpture at the Daley Plaza wearing a Santa hat;

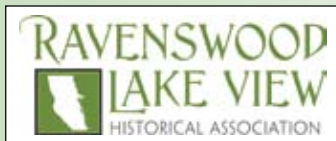
Santa's elves feverishly working on the Marshall Field's clock, and Santa's sleigh flying over the Sulzer Library. Originality counts!

We want hand-drawn illustrations, sorry but computer generated artwork is not eligible.

The first place drawing will grace the cover of Inside's holiday issues for the News-Star, Skyline and Inside-Booster community newspapers and the winning artist will receive \$100 cash.

Drawings by runners up will be published on inside pages of the newspaper, too and receive cash prizes.

Mail or bring the students' drawings to: Inside Publications, Holiday Art Contest, 6221 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60660 so they are received by noon Wednesday, Dec. 12. If you have any questions, call 773-465-9700. Thanks for participating.



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Police Beat....

Convicted rapist charged with stabbing woman during home invasion

A convicted rapist is now charged with a Memorial Day home invasion that left a 24-year-old woman stabbed in the Wicker Park neighborhood.

Police said Lester Johnson, 53, of west suburban Broadview forced his way into the woman's second-floor apartment in the 1300 block of N. Bell 12:54 a.m. May 28.



Lester Johnson

Once inside, he entered the woman's bedroom and stabbed her in the leg during a struggle. Arriving officers found zip ties and a bandana at the crime scene, according to a police source. The woman was found bleeding profusely and semi-conscious, the source said. Her condition was later stabilized at St. Mary's Hospital.

Johnson was arrested Oct. 25. Prosecutors are charging him with felony home invasion causing injury; felony failure of a sex offender to report a change of address or employer; misdemeanor violation of an order of protection; and harassment by telephone.

A police statement did not indicate how the order of protection and telephone harassment charges related to the home invasion case. Those details may emerge at Johnson's bond court appearance this afternoon.

State records show that Johnson was convicted of sexually assaulting a 28-year-old woman in Champaign County when he was 32-years-old.

Arrest made in Loop robberies

A southwest suburban man has been charged in connection with the robberies of four businesses in the Loop and West Loop this month. Police also said that the man is no longer believed to be responsible for a West Loop bank robbery as suggested in a previous CPD alert.

Lawrence Booth, 34, of Oak Forest was taken into custody after patrol officers recognized him from surveillance photos and conducted a street stop in the 12th (Near West) Police District this week.



Lawrence Booth

Booth is charged with three felony counts of aggravated robbery - indicating the presence of a firearm and felony attempted robbery - indicating the presence of a firearm. He was also charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

Booth is accused of robbing the Dunkin' Donuts at 1015 W. Lake St. on Oct. 14, a Supercuts at 810 W. Monroe on Oct. 19, and the Dunkin' Donuts at 201 W. Lake St. on Oct. 21. In those cases a white male in a navy blue hoodie approached employees and implied that he had a handgun, and took cash from the register, according to police, who did not release details of the attempted robbery or controlled substance charges.

Gunfire erupts on Lake Shore Dr.

A gunman in a minivan unleashed a hail of bullets on another vehicle as they traveled on Lake Shore Dr. outside of Soldier Field. No one was injured, but police found shell casings spread over a half-mile stretch of the southbound lane Saturday night. No one is in custody.

Police officers were investigating an abandoned vehicle that was crashed into a viaduct near 18th Street and Lake Shore Dr. around 2:10 a.m. when they reported hearing gunfire to the north.

Moments later, a black Chevy Tahoe pulled up to the officers and the driver reported that he had been fired upon as he entered Lake Shore Dr. at Roosevelt. The gunman shot from a blue Honda minivan as the vehicles continued south on the drive, the victim said. Police said the Tahoe was hit by at least seven rounds, but no one was injured.

Officers found a trail of shell casings in the southbound lanes that stretched from 1400 to 1800 S. Lake Shore Dr. Area Central detectives are investigating.

