

The sports page records people's accomplishments, the front page usually records nothing but man's failures.

— Barbara Walters

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Payton senior running back Sam Merrill near the goal line against Lane.

## Payton defeats Lane 16-13 becoming best North Side team

BY JACK LYDON

Walter Payton College Prep may be the best high school on the North Side, it might have the best football team as well. Record wise at least, one can't argue with that. It doesn't get better than 5-0 on the season. The Grizzlies defeated the Lane Tech Champions 16-13 Saturday afternoon at Lane Stadium.

Everyone knows takeaways and defense produces wins. That's what the Grizzlies did on Saturday. It might've been a little coaching too.

"We knew they struggle passing the ball, so we concentrated on stopping the run," said Payton defensive coordinator Frank Dickerson.

The Grizzlies did not completely stop Lane's running attack. Senior tailback/quarterback/wildcat Vernon Cole still scored two touchdowns, a four-yard keeper early in the second quarter and a

53-yard keeper up the middle late in the fourth quarter. But Payton pretty much stopped everything else.

"I saw his eyes the whole way. He was staring there. We have been watching film. The only thing he has been throwing is inside slants and inside posts. I sat back, saw the ball and it was right there," said Payton senior safety and running back Sam Merrill.

Merrill picked the slant pass in the middle of the field and returned the ball to Lane's 22 yard-line. That set up a one-yard touchdown by Payton quarter back Thomas Fritchett at the 7:52 mark in the third which gave the Grizzlies a 16-7 lead.

The Grizzlies defense continued to stymie the Champions throughout the remainder of the third including another interception in Lane territory, this time by senior cornerback John Seward.

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## New tower will open Oct. 19 at Illinois Masonic

Last week marked the grand opening ribbon cutting of the new Bed Tower at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, a major milestone in the hospital's continued commitment to advanced patient care.

The eight-story, 330,000 square-foot, facility will open for business on Oct. 19, and is designed to offer both clinicians and patients access to the latest innovations in hospital design, promoting a healing environment that prioritizes comfort, privacy, and efficiency.

Among its many features, the new tower includes two dedicated floors of ambulatory space, significantly expanding the capabilities of the Creticos Cancer Center.

"We're proud to mark this milestone with our community as we unveil a space designed to reflect the future of health care," said Matt Primack, Advocate Illinois Masonic President.

The new 241-foot tall tower expansion, a core part of a \$645 million project, introduces 232 private, universal-sized patient rooms, including new medical/surgical beds, ICU rooms, and consolidated maternity and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit services. It also treats babies with serious health issues, such as heart problems, infections, breathing difficulties, and birth defects.

The tower also houses expanded cardiology and outpatient cancer services, enhancing the hospital's capabilities in these areas.

## Slated for demolition, loss of Stage 773 another hit for live theater

Approved for housing in Lake View

It's another loss in Chicago's shrinking roster of historic theaters, and perhaps a sign of our times. A five-story apartment building is replacing the former Stage 773 theater, 1225 W. Belmont, after the City Council approved the proposed project Sept. 25.

Community theater has suffered greatly in the last decade with severe body blows like the government-imposed pandemic lockdown that forced everyone to stay home and trained people to consume their entertainment through streaming over the Internet.

The opening and closing of theaters is nothing new. Theaters have closed on the North Side for generations, including the Granada Theatre, Nortown Theater, Chestnut Station Cinemas, Carnegie Theater, Playboy Theater, the Village Theatre and Sandburg Theater. While the grand Uptown Theatre is still standing, it has been closed since 1981. It has been saved from the wrecking ball because of its Landmark designation.

Spaces suitable for small and midsize theatre companies on the North Side are quickly evaporating.



Stage 773 theater, 1225 W. Belmont  
Image courtesy Lake View East Chamber of Commerce

Lake View also recently lost the former Briar Street Theatre, long home to the Blue Man Group. While over on Southport, the Mercury Theater currently sits dark, fueling speculation about its fate. And at North Ave. and Halsted St. the Royal George Theater is gone, and now replaced by housing.

One rebirth is found on Lincoln Ave., where after stopping its own productions in 2022, Victory Gardens Theater reopened in 2025 for the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont, has expanded their Shared Space

program, through the support from the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation and the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation. They now offer three theaters to not-for-profit producers for \$1,000 per week. This is a significant reduction from the standard \$2,250 market rate.

The coming project at Stage 773 will bring 40 apartments and retail space to Belmont Ave.

Originally a grocery warehouse, the venue became known in 1977 as the Theatre Building under founder Byron Schaffer Jr.

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## Assessor's Office releases 2024 Chicago reassessment report

On Sept. 16, the Cook County Assessor's Office [CCAO] published its report on the 2024 reassessment of property in Chicago. This annual report describes the city's reassessment cycle from beginning to end, detailing changes to Chicago's tax base and sharing first-of-its-kind data about real estate market trends and commercial property types.

During the 2024 reassessment of Chicago, property values grew by \$9.1 billion in Assessed Value. Assessments for residential property rose by 18%, while non-residential assessments rose by 27%.

After appeals at the Cook County Board of Review, however, Chicago's homeowners ended up with a larger share of Assessed Value – a proxy for the tax base of residential and commercial prop-

erty – then before the reassessment cycle began.

Property taxes, which fund local services like schools, parks and libraries, are billed to each property owner based on their share of this overall tax base.

The 2024 reassessment report is available at [cookcountyassessoril.gov/annual-reports](http://cookcountyassessoril.gov/annual-reports).

"We once again saw how large commercial reductions at the Board of Review injected volatility into our property tax system," said Assessor Fritz Kaegi.

A 2024 study from Cook County found that commercial properties are generally undervalued and out of line with similar properties after appeals. The study includes recommendations for how to improve this process.

A new study from researchers

at the Univ. of Chicago has found that reforms implemented under Assessor Kaegi have led to "substantial progress in improving the fairness of residential assessments." Because properties were valued more fairly, the owners of more affordable homes have saved \$1.9 billion in property taxes since 2018.

"Even as this new third-party research shows that residential assessments have become much fairer over the last 7 years, unpredictability from appeals means there's still work to be done," said Kaegi. "Our report not only shows why we need further reform, but lays out what those reforms should be."

The report also contains new

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# The whole world realigns when we can see straight and clear



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

*I can see clearly now,  
the rain is gone  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that  
had me blind - Johnny Nash*

Among all the annoyances of growing older, at the top of my list is vision. Eyesight, both close up and far away, is essential for a painter. Though not for some, like El Greco and Modigliani. Eyesight is also needed for writing, as well as menu reading, snooping, window peeping, restaurant socializing and reading between the lines.

My vision has been slowly growing less sharp since 4th grade. After turning 50 I've been enjoying "steady as she goes" eyesight. Largely due to the stability of contact lenses. My ophthalmologist believes there has been some miraculous reversal of

the downward blurring, resulting in fresh clarity. Not 20-20, but I'll take it. It calms me.

When you can see straight and clear, the whole world realigns. It's level. Life, and the horizon, are in much better perspective. There's balance. Measured stability. Cooking becomes more accurate. Tastes are more secure. You can find that lost sock with ease. Thread a needle. Read road signs more accurately. Follow directions. Find your place on a map and read that new book without letting your nose ever touch the printed page. You're no longer lost to the blur of life.

As Chicagoans we all need a dose of clarity in our vision. In our emotional and political eyesight. Too much of Chicago's dynamic has been obscured into the background. The foggy perspective of our sight. Too much of what's essential before us has dissipated. Just look at the long reach of Chicago history, and the struggles we have survived as capital of the American Heartland. Chicago's greatness has always been dependent on seeing straight. Perceiving things with accuracy and precision. Focused vision.

When early Chicago's founders looked out at our Prairie landscape they saw beyond the rough limits that were everywhere. They witnessed the turbulent might and power of Lake Michigan and saw the dynamic power of a vast inland ocean that was limitless. The Lake Michigan they saw, they knew, had the capacity to change the world around them. It connected this new city at the center of the national landscape to a geography without limits. A flatland of unimagined possibility and bounty that went far beyond the contours of the original 13 states.

Our geography was the nation's central meeting place smack dab in the middle of vast economic and commercial greatness. No wonder Chicago's population doubled every 10 years.

When our founding families and pioneers assembled, they looked out at the city's inventive riverscape and did not perceive



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a slow moving waterway, but the expansive trade route to the Gulf of Mexico. All they had to do was connect ourselves to the rivers of America. And it gave us, then, free access to all the continent's waterways.

Chicago leaders were up for the challenge like no other city in America.

That was the familiar sense of Chicago vision, and it was 20-20.

It certainly was the case when Chicago reversed the very flow of the Chicago River, itself. No longer pouring the detritus of the rapidly expanding city into the source of our drinking water, but cascading it, instead, downstream. It was a health measure that has lasted to this very day, providing Chicagoans with fresh, safe drinking water in abundance.

