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Crimes require punishment.

— George R. R. Martin

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**Third man pleads guilty
to \$46,000 Prada store heist**

BY CWBCHICAGO

A third man has pleaded guilty to participating in a bold daytime robbery at the Prada store in downtown Chicago in Jan. 2022. Leonard Spears, 28, is the third man to receive a prison sentence for the heist at the Oak Street boutique, which prosecutors said netted the crew merchandise worth \$46,000.

Prosecutors said the men rolled up to the Prada store in two stolen cars around 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2022. A security guard allowed Kahdaffie Green, 24, to enter, and the others barged in behind him. They pushed a security guard against the wall and ran out with armloads of purses, prosecutors have said. The crew rammed a clothing rack into the security officer as they escaped. He fell to the floor and injured his wrist.

Chicago police detectives tracked the stolen vehicles' movements before and after the robbery, eventually locating video of Green at a convenience store in North Center about 30 minutes before the Prada heist, prosecu-

tors said.

Investigators also found surveillance footage that allegedly showed the group arriving at an apartment complex in the Riverdale neighborhood 50 minutes after the robbery. They were seen removing the Prada merchandise from the cars and entering a nearby building.



Leonard Spears

Green and the third accomplice, Tony Simmons, who was 21 at the time of the crime, both pleaded guilty to robbery charges months ago. Spears struck a better deal with prosecutors, who agreed to let him plead guilty to a less serious charge of felony retail theft.

Judge Mary Brosnahan sentenced him to two years, but his sentence was entirely offset by the time he spent on electronic monitoring before pleading guilty and the state's standard 50% sentence reduction.

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Proposed Streeterville pot shop passes in Zoning Board

On Sept. 20, the Zoning Board Of Appeals [ZBA] vote 3-2 in favor of granting an application for a special use to establish an adult use cannabis dispensary on the first floor of an existing, three-story building at 620 N. Fairbanks Ct.

The site is within 500 feet of a Montessori school, violating Chicago regulations, but the ZBA overlooked that fact in granting the application to G.P. Green

House, LLC and owner Schatz Building, LLC.

The proposal has been met by opposition from the surrounding community, including a petition campaign, and one neighborhood group - the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents - says they plan to appeal the decision.

Besides being too close to the school, the proposed pot shop would be located on one of the worst blocks in Streeterville for

traffic congestion and it serves as an ambulance route for emergency vehicles trying to get to and from Northwestern Hospital, Lurie Children's Hospital, and the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

The block also supports public and private bus routes, and handles traffic from hospital visitors and staff, as well as residents and tourists visiting the neighborhood.

Piper's Alley land was eyed by developers five decades ago

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

This is the second of two articles on the challenges of high-rise development in the Old Town neighborhood.

Piper's Alley's coveted urban-renewal land, on the southern edge of the landmark Old Town Historic District, was selfishly eyed by developers as a prime high-rise apartment site more than five decades ago.

Now, the Piper's Alley tract—running from Wells St. to North Park Ave. along the north side of North Ave.—again is in the crosshairs of developers, as neighborhood activists seek to protect the Chicago's most unique landmark area from another high-rise explosion.

It's time for a first hand Old Town history lesson.

In 1971, this writer, then working a real estate reporter for the historic Chicago Daily News, wrote a byline story titled: "High-rise boom: Old Town builders reach for the skies."

Back in 1971, following the construction of a batch of high-rise projects encompassing about 3,000 units, developer Rudolph Schwartz, the original developer of Piper's Alley, announced an \$18-million rezoning plan to build 480 apartments in five structures, ranging in height from 11 to 30 stories, along the north side of



Opposition has formed against a proposed new high-rise in Old Town. Some area residents insist that more community meetings need to be held by Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] before any final decision is made.

North Ave. west of Wells St.

Never a small thinker, Schwartz's expansive plan called for an enclosed mall connecting the buildings to a pair of film theaters, restaurants, a bank and a swimming pool. At that time Schwartz controlled 72,000 square feet of land at North and Wells.

The key to the Schwartz expansive plan was the purchase of 31,999 square feet of cleared urban-renewal land stretching east

on the north side of North Ave. from North Park to a half block past Wells. Schwartz offered a bid \$362,000 to the Dept. of Urban Renewal for the land.

As today, Old Town Historic District residents were totally opposed to the massive rezoning and proposed construction of the Piper's Alley mega high-rise and mid-rise development.

Thankfully, 43rd Ward Alder-

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City approves high-density, low-parking high-rise at Halsted-Clybourn

Last week the City Council approved a new 37-story mixed-use high-rise development to be built at 1565 N Clybourn Ave. The area around North Ave., Halsted St. and Clybourn is quickly adding new vertical density.

The project will replace an existing two-story bank within a larger complex owned by developer The Georgetown Company.

The 450-foot-tall tower will add 396 new residential units but provide only 70 off-street parking spaces to residents. Prior to

the onslaught of Transit Oriented Development, the city's zoning code would have called for 396 off-street parking spots for a project like this.

The new high-rise will replace an existing 12,000 square foot retail building, drawing that commercial space down to only 2,500 square feet.

The area around this development is quickly adding vertical density. This will be the seventh new building constructed in the area of 11-stories or taller. An

eight high-rise project was also recently approved further north at 1800 N. Clybourn.

At a Sept. 17 zoning meeting, Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] said that to deal with the new congestion caused by the added density, the city would experiment at this site with an enhanced automated Smart Streets ticketing pilot program. The two-year pilot program hopes to nab drivers who violate travel lane restrictions. Last year the city raised the fine for parking in

a bike lane from \$150 to \$250. Some of the worst offenders are the various vehicles serving Chicago's carless residents, such as car share and food delivery service vehicles, and Amazon, UPS, US Mail and FedEx trucks.

People who do not have their own cars quickly become dependent on outside vehicle services providing for their transportation needs, and create large volumes of new traffic. In the digital era, where shopping is increasingly done online, it is a problem that

urban communities all over the nation are experiencing.

The pilot program will use a network of cameras to photograph vehicles, then mail tickets to drivers caught blocking bike lanes and bus stops. The area for this automated ticketing system will extend from Lake Michigan west to Ashland Ave., and from North Ave. south to Roosevelt Rd.

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When your deputy speaks such hate, we are all Jews



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

At this stage of Mayor Brandon Johnson's catastrophic residency on Chicago City Hall's 5th floor, it almost seems superfluous to levy any intelligent criticism at all anymore. He's a dingbat, and we all know it.

Yet we learn more and more about the ilk he surrounds himself with. I suppose when you're incapable of reasoned leadership, you will reach for whatever life preserver you can grab. His latest, though, is really rockin' the boat.

We refer, of course, to Ms. Kennedy Bartley, 29, Johnson's Managing Deputy for External Relations. Recently, I'm told, the mayor enlarged her role to extend to inter-governmental affairs, or riding rough-shod over the members of the City Council, as City Hall insiders say.

Bartley is a top staffer, a chief lobbyist, who speaks for the mayor. Engages people for him. Apparently speaks to the press for him. Disgraces him and makes legions of enemies for him.

Do you recall her recent repeat performance of hateful, vile anti-semitism? Antics reprised from her performance during the City Council Gaza debates earlier this year. She acted as the champion of Hamas, I'm told. Even going so far as to make snide remarks to the only Jewish alderman on the Council.

Social media was apparently her platform for anti-semitism this time. She wrote, "From the river to the sea. Palestine will be free. Amen!" This particular phrase, I'm told, centers on the destruction of Israel and the victory of Hamas in Gaza.

Now that's not to be confused with the time she publicly referred to the Chicago Police as "F-ing pigs," during a broadcast interview when she was involved with the organization "United Working Families."

That's when she also threatened to disband the police. Of course she apologized. She's a 20-something. That's all they do is say "Sorry." And all is to be forgiven.

She apparently turns on the anti-Jewish lingo faster than you can raise a Hitler salute. She doesn't have to worry where her words fall. There's just one alderman who is Jewish, Ald. Debra Silverstein [50th]. A woman of experience and tact.

Of course she's appalled. But like many Chicago Jews she trembles at the deep dynamic violence of such unspeakable terror, and foolishness. That's not how you

build a political career for yourself even in Chicago's Socialist City Council.

But Bartley is the darling of the Chicago Teachers Union, the mayor's private political action committee, and the puppeteers who are holding his strings. They were influential in getting her employment with "United Working Families."