Police investigate shooting near Theater On The Lake

Police are investigating after a 22-year-old man reported being shot near the lakefront in Lincoln Park on Sunday. Meanwhile, a motorist told police that his car was fired upon by someone in another vehicle as they traveled along Lake Shore Drive in the Edgewater neighborhood early on Saturday.

The shooting victim took himself to Community First Hospital in Portage Park around 4:30 a.m. on Sunday to be treated for a gunshot wound to his left foot, police said. The man reported that he was walking with a group of people when shots were fired near the Theater On The Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Police searched the lakefront area for shell casings, but none was found, authorities said. The victim was reported to be in good condition. Area Central detectives are investigating.

In the other incident, a man was fired upon as he drove south on Lake Shore Dr. near Hollywood around 2:15 a.m. Oct. 27. Another driver called 911 to report that the shots were fired closer to Montrose. The victim said that a man in a white four-door compact vehicle fired several shots at him, but he managed to avoid being hit.

The driver pulled off of the drive at Belmont and met with police nearby. Officers in the 20th (Lincoln) Police District searched the area for shell casings, but they found none. Area North detectives are investigating.

College student charged with running over, killing 93-year-old woman

Prosecutors have charged a 29-year-old college student with accidentally striking and killing a 93-year-old woman with his SUV in the Edgewater neighborhood on Sept. 24.

Police said two other drivers yielded to allow Lorraine Campione to cross a driveway in the 5500 block of N. Sheridan around 11:20 a.m. But Rayon Allen made an improper left turn in his SUV, overtook a vehicle on the left, and failed to yield to Campione as she walked north, police said. The collision was recorded by surveillance cameras at the Edgewater Beach Apartments, according to court records.

Rayon continued to drive forward after striking Campione, which caused her body to become wedged under the front left driver's side tire, police said. Allen got out of his SUV and tried to remove Campione by pulling on her leg, according to witnesses. When that failed, he allegedly tried to take other motorists' cars. That also failed.

Campione was pronounced dead at

Another Uber fake, convicted murderer charged with his second armed robbery, kidnapping in River North

A convicted murderer who was charged in April with posing as an Uber driver to rob an unsuspecting passenger at gunpoint in River North has been charged with robbing a second man using the ride-hail ruse.

In the new case, prosecutors allege the 48-year-old picked up a suburban man in the 200 block of W. Grand while posing as an Uber driver around 11 p.m. April 13.

The 27-year-old victim climbed into Stacey Means' dark-colored SUV and was met with a handgun pointed to his face, prosecutors said.

"Give me your phone and your



Stacey Means

St. Francis Hospital about nine hours after the accident, according to Cook County Medical Examiner records.

Rayon was detained at the scene when police arrived, but he was not formally arrested until Oct. 23 when police located him at the Daley Center. Prosecutors charged Rayon with one count of felony reckless homicide.

Judge Mary Marubio set bail at \$10,000 and ordered him to go on electronic monitoring after he posts a 10% deposit bond. Allen is a citizen of Jamaica who's attending college in Chicago, according to his defense attorney.

Rayon told arresting officers that he works as a ride-hail service driver, but he was not driving for Lyft or Uber at the time of the accident, the companies said.

Never leave anything in your car

Never leave anything in plain sight in your car when it is unattended. We've heard it a million times, yet some folks just can't help it. Police are investigating the burglaries of two vehicles that were parked in the 1300 block of W. Belmont Oct. 22 and another in at Foster and Clark St. in Andersonville.

One of the victims is a Chicago police sergeant whose police vest and black backpack were taken from his SUV while he stepped away for about 15 minutes. The burglar also broke the glass of another vehicle and burglarized it just a few feet away from the sergeant's car.

Police said the burglaries happened between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. Witnesses reported seeing a man looking into cars in the area around the time of the break-ins. He is described as black, 19-years-old, 6'-tall and slender. He was wearing a dark knit winter hat, dark jacket, and saggy jeans with white underwear exposed.

Meanwhile a woman had her car window busted and her purse snatched from her car while it was parked in an off-street parking lot near the intersection of Clark and Foster.