Chicago became a city of robust modernity and inventive commercial enterprise because of the clarity of its vision. And because its leaders came to their great moment of history with all eyes on the people of Chicago. They embraced clarity in their efforts to shape America's most American city.

We cannot look back on that essential view of Chicago life without longing for the vision of our great leaders of commerce, politics, industry and urban development. Especially today, when Chicago's past vision of establishing standards of success and well-being seems lost in a fog of blindness.

That's never been more true than in those eras when we did not face billions of dollars of economic shortfall and financial ruin. And run-away taxes.

When people of vision devel-

oped our mass transit system they moved citizens across the cityscape 24 hours a day. Not threatening Chicago residents with the crippling stoppage of full service.

There is no longer a responsible vision of how to keep the city functional. The inability of our present day leadership is a victim of its own blindness. Their inability to see ahead is visible to all.

The city's public education system languishes in disarray from the Chicago Teachers Union, with generations of children lost. The union leadership's blindness prevents responsible solutions. The disturbing antics of its membership, especially in attempting to hogtie Mayor "Teachers Pet" Johnson, obscure any chance of resolving the educational crisis. They are content to believe he owes his political life to them.

Or, sadly, when Chicago streets are still filled with homeless folk who deserve better than the city's acceptance of their tent cities. There is no reasoned depth perception. No rhyme or reason for the faulty on-again off-again placement of the homeless in safe and substantial housing.

We can spot the blindness in the chaos of the city's bridge rebuilding over the river that each week brings more traffic catastrophes and clogging. Not to mention the construction of the new casino at Halsted St. and Chicago Ave. that appears to have very little economic promise or social stability attached to it.

Or the ultimate blindness of the cruel and inane lawless attacks by what passes for a criminal underworld in Chicago, all of

whom focus their criminal attention on poor Louis Vuitton. The continuous damage to this high-end retail shop is symptomatic of the lost sight in protecting our retail Golden Goose, shopping on Michigan Ave.

Take a fresh look, that goose has died.

All of this blurred vision and blindness in Chicago leadership unfolds now as candidates are lining up to alter the vision on City Hall's fifth floor, now owned by the CTU.

So far it appears three Greeks and an Irishman are queued at the starting gate. Maria Pappas, Alexi Giannoulis and Paul Vallas, accompanying John Kelly in the election brawl.

I don't have enough contact lens solution to make our current mayhem appear less blurred or disfigured and blind. Not 20-20, by a long shot. So I just won't take it anymore.

**MAYORAL HONOR:** Navy Pier is set to host a gala Oct. 30 titled "A Chicago ExPIERience," honoring former Chicago Mayor **Richard M. Daley** for his pivotal role in the 1995 redevelopment of the iconic lakefront destination.

**BREW BOOM/BUST:** Chicago-based District Brew Yards is closing both its city and suburban locations, making available two properties totaling 29,200 square feet. The closures reflect a national downturn in the craft beer industry as more breweries close than open for the first time since 2005.

**CHEESECAKE:** The Streeterville Organization of Active Residents [SOAR] marked its 50th Anniversary Sept. 19 with a Golden Gala at the Ritz-Carlton. It opened with a stirring presentation from the Chicago Police's Color Guard and the Pipes and Drums. Guests were welcomed

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(Left) Northbound parking is prohibited on the 6200 block of N. Clark St., Photo by Bob Zuley (Center) Mayor Brandon Johnson bicycling on a protected bike lane. Photo by Brian Cassella, Chicago Tribune (Right) Eastbound vehicular traffic is prohibited on Granville Ave. at Ridge. Photo by Bob Zuley

## Mayor's 'ultimate goal' is more bicycle lanes

**Prioritization of bicycles is oft to the detriment of small businesses**

BY BOB ZULEY

Mayor Brandon Johnson is continuing his plunge into the prioritization of bicycles often to the detriment of motor vehicles users, emergency first responders and commercial businesses.

The Mayor last week rode a blue Divvy bicycle down Milwaukee Ave. to a West Town press conference trailed by a gaggle of pedaling City Hall apparatchiks and followed by a tight line of big, black SUVs to keep traffic at bay.

“Real, secure, protected bike lanes throughout the city is the ultimate goal,” Johnson said, according to a fawning report by Tribune reporter Jake Sheridan. “I don’t want there to be any section of the city that doesn’t have secure, dedicated bike lanes.”

The Mayor’s excursion marked the 100th mile of bicycle lanes and other cycling in-

frastructure built by his administration. The city is on-track to build its 500th mile of bikeway, according to the Mayor’s office.

Chicago’s campaign to significantly expand the city’s bicycle lane network began in earnest under former-Mayors Richard M. Daley, Rahm Emanuel, and Lori Lightfoot. An avid cyclist himself, Daley championed bicycling as a viable form of transportation and recreation.

However, none of Johnson’s predecessors waged as hard a diehard campaign of promoting bicycle usage by acquiescing to the sustained demands of aggressive cycling advocacy groups – groups that now form a significant segment of his shrinking political base.

Johnson has transformed Chicago’s traffic flow pattern by making streets one-way, eliminating parking on commercial and residential streets, and constructing concrete barrier islands in the middle of roadways – all done at an immense cost, paid for in large part by vehicle fuel taxes.

Cycling is up over 300% in the city since 2019, Ald. Daniel LaSpata, [1st], claimed at

the same news conference, without offering any evidence. Bike fatalities are down 80%, he added.

Left unspoken was that many bike fatalities are caused by reckless biking, like running red lights.

The ridership of the Divvy bicycle-sharing system broke its monthly record in August with 995,000 rides, following a record-breaking July. The growth in Divvy usage came after the mayor struck a deal with the system’s operator, Lyft, to make memberships cheaper.

Divvy’s expansion prioritizes “Equity Priority Areas” on the South and West sides. To increase access, the city has reduced annual membership costs for new members and eliminated unlock fees for non-members in these areas.

In addition, the Bike Chicago program plans to distribute 5,000 free bicycles and safety equipment to income-eligible residents by 2026, aiming to make bicycling more accessible for low-income residents.

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But one cost Johnson seems intent on ignoring is the cost to neighborhood businesses who lose customer parking on commercial streets, and increased emergency response times for first responders, due to vehicle drivers inability to ‘pull to the right for sirens and lights.’ First responders have also had road access cordoned off with privileged concrete bike barriers.

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## Cmsr. Gainer and Cook County offering \$15M property tax ‘hardship’ cash

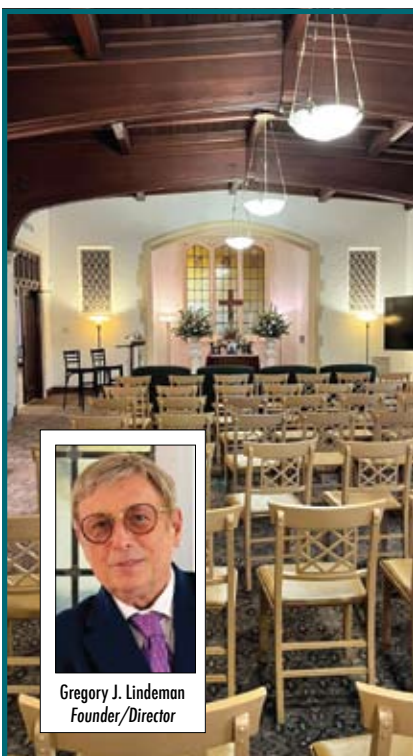
Property tax bills are supposed to be arriving the first week of October and they may be a hardship for many North Siders. Now, in response to this suffering, Cook County Cmsr. Bridget Gainer [10th] has launched the Cook County Homeowner Relief Fund, a \$15 million program that will assist homeowners who have experienced a substantial increase in property taxes in recent years.

The application is open now through 11:59 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. This program has been in the works for more than a year, and will now help provide immediate assistance to homeowners in need of help. Those who are selected will receive \$1,000 in one-time tax assistance.

The money was appropriated from the County’s unassigned fund balance, specifically late interest fees added onto property tax payments.

To qualify, homeowners must have experienced a property tax increase of at least 50% in the 2021, 2022 or 2023 tax years; have a household income at or below 100% of the County’s Area Median Income (for a household of four, the AMI is \$119,900), and you must occupy the property as your primary residence.

For more information call 312-603-4210, email [district10@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:district10@cookcountyil.gov), or to apply, visit [cookcountyil.gov/service/cook-county-homeowner-relief-fund](http://cookcountyil.gov/service/cook-county-homeowner-relief-fund).



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# The ever-growing costly bike lane invasion benefits scofflaw riders, not businesses



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Chicago's multi-million-dollar bike-lane expansion plan, pushed by Mayor Brandon Johnson, is sparking a motorist revolt.

