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Rae Ann and Bob Ceacle with former 48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman, at the site of the Winville Building, 1101-09 W. Granville Ave.

Opening of Winville Building marks end of liquor store strife

Community benefactors hailed for contributions to Edgewater

BY BOB ZULEY

On Sept. 26, over 50 community members gathered outside of the newly completed Winville Building, 1101-09 W. Granville Ave., to honor community benefactors Rae Ann and Bob Ceacle, who have accomplished much in more than 40 years to improve the Edgewater community.

As Rae Ann told the Edgewater Historical Society [EHS], “We had no idea what we were getting into.” Their involvement swiftly developed into a lifelong passion for Edgewater.

The Winville is home to 18 rental apartments and a laundry room. The Ceacle’s have owned the one-time Walgreens building since 2016.

Former Ald. Harry Osterman, [48th], recounted how the Ceacle’s traveled to Edgewater from Elgin in 1980 to explore financial opportunities in the long-troubled neighborhood. Settling on Winthrop Ave. in 1981, they began a

quest of community engagement that ultimately ended in a victory at the Illinois Supreme Court.

The area of Granville and ‘the Winthrop-Kenmore corridor,’ was best known as home-base for gang members, drug dealers, and prostitutes who conducted their illicit activities outside of two unscrupulous liquor stores, one at the northwest corner of Granville and Winthrop, and the other at the southwest corner of Granville and Winthrop. The denizens conducted their activities day and night, frequently interfering with children walking to and from Hayt, Sacred Heart, St. Gertrude elementary schools.

In 2003, the Ceacle’s, joined by approximately 50 neighbors, and working with Aldermen Joe Moore [49th], Mary Ann Smith [48th] and the Edgewater Community Council [ECC], collected enough signatures to place a liquor moratorium on the March, 2004, ballot which would shut down the troublesome liquor stores.

It was around this same time that community residents, Jack Markowski and Pat Sharkey, distinguished themselves by revitalizing the corridor. Markowski, an urban planner, spearheaded the revival of Kenmore and Winthrop. Hired by the ECC to head Operation Winthrop/Kenmore, he recommended strict tenant controls and obtained over \$50 million in rehab investments. It dramatically turned around the troubled corridor, the lynchpin to Edgewater’s revival, noted the EHS.

Pat Sharkey meanwhile organized local block club organizations and led the legal fight along with pro-bono legal support from her law firm, Mayer Brown. A well-funded and protracted legal battle ensued, funded by the state liquor industry.

In 2007, the legal issue was finally resolved in the community’s favor by the Illinois Supreme Court.

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Edgewater names their 2024 Living Treasurers

Edgewater latest batch of living treasurers will be awarded 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. The awards are presented by the Edgewater Historical Society.

Edgewater Living Treasures are residents of Edgewater who have made a difference, some in a profound, fundamental way, and others in a small but significant action that has affected the well being of the Edgewater community.

Their deeds were not driven by personal gain, but to help the people of the community – whether generating beauty, fostering harmony, helping the less fortunate or encouraging grass roots activity.

Honorees have been selected from nominations from the community. They have generously served and inspired others by initiating educational and social programs for the needy, pushing for green spaces and access to the lakefront, promoting local business districts and supporting the arts.

Living Treasures have helped create public spaces and organizations and they have imparted values which both celebrate diversity and build community. We honor them as people who took the initiative to make Edgewater the unique community it is today.

The Living Treasures of Edgewater ceremony will take place

at the Edgewater Branch library, 6000 N Broadway. This event is free and open to the public.

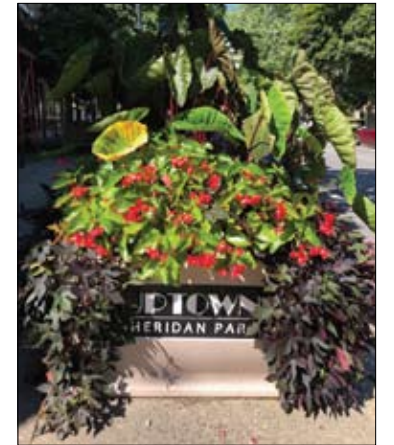
There will be three awardees this year. The first awardee is Dr. Jamal Husain.