Three juveniles charged with robbing woman in Lincoln Park

Three juveniles, one only 14-years-old, have been charged with robbing a woman in Lincoln Park on Oct. 26.

Police said a 26-year-old woman was walking in the 1700 block of N. Halsted around 2:30 a.m. when three teenage boys approached her on foot. The woman was pushed and robbed of her phone and wallet by the teens, one of whom implied that he had a knife, according to police and a witness.

Arriving officers broadcast descriptions of the offenders on police radio and three suspects were stopped in a vehicle near Halsted and Division a few minutes later. The victim identified all

three boys, and they were taken into custody, police said.

The teens, ages 16, 15, and 14, are each charged with one felony count of aggravated robbery. The 15-year-old was also held on a warrant, police said.

Six Lakeview burglaries in 24 hours

There are powerful indications that at least one very active burglar is targeting homes in the Lakeview neighborhood. This reporter is aware of six burglaries reported in the area between Oct. 23 and 24.

Since 7 p.m. on Tuesday, burglaries have been reported in the 900 block of W. Newport; the 600 block of W. Melrose; the 1000 block of W. Byron; the 3700 block of N. Kenmore; the 3400 block of N. Paulina; and the 1400 block of W. Melrose.

Car crashes into Camp Wiggles, no pups injured

Neither people nor pooches were injured Oct. 22 when a possibly-intoxicated driver crashed her car into a building that houses a doggie daycare business in Boystown. Witnesses said a woman was driving southbound when she steered her vehicle across traffic and clunked into the exterior wall of Camp Wiggles, 3647 N. Halsted St., at 4:40 p.m. The building was not structurally harmed, according to the fire department.

Robberies on Red Line and in Boystown

Two men are in custody for an armed robbery Oct. 24 aboard a Red Line train at the Belmont CTA station. Another robbery reported along the Boystown bar strip earlier in the morning remains under investigation.

A 24-year-old man told police that he was punched in the head and chest by two men who robbed him in the 3300 block of N. Halsted around 12:55 a.m.

The two offenders fled the scene after taking the man's cash. The suspects are described as two black men, one of whom was clean-shaven, 5'-7" tall, and wearing a red winter cap. The other was reportedly wearing all dark clothing. No one is in custody.

Around 2:50 a.m., a Red Line passenger reported seeing a man being robbed by an offender who had a gun. Police intercepted the train at the Wilson CTA station a few minutes later and they met with an 18-year-old man who reported that he had been robbed by two other men on the train. The victim told officers that one of the

Detectives said they had Means' SUV under surveillance early on April 20 because they suspected that it had been used by robbers who were posing as Uber rides. As cops watched, Means and Archer picked up a victim in the 100 block of W. Kinzie around 3:30 a.m. The officers then tailed Means' car as it traveled to a nearby ATM where the victim was forced to withdraw money before being robbed, according to a police report.

Means and Archer were arrested minutes later. Prosecutors said Means was carrying more than \$4,000 when he was arrested, including \$3,600 in hundreds.

State records show that Means was paroled in July 2015 after serving 18 years of a 32-year sentence for murder.

offenders lifted his shirt to display a gun in his waistband while announcing a robbery and taking the victim's phone and money.

The victim identified the men on the train for police and officers recovered a BB gun from one of the suspects, police said. Both offenders were arrested.

Unfortunately, robbery charges could not be pursued because the victim later became uncooperative with police. Prosecutors have filed other charges against the men. According to police, a 20-year-old man is charged with possession of a replica firearm or pellet gun and a 25-year-old man is accused of theft of lost or mislaid property and was held on a warrant.

Cops getting closer to North Side catalytic converter thieves

Readers and police sources have provided a string of information to this reporter about some of the North Side's biggest and most persistent pests: catalytic converter and wheel thieves.

Theft and resale of converters, which are pollution control devices that contain precious metals, is an attractive career path for some Chicagoans. Replacement of the part will cost victims about \$1,800. Thieves typically make about \$150 per part.

These theft crews seem to slip in and out of neighborhoods, sawing converters off of the bottom of vehicles and ripping tires from their mounts, without ever being caught.