I spent two decades working as a speech writer in the City Council's Committee on Finance. I can only say that if the aldermen of the past were still in office, this would be a quick issue to resolve. I can only imagine what 50th Ward Ald. Bernie Stone would be saying and doing. And my imagination isn't lucid enough to think of what 42nd Ward Ald. Burton Natarus would be saying. Both alderman carried special Jewish wisdom and venerated streetwise Chicago political courage. They would not back down from some anti-Semite 20-something.

Of course Mayor Rahm Emanuel would have shipped her and her hatred off to the hoosegow. But then that kind of person



Kennedy Bartley

wouldn't have slipped through the back door in past mayoral administrations. We can only presume she is reflective of the mayor's true feelings of kosher living.

He can deny all responsibility for her vitriol and soul-stirring hatred of all things Jewish. But watching authority respond

to such criminality disguised as public service tells us everything about the real Brandon Johnson.

Instead, Johnson is much like President James Rondeau of the Art Institute of Chicago who denies all legal responsibility for refusing to give up art work stolen by the Nazis.

You see, it's the first response that counts. The first moment of shock upon hearing the hate or seeing the evil. What do you do? Time dilutes moral honesty. You either have an instant reaction that flows from your right living moral code or you don't.

Anti-Semitic speech with all its familiar hate and irrational judgements doesn't get less horrific over time. You can't take a time-out to find a loophole in anti-Jewish speech. You can't cleve your sanity and then expect rational folk to forgive and forget. Such hate shows the true measure of the person.

In the early 1970s I attended graduate school at the Catholic University of Lublin, in Poland. We had many travel advantages for our mixed-group American students. So the Polish government made sure that we saw many of the Nazi concentration camps like Auschwitz and Majdanek.

The camps were preserved as if the war had just ended. We saw the ovens. We saw the human ashes. We heard the stories. We saw the films. It was over-powering. At one point at Auschwitz, while watching a film, I stood up and passed out. I'll never forget it. We were spared nothing.

I'm glad we saw everything.

Cruelty beyond human reason. Pain and heartache beyond human endurance. The medical experiments on children. The torture of human beings that would make you question humanity's ability to survive.

Anti-Semitic acts in Illinois and the nation are now at their worst levels ever in the past 45-years, says the Anti-Defamation League. And there's been a 74% increase in Anti-Semitic incidents in 2023-24.

It all began eight plus decades ago with the words of violent hate towards Hebrew people from the Rhine to the Urals. And today from LaSalle St. to Lake Shore Dr.

Sorry Kennedy Bartley, there can be no place in Chicago government for your inhumane hate.

Sorry Mayor Johnson, there can be no room for your political ineptitude and lack of rational moral judgement.

When your deputy speaks such hate, we are all Jews. When you permit her to remain in place, we are denied justice. You, too, will be out of a job.

This is not the Chicago way, Mr. Mayor. You are out of luck on this. Try some fresh French scrambled eggs and a croissant. Then get rid of that aide.

WIESENTHAL MUSEUM: Jacqueline Beth Carol had an amazing week in New York. Co-leading an educational summit on the Mobile Museum of Tolerance and had the opportunity to introduce the new MMOT to Gov. **Kathy Hochul**. Blessed to be a part of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and its mission to combat hate, antisemitism, and intolerance through education, empathy, and empowerment.

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Two new North Side open space projects

Two open space projects were approved by City Council Sept. 18 by Dept. of Planning and Development that will use Open Space Impact Tax [OSIT] funds.

Larrabee Gateway Plaza, 1560 N. Larrabee Ave., on the Near North Side, will receive \$844,000 in OSIT taxpayer support to build passive recreation improvements that connect to the adjacent Park No. 598. The Chicago Department of Transportation will construct and maintain the improvements.

Further north, Stone Scholastic Academy, 6239 N. Leavitt St., in West Ridge, will receive \$137,367 in OSIT support for construction of a 2,500-square-foot nature play area. Additional funding for the \$140,000 project will come from Friends of Stone Academy.

The OSIT program allocates taxes paid by residential construction projects for open space improvements that offset the impact of new residents on community parks.

City Colleges and Northwestern sign early admissions agreement for transfer students

The Northwestern Univ. School of Professional Studies [SPS] and City Colleges of Chicago [CCC] are partnering hoping to increase access to higher learning by offering early admissions to transfer students from CCC to SPS.

To qualify for early admission, CCC students must meet with SPS advisors and City Colleges transfer advisors while they are studying at CCC in pursuit of their associate degree, to meet the students' academic goals. Students must have a minimum of 24 transferable semester credit hours and maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

The CCC-SPS transfer agreement demands that no more than 22.5 units (equivalent to 60 semester hours) may be accepted as transfer credits at the SPS for its bachelor degrees, except for the Bachelor of Philosophy in Communication degree.

General education transfer credit from CCC will satisfy most of the general education requirements at SPS, and transfer students who have completed English with a grade of B or higher will be waived from Northwestern's requirement of an English Writing Seminar. Transfer students must complete the SPS requirement of English 205 Intermediate Composition.

"This partnership highlights SPS's dedication to working with CCC to support adult learners," said Thomas Gibbons, Dean of Northwestern School of Professional Studies. "We are enthusiastic about the advantages our online undergraduate degree programs can offer to CCC students. Our programs are tailored to meet the needs of individuals juggling various responsibilities, making them an excellent fit for the diverse student population at CCC."

Apply for a property tax refund yourself and keep money you would have paid to a third party

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Some Cook County homeowners are bombarded with ads and solicitations from vendors offering help to obtain refunds on their property taxes.

My office has about \$93 million available in potential refunds for property tax overpayments going back 20 years. Another \$57 million is available in potential payouts for missed exemptions for the past four years.

Applying for a refund is so easy, you don't need a third party. Chances are you're better off applying yourself. That way you can keep the full amount of your refund — tax free — without having to pay a percentage to someone to do it for you.

A key point about applying for a refund for overpayment is that you need to provide proof of your payment. The requirement protects taxpayers by ensuring that your overpayment is refunded to you and not a subsequent or prior

owner of the property.

The simple process starts by visiting my website, cookcountytreasurer.com. On the home



Maria Pappas

page you'll see a purple box that says **YOUR PROPERTY TAX OVERVIEW**. Click on that box and you can find out if a refund is available for your property.

You will need to enter your 14-digit Property Index Number, or PIN. If you don't know your PIN, you can search using your property address. Enter the house number, street name and town. You do not need to enter the direction of the street (north, south, east or west) or abbreviations for avenue, road, etc.

Next, you should see a picture of your property. That lets you know you've found the right place. Click on the words View Your Property Tax Information and that will take you to a page with a wealth of information about your property and the taxes that have been billed over the years.

When you scroll down you will see a section that says Are There Any Overpayments on Your PIN? If the answer is yes, you will see information highlighted in red about the amount of a potential refund and in what year or years overpayments occurred.

It will say Refund Available, Application Required, Apply Now. If you click on Apply Now, a refund application will appear. Information including your PIN, the tax year for which a refund is available and the taxpayer name will already populate fields in the form.

You will be asked to provide additional information including a phone number and email address.

You will be asked to check a box certifying that you are entitled to a refund and that you have not already received one. Then you can submit the form electronically. You should receive your refund in about six to eight weeks.

That's it. That's all it takes to find out if a refund is available for you and how to apply for it. It's simple, and my office provides you with the publicly available information at no cost. There is no need to pay an individual or company to file a refund application on your behalf.

Before you leave the website, check out the grid that says Have You Received Your Exemptions in These Tax Years, which is located just below Are There Any Overpayments on Your PIN. The grid will tell you whether your property received Homeowner, Senior Citizen, Senior Freeze and other exemptions in recent years.

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man William Singer used his aldermanic prerogative to wisely reject Schwartz' 1971 high-rise master plan, Old Town historians say.

Only the low-rise Piper's Alley Garage, one theater and a row of commercial shops were approved by Singer, a lakefront liberal, and political opponent of Mayor Richard J. Daley. In 1971, Singer won the 43rd Ward election with 67% of the vote and served as Alderman until 1975.

Unfortunately, development wars won five decades ago are always subject to new attacks on the historic Old Town Triangle neighborhood, which became a Chicago landmark district in 1977, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

And once again now, the value of adding massive density to urban tracts, and the affects on the existing community, are up for debate. Only this time, by trying to add vast new density, but not respecting what all that new density means for area streets and sidewalks, where the rubber literally meets the road.