Husain grew up in Bangladesh, arriving in Edgewater as a student at Northwestern Univ. in 1984. He joined an Edgewater Muslim faith community and discovered that many people there shared his core belief in helping others.

With Husain’s encouragement they expanded their projects all around Edgewater. In 1991 he was asked to join the Edgewater Community Religious Asso-

TREASURES see p. 12

Residents negotiate with city over Catalpa Plaza plan conflicts



This summer, stark differences were seen between how the public way planter pots in Edgewater, Uptown and Andersonville were maintained. This planter along Catalpa (left) was not well-maintained or watered, while the pot in Uptown (right) was cared for and is a bounty of growth.

Photos courtesy Susan Darnall

BY DRE CARLAN

Edgewater and Andersonville residents recently received reassurance that the planned Elise Malary Plaza on Catalpa Ave. between Clark St. and Ashland Ave. will be much closer in design to what they had originally imagined.

Board members of the East Andersonville Residents’ Council [EARC] met with Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th] and Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth [48th] on Sept. 20 at the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce to discuss their main concerns regarding the forthcoming plaza: that city officials were ignoring community input.

On the agenda for the meeting were conflicts between residents and the city over traffic, safety, congestion, parking, environment, sustainability, and overall plaza design.

A chief concern is the anticipated increase in congestion on Clark, Bryn Mawr and Ashland once Catalpa is closed down. Ald. Vasquez reportedly promised an updated traffic study of the area “after it closes” after the community broadly rejected a skewed earlier traffic study.

Local residents think the city’s earlier traffic study was misleading in that it was taken in the depth of the government-imposed

CATALPA see p. 12

Man stole bike from CTA station, unwittingly agreed to sell it to undercover cop on Facebook

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Rogers Park man faces fresh felony charges for allegedly stealing a bike from a CTA train station and then offering it for sale on Facebook Marketplace. As it turned out, the person who offered to buy the bike from him was a Chicago police detective.

CTA surveillance video cameras recorded footage of Jason Spoor-Harvey, 47, stealing a 19-year-old woman’s bike from the Cumberland Blue Line station on Aug. 30, a CPD report said. According to the report, the bike was locked, but he cut it loose.

Before long, cops learned that the stolen bike was being offered for sale on Facebook. Investigators arranged to buy the bike and

agreed to meet the seller in the 6400 block of N. Clark to complete the deal, the report said.



Jason Spoor-Harvey

Officers set up surveillance on the rendezvous address and arrested Spoor-Harvey when he arrived with the woman’s Nishiki Pueblo Hybrid bike, according to the report.

He is charged with felony online sale of stolen property and misdemeanor theft. Spoor-Harvey is not detained in the theft case, but a judge did hold him in custody for violating pretrial release in a pending methamphetamine delivery case.



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Freedom of the press?

"Have more than you show, speak less than you know" - William Shakespeare



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I once had the pleasure of running into Chicagoan Arthur Goldberg, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and the sixth U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, in a French pastry shop on Rush St. many years ago.

I was not sure of the protocol. But he was a charmer and approachable as we bought croissants and pastries. I told him I admired him and quoted a recent statement he had made: "The basic guarantees of our Constitution are warrants for the here and now, and unless there is an overwhelmingly compelling reason, they are to be promptly fulfilled."

Such timeliness, I said, was good advice.

He was kind and pleased, and asked me about myself.

I told him I was a professional croissant eater and a student of political science. And he said he was buying treats for a dinner during a family visit. I heard Shakespeare's voice, saying, "Have more than you show, speak less than you know."

He wasn't the only "Supreme" I've met. At a Lincoln Presidential Library Dinner sometime in 2003, in Springfield, I met the great Antonin Scalia. I had written remarks for one of the speakers introducing him. Justice Scalia was a lifelong Lincoln student and scholar. He relished the chance to assist the Presidential Library devoted to the 16th President.