At a taxpayer cost in 2025 of an estimated \$17 million, Mayor Johnson, who claims to be an avid biker, brags about recently constructing 100 miles of new city bike lanes, mostly on the North and Northwest sides.

Johnson says Chicago is on track to eventually build a 500-mile "Bikeway." That includes bike lanes, off-street trails and neighborhood "greenway" streets designed to slow traffic and prioritize privileged bicycles.

Anti-bike critics, irate motorists, emergency first responders, the disabled and small business



Protected bike lanes are costing taxpayers an estimated \$17 million in 2025. Small, independent businesses are losing free and metered street parking to these lanes.



owners say the two-wheel expansion plan is another example of bad city planning running wild.

Chicago used to be good at managing transportation, but not anymore.

Mayor Johnson's cycling infrastructure has created an extensive, new privileged bike-lane system connecting the North and Northwest sides to downtown.

Changes include: marked concrete barrier curbs with metal or plastic posts, neon-green painted cycling paths, bus loading "islands," raised pedestrian crosswalks and turn radius challenging concrete bump out obstacles.

You do not want to be a commercial truck driver in Chicago these days, forced to make hair-raising turns on constricted streets and intersections, with bikers and scooters running red lights and stop signs.

"Real secure, protected bike lanes throughout the city is the ultimate goal," said Johnson, whose master plan is focused on congesting roadways and slowing auto traffic by reducing lanes.

"Rampant bike-lane construction is causing massive traffic congestion on diagonal arterial streets such as Clark St., Milwaukee, Lincoln, Clybourn and Grand avenues," complains Mr. Zak, a businessman and professional gambler who struggles weekdays to commute to suburban casinos in his Corvette sports car.

"Local businesses along these busy thoroughfares have lost hundreds of free and metered parking spaces, hurting Chicago's economy and draining millions of dollars from the sales tax base," said Mr. Zak.

Those lost metered spaces must also be bought back from Chicago Parking Meters, LLC at high prices since there are still 58-years left on the lease.

As a motorist who generally avoids expressways and uses arterial streets based on the map of Chester Louis DeBat, my cab-driver father, this writer agrees that the privileged bike-lane expansion has created a huge, dangerous, and costly traffic problem.

When concrete barriers cordon-off the curb lane there is no place for drivers to "pull to the right for sirens and lights." Every day now in Chicago, first responders on emergency calls get stuck in traffic that cannot get out of their way.

We urge the city to create a new post of "Chicago Bicycle Commissioner" and appoint Mr. Zak to administer the crisis with a touch of his neighborhood common sense. A few of Comr. Zak's administrative bike-lane suggestions include:

- Bikers do not read or follow the Illinois Rules of the Road. "Bicycle riders should be licensed

like auto and motorcycle drivers, and be required to pass a special bike road-driving test," urges Comr. Zak.

Illinois law requires that motorcyclists age 16 and 17 years must pass a written test and obtain a 24-month instruction permit. Permit holders may ride only during daylight hours under the direct supervision of a licensed motorcycle operator who is at least 21 years old and has a minimum of

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one year of driving experience.

- Parents should be required to keep kids under the age of 12 years old out of deadly bike lanes and off streets. Younger children should bike ride in city parks.

- All bike riders should be required by law to wear a helmet, especially e-bike and e-scooter riders. Helmets simply save lives. "People who ride motorized scooters without a helmet are idiots," said Comr. Zak.

Currently, many scooter operators ride on sidewalks, although these machines cruise at speeds of up to 35 miles per hour.

- The Divvy bike boom has made the bike lanes even more dangerous, said Comr. Zak. In August, a record 995,000 rides were booked. That high mark came after Mayor Johnson cut a deal with Lyft, the system's operator, to reduce fees and add more Divvy stations.

"Because many of the worst Divvy riders are tourists and bike novices, those bikes should be

equipped with training wheels," quipped Comr. Zak.

- Chicago Police Dept. bicycle cops should police the bike lanes and streets to hand out traffic tickets to bicyclists who break the law, especially those who gleefully peddle through traffic lights and stop signs regardless of traffic. Cop bikes need blue flashing lights and sirens. If we could set up ticketing cameras to ticket biking scofflaws, the money raised might be able to cover our \$1.3 billion budget deficit.

"Acting above the law, bike riders often give irate motorists the finger," Zak said. Bikers caught on camera flipping someone the bird should see their ticket violation fees doubled.

This writer also has issues with the sophomoric and wasteful urban planning of existing bike-lane design, which effectively transforms a four-lane street like Milwaukee into a two-lane street, while removing much needed commercial street parking.

Toss in one or two double-parked Amazon, Uber Eats, UPS and FedEx trucks on the block and you're down to one lane.

At minimum, a modern urban thoroughfare needs two open lanes for pass-through traffic, one or two lanes for business parking, and perhaps one wider two-way bike lane with no privileged concrete barriers that hinder emergency response vehicles' ability to maneuver through traffic in emergencies.

It is these new concrete barriers that have created the privilege, and the problems.

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## CORRECTION

In the Sept. 24 edition of this newspaper we reported in Thomas O'Gorman's column that Cubs outfielder Pete Crow-Armstrong had "turned down multi-million dollar contracts from both the Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees..."

This was incorrect. Major League Baseball rules state that no team but the Cubs may now even talk to Crow-Armstrong or his agent about his contract at this point in his career. Yes, we were misinformed, and we apologize for the error.

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# Alderman proposes allowing dogs in restaurants

## City Council committee approves video gambling with liquor licenses

STORY AND PHOTO BY BOB ZULEY

Lincoln Park Ald. Timmy Knudsen, [43rd], introduced an ordinance in the Chicago City Council Sept. 25 that would allow dogs to enter restaurants.

Dogs are currently banned from restaurants indoor or outdoor unless the customer has a service dog.

The City Council's License and Consumer Protection Committee also approved an ordinance introduced by Ald. Anthony Beale, [9th], that will allow video gambling in establishments that possess a current, valid "consumption on premises - incidental activity license." Such businesses include but are not limited to restaurants, hotels, theaters providing live stage performances, bowling alleys and not-for-profit clubs. The ordinance passed out of committee 8-6, but Ald. Beale then pulled it from consideration by the full City Council.

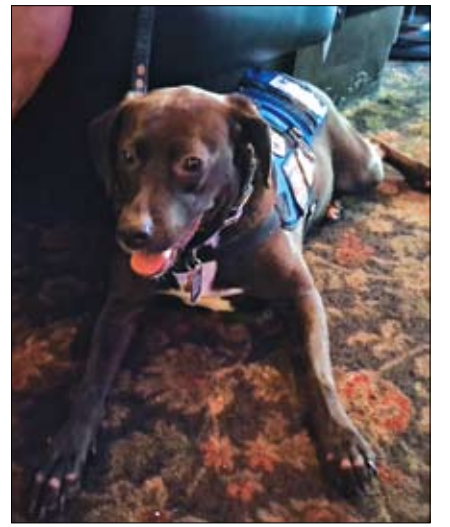
Both measures are welcome by the restaurant industry which has been struggling in recent years.

Knudsen said that he drafted the ordinance at the behest of a bakery in Lincoln Park that was tied up for hours by back-to-back city inspections triggered by a patron complaint about the presence of dogs in the bakery.

Although the dog ban is widely ignored and sporadically enforced, restaurant owners sometimes allow dogs at their own risk and consequences.

Sophie Evanoff, owner of Vanille Patisserie, 2108 N. Clark St., finally put up a sign that read, "No Dogs," and saw business drop off dramatically after patrons stopped coming in for their morning coffee and croissant while out on morning walks.

"I realized, I'm losing coffees in the morning, and we're a small business, so that adds up. ... So I said, 'Why is the city dictating what I can do?' It didn't make sense. We've never had an unruly dog. They're all on leashes. It's not like they're running free. What does it matter if it's a ser-



Vanille Patisserie, 2108 N. Clark St., seeks to overturn the ban on dogs in Chicago restaurants. Last week this service dog (right) was found chillin' in a North Side pizza parlor with her owner who raised questions about dog behavior and "dogs that relieved themselves or marked their territory."

vice dog or not?"

Knudsen agreed, so he drafted the ordinance with the Chicago Dept. of Public Health to help small businesses struggling to survive amid rising food and labor costs.

Chicago's restaurant business

has been in a crisis ever since the government-imposed pandemic economic lockdown, and also by the well-documented increase in food costs. In addition to the high cost of labor, the City of Chicago exacerbated those costs by their short-sighted decision to get rid

of the so-called tipped minimum wage in 2023.

These two measures may aid many small business owners in the restaurant and entertainment industry.

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Guests may enjoy Whirlyball, bowling, laser tag, appetizers and drinks. Tickets are \$25 in advance, and \$35 at the door. The evening promises fun and meaningful business connections. Bring your business cards.

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# Police Beat...