In fact, in the last five years ago, we've only reported on one case of catalytic converter thieves being caught.

But something is different lately. We're getting more information from readers about these crews and cops are being called more often while thefts are actually in progress. Unfortunately, officers have not yet caught up with the criminals.

Here's what we have learned. A crew currently working the North Side has been striking between 3 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. with nearly all eyewitness reports coming in on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Reports have come in from across the North Side. Lincoln Park to Uptown and Lakeview to North Center. Last Tuesday and Wednesday, a crew was said to be using a white Nissan. The week before, their vehicle was described as a white sedan or a white Lexus.

The crew pulls up next to the targeted vehicle and two or three men get out while wheels or converters or wheels removed. They are gone within 60 seconds.

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Domestic violence seminar Nov. 8

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This event will take place at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, on the Concourse Level in Room CL-115.

The topics discussed include the court process for obtaining orders of protection, and legal protections and resources for survivors of domestic violence.

To register call the Elder Justice Center at 312-603-9233.

POLICE BEAT from p. 12

recently:

- Sept. 11, 4:47 a.m. men in a dark blue Camry took parts from a red SUV in the 400 block of W. Aldine
- Sept. 24, 5:20 a.m. two men in a white sedan with no hubcaps are seen stealing a catalytic converter in the 800 block of West George
- Oct. 3, 5:00 a.m.: Officers in the Albany Park (17th) Police District report seeing four offenders in a black BMW stealing converters. The offenders—described as black males in their late teens or early 20's—escape from police
- Oct. 9, 5:20 a.m. a witness sees a man in a white Lexus removing parts from another Lexus that is parked near Leavitt and Eastwood
- Oct. 9, 5:34 a.m. another witness reports seeing two men stealing catalytic converters in the 2200 block of W. Giddings
- Oct. 10, 3:20 a.m. a witness reports seeing two men stealing catalytic converters near Hermitage and George.
- Oct. 16, 1:27 a.m. a 911 caller reports men standing near a parked vehicle in the 1300 block of W. Wellington. They are stealing parts from a Honda Element

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- Oct. 16, 5:30 a.m. another witness reports seeing two men stealing parts from a car in the 1900 block of W. Warner. They are driving a white Nissan.
 - Oct. 16, a CWBChicago reader's catalytic converter is stolen from their daughter's Hyundai Tucson near Addison and Damen.
 - Oct. 17, 5:12 a.m. a witness reports that two men in a stolen white four-door Nissan bearing a license plate that begins with DUB16 are trying to steal converters in the 2200 block of W. Belmont.
 - Oct. 17, 6:33 a.m. a passer-by reports seeing two black males in a white Nissan double-parked near Wilson and Ashland. They are stealing a catalytic converter.
- While our list of reports seems to favor Tuesday and Wednesday as popular days for the theft crews to be working, all indications are that teams work throughout the week. If you happen to be an early riser and you hear sawing outside in the pre-dawn hours, try to convey as much info as you can to police via 911.

Police issue alert for DePaul-area robberies

Chicago police issued a community alert in connection with a series of

crimes committed near the Fullerton Red Line CTA station on Oct. 24.

The alert mentions two attempted robberies in the 900 block of W. Fullerton, one at 2:45 p.m. and the other at around 3:30 p.m. DePaul Univ. informed its students that a total of four attempted robberies had occurred in the 800 and 900 blocks of Fullerton at around the same times.

A police spokesperson confirmed that a male offender tried to take a bag from a woman's hand in the 900 block of W. Fullerton around 2:45 p.m. The bag ripped during the struggle, and its contents fell to the ground, police said. While the woman picked up her belongings, the man "groped her on the lower back side," took some of her property, and fled eastbound on Fullerton.

On Oct. 24 police say that a 19-year-old man reported he was approached in the 900 block of W. Fullerton by a stranger who asked for a dollar and then demanded the man's wallet around 3:30 p.m.