A new 2024 high-rise zoning application not only calls for

more than rezoning of a proposed 44-story apartment tower proposed for a vacant Moody Church parking lot at 1610 N. LaSalle St. It also includes the Piper's Alley tract, now owned by Old Town Development Associates, LLC, a partnership headed by politically connected Thomas M. Tully, who served as Cook County Assessor from 1974 through 1978.

Fern Hill Co., developer of the proposed 500-unit "Old Town Canvas" high-rise, apparently is planning—through various partnerships—to stretch the "land-canvas" for at least two additional towers along North Ave. west of Wells St. So now, it is déjà vu all over again for a possible rebirth of the failed Schwartz' 1971 plan.

In play in this rezoning chess game is the Piper's Alley complex, including the X-sport Fitness Club, Starbuck's, Second City Theater, and more than a dozen commercial properties that ring the northwest corner of North and Wells running west to North Park Ave. Piper's Alley is within a stone's throw of the Old Town Triangle landmark historic district.

Zoning experts say the rezoning of the 84,078-square-foot Piper's Alley site to allow a floor-area-ratio [FAR] of 420,390 square feet could eventually pave the way for two additional high-rise towers on the north side of North Ave. between Wells and North Park.

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In 1971, developer Rudolph Schwartz, the original developer of Piper's Alley, announced an \$18-million rezoning plan to build 480 apartments in five structures, ranging in height from 11 to 30 stories. The 43rd Ward Alderman at the time saw that that never happened.

As proposed, the sweeping zoning changes under Fern Hill's planned development could result in up to 1,400 new residential units housing upwards of 4,000 to 5,000 new residents along a two-block stretch of North Avenue between LaSalle and North Park.

Although Fern Hill's rezoning

tremendous amount of structural deterioration—spalling concrete, exposed reinforcing steel bars on the top floor garage deck, as well as advanced deterioration of the garage staircase," reports an Old Town neighborhood source.

Real estate experts suggest that this shoddy garage maintenance

sive multifamily project would be too large and disruptive. In addition, they are seeking assurances regarding mitigated traffic and disruption to local businesses during construction.

OTFRD is a grassroots coalition comprising more than 1,500 residents of Old Town, the Gold Coast, and Lincoln Park, including condo boards and businesses. (Visit: www.oldtownfriends.com) Many of them have been contacting this newspaper and reporter since the plans became public.

Erecting high-rises on the corners of North and LaSalle and on the Piper's Alley site at North and Wells likely would create non-stop Old Town Art Fair-like traffic 52 weeks a year, critics say.

Although Anderson recently unveiled an elaborate and confusing private traffic mitigation plan with plenty of roadway traffic obstacles proposed for the LaSalle St. North Ave. area, Old Town residents are critical about the effectiveness of the details.

Official traffic-impact studies beyond the intersections of Wells and North and LaSalle and North have not yet been provided by the City of Chicago's Dept. of Transportation.

Concerned residents insist that more public community meetings need to be held by Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] before any final decision on the Old Town Canvas is made.

Another neighborhood group, the Old Town Triangle Assn. [OTTA], recently released a property-owner survey showing that 84% of all OTTA survey respondents expressed opposition to the Fern Hill's high-rise project density and rezoning application, noted Raymond Clark, president of the OTTA. (Visit: www.oldtowntriangle.com)

"The OTTA has sought to preserve the historic and cultural heritage of the Old Town Triangle since the 1940s, which culminated in major rezoning changes in the 1970s, including the formation of the Old Town Triangle Historic District," said Clark.

"While we do have a few high-rise residential buildings inside the Triangle boundaries, they are not sited immediately adjacent to the parcels at issue here but are instead peppered along Wells, Clark and LaSalle streets north of North Ave.," Clark noted.

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application does not immediately allow residential units on the Piper's Alley commercial site, that may happen in the future.

The rezoning application also provides that the 392 parking spaces in the deteriorating Piper's Alley garage could be removed at the time of that parcel's "site-plan approval," resulting in a sharp reduction in parking.

On Sept. 17, we sought clarification on these issues in questions submitted to Fern Hill Founder and President Nick Anderson through his PR firm, but as of deadline, they had not yet responded. (This newspaper made an offer to Anderson to make his position on this plan public through these pages, but he has yet to take up our offer.)

The Pipers Alley block of buildings was down-zoned in the mid-1970s via petitions from area residents who later were supported by alderpersons Vi Daley (1999-2011) and Michele Smith (2011-2022).

Today, residents say they do not want Old Town to become like River North or the West Loop with dense high-rise neighborhoods.

The Home Front column and this newspaper have learned that the aging Piper's Alley Garage is suffering from deferred maintenance caused by extreme neglect. Public safety is also an issue.

"In addition to a broken garage elevator, there appears to be a

is a harbinger of the secret future plan to tear down the deteriorating parking facility to make way for at least one, maybe two high-rises following a pending secret rezoning move.

Residents and building owners in the coveted Old Town Triangle landmark historic district are overwhelmingly against a proposed 44-story Old Town Canvas monolith. Now, they say they have another battle looming to fight in the Piper's Alley high-rise war.

The charming Old Town Historic District contains 523 magnificently restored Victorian buildings—some museum quality. Nearly all structures are single-family residences or walk-up apartments built prior to 1950.

The Old Town Triangle, bounded roughly by North Ave., Wells St., Lincoln Ave., Clark St. and a string of side streets on the west, is home to the annual Old Town Art Fair and Garden Walk.

Opponents of Fern Hill's mega project have formed a coalition, citing concerns about its size, public safety, and probable impact on traffic.

The Old Town Friends for Responsible Development [OTFRD], argue that the proposed building, with its large number of rental apartment units, is excessive for the neighborhood. The OTFRD group is advocating for a reduced height of no more than 10 stories.

The opposition says the mas-

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Penthouse price slashed as downtown luxury housing demand disappears

In another sign that price supports for downtown housing is evaporating, a Streeterville penthouse has returned to the market with a dramatically reduced price, the latest bad news in the ongoing downturn for downtown and North Side housing.

According to Crain's Chicago, Related Midwest has relisted the 7,150-square-foot condo at One Bennett Park, 451 E. Grand Ave., for just under \$7 million (\$979 per square foot), less than half the \$14.3 million (\$2,000 per square foot) that the 66th-floor unit listed for in 2019.

The unit is one of three penthouse floors in the building and one of the last unsold properties in the tower. It is being offered as raw space, allowing the buyer to finish it out. Whether the other two penthouses have sold is unclear.

According to Crain's, the 7,590 square-foot 65th-floor penthouse listed in 2019 for \$15.17 million (\$1,998 per square foot) but was taken off the market. The 64th-floor unit, at 8,420 square feet, was offered as a private listing at \$16.8 million (\$1,995 per square foot), and there are no public records indicating a sale.

Indeed, a range of high-end condos, single-family homes, and coops in the Gold Coast, Streeterville, and Lincoln Park neighborhoods are declining in value. The slashed asking prices highlight broader



A range of high-end condos, single-family homes, and coops in the Gold Coast, Streeterville, and Lincoln Park neighborhoods are declining in value. The slashed asking prices highlight broader concerns in the downtown luxury condo market as affluent buyers shy away from the city's core. (Above) Photos of a unit for sale in a Benjamin Marshall designed building at 1520 N. State Pkwy.

concerns in the downtown luxury condo market as affluent buyers shy away from the city's core. Prolonged concerns about crime and a slow return to in-office work have also reduced demand for high-end downtown housing.

North Side properties seem to have taken the greatest hit. In a worst-case scenario, the current market may be trapping thou-

sands of well-heeled residents who took out large mortgages for luxury housing. To unload those units, a seller would have to throw new cash into a deal to pay off their mortgage.

A stunning 8,000-square foot home at 1425 N. State Pkwy., billed as a "grand and elegant home in the heart of the Gold Coast on a wide and deep lot... Beautifully updated and maintained" is currently priced at \$4.395 million. In 2011 it sold for \$5.78 million. It has been on the market now for 960 days.

A 6,600 square foot luxury home at 1903 N. Howe St., in Lincoln Park just sold for a loss of \$415,000 off its 2014 purchase price.

Other luxury downtown properties that have seen significant price drops include

the 95-story St. Regis Tower, which still has unsold units nearly four years after the first residents moved in.