## Indictment charges man with forging signatures of U.S. District Court Judges

A federal grand jury in Chicago has indicted a man for allegedly forging the signatures of two U.S. District Court judges in court filings.

Walter Brzowski, 67, of Chicago, is charged with 11 counts of forgery in an indictment returned Sept. 23 in the Northern District of Illinois. Each count is punishable by a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison. Arraignment in federal court in Chicago has not yet been scheduled.

According to the indictment and a criminal complaint previously filed in the case, Brzowski represented himself in numerous civil lawsuits that he initiated in federal court in Chicago. The U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit dismissed the lawsuits and found that many of Brzowski's filings were frivolous.

In 2021, the Executive Committee of the U.S. District Court in Chicago issued an order placing restrictions on Brzowski's ability to file new civil cases and warned that violating the order may lead to monetary sanctions or a contempt of court finding.

In 2023, Brzowski filed a "notice" in the District Court stating that he was relieved of any previously imposed prohibitions and instructing the District Court Clerk's Office to "rescind any filing restrictions," the charges allege. The notice included an attached Executive Committee Order that was purportedly signed by U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

The District Court determined that Brzowski had forged Judge Pallmeyer's signature and sanctioned him \$25,000, the charges allege. Brzowski allegedly continued to file materials with the Court, including multiple filings in that contained forged signatures of Judge Pallmeyer and U.S. District Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall.

The defendant allegedly sent fraudulent court orders through the U.S. mail bearing forged signatures of multiple United States District Court judges in an effort to circumvent standing orders and unlawfully twist the legal system to his favor. Chicago Postal Inspectors uncovered his scheme to delegitimize the rule of law, and brought him to justice.

## Man accused of groping 5 women, including Loyola students, in Rogers Park

A 39-year-old man is accused of sexually abusing or touching at least five women in Rogers Park on Sept. 21, including three Loyola Univ. students, before campus police detained him, according to court records.

The first reported incident occurred around 7 p.m. when he allegedly grabbed a 21-year-old woman's private parts with his left hand in the 1200 block of W. Arthur. Minutes later, that woman's roommate, a 21-year-old Loyola student, was also targeted when Chichua slid his right hand across her hip, prosecutors said.

Chichua then moved toward Sheridan Road. A 20-year-old Loyola student reported that he touched and fondled her private parts over her clothing in the 6400 block of N. Sheridan.

An 18-year-old Loyola student told police she was shopping inside CVS, 6510 N. Sheridan Rd., when Chichua grabbed her buttocks from behind and walked away. Prosecutors said he returned to the same aisle and groped the woman again moments later.

Another 21-year-old woman reported that Chichua grabbed her in the 6500 block of N. Sheridan as well.

Loyola University police detained Chichua and verified his identity with the alleged victims. Prosecutors charged him with criminal sexual abuse by force, three counts of aggravated battery in a public place, and two counts of misdemeanor battery.

During his initial court appearance, Judge Deidre Dyer ordered Chichua detained. She described the allegations as "an opportunistic crime that threatens every woman in the community."

"He cannot exercise the most basic forms of self-control by keeping his hands to himself," the judge added.

## 20 years for going on armed robbery spree while on ankle monitor

A man accused of committing a string of armed robberies on the North Side over two days while on electronic monitoring for a pending gun case has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.



Safaeldin Daheya

In each case, victims told police a man pulled up in a dark-colored SUV and robbed them at gunpoint on the street.

Between 11:23 p.m. and 11:55 p.m. on Aug. 28, 2023, Safaeldin Daheya allegedly robbed a 23-year-old man in the 6200 block of N. Talman, a 19-year-old man in the 6300 block of N. Rockwell, and a 44-year-old man in the 6300 block of N. California, according to a CPD press release.

The next day, he is accused of robbing a 37-year-old man in the 6300 block of N. Campbell at 12:05 a.m. and a 23-year-old man in the 6400 block of N. Washtenaw at 11:09 p.m.

State troopers spotted a stolen SUV that police linked to the robberies after the final holdup and chased it. They caught Daheya in the 3900 block of N. Neva about 30 minutes later.

Daheya resolved all of those cases by pleading guilty to two counts of armed robbery. Prosecutors dropped the other robbery charges. Judge Angela Munari-Petrone sentenced him to concurrent 20-year terms.

She also sentenced him to a concurrent 15-year term in a separate case involving charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and aggravated fleeing. Prosecutors dropped an escape-from-electronic-monitoring charge.

Daheya must serve half of his 20-year sentence. With good behavior, he will be released on Aug. 19, 2033.

## Payback? One dead, another wounded in suspected retaliatory shooting in Uptown

Two people were shot, one fatally, in Uptown on Sept. 26 in what multiple law enforcement sources say was almost certainly a retaliatory strike tied to another murder in the neighborhood earlier this month.

Officers were called to the 1200 block of W. Sunnyside at 11:49 p.m. after neighbors reported a barrage of gunfire. The cops found an 18-year-old man lying in an alley with a gunshot wound to his head. He was pronounced dead. CPD said officers also found a 27-year-old woman with a gunshot wound to her arm. She was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition.

Investigators found two vehicles abandoned in the alley, each containing two firearms, according to an officer at the scene. Witnesses told police they saw three masked men running away after at least one of them fired the fatal shots.

Multiple sources familiar with the investigation said Friday night's killing is likely retaliation for the Sept. 15 murder of 17-year-old Kahlif Norwood in the 5000 block of N. Winthrop. In that case, Norwood was standing in an alley when eight people approached him and opened fire.

Norwood had previously survived a shooting in Uptown in Oct. 2023. After his murder earlier this month, Chicago police increased patrols around Sunnyside and Magnolia in anticipation of possible revenge violence.

Last Friday's victims are the sixth and seventh people shot in Uptown this year. That compares to 11 people shot at this point last year, 12 as of this date in 2023, and 14 by this time in 2022.

## Sex offender charged with viewing child porn inside library

A non-compliant registered sex offender has been ordered jailed pending trial after he was allegedly caught viewing child pornography on a tablet at a Chicago Public Library branch in Bucktown, according to court filings.



David Rideout

David Rideout, 50, was taken into custody around 6 p.m. Sept. 15 after a woman called 911 to report that a man was watching child pornography inside the Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch, 1701 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Responding officers found Rideout seated with a black tablet displaying a screensaver of a "completely naked underage female" in a graphic sexual position, a CPD police report said. A library employee told investigators that surveillance cameras captured footage of Rideout holding the tablet and viewing images of naked underage girls, according to the report.

After interviewing Rideout at the library, officers learned he was not compliant with sex offender registration requirements and that he had an extraditable warrant issued in Kane County.

The tablet was turned over to CPD's Special Investigations Unit. A search warrant executed on the device revealed hundreds of images and videos of child pornography involving children under the age of 13, according to prosecutors.

Judge John Hock ordered Rideout detained, calling him "very dangerous." He is charged with two counts of possessing child pornography and violating the sex offender registration act.

Rideout's profile on the Illinois State Police sex offender registry says he must register as a sex offender for life after being convicted in Sangamon County of sexually abusing a 6-year-old when he was 36.



Left: Faroe stands in the drain pipe. Right: A Chicago police diver swims Faroe to a CPD rescue boat.

## CPD diver rescues runaway dog from Chicago River drainpipe

Faroe the Pit Bull Terrier had quite an adventure Sept. 27 on the Chicago River. It started with him running away, winding up in a drain pipe, and eventually being rescued by a Chicago Police Dept. diver.

A boater on the river first noticed Faroe peering out from the drainpipe Saturday afternoon and called police. CPD's Marine Unit, which was already patrolling nearby, responded. At the same time, Faroe's owner, Brandon Hilliard, was searching for her. Faroe had run off earlier in the morning, and Brandon was searching the area when he saw an alert on an app about a stranded dog that looked like her.

Brandon's sister called the Marine Unit to confirm the dog might be his, and officers quickly reached out to Brandon. He boarded the police boat

as it made its way toward the scene.

Once there, Marine Unit officers saw Faroe wedged nervously inside the pipe. A diver entered the water to coax her out, but she resisted. That's when Brandon handed over one of Faroe's squeaky toys, which turned out to be the trick. The diver used the toy to calm Faroe, then carefully guided her out of the drainpipe and onto the boat.

"I'm so thankful a good Samaritan spotted Faroe, and that my sister, the Chicago Police Dept. and everyone involved helped reunite me with my best friend," Brandon said afterward.

Faroe, a rescue dog Brandon adopted last year, is doing just fine.

## Police disciplinary cases must be conducted in public

The Fraternal Order of Police on Sept. 16 filed a petition with the Illinois Supreme Court to appeal the recent Appellate Court decision requiring public arbitration proceedings for the most serious police disciplinary cases.