The police alert also includes an updated description of the offender. The suspect is described as male, black, 35- to 45-years-old, 5'-9" to 6' tall, 150 to 160 lbs., with a medium complexion. He was wearing a black ski cap, a

black hoodie, black pants, and brown boots.

Anyone with information about the crimes is asked to contact Area North detectives at 312-744-8263.

Loop man shot on sidewalk Saturday; Gunman gets away

A 21-year-old man underwent surgery after being shot in the Loop on Saturday afternoon. No one is in custody.

Witnesses reported hearing eight to ten shots fired in the 100 block of S. Wabash around 1:45 p.m. The victim was found with a gunshot wound to his upper left arm outside of a nearby CVS, according to witnesses and video from the scene. Police said in a statement that the man was walking northbound when he "heard shots and felt pain."

Police searched the Loop for the gunman, but he has not yet been found. The shooter is described as a black man in his 20's who stands about 6'-2" tall. He was wearing a black jacket and black pants and was carrying a backpack that has red lettering on it.

The victim, who lives in the Englewood neighborhood, was transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,
-v-
MARIA G FAMANIA A/K/A MARIA FAMANIA, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC
Defendants
2018-CH-01289
1967 WEST FARRAGUT AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60640

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 10, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 11, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1967 WEST FARRAGUT AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60640

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIBANK N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v-
MARY ANN PLEWA A/K/A MARY A. PLEWA, CIBC BANK USA
Defendants
2018 CH 05490
5432 N WINTHROP AVE CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE

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IS102783

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ASSOCIATED BANK NA
Plaintiff,
-v-
KONRAD S. LANDAUER, CITY OF CHICAGO, INGBORG REISENEIDER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 004347
1740 W. SCHOOL STREET CHICAGO, IL 60657
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Real Estate For Sale

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IS102751

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff,

-v-
JOHN G. POAST
Defendants
2017 CH 12098
3841 N. KENMORE AVE 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 30, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 3, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3841 N. KENMORE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-20-211-003-0000.
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire

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transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-17-13206.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
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Attorney File No. 14-17-13206
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2017 CH 12098
TJSC#: 38-7251

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IS101866

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

-v-
MEHRY MALLAH, AKA MEHRYA MALLA; KHOSRO MALLAH; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; THE TIARA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Defendants,
18 CH 6381
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 Monday, November 26, 2018 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. 14-05-211-016-1097.
Commonly known as 6147 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, APARTMENT 30A, CHICAGO, IL 60660.
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.

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(614) 220-5611. 18-016725 F2
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IS101734

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRIAN TURNER; 5040-60 NORTH MARINE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
18 CH 3863

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, November 27, 2018 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. 14-08-407-022-1187.
Commonly known as 5060 North Marine Drive, Unit 5D, 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 the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W18-0505.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

IS101746

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BYLINE BANK F/K/A NORTH COMMUNITY BANK, AN ILLINOIS BANKING CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER WITH METROBANK SUCCESSOR-BY-MERGER WITH CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK OF ILLINOIS;
Plaintiff,
vs.

RICHARD M. SMITH; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2008 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 8002351188; STATE OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; IMPERIAL TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
18 CH 1458

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-16-301-041-1317.
Commonly known as 4250 N. Marine Drive, Unit 2212, Chicago, Illinois 60613.
The mortgaged real estate is 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: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Scott H. Kenig at Plaintiff's Attorney, Randall & Kenig LLP, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611.
(312) 822-0800.

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

IS101753

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK
Plaintiff,
-v-
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NIVA YOUNAN A/K/A NIVA P. YOUNAN, SARGON RASHO, THORNDALE BEACH SOUTH CONDOMINIUM A/K/A THORNDALE BEACH SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
17 CH 16435
5855 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT # 14C AND UNIT #14E
Chicago, IL 60660

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 26, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5855 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT # 14C AND UNIT #14E, Chicago, IL 60660

Property Index No. 14-05-403-021-1099 and 14-05-403-021-1101.
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$536,945.95.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The 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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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVELL, LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department Please refer to file number 17-03759.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVELL, LLC
175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201
CHICAGO, IL 60606
(312) 357-1125
E-Mail: pleadings@nevellaw.com
Attorney File No. 17-03759
Attorney Code. 18837
Case Number: 17 CH 16435
TJSC#: 38-7033

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17 CH 16435

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whether or not young people were seeing some of the classics that we grew up with. I know I've taken my own kids -- now grown -- to shows and I also try and take my grandchildren whenever possible. But with tickets to some events so expensive, that's sometimes hard to do. Yet if we can turn on young people to the marvelous musicals like "Gypsy," they will stay alive forever.