One of the last units traded in the St. Regis Tower, the full 78th floor, recently sold for \$7 million, a reduction from the \$10 million the unit listed for in 2022. Similarly, the Tribune Tower, at 435 Michigan Ave., which listed a \$7.6 million penthouse in 2019, has not reported any sales above \$4.8 million.

Even individual sellers are feeling the pinch. Former Blackhawk Jonathan Toews' condo on Walton St., purchased for \$6.95 million in 2019, is now listed for \$500,000 less. Other downtown properties have sold for losses, including a Trump Tower condo that recently went for 14.5% below its 2013 purchase price.

Real Estate auctions becoming more popular

Gold Coast Penthouse goes to Auction on Oct. 30

Real Estate auctions are not just for bank foreclosures or past-due property taxes anymore. In fact, the industry is seeing some high-priced properties, have zero mortgage debt or liens against them, now being offered at auction.

"Most of the properties we're seeing have no debt at all," said Rick Levin, president of Rick Levin & Associates, Inc., who has seen an increase in interest in his industry with auctions for luxury properties.

Auctions of non-distressed, high-end residential property are gaining momentum, as it offers bidders speed, transparency and little chance of overpaying.

"If a property sells too quickly, you had it underpriced, and if it sits too long, it was overpriced. If you put it up for auction at a reasonable starting price you'll typically get a good price at auction," said Levin. Auctions offer sellers concrete timelines and committed buyers, benefits not usually seen in a typical home-selling process. "There are few, if any, surprises for both sides."

He thinks that wealthy sellers are anxious to move on once they decide to sell their properties, and the reality is that for the last few years, the high end of the Chi-

cago real estate market has been soft.

"Right now we have a client who has lived in their unit for 50 years, and has an unusual unit," said Levin. It is a three-bedroom, 2.5-bath entire top floor unit of a spectacular Gold Coast building, and they have elected to go to auction with their very unique condominium.

Putting it up for auction "is how we find out what the property is really worth," said Levin.

Located at 1520 N. State Pkwy. (see photos above), in an architecturally significant boutique Renaissance masterpiece building designed by Benjamin Marshall that has a total of just six units, the unit has three fireplaces, outdoor space with balcony and roof rights.

"The seller has decided to sell the unit by auction to eliminate the prolonged carrying costs of a conventional marketing approach," said Levin. "By selling this Fall, the Seller saves money and can pass those savings on to a savvy purchaser."

The unit was previously valued over \$2,750,000 and has a suggested opening bid of \$950,000.

Open houses are scheduled from Noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 10, 16, 23, 27.

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FBI offers \$1K reward for Loop bank robber



The FBI said this man robbed Citibank, 180 N. Michigan, on Sept. 16.

The FBI says the man who robbed a bank near Millennium Park on Sept. 16 returned and robbed the same bank again on Thursday, just hours after the agency published a \$1,000 reward for his arrest.

The man seen in the bank surveillance photos above robbed Citibank, 180 N. Michigan, at 9:47 a.m. Monday, the FBI said in a bulletin Thursday morning. He handed the teller a note and implied he had a handgun, the agency said.

On Thursday morning, the FBI emailed pictures of the man with a \$1,000 reward announcement. Less than four hours later, at 2:25 p.m., he waltzed into the same Citibank and robbed it again.

Once again, he displayed a note, implied he had a gun, and took cash. An initial audit revealed about \$2,700 missing Thursday.

The FBI says the suspect is White, 30 to 40, and 5'6" or 5'7" tall.

Tips can be given to the FBI anonymously at 312-421-6700.

Thief has burglarized 12 cars on one block in the Loop

A car burglar is wreaking havoc in the Loop, breaking into 12 cars on a single block this month, according to Chicago police.

In an alert issued Sept. 18, CPD said the unknown thief targets vehicles inside parking garages. He breaks side windows to enter the cars and then rifles the interior for valuables. Cops found fire extinguishers at several crime scenes, likely the tool used to smash the windows, according to the alert.

The spree began in the 300 block of S. Wells between 1:45 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Sept. 3.

Since then, 12 more break-ins occurred on the 200 block of N. Wells, police said. Police did not have dates and times for most of the burglaries, which all occurred between Sept. 3 and Sept. 17.

The crime alert did not contain a description of the burglar.

CPD encouraged drivers to park in well-lit areas and not leave anything of value inside their vehicles. They also suggested parking away from large vehicles that could provide cover for burglars.

Driver carjacked near Lincoln Park Zoo

Police are conducting an investigation into the carjacking of a man near the Lincoln Park Zoo on Sept. 22. Unfortunately for the hijackers, the victim's car was having mechanical problems and they had to dump it and run away after traveling about a block.

According to a Chicago police spokesperson, a 56-year-old man was inside his Chrysler 200 in the 2300 block of N. Stockton when two women and a man walked up around 8:55 p.m.

One carjacker displayed a gun as the group pulled the victim out of his car, the spokesperson said.

Officers found the car abandoned several minutes later in the 2200 block of N. Stockton. The victim told the cops that the vehicle was having mechanical issues, and he suspected it wouldn't operate for the hijackers.

The suspects, two Black females and a Black male wearing a mask, may have arrived in a Mercedes SUV that the victim saw in the area before the crime.

Teen shot at Western Brown Line station

A 16-year-old boy was shot in Lincoln Square on Sept. 15, Chicago police said.

In a brief media statement, CPD reported that the boy was standing in the 2300 block of W. Eastwood when he was "struck by gunfire from an unknown offender" at 7:01 p.m.

Witnesses reported that the gunfire came from the occupants of two vehicles, who appeared to be shooting at each other. Officers found seven shell casings at the scene and recovered a firearm from under a parked car. A witness said two people ditched the weapon and ran away after the gunfire.

The injured boy fled the area and went to Stroger Hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to his arm. CPD said he is in good condition.

He is the second person shot in Lincoln Square this year. The other victim was an off-duty Chicago police recruit who was shot while driving in the 2600 block of W. Gunnison on June 4.

Lincoln Square had four shooting victims as of this date last year and five in the comparable period of 2022.

Robbery crew attacks four people on Red Line trains

Police are investigating a string of violent robberies reported along the Red Line between Howard and the Loop on Sept. 17-18. All of the victims reported that a group of five to seven people attacked and robbed them on southbound trains.

The robbers mugged their first victim around 10:30 p.m. and forced him off a train at a station north of Uptown, but it was not immediately clear which station. He told police that five or six males wearing hoodies punched him repeatedly in the face and took his phone, glasses, and AirPods case.

Minutes later, another man reported a similar robbery at the Sheridan Red Line. He told police that he boarded at Howard and was mugged by five to seven people somewhere between Wilson and Sheridan. The group punched him, took his phone, opened his backpack, and took his bank cards. He declined medical attention.

A similar robbery was reported at

62 arrests confirmed during Mexican Independence Day festivities across Chicago, 19 for gun possession

This reporter has now confirmed 62 arrests made in connection with the Sept. 14-15 citywide celebration of Mexican Independence Day, including 19 arrests for illegal gun possession.

Crimes include a man shot near Roosevelt and Wabash around 8:25 p.m. Sept. 15, police were told to be on the lookout for the gunman's car: a black Range Rover with Mexican flags sticking out of the top, a Chicago police report said. Officers stopped a similar vehicle in the 1000 block of W. Roosevelt a short time later.

The report said several people were in the car and the front passenger, Benjamin Barragan, 25, of Villa Park, was seen moving toward the center console near his feet. Officers allegedly found a loaded "ghost gun" in that area during a search of the vehicle.

Prosecutors charged Barragan with possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor transport of a firearm without a serial number. He is not accused of being involved in the shooting.

Police stopped to investigate a group of people standing around an SUV in the 4000 block of W. 26th on the evening of Sept. 13. They said the only person inside the car, Jocelyn Garcia, 29, of Lyons, had a bottle la-

beled "Hennessy" on her lap as she moved a purse to the driver's seat and then to the floor between her legs.

The officers claim they found a loaded handgun and baggies of suspected cocaine inside the purse along with \$4,982 cash. According to her arrest report, Garcia told the police that the gun and the drugs belonged to other people at the gathering.

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Man robbed at gunpoint after leaving Bally's casino

A man reported being robbed at gunpoint as he got into his car after leaving Bally's casino in River North Sept. 18.

Casino security called 911 for the 44-year-old man, who said it happened as he got into his car on the first block of E. Ohio around 2:40 a.m.