This appeal may further delay the establishment of an arbitration process, increase the backlog of cases awaiting hearing, and could cost taxpayers and officers accused of serious misconduct substantial amounts of money. The delay and uncertainty caused by this appeal deny accused officers, and victims of misconduct, and the public the timely resolution to court cases.

In a significant ruling on Aug. 8, the Illinois Appellate Court affirmed that arbitration proceedings for serious police disciplinary cases in Chicago must be conducted in public, overturning a lower court decision that had allowed for private hearings.

The ruling is now being appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, extending the legal battle over public access to police discipline.

## Man attacked trying to stop Loop robbery

Chicago Police say that a 38-year-old man was attacked after he tried to stop a robbery in the Loop 8 p.m. Sept. 27.

The man was attacked when he attempted to prevent the theft in the 100 block of S. State St. His face swelled, and he suffered a cut on the back of his neck. He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in stable condition, according to police. The alleged thief, a 22-year-old man, was taken into custody.

## Border Patrol deploys Marine Units on Chicago River

The U.S. Border Patrol has added four marine patrol vessels to augment their Operation Midway Blitz in Chicago. The addition of the patrol boats will allow the agency to access inland areas along the Chicago River from Lake Michigan.

According to the Border Patrol, the move will bolster the effort to apprehend the "worst of the worst" by allowing Border Patrol access to key transit areas within the Chicago River waterway.

The deployment will provide support to other federal agencies assist-

ing in immigration enforcement operation. The patrol vessels will increase border security by allowing quick access to respond as needed to multiple areas within the city.

The Dept. of Homeland Security launched Operation Midway Blitz in early September in honor of Katie Abraham, a U.S. citizen who was killed in a drunk driving hit-and-run car wreck caused by criminal illegal alien Julio Cucul-Bol in Illinois. The operation targets the criminal illegal aliens who arrived in Chicago and other parts of Illinois because of sanctuary policies that would protect them and allow them to roam free.

## Police warn residents about gold chain/necklace thefts

Policed are giving notice of recent, related robbery incidents occurring in the Grant Park, New Eastside, and Chicago Loop neighborhoods.

In each incident, the offender(s) targeted lone, unsuspecting victims on park property and, while using physical force, took possession of the victims' property. A gold chain/necklace was taken in each occurrence.

Incidents include one on the 1100 block of S. Columbus Dr. on Aug. 1, at 9:30 p.m. (in Grant Park); the 200 block of E. Balbo Dr. on Aug. 2, at 9:45 p.m. (in Grant Park); 300 block of S. Columbus Dr. on Aug. 11, at 3:44 p.m. (in Grant Park); 300 block of E. Wacker Dr. on Aug. 13, at 5:25 p.m.; 0-100 block of E. Wacker Dr. on Aug. 22, at 8:43 a.m.; 0-100 block of E. Wacker Dr. on Aug. 22, at 8:48 a.m.; 200 block of E. Roosevelt Dr. on Aug. 22, at 11 a.m. (in Grant Park); 100-200 of E. Wacker Dr. on Aug. 29, at 4:12 p.m.; 200 block of N. Clark St. on Sept. 6, at 10:20 a.m.; 100 block of N. Lake Shore Dr. on Sept. 12, at 3:30 p.m.; 600 block of N. Michigan Ave. on Sept. 18, at 3 p.m., and on the 0-100 block of E. Wacker Dr on Sept. 23, at 4:25 p.m.

The offenders are described as one to four Hispanic males and females, 20-40 years of age, and one African American male, black t-shirt, blue jeans, white gym shoes.

Those who may have information, please contact Area Three Detectives at 312-744-8263, or submit an anonymous tip at CPDTIP.com and use Reference # P25-3-036B.

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# 'Peacekeeper' arrested after taking swing at Chicago cop in viral video

BY CWBCHICAGO

A video circulating online this week showing Chicago police arresting two men, including one who took a swing at a cop on camera, has an interesting and increasingly familiar twist: the guy who took the swing identified himself at the scene as one of the city's "peacekeepers."

According to CPD, it all started when cops saw 30-year-old Douglass Simmons driving a stolen Hyundai Santa Fe without a front license plate and tried to pull him over near the intersection of Campbell and Jackson at 1:10 p.m. Sept. 22.

Simmons allegedly bailed out of the car and ran. But the cops caught up with him and that's when the peacekeeper, wearing a red shirt with a large "V" on the back, stepped in.

The "peacekeeper" is identified as Chester Alexander, 30. His arrest report said officers were arresting Simmons when Alexander and others "began to yell 'let him go,'" and Alexander "began stating that he was a peace keeper." The officer clarified that Alexander was a "violence interrupter [in the] city of Chicago program."

Officers saw a "crowd become hostile" and several people began to "circle around" the police, the



Images show Chester Alexander, who reportedly identified himself as a "peacekeeper," taking a swing at a Chicago Police Officer on Sept. 22.

report said, and the cops allegedly saw Alexander standing nearby with clenched fists. They ordered him to step back.

One officer, "in an attempt to create a safe distance between officers and the hostile crowd, redirected [Alexander] by pushing him away and back onto the sidewalk," the report said.

"At that time is when Chester Alexander swung his left hand and struck [an officer] with his closed fist and immediately took a fighting stance while holding both hands close to his face," the report continued.

That officer "performed closed hand strikes to Alexander about the chest and performed knee strikes to his stomach area as assisting officers placed handcuffs

on Alexander," according to the report.

The police claim they found 24 pills of suspected ecstasy in the peacekeeper's pants pocket.

Alexander is charged with felony aggravated battery of a peace officer, felony resisting, and felony possession of a controlled substance.

Simmons, who was already on pretrial release for a pending felony narcotics case, is charged with possessing a stolen vehicle, driving on a revoked license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and resisting police.

Efforts to obtain comment from the "peacekeeping" organization Alexander reportedly works for have been unsuccessful.

So-called peacekeepers have

been at the center of a growing number of unpeaceable situations lately.

Just four days before Alexander's arrest, CWBChicago was the first to report that a "peacekeeper" who posed with Gov. JB Pritzker earlier this month was subsequently charged with murder after he allegedly participated in a smash-and-grab burglary that left a man dead on the Magnificent Mile.

In August, video surfaced of men claiming to be violence interrupters heckling and interfering with Chicago cops who were arresting a man accused of illegally carrying a gun with an extended ammunition magazine.

In March, after a woman was shot during a chaotic teen takeover in Streeterville, a self-styled violence interrupter sped off after two or three teens jumped into his car.

Also this year, a "peacekeeper" received a nine-year prison sentence for taking part in a mob beating that left a motorist badly injured in Little Village. A former Obama Administration official excused his conduct by saying the man "mishandled the stress" of being a violence prevention worker.

## New ADA lawsuit demands city fix sidewalks, curb ramps

BY JONATHAN BILYK  
*Cook County Record*

After winning a court order requiring Chicago city taxpayers to pay for upgrades to city intersections to make them safer for the blind, disability accessibility advocates have returned to court in a bid to use federal law to similarly force the city to pay untold amounts of taxpayer dollars to repair and replace sidewalks and curb ramps to make city thoroughfares more accessible for people with disabilities.

On Sept. 10, attorneys with the Disabilities Rights Advocates organization and from the firm of Latham & Watkins, of Chicago, filed suit in federal court against the City of Chicago.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of named plaintiffs Chernel Lane, identified as a resident of Washington Park; Iliana Rivera Haven, a resident of the Near West Side; Michele Lee, a resident of the Streeterville neighborhood; and Kevin Sullivan, a resident of Palatine.

All of the named plaintiffs are identified as people with mobility disabilities who require either wheelchairs or powered scooters to move about.

However, the lawsuit was brought as a class action, potentially on behalf of hundreds of thousands of other Illinois residents with disabilities, who similarly rely on wheelchairs or powered scooters for mobility.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs assert the city has not invested enough in maintaining sidewalks and curb ramps, which people with mobility disabilities need to

navigate the city's street network and other public spaces.

They claim the city's "failure to use a coordinated, proactive system to maintain its pedestrian rights of way," instead favoring "complaint-based" programs to deal with alleged problems as they pop up, violates the rights of people with disabilities under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] and another federal law, known as the Rehabilitation Act.

The plaintiffs assert both laws require the city to improve and maintain its sidewalks and curb ramps to ensure they are accessi-

ble to people with wheelchairs or others with mobility disabilities.

"Without accessible, safe sidewalks, people with mobility disabilities cannot fully and actively participate in our society. We need [safe sidewalks] to go to work, attend school, go to church, visit family and friends, and enjoy our city. As a lifelong Chicagoan, I am serving as a plaintiff in this case to improve sidewalk accessibility for all of us with mobility disabilities," said Rivera Haven in a provided statement.

In their lawsuit, the plaintiffs say the issue that prompted them to sue is not a new concern.