It runs through Nov. 25. If you're looking for something memorable to do for the Thanksgiving weekend, grab your tickets now.

The first part of my three musical, theater spectacular began last week with the National Tour of the Tony Award-winning Best Musical Revival "Hello Dolly!" which is playing at the historic --and oh-so beautiful Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.

I have to tell you how great it was to be back in the theaters. It had been a while for me while recuperating from hip replacement surgery and this show was my test to see if I could actually sit comfortably in a tight seat for a couple-plus hours. I succeeded! Although the seating is the usual smallness, the leg room at the Oriental is plentiful, which made my evening a comfy and enjoyable one.

The vintage "Hello Dolly!" is a 1964 musical that follows the story of Dolly Gallagher Levi, a strong-willed matchmaker and self-professed jack-of-all-trades who travels to Yonkers, New York in 1885 to find a match for Horace Vandergelder, a miserly,

well-known, unmarried "half-a-millionaire." In doing so, Dolly also persuades Vandergelder's niece, his niece's love interest, and his two store clerks to travel to New York City. What ensues there is pure fun.

I loved the music and the costumes, especially the scene where the casts' outfits look like a bowl of rainbow sherbet. The dancing was the best part, Warren Carlyle's choreography (that is based on the original by Gower Champion) is perfection and the cast of dancers did an amazing job.

And then there's the Tony-Award winning, legendary star Betty Buckley, who brought the house down with her stellar performance. What a pleasure it was to watch a TV and film star, as well as a veteran Broadway legend, in action. At 71, Buckley's voice is still powerful -- this woman has some serious singing chops!

What's cool is that the day before each performance, 26 tickets are sold in an online lottery for every performance at \$25 each. Here's how to score yours hopefully:

Visit <http://www.broadwayinchicago.com/show/hello-dolly/> and follow the link to enter the lottery. Fill out the entry form including the number of tickets you would like (One or two). You will receive a confirmation email once you've validated your email (one time only) and successfully entered the lottery.

After the lottery closes, you will be notified via email within minutes as to whether you've won or not. Good luck! Winners then have 60 minutes from the time the lottery closes to

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The tickets will be issued for everything from illegal massage, out of date merchandise, no license or illegal tobacco. The new ticket writing teams will also be enforcing plans of operation, making sure businesses are complying with the agreements that allow them to continue doing business in a particular neighborhood area.

with businesses in historically problematic industries. Investigators will also provide business owners with a license checklist to better prepare as well as the opportunity to ask questions and learn firsthand what investigators are looking for and how to remain compliant.

Through the Start-Up License Fee as part of these reforms, BACP is offering a two-year Limited Business License for the price of one. So far this year, licensing rates for new businesses have increased by 14% since this program came into effect in July.

pay online with a credit card. After payment has been received, pick up your tix at the Oriental Theatre no sooner than 30 minutes before show time with a valid photo ID.

"Hello Dolly" runs through Nov. 17. Catch it if you can while it's here.

Kungsholm puppets await cues to perform

One by one, row after row, the tiny performers from the world-renown Kungsholm Miniature Grand Opera seem to be waiting for their performance cues. This exhibit may be seen in the Swedish American Museum gallery, 5211 N. Clark St., through Sunday, Nov. 25.

The presentation of classical operas on a small stage with Lilliputian singers was conceptualized in the early 1930s. The costumed puppets were manipulated from beneath on wires and rods, as classical recordings provided accompaniment.