According to CPD, he said a white sedan, possibly a Lexus, pulled up behind him and a man got out of its passenger side with a gun. The robber demanded the man's money, then returned to the sedan, which fled east on Ohio St.

Police said the man was not injured.

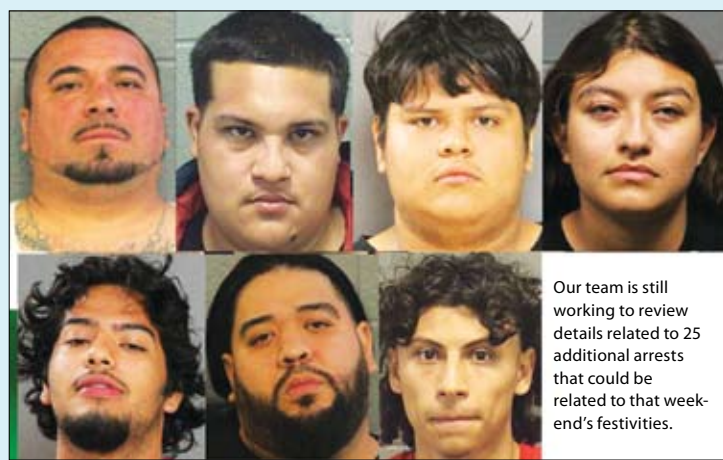
A Bally's spokesperson said the company was aware of the incident, which occurred on the street. The casino is cooperating with Chicago police and the Illinois Gaming Board, the spokesperson stated.

Officers were told to be on the lookout for a white, four-door Lexus with temporary plates, tinted windows, and a roof rack being driven by a Black male wearing a gray shirt and jeans.

Twelve years for man who beat, sexually assaulted woman he lured from Greyhound bus terminal

A man has been given a 12-year sentence for luring a woman from the Greyhound bus terminal in Chicago and sexually assaulting her in a nearby homeless encampment.

Kenneth Horner, 45, pleaded guilty to criminal sexual abuse causing bodily harm and a reduced charge of attempted aggravated kidnapping causing bodily harm before Judge Mary Brosnahan, according to court



Clockwise from top left: Daniel Bueno Carranza, Irving Diaz, Anthony Hernandez, Jocelyn Lara, Adrian Ramirez, Normando Riquelme, and Antonio Rosales.

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A 'chaotic scene' in the Loop

Around 10 p.m. Sept. 14, police arrested two men after a "chaotic scene unfolded" in the Loop. According to arrest reports for Leonard and Alberto Heredia, the men were part of a large crowd walking in the middle of Wacker Dr. near Dearborn who refused to get out of the street.

The reports stated that the "chaotic" events began when the men and two officers fell to the ground during a struggle, [officers] had alcohol thrown on them and fireworks were being set

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off all around them."

Leonard, 19, is charged with two counts of resisting and obstruction of traffic. Alberto, 23, faces charges of both resisting and obstructing traffic.

Other Mexican Independence Day-related arrests identified by this reporter included men from Elgin, Niles, and Chicago charged with misdemeanor battery; three men charged with misdemeanors after a gang disturbance near 26th and Sawyer; and a woman charged with misdemeanor battery.

In non-gun arrests, two people were charged with aggravated battery of peace officers stemming from incidents in the Loop: a woman from Chicago on Saturday and a man from Evanston on Sunday.

Teen boy charged with beating and carjacking man near Millennium Park

A male who claimed to be a 14 year old is expected to be charged with beating and carjacking a man near Millennium Park Sept. 20, according to preliminary information from a law enforcement source.

The victim, 34, was in the 200 block of E. Randolph, near Millennium and Maggie Daley parks, when two people attacked him around 1:23 a.m. They implied they had a gun, beat him, knocked him to the ground, and kicked him. EMS took the man to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in serious condition, according to a Chicago police spokesperson.

A Chicago police officer saw part of the attack unfolding via a surveillance video feed and reported that the attacker and another person got into the victim's Honda and drove away. They didn't go far, though.

A patrol officer assigned to CPD's drag racing enforcement unit saw two people bail out of the Honda Accord and run through Maggie Daley Park. He started chasing them on foot.

Officers scoured the park and adjacent areas of Grant Park on foot and from the air for more than 45 minutes. They eventually arrested the suspect at Monroe and Lake Shore Dr. A source familiar with the case said he claimed to be 14.

A CPD spokesperson said charges were pending.

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Canceling ShotSpotter is ‘the most radical, reckless, and dangerous policy decision in the history’ of Chicago, alderman says

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago Police Supt. Larry Snelling confirmed on Sunday evening that the city will no longer use the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system after midnight, September 22. Mayor Brandon Johnson ignored residents, a supermajority of the City Council, and the editorial boards of both daily newspapers, who advised him to keep the technology in place.

On Sunday, Ald. Silvana Tabares (23rd) called Johnson’s decision “the most radical, reckless, and dangerous policy in the history of our city.”

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Meanwhile, the city’s top cop emailed every officer at 5 p.m. Sunday and asked them to remind residents to “call 911 if they hear loud noises resembling gunshots.”

The mayor’s office released a statement of its own on Sunday, and it’s a doozy.

According to the statement,

Johnson is announcing a “request for information” to gather “recommendations on reliable and efficient forms of first responder

technology to ensure immediate attention from first responders in emergency situations.”

The statement links his announcement to the decommissioning of ShotSpotter.

Exactly why the mayor did not do this months ago instead of hours before ShotSpotter goes dark is a mystery.

With the decision made, this reporter is launching a new, on-going feature. We’re calling it “Brandon’s Bodies.” Similar to our years-long reporting of people who shoot or kill others while on felony pretrial release, “Brandon’s Bodies” will keep track of gunshot murder victims who are found lying outdoors without a timely 911 call being placed.

Unlike our pretrial release series, “Brandon’s Bodies” will not be an exhaustive list. We don’t have the capabilities to monitor every murder in town. But we’ll do our best and we welcome tips should you learn about qualifying situations.

Community meeting Oct. 7 over planning, zoning on Broadway

A community meeting and open house about land use planning for Broadway will be held 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 at a location that has not yet been identified.

But residents who wish to attend may call 773-784-5277 or RSVP at <https://the48thward.org/broadway-rsvp>.

The 46th, 47th and 48th wards, along with the Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development plan to discuss priorities and goals for land use on Broadway from Devon to Montrose.

City officials hope that the meeting will not focus on streetscape, bike lanes, transit, but rather on land use planning and zoning.

Thieves riding bikes and scooters are snatching people’s jewelry in the Loop, along the lake

BY CWBCHICAGO

Thieves riding bikes and scooters have been snatching jewelry and other valuables from people in the Loop, Streeterville, and along the lakefront, according to Chicago police reports reviewed by this reporter.

The crimes are similar to incidents reported downtown during Lollapalooza and the ARC Music Festival in the West Loop a couple of weeks ago.

DePaul Univ. issued a warning to its community following an attack on one of its students near Jackson and State on Sept. 16. The school said two men on a white motor-driven bike drove past her, and the second man grabbed her amulet and chain from her neck around 3:22 p.m. The school said the driver wore a white “Tommy” hoodie, black pants, and newer black and white Nike gym shoes. It described the passenger as wearing a black hood, black pants, and black gym shoes. DePaul does not provide the race of suspects in its crime alerts.

Several more incidents were reported Sept. 18:

- Around 12 p.m., two men, one on a scooter and the other on a bike, pushed and stole a man’s gold chain near Illinois and Peshtigo in Streeterville. The suspects were described as two Hispanic men, one on a green scooter wearing a black hoodie and the other older, 5’-9” tall, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans. They were last seen heading toward the lakefront on Illinois St.

- At about 2:30 p.m., two men riding a single bike snatched a woman’s jewelry and belongings on the Lakefront Trail just south of Armitage. They were described as Hispanic men in their 20s, one wearing red and the other wearing black.

- Another victim called 911 from Streeterville around 3:50 p.m. to report that a man snatched his chain near the lake. He said a Hispanic man took his chain and then ran to meet a second Hispanic man, who was waiting with a bike. The victim described one of the suspects as “larger” and wearing a red shirt. The victim chose not to file a police report.

- Around 4 p.m., a woman had her necklace snatched near Lake

St. and North Riverside Plaza in the West Loop. She described the thief as a Black male wearing a green and white jacket with an orange triangle design on the back.

Prosecutors last month charged two Migrants with snatching chains and phones from Lollapalooza concertgoers as the festival’s crowds left Grant Park at night. The men, who were arrested hours apart, are not accused of working together.