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This course is fully accredited by the Illinois and Chicago departments of Public Health, Prometric, and ServSafe from the National Restaurant Assoc. Upon passing, attendees will be certified in the State of Illinois and eligible to apply for the City of Chicago certification. Certifications are valid for 5 years. The fee ranges from \$135 to \$205, visit [lakevieweast.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/60470](http://lakevieweast.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/60470) to register.

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Maria Lopez is a show stopper celebrating the 20th anniversary of Carnivale, which launched the West Loop area in becoming Restaurant Row.



[L-R] Former Lake View Ald. Tom Tunney, Illinois Comptroller Susanna Mendoza, William Marovitz and David Szostak also celebrated at the Carnivale anniversary.



[L-R] Deborah Gershbein of SOAR, Marc and Maureen Schulman of Eli's Cheesecake, Curt Bailey, Related Midwest Real Estate Development, Ald. Brian Hopkins and Dr. James G. Adams, Northwestern Medicine.



Dan Kirk and Brian Wolff with Anthony Rizzo.



John Stamos



Osaka Japanese Garden in Jackson Park will be a stop on the What's Out There Weekend tour. Photo courtesy Eric Allix Rogers

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by NBC Chicago's **Charlie Wojciechowski**, who guided the evening with ease and good humor. The highlight was honoring SOAR's four Pillars of the Community for their contributions and vision for Streeterville's future. Seen cutting into cheesecake were **Deborah Gershbein** of SOAR, **Marc and Maureen Schulman** of Eli's Cheesecake, **Curt Bailey**, Related Midwest Real Estate Development, Ald. **Brian Hopkins** and **Dr. James G. Adams**, of Northwestern Medicine.

**FRESH NOVEL:** Beverly resident, **Kevin McGuire**, has released his debut novel, a heartfelt South Side story filled with the traditions, sports and community of the South Side neighborhood that shaped him. "I tried to capture your archetypal South Side family," McGuire says.

**LYRIC OPERA:** This October, Cherubini's "Medea" appears at the Lyric for the first time in a dark and decadent production by director **Sir David McVicar**.

**ICON:** **Leslie Uggams** has joined Porchlight Music Theatre's Artistic Advisory Board. The board consists of seasoned

professionals who have excelled in their theatrical disciplines and who have a vested interest in the artistic and professional advancement of the company. "Her incredible career and life experiences bring a knowledge and understanding that is unparalleled. I welcome her on behalf of Porchlight to this incredible group," said Artistic Director **Michael Weber**. For more information visit [PorchlightMusicTheatre.org](http://PorchlightMusicTheatre.org).

**DANCE:** The new home for Tropical Thursdays is Moe's Cantina River North. Salsa lesson by **Edson De Cuba** and Bachata lesson by **Fabia Lorena** at 9 p.m. Go learn how to dance.

**LOOK OVER THERE:** The Cultural Landscape Foundation's "What's Out There Weekend," is happening Oct. 4-5. Offering two days of free, expert-led tours, encouraging participants to discover the little-known design history of places they may pass every day. The tours will bring to light the local character of the city as reflected by its publicly accessible parks, gardens, plazas, cemeteries, neighborhoods, and historic sites. Settled in the late eighteenth century by **Jean Baptiste Point du Sable**, a trader of African descent, the city has a rich and significant cultural landscape legacy, shaped by numerous individuals, communities, and practitioners. To register and for more information visit [www.tclf.org/whats-out-there-weekend-chicago-2025](http://www.tclf.org/whats-out-there-weekend-chicago-2025)

**CHICAGO/PARIS FASHION:** Chicago's very own, designer, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, has been invited to participate in Paris Fashion Week. On the runway with her collection as "Ones to Watch." The show is actually Oct. 2, at La Galerie Bourbon. Chicago Fashion Week at the Union Station Show is Oct. 16.

**20TH:** Carnivale, with colorful decor, festive vibe and food from South America, Spain and the Caribbean, helped to create Restaurant Row in the West Loop. The ownership team of **Bob Cataldo**, **William Marovitz**, **Jerome Cataldo** and **Charles Gavier** now celebrating their 20th year. Seen at the scene were **Tom Tunney**, **Susana Mendoza** and her husband **David Szostak**, **Hedy Ratner**, **Noreen Heron**, **Lou Canellis**, **Denise**

**Tomasulo**, **Irene Micheals**, **Army Granat** and **Thom Serafin**.

**SILVER LINING:** **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** has exciting news. A Silver Lining Foundation welcomes **Wendy Mitchell Gill** as their Executive Director.

**100:** In Barrington on Oct. 11, celebrate the Uptown Theatre's 100th Anniversary, view and hear the Sanfilippo Foundation's collection of automatic music instruments, Edison and Victrola phonographs, and old movie palace artifacts, including the original chandeliers and other items from the Uptown Theatre. The program will feature the newly released book, "The UPTOWN: Chicago's Endangered Movie Palace," by **Robert Loerzel** and **James A. Pierce**. A reception in the Sanfilippo Carousel Pavilion with food, drink and dance will follow. RSVP by October 3. Proceeds will benefit Landmark Uptown Theatre Corp. "Friends of the Uptown."

**WHO'S WHERE:** Happy Birthday to my former City Hall assistant, the brilliant **Lindy Fleming McGuire**... **Whitney Reynolds** and **David Heiner** at Farm to Veteran at the Field Museum... **Frank** and **Marianna LaMarca** at the DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center and Riotfest in the Park... **Michael** and **Lois Dal Santo Harring** visited **Pope Leo XIV's** childhood home... **Anne Schwarz Sherrill** welcoming into their family "Mr. and Mrs." **J.J. Schwarz** and **Saddi Brands**... **Shelly Zucker** with family at the Astor Club... Sending best birthday wishes to **Nikki Friar**, living in Scotland and enjoying the tartans, pipes and the haggis... **Eileen Chambers** and five of her St. Benedict H.S. classmates are heading to Florida for celebrations with no husbands invited... **Reute Butler** is going on three weeks of a new knee, getting stronger each day... Happy Birthday **Christopher Clinton Conway**, all the best... **Doug Van Tress** back in Michigan to see his dad in a small town of 7000 first settled almost 200 years ago... designer **Al Menotti** honored to be invited back to show a few of his designs in the Flair event to benefit the Chicago Lighthouse for the seeing impaired... Happy

Birthday **Gigi Lubin**, newsy **Anne Kavanagh's** great colleague and dear friend in work and fun and Emmys... **Robert Emmett** and **Cindy Curran** in Myrtle Beach, SC... **Janet** and **Rodger Owen** in Richmond, VA, all dressed up with somewhere to go, a fun-filled weekend with 300 old and new friends... Riot Fest actually did it — **John Stamos** made his long-awaited debut on the 29th anniversary of the Douglass Park extravaganza... A wonderful dinner with **Jennifer Sutton Brieva** and friends celebrating life and time together and **Doc Brieva** kicking off his 65th birthday week with **Bobbi Panter** and **Matthew Arnoux**... WGN's **Rick Kogan** and **Candace Jordan** make the Sunday airwaves bounce, be sure to tune in... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** looking black tie elegant in NYC at the Metropolitan Opera... **Dan Kirk** and **Brian Wolff** at Wrigley Field with the Anthony Rizzo Foundation... Retired Judge **Rhoda Sweeney** and **Fred Drucker** at the La Reina Sophia Museum in Madrid viewing **Pablo Picasso's** monumental work, "Guernica"... **Todd Hatoff** and **Frank N. Jeffrey** celebrating at Banyan Tree Mayakoba in Rivera Maya, Mexico with pals **Ed Comity**, **Joseph Allen**, **Jeff Walters** and **Alex Hernandez**.

**BRAVO:** Happy Birthday **Charles Jordan**, wishing you, dear friend, continued health, love and happiness today and every day. We love all the fun we've shared with you and your beautiful Candace over the years.

**LA SCAROLA:** **Joey Mondelli** made some fabulous sea bass for diners at his fabulous La Scarola on Grand Ave., and entertained guests with some remarkable stories about life in the restaurant lane. Once he explained how close he was to **Victor Skrebneski**, whom Joey always refers to as "Victorio," everything else makes sense in those tales. Especially all the photos by Victor covering the restaurant walls.

The road to Easy Street goes through the sewer.

- John Madden

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**Letters to the Editor**

**More warning signs needed**

The Sept. 10 article by Bob Zuley on city speed cameras identifies one of the highest producing cameras is next to the Broadway Armory at 5857 N. Broadway in Edgewater. The claimed purpose of these cameras is to slow traffic to prevent accidents, however I would point out there is no signage of any kind to indicate they are approaching a camera controlled speed zone at the Armory location.

Given that fact it is no surprise the camera is producing the reported high volume of tickets. It makes one wonder if the purpose of the new cameras is indeed not to help slow down traffic but rather to raise revenue. And how many of the other new high-cash-producing cameras in other locations do not have proper warning signage to encourage drivers to slow down?