The unique form of entertainment was a highlight of the New York World's Fair of 1939-40, and a tour of the Midwest followed. During a stop in Chicago, it was admired by restaurateur Fredrick Chramer, who had converted a McCormick mansion to a Swedish dining establishment named Kungsholm.

The Kungsholm Miniature Grand Opera opened in Nov. 1941 and soon was as popular as the Swedish food. Two years later, Chramer hired 14-year-old Bill Fosser, who had developed the concept of movable miniature performers in his basement in the late 1930s.

Fire destroyed the restaurant and the opera in 1947, but it was rebuilt in three years. Performances were presented in a new 208-seat theater for patrons who also enjoyed smörgåsbord and other Swedish food specialties. Historic photos are part of the Museum's exhibit.

When the Kungsholm closed in 1971, some artifacts of the Miniature Grand Opera were stored at the Museum of Science and Industry. Others became the property of "Opera in Focus" in Rolling Meadows, where Fosser was master puppeteer until his death in 2006.

Some relics from the restaurant -- dinner plates, silverware, souvenir programs and a miniature Viking ship -- have been donated to the Swedish American Museum over time. A grant from the Swedish Council of America has enabled construction of the exhibit for the puppets, the ornate sets and costumes, and related paraphernalia. After the exhibit concludes, portions of the collection will continue to be featured in the Museum.

North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST Plaintiff,

-v.-
STUART BERGER, DEBORAH BERGER, CITY OF CHICAGO, CHESAPEAKE BANK, STREET-ERVILLE CENTER, LLC AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, STREETERVILLE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
16 CH 11135
233 E ERIE STREET, UNIT 2302 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 September 12, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 13, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 233 E ERIE STREET, UNIT 2302, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-203-027-1142.
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$118,376.74.
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 in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Please refer to file number 233 E Erie St., Unit. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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111 East Main Street
DECATUR, IL 62523
(217) 422-1719
Fax #: (217) 422-1754
CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 233 E Erie St., Unit
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 16 CH 11135
TJSC#: 38-7408

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ASSOCIATED BANK, NA Plaintiff,

-v.-
KATHERINE M. THOMAS, NORTHWESTERN TERRA COTTA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
2018 CH 00251
1701 W. TERRA COTTA PLACE, UNIT E 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 4, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 6, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1701 W. TERRA COTTA PLACE, UNIT E, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-30-409-071-1005.
The real estate is improved with a condotownhouse.

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

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be accepted. The balance in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-17-18388.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-17-18388
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2018 CH 00251
TJSC#: 38-7343

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Real Estate For Sale

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

-v.-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GEORGE F. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH JR. 1516 NORTH STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; THE STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BROOKFIELD; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; KWTS TI, LLC; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK ONE, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF CWABS MASTER TRUST REVOLVING HOME EQ LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES SERIES 2002-E; BURTON L. GORDON; SHARON DARDY GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GEORGE F. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH AKA GEORGE E. WALSH JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants;
17 CH 15388

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 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. 17-04-210-028-1002.
Commonly known as 1516 North State Parkway, Unit 5C, Chicago, IL 60610.
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 the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W17-1093.
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST Plaintiff,

-v.-
LAKEVIEW POINTE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., GALENOS PILAFAS A/K/A GALENOS J. PILAFAS, A/K/A GALENOS JOHN PILAFAS, REALIGN CHIROPRACTIC, PC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
15 CH 15640
7738 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APT 1L A/K/A 7738 NORTH SHERIDAN RD
CHICAGO, IL 60626

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 15, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7738 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD APT 1L A/K/A 7738 NORTH SHERIDAN RD, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-29-101-033-1015, 11-29-101-033-1054.
The real estate is improved with a brown, brick, condo, two car detached 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 in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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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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Brenda Troche (far left) and her family are planning one last big family trip before Brenda is too sick to travel.

Uptown family kicks off fundraiser for final trip

The Troche family of Uptown received the life-altering news earlier this year that their mother Brenda Troche has stage four inoperable cancer. The news landed only two months before her first grandchild was born.

Determined, Brenda has tried everything in her power to stay healthy and strong, in body and spirit. This Summer she outlived the original prognosis timeline, and today she is still mobile and joyful.