Justice Scalia was a man of grace and intellect. A Georgetown alum. He found Lincoln a man for all ages and delivered remarks that increased everyone's admiration for Lincoln. Scalia basically said Lincoln learned all he'd needed to be president while riding the judicial circuit of small town Illinois.

His clients were small town Americans, with precious small town American values and small town American dreams. A sense of small town American rights. And small town American visions of liberty.

We've never forgotten his words.

He defined Lincoln's strength to save the Union as a profound act of his character. I wrote down some words of Scalia's on a dinner napkin:

"Bear in mind, that brains and learning, like muscle and physical skill, are articles of commerce. They are bought and sold. You can hire them by the year or by the hour. The only thing in the world not for sale is character."

Justice Scalia took wonderment delight when we were offered a private tour by the late Presiden-

tial Librarian Eileen Mackevich of the library's Lincoln treasures. Especially those purchased from the fabulous archive of movie star Marilyn Monroe. She became a student of Lincoln history while married to writer Arthur Miller. Collecting Lincoln artifacts brought her peace and contentment. Few had ever even heard that fascinating story. Shakespeare was right, "Have more than you show, speak less than you know."

Here at this newspaper, character and speaking less than you know seems to be potent wisdom following our recent skirmish with Artificial Intelligence [AI] and censorship.

Many readers were prevented from receiving our newspaper's emailed PDF editions last week because it was refused/blocked upon delivery by several email providers, Yahoo and AOL chief among them.

Then Google got in on the game, got snippy and suspended one of the newspaper email accounts for 24 hours.

We believe the emails were blocked because my column and headline contained the word "Jew."

The column condemned Mayor Brandon Johnson's deputy, Kennedy Bartley, and her anti-semitic rant.

We suspected that AI was at work, and offended by first scanning, censored our documents on email. So a follow up email was sent, intentionally misspelling the word in a test run, and voila, successful delivery.

These days there is seldom a real human to pick up the phone, or even a phone number to begin with, to ask direct questions, such as why our newspaper delivery was blocked. So forgive us as we speculate. We assume AI notified some humans at Google, who must have checked that decision and eventually released the PDF newspaper delivery.

We are not sure Yahoo and AOL ever released those emails.

Could AI not grasp the use of the word, or understand its context? For AI, all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others. Later that same day, a press release from an organization protesting against Israel was delivered on this blocked email, unmolested.

Pre-Internet, those who didn't like the day's news just flipped over the newspaper delivery trucks, set them on fire and threatened the driver. A more honest, vivid and straight-forward approach to be sure. Our ink on paper printed edition went out unmolested.

Freedom of the press in the United States is legally protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Apparently AI, and at least some email providers, haven't gotten that memo.

In the midst of this needless censorship, we thought of Justice Goldberg and Justice Scalia. And, of course, Abraham Lincoln. How could this usurpation of rights be explained to the Illinois Circuit riding lawyer, the man who saved the Union? How could we show

him the constitutional crisis that AI is now begetting? Preventing the liberty of demonstrating the full story of our tragic city leadership of Mayor Johnson's regime.

We are reminded of another Shakespeare observation. True 500 years ago and just as true now: "What a terrible era in which idiots govern the blind."

President Jimmy Carter said it best. "America did not invent human rights, human rights invented America."

TREASURE: "City landmarks officials are trying to prevent the demolition of an elegant, 19th century building that is among the first structures built in Streeterville after the Great Chicago Fire," writes thought-provoking **Lee Bey**. Why must we endure a rape of our architectural cityscape? Especially during this tragic era of ill-equipped mayoral leadership.

MEMORIAL: Miss **Chilli Pepper's** memorial has been confirmed by her dear friends/organizers **Tommy Segal** and **Cole Stolman**. It will take place at the May Chapel, located on the grounds of Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Ave., on Sat., Oct. 5. There will be a visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by an interment service.

IRISH FIDDLE: Before rushing to Dublin with husband **Mark O'Malley** for a fresh gig, **Patricia Treacy** performed at Memorial Hall in Philadelphia, kick-starting their 250 Anniversary Celebrations. She had them dancing in the aisles.