Steve Bishop  
Edgewater

*Editor's note: There is signage warning about the speed camera on Broadway, though we'll admit that it's not highly visible. But the best warning is our own memory.*

**We have questions**

[There are] three separate hundred million dollar frauds coming out of Minnesota state government where elected officials are hampering government accountability.

Now that we know that one of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's and Mayor Brandon Johnson's 'Peacekeepers' has been exposed with the allegations of murder during the Louis Vuitton smash and grab [Sept. 24], what about the tens of million dollar giveaways under "Grant" programs to politically connected groups around the state but especially in Cook County?

We need a DOGE in Illinois and we need it ASAP. Why two huge layers of duplicate government by the Chicago and Cook County Machine? Why no Charter for the city of Chicago? Why the layers of control and influence by pols over the police and the schools? Why is the faulty Project 1619 taught in schools that fail with reading comprehension and math?

What do all of the committees, commissions and boards at city and state level accomplish?

Why is financial information withheld from city council and state legislators? In Chicago why does the Executive branch control the Legislative branch?

Robert L. Johnson  
Old Town

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**Eclectic, innovative homes of Armstrong Circle part of Rogers Park/West Ridge house walk**

The 39th Rogers Park/West Ridge House Walk is noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, and features a neighborhood where the homes reflect the experimental spirit of the turn of the 20th Century.

Seeking new ways to build taller, safer and less expensive buildings, architects and engineers broke architectural norms. Chicago became the innovative leader of the skyscraper age.

In the neighborhoods, prosperous residents who spent workdays in modern new downtown skyscraper buildings sought similarly innovative houses. The homes of Armstrong Circle are a living tribute to the architectural creativity of the period.

West of Ridge Blvd., most homes on Estes, Greenleaf and Lunt avenues around George Armstrong School were built just before World War I. Each house on this year's tour represents a new style or building technique of the period.

This stroll through the neighborhood will include a stop at a small and affordable Craftsman cottage by a Prairie Style architect better known for elegant suburban mansions.

**Land surveying and map making lecture Oct. 8**

Join Donald and Tanya Smith, owners of the land surveying and map making company Greeley-Howard-Norlin & Smith, for a lecture at Sulzer Library, Thursday, Oct. 8.

Learn a brief history of how and why the land in the U.S. was originally divided and sold, the need to raise money after the Revolutionary War and Thomas Jefferson's idea to divide the land into squares.

Hear about the re-building of Chicago after the Great Chicago Fire, and Mr. Samuel S. Greeley, the founder of the Smith's family business.

This event, sponsored by the Ravenswood Lake View Historical Assoc. will be held in the Lerner Auditorium at 4455 N. Lincoln Ave. Attendance is free.



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became the classic Chicago bungalow, only a block down the street from a home built when greenhouses were more common than residences. The area's homeowners will share their stories of how these vintage houses serve them well today.

There's even a pre-WWI American Four-Square powered by 21st Century sustainable energy.

The annual Historic House Walk is a Rogers Park/West Ridge tradition. It provides funding for all the work of the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society. Tickets are \$30 and supports the associations Living History series and their online website.

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**Your brain and nature at Nature Museum Oct. 9**

The natural environment has a surprising impact on the human brain and people's behavior. That topic will be discussed 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Dr.

There is a surprising connection between mind, body, and the natural environment that's been the subject of scientific study. Marc Berman is founder and director of the Environmental Neuroscience Laboratory at the Univ. of Chicago. He will discuss his new book, Nature and the Mind: The Science of How Nature Improves Cognitive, Physical, and Social Well-Being, and how interactions with nature impact your energy, mood, focus, and mental and

physical health. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-brain-nature-tickets-1723811870709-?aff=oddtcreator>.

Berman is an Associate Professor of Psychology and has B.S.E. in Industrial and Operations Engineering.

Understanding the relationship between individual psychological and neural processing and environmental factors lies at the heart of his research. His lab utilizes brain imaging, behavioral experimentation, computational neuroscience and statistical models to quantify the person, the environment, and their interactions.

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The infrastructure changes required to make roadways compatible with bicycle prioritization is considerable and sometimes eliminates entire blocks of parking on arterial streets adjoining small businesses. Removing metered commercial street parking is very expensive and a business killer.

Small businesses are vital to Chicago's economy by providing jobs, generating sales tax revenue, and creating unique gathering spaces and goods. They drive local economic growth, foster neighborhood vitality by investing in communities, and are essential for equitable development. Small

***But none of this would be possible without the active cooperation of local aldermen, who watch their wards being co-opted by City Hall. Some aldermen behave as if they work for the Mayor and not their ward residents.***

businesses have proven to be the most resilient sector, leading the state's recovery after the global pandemic and the government-imposed economic lockdown.

But none of this would be possible without the active

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cooperation of local aldermen, who watch their wards being co-opted by City Hall. Some aldermen behave as if they work for the Mayor and not their ward residents.

However one Alderman, Andre Vasquez, [40th], appears to earnestly aim to thoughtfully balance the feedback his office has heard from bicycle infrastructure changes to Pratt Ave. in West Ridge.

Vasquez has received the cooperation of the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] by restoring more parking on the north side of Pratt, and includes a parking lane wide enough for garbage trucks, delivery vehicles, and others to pull out of the flow

of traffic. Under Vasquez's new plan, driveways will be clearly marked with paint to improve visibility and safety for bicyclists using the bike lane.

"Additionally, we've scaled back the number of concrete islands, removing most of them, while retaining key bump-outs at intersections that CDOT and our team agree are accessible for enhancing safety for both pedestrians and cyclists," wrote Deirdre O'Connor, Director of Public Safety and Infrastructure for Ald. Vasquez.

"I've talked to CDOT about limiting the concrete on the north side of Pratt, with an understanding that the intersections should still have some concrete in the

spaces where cars shouldn't have been parking to begin with," she said.

But another oddity remains in the newly installed privileged bike lane on Pratt adjacent to Warren Park, as a bike path had already existed along the park a mere 15 feet south from the new second lane in the street. That section of roadway now backs up daily from Ridge to Western Ave.

O'Connor claims they are "looking to some alternative ways to show where the bike lane is without being as restrictive with all the concrete they were planning before."

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curb ramps and to implement systems to address curb ramp accessibility."

However, the plaintiffs assert the city has failed to live up to its deal, and has "stopped many of the systems it had implemented as part of that settlement and has failed to adequately maintain Chicago's curb ramps."

"Across the City, curb ramps are cracked, deteriorated, and in a state of disrepair. They often have steep slopes, excessive changes in level at the top or bottom of the ramp, and allow water accumulation. At several locations, legally required curb ramps are missing altogether," the lawsuit says.

"Chicago's sidewalks, cross-

walks, and other pedestrian passages are similarly riddled with access barriers. Many sidewalks are deteriorated, cracked, crumbling, sunken, uplifted, uneven, covered with holes, and/or overgrown with vegetation. They often are too narrow to traverse. And many crosswalks are deteriorated or damaged with excessive slopes, potholes, cracks, and other gaps in the surface, as well as abrupt changes in grade," the lawsuit said.

For others, concrete barriers and privileged bike lanes force the disabled to navigate over and around raised curbs and pass through dangerous active corridors of bike and scooter traffic, which are filled with some of the city's most reckless and aggres-

sive rules of the road violators.

The lawsuit asserts "these access barriers ... negatively impact people with mobility disabilities throughout the City on a daily basis," allegedly forcing people with disabilities to find alternate routes, at best, or allegedly risk injury or even death" traveling in the street with cars, trucks, scooters, bikes, e-bikes and other motor vehicles to avoid the sidewalks.

They further assert the city has shifted to a system in which repairs and maintenance are only conducted when residents complain. However, they say those complaints allegedly often "languish for years before resolution."

The complaint asserts "more than 20,000 requests for sidewalk improvements have been open for at least a year, and more than 6,000 have been open for more than three years."

The lawsuit seeks a court order requiring the city to "ensure all future new construction and alterations" to city streets and sidewalks are accessible under the ADA; and "undertake prompt measures" to repair and upgrade existing deteriorated or allegedly non-compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, and construct new curb ramps and sidewalks in other places in the city in which such improvements allegedly are

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needed to comply with the ADA.

They are also asking the court to order the city to change its policies and procedures to more proactively evaluate, assess and repair sidewalks and curb ramps, allegedly to comply with the ADA.

The lawsuit marks just the latest launched by the Disability Rights Advocates organization against the city.

In recent years, the DRA notably partnered with the American Council for the Blind of Metropolitan Chicago to win a court order forcing the city to install so-called accessible pedestrian signals [APS] at nearly three-quarter of the city's signalized intersections in the next 10 years.

APS devices emit sounds and vibrate a tactile button, enabling pedestrians to hear the status of the Walk and Don't Walk signs to know whether it may be safe to cross the street.