The initial pain and shock with this diagnosis has morphed into rejoicing with each new day they are given together. To take advantage of this time, the family has planned an unaffordable vacation. Brenda's last big bucket-list item is a family road trip through the southeast, and so of course they jumped at the chance to make memories together.

The family will be off on the road soon with a borrowed RV and not much money in their pockets. They plan to travel and en-

joy nature together as a family before the winter months set in, but they would also like to do this trip debt-free as they know that would add so much peace to the travels.

Brenda's son Rich and his wife Bekah Joy work as full-time volunteers for a church, running Everybody's Coffee, 935 W. Wilson Ave., a ministry-business coffee shop in Uptown, and serving on a worship team, while raising their son, Theo. Brenda's daughter Rebecca Rose works full-time for a local roofing supply company that helps fund the second largest homeless shelter in the city of Chicago, Cornerstone Community Outreach. Although their hearts are big, their pockets are small, so they are asking for the community's support towards their dream trip through a Gofundme campaign. This is the link to their campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/last-big-family-vacation?member=849524>.

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aquatic wildlife and plants.

How to keep the federally-protected geese and their ubiquitous droppings out of it is more problematic.

The group's plans include planting a native sedge meadow on the north side of the pond to help maintain water quality.

"Expansion of the west prairie into a grasslands savannah will increase habitat and will increase the distance for geese to travel to the pond. This will reduce the number of geese on the edge of the pond and will help water quality," Widener said.

Among the sanctuary's more popular features is Sunshine Playlot, but its location close to the edge of the pond has made it susceptible to wet-conditions after heavy rainfalls. Widener's group is advocating to move the playlot to a drier location.

"We are moving the existing Sunshine Playlot to a new home, right behind the North Pond restaurant. This playlot will provide a new nature-play experience. It will give kids a chance to get back to nature and to provide them with an opportunity to relate to nature at an early age," Widener said.

During the meeting, a member of the PWCA asked Widener if moving the playlot will affect the use of the park's sledding hill, one of the park's most popular winter features.

"When we first started our series of meetings about redoing the playlot, many participants told us not to do anything with the sledding hill. It is a major sledding feature. I can assure you the orientation of the hill will be the same and sledding will not be affected by the new Sunshine playlot," Widener said.

According to information posted on the website of the Lincoln Park Conservancy, the new playlot will include traditional playground equipment such as monkey-bars along with natural-play features such as a climbing-tree, a hillside-slide and rock scramble as well as a cave. Certain features, such as willow tunnels, will be

scheduled to be changed every few years. In addition, the new playlot will include a gathering-space which will be suitable for educational-programming and children's parties.

"[Outdoor] experiences at an early age [gave] me a love of nature and helped me with [my] career. We live in such a different world today. These sort of settings and experiences are important, not just for protecting nature, but for our well-being. As humans, we are meant to interact with nature, not to be apart from it. This is a small attempt at making a difference," Widener said.

The revitalized landscape will include native trees including Bur Oak, Chinkapin Oak, White Oak, Shumard Oak, Quaking Aspen, Hackberry and Redbud. In addition, native plants such as Bellflower, Aromatic Aster, New England Aster, Giant Hyssop, Sideoats Grama, Coreopsis Flowers, Switch Grass, Tufted Hair Grass and Pinnate Coneflower will be planted.

"As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of individuals and corporations who make all of these projects happen. We are half-way to our goal for this project. We have a very generous anonymous donor who donated \$500,000 to this project. We have some other generous donors as well. Our goal is to have 100% of this project committed by the end of the year. As soon the weather gets better - anywhere from late March to early May [2019] - we want to start digging and celebrating and to have this open so children and their families [can use it] starting with the Summer, 2019," Widener said.

Founded in 1984, the Lincoln Park Conservancy's mission includes historic conservation, ecological restoration, park programming and park management. The park is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization and operates under a formal agreement with the Chicago Park District. Its mission includes restoration and maintenance of donor-restored park sites. <http://lincolnparkconservancy.org>.