GALA: Join Co-Chairs **Alex Meneses** and **Kelly Uihlein** and the Gala Committee celebrating The Service Club of Chicago's 134th Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 2. This gala is a must on the

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Millennium Park security budget under review as mayor tries to fill \$982 million budget shortfall

BY CWBCHICAGO

Desperate to close the gaping \$982 million deficit in next year's city budget, the mayor's office is looking at all options. And one expense in the mayor's crosshairs is the cost of security at Millennium Park.

Lori Lightfoot established checkpoints at the park and barred minors from being on the grounds at certain hours without adult escorts after a series of incidents, including a murder near The Bean sculpture in the spring of 2022.

Now, Mayor Brandon Johnson's team is looking to scale back on those security measures, according to a source familiar with the matter.

Johnson's team was already reviewing the park's curfew policy, but they are looking to make more immediate changes due to next year's budget crunch. His office recently ordered a Millennium

Park security budget review, giving the involved agencies new marching orders: draw up a new plan with less security commitment.

The security plan is currently in place Thursday through Sunday evenings.

But the new budgeting guidelines call for eliminating the undergarage escort policy except when Chicago Public Schools are on spring and summer breaks, an informed source said.

More: When the schools are on break, the "enhanced security" plan, which requires the park to be fenced and checkpoints established, will only be active Friday through Sunday, chopping Thursday from the plan.

The mayor's team hopes to see savings in areas such as less money spent on checkpoints, including the rental of magnetometers and tents. Of course, staffing expenses would also be pocketed.

The source emphasized that the security budget review is still in progress, and the city had to ensure that any changes would not conflict with active contracts.

We track "large group" incidents, such as the teen "trends" that sometimes turned violent, prompting Lightfoot to take action.

Between Dec. 5, 2020, and the rollout of Lightfoot's plan in May 2022, we logged 10 major group incidents at Millennium Park and adjacent areas of the Loop.

However, we've only identified two such incidents since then, on April 13 and 15, 2023, shortly before Johnson was elected.

Johnson was in a run-off election campaign against Lightfoot when those incidents occurred. At the time, he said he did not condone the violent behavior of some teens who attended the trends. Then he offered this:

"Look," he said, "demoniz-

ing children is wrong. We have to keep them safe as well. Have you ever taught middle school? I have. Have you ever raised young people? Do you understand the risks that young people take just because they're young? Do you know that home plate is at the bottom of my stairs? I found that out when my son was sliding down those stairs, trying to score. They're young. Sometimes they make silly decisions. They do. And so we have to make sure that we are investing to make sure that young people know they are supported."

Since the city beefed up security at the park, "teen trends" have popped up in other areas, with multiple incidents at 31st Street Beach and the area around Roosevelt and Canal.

The mayor's office did not respond to an email seeking input for this story.

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Those marathon runners will soon be heading your way. More than 50,000 participants will take part in the 46th edition of the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 13. Streets all over the city will be closing down to make way for the race. The areas of the North Lakefront that will be included in the race route are Downtown, Grant Park, Streeterville, LaSalle and Wells streets, East Lincoln Park, and Lakeview East. As is the case every year, towing and street closures will be a big part of the race set up. No parking is allowed on the marathon course. Towing of vehicles on the course will begin at 1 a.m. on race Sunday. The race will involve extensive street closures. Streets in your neighborhood may be closed to traffic starting at 7 a.m. and continuing to 4 p.m. The marathon start line is located in Grant Park at the intersection of Columbus Dr. and Monroe St. This year's marathon is scheduled to take place the day following Yom Kippur. As race producers have done previously, they are working closely with the Chicago Jewish community to identify opportunities for individuals to observe the holiday and take part in the event if they so choose. The following congregations will host visitors for Yom Kippur services on Friday, Oct. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12: Temple Shalom, Anshe Emet Synagogue, and Chabad.

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The windows of Edgewater

Grab your cameras and start snapping, the Edgewater Historical Society [EHS] is hosting a photo contest.