Edinson Yanez, 23, allegedly committed three robberies, including one that left the victim with broken ribs, after Lollapalooza ended Sunday night, Aug. 4.

Around 11 p.m. Aug. 4, Yanez allegedly plowed an electric scooter into a 26-year-old suburban man and stole the victim’s gold chain at 55 East Jackson. Prosecutors said Yanez bit the man and beat him with the scooter, breaking two ribs.

While the police were speaking with the victim, they learned that other CPD officers had detained a suspect who allegedly robbed two other men in the 300 block of S. Dearborn, a police report said.

In that case, two men from suburban Atlanta, one 19 and the other 26, said Yanez grabbed one of them by the shirt and took his phone and necklace. Yanez tried, but failed, to take a chain from the second man, according to prosecutors. Cops tracked the phone’s location to locate Yanez nearby.

Kent Minaya Munoz, 33, is charged with participating in a similar incident that same evening. Prosecutors said he snatched the man’s chain in the 300 block of S. Dearborn. The victim said

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Having started working at Robert's as a teenager, Arturo eventually became perhaps the only Catholic owner of a kosher-certified fish shop in America.

Arturo is now recovering from a medical crisis that forced him to temporarily close the shop. In response to an outpouring of concern from customers and neighbors, Arturo's family launched a GoFundMe campaign that has raised over \$18,000 toward rehabilitative expenses.

This newspaper wishes Arturo a speedy recovery so that he can reopen his shop as soon as possible.

MANGE, MANGE: **Joe Monastero**, longtime owner of far North Side Italian restaurant Monastero's, has died at 93. For decades, his restaurant on Devon Ave, which closed in 2017, was a generational touchstone, with grandparents at the end of the table watching grandkids make a mess of spaghetti in high chairs.

IRISH CONSUL GENERAL: A warm Chicago welcome to **Brian Cahalane**, new Consul General of Ireland for Chicago. Originally from County Galway, Brian joins us from Dublin having previously worked in Brussels, Geneva, New York and Washington, D.C. throughout his diplomatic career. Fáilte mhóir roimhe.

BONA FORTUNA: **Eileen Murphy Donnersberger** and husband, Judge (Ret.) **David Donnersberger**, joined daughter-in-law, **Evelina**, as she received a prestigious award from the Italian city of Lucca for her work promoting Italian culture and for all her accomplishments in her profession. Congratulations Evelina.

FLAIR FASHION: **Julia Jacobs** reports that The Chicago Lighthouse afternoon of fun, fashion, and philanthropy culminated The Flair Fashion Show and luncheon on Sept. 13. at the Ritz Carlton. Over \$100,000 was raised at auction. Thanks to Freeman Hindman's **Molly Morse Limmer** for doing such a great job as auctioneer. It was a dazzling event, in support of the Lighthouse's Children's and Youth Programs that help young individuals with disabilities build confidence and become independent adults. **Shauna Montgomery** 2024 Honoree so grateful to her family for coming out to show their support.

WHO'S WHERE: **Todd Rundgren** spotted at Gibson's while in town with his band for a performance at Copernicus Center... Opening act for Rundgren was **Lloyd C. Wilson**...Wishing a speedy recovery for Piccolo Sogno's **Ciro Longobardo**... former TV newsy **Anne Kavanagh** lunching along the Chicago River with longtime TV pal, **Eithne Treanor**, international media

maven. The two first met back in 1986 in the newsroom at WISN in Milwaukee... **Karen Zupko** on the Rockefeller Center road with Nextech colleague **Robin Ntoh** in New York at Sardis... **Takara Beathea-Gudell**, genius designer of jewelry, and now the coolest eyewear ever... **Bonnie McGrath** and **Michelle Curtain** doing Italian dinner at Club Lucky... **Dan Balanoff** and pal, **Cameron**, enjoying the outcome at Wrigley... **Jen Kramer** and **Molly M. Tracy** at RPM celebrating **Carolyn Daley** and the incredible work of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center... **Peter Mars** with **Tom Billings** in Ukrainian Village, they're the Thelma and Louise of Chicago's rowdy art world... **Holly Wortell** on the Amalfi coast before going to the ruins of Ancient Rome... **Sally Clark** at the Pink Pony in Mackinac Island, MI, with **Laura Floes Conroy** and **Christina Mannion**... Chef **John Hogan** on cool cat kid duty, a chip off the you know where...

Sheree Schimmer and **Tina Weller** joined **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** at the Ritz Carlton for Flair Fashion extravaganza... Happiest of birthdays to Britain's loveliest gift to Chicago, **Cynthia Olson**... **Brian White**, **Cynthia Olson**, **Peggy Snorf** and **Mrs. Lyndsay White** were concert

bound at the Woman's Athletic Club for The Stradivari Society featuring promising young musicians... Happy Anniversary to Irish artist and art mentor **Rosemary Holland** and husband, **Stan**, visiting the glory of Tuscany.

ART: The Chicago Park District's anchor curatorial presents a new visual arts exhibition in Marquette Park. Open to people of all ages, Diversion Exhibition will feature curation by 2023-2024 Chicago Park District Curator-in-Residence **Carlos Flores**; design by **Human Scale**; and works by exhibiting artists **Oscar B. Castillo** and **Wil Sands**, **Marylou E. Herrera**, **Marimacha Monarca Press**, **Deon Reed** and **Titus Wonsey**.

AMERICAN COUTURE: In many ways **Mary McFadden**, who died last week after seven decades of inventive American fashion success, was a quintessential New Yorker, hungry for a place of great fashion. Born in Manhattan in 1938, she spent her childhood in the Deep South, on a cotton plantation outside of Memphis. A strange environment for the elegant princess that lived deep with her soul.

She was, I always believed, more a true Renaissance figure of engrossing affection for learning. What grand ideas and designs entered her world through her radical sense of openness to fresh ideas and the needed challenge to her wits.

It was always the women, and above all the young ones, who were the most bigoted adherents of the Party, the swallowers of slogans, the amateur spies and nosers-out of unorthodoxy.
- *George Orwell, 1984*
tog515@gmail.com



Arturo Venegas



Joe Monastero



Sheree Schimmer (standing), Kathy O'Malley Piccone and Tina Weller.



Cynthia Olson



Brian Cahalane



Mary McFadden

Letters to the Editor

Just say "no"

I live on Granville in West Ridge, and share the vehement opposition to Granville being turned into a "greenway."

I've read that before the slanted part of Ridge Ave. was built, Granville was a major east-west street to the lakefront.

Every city has its streets ranked in a hierarchy, which is used when installing traffic signals and signs. The higher-ranked streets get signal/sign preference in certain ways. There are some intersections on Granville which prove it's at least one level above the lowest-ranked streets: where a stop sign is only for one street, in this case for the streets crossing Granville.

Granville is already a "shared road" for motorists and bicyclists (at least those latter who ride on the street instead of the sidewalk). Rules of the Road explains how this sharing is to be done. All we need is police enforcement of the laws. No additional hardscaping or paint is necessary. The raised circular planted spaces at the intersections with Hermitage and Paulina do indeed slow down motor vehicle traffic. I've seen fire trucks lose life-threatening seconds having to slow down to swerve safely around these obstacles, more than once.

Granville is also plenty "green" except in the segments with dense business frontage and no bare-soil parkways.

We've heard many news reports about the City's budget hole. Not one cent should be spent to turn Granville into a "greenway." Outside of maintaining the infrastructure properly, law enforcement of Rules of the

Road, including getting adult bicyclists ticketed for riding on the sidewalks, should be the only city spending on Granville.

We shouldn't even spend money to plant trees on the public parkways, where trees have been lost to storms or disease. Establishing native perennial forbs and grasses will add green - and many other beautiful colors - to these parkways, without adding to the burden of sweeping up fall leaves from the streets, and clearing them from sewer grates.

There are people in and out of City government who seem to want to wall off every major arterial with TODs; convert nearly every lower-ranked street into "greenways" which privilege pedestrians, scooters, and bicycles (including scooters and bicycles with motors), and leave untouched only the lowest-ranked residential streets.

They want to slash on-street parking spaces while not requiring adequate off-street parking. These people have no understanding of the evolution of an American city regarding ground-level travel, the evolved hierarchy of streets, or how Chicago has come to have so many private cars even while it has lost population.