It is not known how much this

may ultimately cost Chicago's taxpayers. However, according to a report published in 2023, New York City incurred a median cost of about \$56,000 per intersection to install APS in that city in 2020. Actual cost per intersection ranged from a minimum of \$14,000 per intersection to as much as \$150,000, depending on the nature of the intersection to be remediated using APS, the New York report said.

When the \$56,000 New York City median is multiplied across at least 2,800 Chicago intersections included in the "remedial plan" ordered by the court, the cost could easily exceed \$157 million.

It is similarly not known how much a court order forcing the city to install, upgrade and repair curb ramps and sidewalks could cost the city and taxpayers, should the Disability Rights Advocates prevail in court.

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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 CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-4 Plaintiff, -v- MIKE TEOFILOVICH A/K/A MILAN TEOFILOVICH A/K/A MICHAEL TEOFILOVICH, DNA FINANCE CORPORATION, GOLD COAST GALLERIA GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 19 CH 10674 111 WEST MAPLE STREET UNIT 1401 CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 111 WEST MAPLE STREET UNIT 1401, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-422-039-1252 The real estate is improved with a white stone, high rise unit condo with an attached multi car garage. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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.

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TRUST, Plaintiff vs. DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HAROLD L. JOHNS, OZ PARK GARDENS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, DAVID SYFEZAK A/K/A DAVID SYFCZAK, LISA VARGA, WILLIAM VARGA, RONALD SHAEFFER, CYNTHIA FORD, SHANNON PICKEL, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAROLD L. JOHNS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant 19 CH 8874 CALENDAR 59 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 October 27, 2025, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercounty's office, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-33-121-080-1078. Commonly known as 2036 N. Larrabee St., Apt. 8106 Chicago, IL 60614. 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 Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512, Westchester, Illinois 60154. (312) 940-8580. 19-07007 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13273339**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v- MARK S. WHEELER, The 828 W. GRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2024 CH 07866 828 W GRACE ST CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 21, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 22, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35F, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 828 W GRACE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-214-014-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$350,674.57. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 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 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC D/B/A VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Plaintiff, -v- ANTOINETTE MILTON, WINCHESTER PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR.

### Real Estate For Sale

COOPER, Plaintiff, -v- DONALD R. BROCAR, DISCOVER BANK, JP-MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., ARTHURS COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants. 24 CH 2605 6454 N. BOSWORTH AVE, UNIT 2A, 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 8/26/2024, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the auction in person at 12:00 PM on 10/29/2025 located at 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 6454 N. BOSWORTH AVE, UNIT 2A, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-322-017-1002 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$204,576.41 Sale Terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com, LLC. No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) 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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## Immersive nature installation at Lincoln Park Conservatory

Experimental Sound Studio, in partnership with the Chicago Park District and Lincoln Park Conservatory will be hosting a free presentation of Florasonic: Semblance of Fern by performer-composer Sarah Belle Reid, in the Fern Room of the Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Dr.

This immersive nature installation runs Oct. 5 through Nov. 23, and explores the formal connections between mathematical models and nature in the contemplative setting of the Fern Room.

Temperature, air pressure, and humidity from both sites are integrated into the compositional process as an additional layer of

modulation, linking the mathematical fern, the botanical ferns of the Conservatory, and the landscapes that shaped Reid's earliest encounters with them.

There is a free opening reception and live performance 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, but reservations are required at [www.lincolnparkconservancy.org/conservatory-reservations/?mc\\_cid=00c9a7d1fa&mc\\_eid=5860deaa6e](http://www.lincolnparkconservancy.org/conservatory-reservations/?mc_cid=00c9a7d1fa&mc_eid=5860deaa6e).

## Pet blessing Oct. 4

Bring your pets of all shapes and sizes and join St. James Lutheran Church for a short service with pet blessings, treats, and fellow pet lovers.

The blessings will be offered 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, on the front steps at 2050 N. Fremont St.

## THEATER from p. 1

who envisioned a multi-theater complex providing affordable rental space to local performing arts companies.

In 2010, control of the venue shifted to Lukaba Productions, associated with Chicago performer Brian Posen, and the building was renamed Stage 773. After Posen stepped down in 2017 following reported misconduct allegations, the venue transitioned into an immersive arts experience known as WHIM. That concept shuttered at the end of 2023, and the venue has remained closed since.

The planned development, led by Skymaster LLC and managed by Frank Campise and James Jann of JAB Real Estate, will redevelop the site into a mixed-use building with 40 apartments, 2,200 square feet of ground-floor retail space, but with only 24 parking spaces.

Prior to the onslaught of Transit-Oriented Developments, under the former zoning code, a project like this would have had to include at least 40 off-street parking space.

Stage 773 was a cornerstone of the North Side's storefront theater scene and home to the annual Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival.

## Chicago Parks Foundation's secures gift to rehab Garibaldi Plinth

The Chicago Parks Foundation [CPF] has secured a gift from The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust which will be used to renovate and create an intimate seating area at Lincoln Park's "Garibaldi Plinth," south of the South Pond, west of the softball fields, and overlooking the Lincoln Park Zoo.

The CPF worked with the Charitable Trust, and local Ald. Timmy Knudsen [43rd], to help provide a new space for park visitors to rest and enjoy the serenity of the South Lincoln Park.

A plinth is a large stone, in this case used as a pedestal that once held a statue to Italian general Giuseppe Garibaldi. The statue stood on the plinth from 1901 through

1982, when the Italian American community requested it be moved to McLaren (Garibaldi) Park in Little Italy, where it still resides today.

The Giuseppe Garibaldi Monument has had a long history. In 1901, an Italian-American group, Legione Garibaldi, raised \$12,000 for the statue, and had it installed on the east side of Lincoln Park near Cannon Dr. The donors inscribed its rusticated stone base with the following Italian phrase, "Guerreggio per redimere e non par conquistare," which means, "He fought wars for freedom, not for conquest."

The Plinth, which will remain in the center of the new seating area.

## PAYTON from p. 1

That takeaway did not lead to points but the ensuing long Payton possession took critical time off the clock.

Lane rallied with Cole's 53-yard touchdown late in the fourth to make the score 16-13. And the Champions had a late chance to tie the game with a field goal attempt with 30 seconds to play, but the kick sailed left of the uprights.

Payton's coach Calvin Clark was fired up after the game.

"It means a lot. At the end of the day, we prepared for this moment. We talk about mental toughness. We've got mental toughness. We expect to win," said the coach. This is Clark's first year at Payton. He previously was the head coach at Sullivan High School in Rogers Park.

Lane also has a first-year head coach in Deshon Conley who was disappointed with the turnovers by his Champions.

"The scoop and score fumble was probably the deciding score of the game," he

said. In the first quarter, Lane quarterback Robert Suteu directed a swing pass to his right. The receiver appeared to drop the pass but it was ruled a reception and fumble by the referee standing right next to the play in the backfield.

Payton quarterback Thomas Fritchett, who also plays defensive end, scooped up the fumble, ran it in for a 20 yard touchdown to give the Grizzlies a 10-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"Payton came prepared. We were a little lax today. It went against us," Conley added.

This game went a long way to deciding the leading teams on the North Side. Both Lane and Payton came into the game at 4-0. Taft is 1-4. Lincoln Park is 3-2, but with losses to Whitney Young and Lane. Amundsen is struggling at 2-3. Payton can rightfully claim North Side ascendancy.

It gets no easier for the Grizzlies with Kenwood, King and Westinghouse ahead to finish the season. But for this week, Payton College Prep may be, just possibly, the best high school football team, Public League anyway, on the North Side.

## REASSESSMENT from p. 1

and extensive data about the real estate market and commercial property that the CCAO is sharing for the first time.

First, it includes data about residential sale prices for single-family homes, condos, and small multi-family buildings in each of Chicago's 77 community areas.

Lake View Township is home to 100,868 parcels in the CCAO's database, and 2024 was a reassessment year. These properties totaled \$6.522 billion in Assessed Value after the 2024 assessment cycle, breaking down as \$5.408 billion in residential real estate, \$1.901 billion in commercial real estate, and \$62 million in all other classes of real estate.

Second, it includes data about the CCAO's own subclassifications of commercial real estate in Chicago, showing the leasable square footage and assessment changes across many types of property. Readers can learn how the reassessment affected values for everything from office buildings in the Central Business District to fast food franchises.

As in previous years, the report also includes extensive information about each township that was reassessed. Readers can view Assessed Values by major property type, property tax savings, number of appeals, and a comparison of the CCAO's assessments to actual real estate sales.

"We continue to release more and more data to the public," said Kaegi. "While we move toward making assessments and appeals more accurate and predictable, I hope that the information in this report can serve as a jumping-off point for policymakers, market participants, and anyone else interested in how our property tax system works."

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