This "Granville Greenway" idea must be stopped before anything is done! Also, the raised elements on Granville at the intersection with Clark St. must be removed. They force all vehicles into one lane there, creating danger and losing people's time.

*Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge*

City Budget woes

Who is gonna save Mayor Brandon Johnson? Is there any of the "Old Guard" left?

Mike Madigan is on trial. Gene Schuler moved to the 'burbs. Tom Tunney has retired to bake cinnamon rolls full time, and Eddie Burke is moving to an assisted living facility. The federal kind.

All we are left with are young, woke, hipster doofuses who recently moved out of mom's basement. All they can do is push around women, rap, pose for selfies, burn American flags and insult honest, hard working police officers.

Property owners will say Mayor Johnson is bad because he will raise property taxes \$600 million to pay for City services.

The Teachers Union will say Mayor Johnson is bad because he will only raise property taxes another \$600 million for their pay raises.

The Bears will say Mayor Johnson is bad because he will give \$1 billion to the White Sox for a new ballpark even though taxpayers still owe \$60 million dollars on New Comiskey Park.

The White Sox will say Mayor Johnson is bad because he will give \$3 billion to the Bears for a new stadium even though the taxpayers still owe \$600 million on new Soldier Field.

Look at who we have been electing as mayor for the last three plus decades. Daley (moderate), Emanuel (liberal), Lightfoot (progressive) and now Johnson (Marxist).

Why don't we go in the other direction and elect a fiscal conservative? Someone who will cut spending, and cut the budget by firing government workers. Not all government workers, just the ones who don't show up to work, don't do any work, or go to sleep when they come to work, or spend their work day in a tavern. That's not all of them. A few... quite a few... okay a lot. But not all.

So it looks like we're stuck with Brandon for another three years. Unless he moves to the suburbs.

*Mike Sullivan
Avondale*

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

A couple of men face assault charges for remarkably similar allegations:

- Salvador Ramos, 48, allegedly refused to turn off a loud music speaker at a large gathering in the 5300 block of S. Pulaski around 10:45 p.m. Sept. 13, a Chicago police report said. When an officer told him that he could be arrested, Ramos allegedly replied, "Take that badge off and I'll whoop your a**, boy."

- Three days later, around 9:20 p.m. Sept. 16, police ordered a group of people gathered around cars in a parking lot to disperse from the 4500 block of S. Pulaski. One of the participants, Jovanny Villasana, 22, became "irate, screaming profanities [at an officer] in Spanish and English," a police report stated. He went on to ball his fists and tell the officer something like, "Take your vest off and I will f**k you up," according to the report.

Other arrests included six for aggravated battery of police, 11 for misdemeanor battery, 12 for resisting, and two for "drifting," the city's term for drivers who spin donuts in the street.

About one-third of the arrestees were from the suburbs. Berwyn led the way with three of its citizens being arrested. It was followed by Elgin, Niles, and Elmwood Park with two apiece.

Other suburbs making appearances include Arlington Heights, Bolingbrook, Evanston, Hoffman Estates, Lyons, Prospect Heights, Stickney, Villa Park, and Waukegan.

Our team is still working to review details related to 25 additional arrests that could be related to that weekend's festivities. Those cases mostly involve misdemeanors like resisting police and reckless conduct. Several other arrests, primarily for gun possession, were made by CPD units on specialized gang enforcement teams that were deployed due to Mexican Independence Day. We have not included those arrests in our total.

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Scooter nightmare

Thanks for the article on Scooters [Sept. 18].

As a senior, I thought it was my advancing age, that now finds driving a car in my City neighborhood absolutely terrorizing. Entitled bike riders, and bewildering CDOT creations are bad enough. But those speeding scooters appear out of nowhere, from all directions - not using the bike lanes.

The most dangerous "oh s**t" moment is frequently in the right turn lane. I'll be sure to keep my insurance up to date.

*Susan Darnall
Edgewater*

Billionaire bagman

Anyone with eyes can see that Ald. Bill Conway has been grossly incompetent and wildly impotent as 34th Ward Alderman. The results are a downtown that is losing its vibrancy, criminal predators feel comfortable working area streets, filth and homelessness grabbing a greater hold, and empty storefronts on once bountiful streets.

Is there something more nefarious at play? After all, he is the son of a billionaire. You know those people who our city leadership and our governor hates (JB being the only virtuous billionaire out there).

Could there be a method to our self-destructive madness that will reward firms the honorable Alderman won't mind seeing succeed? Hedge Funds and giant financial firms bought up residential real estate during the mortgage crash of 2008-09. Now they're selling at massive profits. Who wants to buy a high-rise, at 50% off? Just open your eyes and you can see it.

*Tom Wisniewski
Gold Coast*

The stars are out for 2024 Chicago Cabaret Professionals Gala

For the 26th year, Chicago's premier Cabaret organization is inviting all members, friends and cabaret lovers to the Annual Gala, which will be held on Oct. 20 at the Epiphany Center for the Arts, 201 S. Ashland.

President/Gala Director Patricia Salinski and Producer Martin Balogh will welcome a cast of talented singers including cocktail hour performers and 2024 Emerging Artist Winner Kenneth Fobs, Michael J Mitchell, Amy Lechelt and Ava Logan and Jan Slavin, and Music Director Carolyn Wehner.

Main Show performers include Arlene Armstrong, Joan Curto, David Edelfelt, Hilary Ann Feldman, Cindy Firing, Cathy Glickman, Carla Gordon, Scott Gryder-Emcee, Anita Kallen and Catherine Thomson, Music Director Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael, Paul Motondo, Marianne Murphy Orland and Laura Freeman, Pam Peterson, Suzanne Petri, Ellen Winters Reynolds and Carolyn Wehner. Gold Coast Honorees this year are Anne Burnell and Mark Burnell.

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF RICHARD J. OCONNOR, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIEN HOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RICHARD J. OCONNOR, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS ANO LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF RICHARD J. OCONNOR, DECEASED AND UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE RICHARD J. OCONNOR TRUST DATED OCTOBER 12, 2001, Defendants.

23-CH-06037
1791 W ESTES AVE. #B, CHICAGO, IL 60626
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The judgment amount was \$30,958.24

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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)(l) and (g)(4). If this property

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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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Case Number: 23-CH-06037
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORT-

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GAGE ASSET TRUST 2018-RPL3 Plaintiff vs. JOHN J. STAMOOLIS A/K/A JOHN STAMOOLIS, SHERWIN ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

22 CH 5665
CALENDAR 63
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P.I.N. 11-29-318-014-1028.
Commonly known as 1205 W. SHERWIN AVE., UNIT 301, CHICAGO, IL 60626.
The real estate is: 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: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiffs

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-v-
LAWRENCE D. RYAN, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HARRIS, N.A. SUCCESSOR IN TRUST TO HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
2022 CH 11951
1930 N. HOWE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60614
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 22, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 21, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1930 N. HOWE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614
Property Index No. 14-33-302-065-0000 & 14-33-302-066-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$1,491,564.97.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CIVIC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS III, LLC Plaintiff,
-v-
GROUNDUP FINANCIAL, INC, MARINA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants.
24 CH 3713
300 N. STATE ST., UNIT 4629, CHICAGO, IL 60654
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4629, CHICAGO, IL 60654
Property Index No. 17-09-410-014-1778
The real estate is improved with a Condominium.
The judgment amount was \$144,900.00
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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel LLC. (312) 357-1125 please refer to file number 23-02676.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2017-FR2 Plaintiff

vs.
SHARON A. RINALDI, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PARK PLACE TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant
22 CH 2221
CALENDAR 63
NOTICE OF SALE
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P.I.N. 14-21-101-054-1681; 14-21-101-047-2503.
Commonly known as 655 W. Irving Park Rd., Unit 4601 and B-200, Chicago, IL 60613.
The real estate is: 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: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiffs Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluerver Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001302-22FC1
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIZENS BANK NA F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NA Plaintiff,
-v-
SCOTT J OH, IRENE S OH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, FIRST AMERICAN BANK Defendants
22 CH 04524
3639 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE

CHICAGO, IL 60613
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Commonly known as 3639 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-20-121-006-0000
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUMAN 2021 SC9 TITLE TRUST Plaintiff
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19 CH 12976
CALENDAR 64
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION EVERBANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
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24 CH 0491
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v-
WALTER W. MEEK, SR., SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants
2023 CH 05348
5455 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 1012 CHICAGO, IL 60640
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Commonly known as 5455 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 1012, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-203-016-1099
The real estate is improved with a condominium/townhouse.
The judgment amount was \$247,726.16.
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he tried to chase the thief, but other people intervened and held him down so he could not continue the pursuit.

The victim described one of the people who held him down, and the police took him for a ride to see if they could spot the man, according to a CPD report. When they arrived at the corner of Plymouth and Van Buren, the victim spotted Munoz on the sidewalk wearing the clothes he had described, the report said.

On Sept. 1, Jonas Alcala-Arteaga, 30, and Yunior Amaro-Blanco, 24, both Venezuelan migrants, were arrested separately as the ARC festival was underway at Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph.

According to a Chicago police report, a 37-year-old Schaumburg man told police that someone stepped on his foot shortly after he entered the concert grounds around 6 p.m. The report stated that when he confronted the other person, Alcala-Arteaga ripped off

the man's gold chain and medalion and ran away.

The alleged victim spotted Alcala-Arteaga again about 15 minutes later, but Alcala-Arteaga allegedly ran away again. When Alcala-Arteaga tried to run away from a third encounter with the man, he tripped and fell, allowing the victim to grab and detain him until security arrived, the report said.

Alcala-Arteaga, who listed the Standard Club shelter as his home address, is charged with robbery.

About an hour later, Amaro-Blanco allegedly grabbed a 25-year-old man and snatched two chains worth \$6,000 from his neck. That victim quickly grabbed Amaro-Blanco and held him until ARC security arrived to turn him over to Chicago police, according to a separate CPD report, which said the second victim recovered one of his necklaces.

Amaro-Blanco is also charged with robbery.

There's some good news and some bad news to share about the week-long robbery spree in which victims have had necklaces snatched from their necks, mainly in the Loop and along the lakefront.

The bad news is that another woman was victimized Sept. 21 in the Clybourn Corridor. She was near Sheffield and Kingsbury when a man ripped a chain from her neck and ran away. Like many of the earlier victims reported, he jumped onto an electric or motorized bike that he shared with an accomplice.

The good news? A Chicago police sergeant saw two men crossing the Cortland St. bridge on an electric bike shortly after the robbery. One of the men, believed to be the one who snatched the woman's chain, bailed and tried to run away as the cops moved in. His escape failed, and the cops took him into custody after discover-

Suspect in custody after another woman has her necklace snatched on the North Side

ing the woman's chain in his possession, according to preliminary information.

The other suspect, a Hispanic man in his 20s with neck tattoos, apparently got away. He is believed to be a resident at the 1310 N. Elston migrant shelter.

We'll post an update if the charges are approved in the case.

On Friday, two women were targeted in similar robberies, one in the Loop and the other just across the river in West Town.

A flurry of similar crimes have been reported this week in the Loop, Streeterville, and along the lakefront.

The crimes resemble incidents reported downtown during Lollapalooza and the ARC Music Festival in the West Loop a couple of weeks ago.

Two migrants were charged in connection with Lollapalooza incidents. Two other migrants were charged in the ARC Music Festival cases.

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Alderman blasts mayor over attempt to oust CPS CEO

In Ald. Scott Waguespack's Sept. 20 newsletter he wrote to his 32nd Ward constituents about the attempts by the Mayor's Office to remove the Chicago Public Schools CEO, Pedro Martinez, from his position, just as the city and Chicago teachers are starting contract negotiations.

But Martinez did not resign, in fact he seems to be digging in his heels. On Sept. 20, CPS issued a statement that said Martinez was focused on "building on the positive of the momentum of the new school year and implementing the district's five-year strategic plan."

Meanwhile, in August CPS officials said that the Chicago Teachers Union's [CTU] contract proposals would result in a deficit of at least \$2.9 billion for the 2025-26 school year, a hole more than five times the current projection and growing as large as \$4 billion by 2028.

Firing the CPS CEO right now and bringing in a new CEO with no institutional knowledge of ongoing negotiations would provide a clear advantage to the CTU in those negotiations.

Following below here are the bulk of the Alderman's public comments on the brew-

ing controversy.

On Sept. 20, Mayor Brandon Johnson asked for the resignation of CPS CEO Pedro Martinez. Forcing out CEO Martinez in the middle of budget season and contract negotiations shows once again the lack of competence on the 5th floor of City Hall.

It does a disservice to CPS students and citizens to take such action without cause and could be costly.

Martinez has taken a different position on several issues with the appointed school board and the Mayor.

Late last year, we were told about the plan to do away with selective enrollment schools [like Lane Tech, Whitney Young, Walter Payton and North Side College Prep], that until an about face affirmed a few days ago, was one of the main goals for the administration and appointed school board.

The Mayor's office and Martinez have also clashed on financial issues. Most notably, Martinez has failed to conform to the Mayor's position in the latest contract negotiations. Martinez also reject-

ed a proposal by Mayor Johnson and the CTU to take out short-term, high interest loans to cover CPS' budget deficit, a move that would saddle the taxpayers with even higher debt service payments in the coming years.

This position is the exact opposite of the position Mayor Johnson took as a CTU leader in 2016 on prior long term borrowing that will continue to hurt taxpayers for generations.

CPS currently has over \$9 billion in outstanding long-term debt. Martinez had said taking the loan was fiscally irresponsible, with such a loan ballooning next year's deficit to over \$800 million.

A few weeks ago, we were also notified that the City had reversed course on pension payments for CPS and, without notice to the City Council, paid \$175 million in payments with another \$50 million plus to go.

Ex-Mayor Lori Lightfoot had shifted the pension cost to CPS to allow them to pay for their own budget item. Chicago's budget gap this year is over \$220 million with next year's expected gap to be another \$982 million.



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\$28 million in taxpayer support for residential conversion at Loop high-rise

Seven floors of the high-rise at 79 W. Monroe St. would be converted from office space to 117 mixed-income residential units through \$28 million in Tax Increment Financing [TIF] support proposed to City Council on Sept. 18.

City support for the \$64.2 million Brown Derby LLC project would enable 35% of the project – 41 units – to be priced as affordable for households earning an average of 60% of the area median income.

The cost for this affordable housing would be about \$550,000 per unit, of which about \$240,000 would come from nearby property tax payers through Tax Increment Financing.

Plans also include a rooftop deck, renovation of the basement and ground floor, and creation of a lower-level retail space.

Known as the Rector building upon its completion in 1906, the 14-story steel and masonry structure was designed by Chicago architect Jarvis Hunt. A Holabird & Roche-designed addition was completed to its south in 1924. In 2013, the building was included in the West Loop-LaSalle Street Historic District listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building's distinctive weather prediction clock, installed in the 1950s by Bell Federal Savings & Loan, would be restored during the project, and the building's exterior elevations would be subject to a future City of Chicago landmark designation.

This building is one of four Loop office conversion projects approved for TIF assistance by the City's Community Development Commission earlier this year.

New Park to be funded with \$4 million

A new four-acre plot in Old Town that was formerly home to Near North High School may soon become the North Side's newest park thanks to a \$4 million in taxpayer funds coming from the Chicago Park District [CPD].

Chicago Public Schools closed Near North High School in 2001 due to enrollment decline and budget shortfalls.

Last week the CPD Board of Commis-

sioners allocated \$4 million to develop Park 598 at 1500 N. Larrabee St. The proposed park will have an adult fitness area, walking paths, a playground, and a designated dog-friendly area.

After selling Oscar Mayer Park in Old Town for a commercial development, the CPD made a promise to the community to return a park to the area. This may be that effort. The former park and its little league

ballfields were located adjacent to the the Oscar Mayer & Co. meat plant at 1241 N. Sedgwick St. That giant plant closed in Dec. 1992, and the factory was demolished. It once emptied 700 people.

A neighbor to the Cabrini-Green housing project - that was also demolished - the eight-story, 650,000-square-foot Oscar Mayer factory on Sedgwick St. had served as an industrial anchor for the area since the days when North Ave. was the city's northern border.

The city has worked for months with neighbors as well as the Chicago Housing Authority to come up with plans for the park.

The park's generic name is Park 598. The Park District is working with the contractor on a timeline, but the goal is to have construction complete by the end of 2025.

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Green had been out of prison for less than a week when he participated in the Prada robbery. He received a 42-month sentence for the crime in 2023.

Simmons received a five-year sentence for robbing the Prada store and participating in similar crimes elsewhere. Prosecutors said he was on parole for a juvenile armed robbery case at the time of the Prada robbery, according to officials.

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