The EHS is inviting the community to submit images from ornate architecture to the sleek lines of modern windows or the pleasure of a room with a view that connects people to the world outside.

The effort is open to all ages. The submissions deadline is Oct. 15. The winners announced Oct. 20.

The geographic photo boundaries are Ravenswood east to the Lake and from Foster to Devon. Entries should be JPG or PNG format, no PDFs files. Entries should include the address of the photograph. Photos must be original. Submit photo or send questions to ehsphoto-submit@yahoo.com.



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The downward slide toward the 5% interest-rate bracket continues, sparking renewed interest by Chicago home buyers who hope to lock in an affordable mortgage this autumn and winter.

On Sept. 26, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home-loan interest rates fell nationwide to the lowest level in two years.

Lenders now are quoting an average interest rate of 6.08% on 30-year fixed loans, down from 6.09% a week earlier. A year ago, the 30-year fixed loan average was 7.31%.

After Federal Reserve Board [Fed] policy makers cut the federal-funds rate by a hefty 50 basis points to a range of 4.75% to 5%, down from a two-decade high of 5.25% to 5.5% at its mid-September meeting, experts are predicting interest rates likely will continue to move lower this autumn and early winter.

The Fed raised rates 11 times starting in early 2022 in an effort to curb sky-high inflation, pushing its targeted rate from near zero to 5.5%.

"Although last week's decline was slight, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage trended down to its lowest level in two years," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Given the downward trajectory of rates, refinance activity continues to pick up, creating opportunities for many homeowners to trim their monthly mortgage payment," Khater said. "Meanwhile, many looking to purchase a home are playing the waiting game to see if rates

decrease further as additional economic data is released over the next several weeks."

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home purchase loans for borrowers who place a 20% down payment and have excellent credit.

The Fed's policy makers also signaled that they expect to cut their key rate by an additional half-point in their final two meetings of the year—in November and December. And they reportedly envision four more rate cuts in 2025 and two in 2026.

Assuming the proposed Fed rate cuts in 2025 and 2026 are the minimum 25 basis points, this action could push mortgage rates into the 4% range.

The Fed's next policy meeting is Nov. 6-7—immediately after the presidential election.

Experts say rate cuts by the Fed should lead to lower borrowing costs for home mortgages, auto



John Irwin

Irwin of Baird & Warner is tracking a "hot" September market on the North Side as a result of falling interest rates.

"We traditionally get a sales bump in September, but this year the bump seems to be stronger than in past years," Irwin noted.

into where the North Side market is going.

"It will be interesting to see if the Fed's interest rate drop will extend the September bump into the fourth quarter of 2024, and whether sellers will be adding much needed inventory to the market," Irwin said.

Mortgage-rate history

Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates ended 2020 at a rock-bottom 2.65%—the lowest level in the Freddie Mac survey history, which began in 1971. Home-loan rates set new record lows an amazing 16 times in 2020, and tens of thousands of homeowners refinanced.

Long-term mortgage rates in the 1960s were not much higher than the Great Depression, when lenders were charging 5% on five-year balloon loans. Between 1963 and 1965 borrowers could obtain a mortgage at 5.81% to 5.94%. Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois Usury Law held rates in the 7.6%-to-9% range.

In the early 1980s, runaway inflation caused home-loan rates to skyrocket into the stratosphere. According to Freddie Mac, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates peaked at a jaw-dropping 18.45% in Oct. 1981 during that Great Recession.

Rates finally fell below 10% in April 1986, and then bounced in the 9%-to-10% range during the balance of the 1980s. Twenty-four years ago—in Aug. 2000—when some of today's Millennial borrowers were still in diapers, lenders were quoting 8.04%.

Between 2002 and 2011, rates bounced in the 4%-to-6% range. They inched into the 3%-to-4% range until 2020, when they fell into the rock-bottom 2% bracket.

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



Experts say rate cuts by the Fed should lead to lower borrowing costs for home mortgages, auto loans and credit cards. Lower rates also may entice homeowners to take out home-equity loans to tap the rising cash value of their dwellings.

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The Fed's rate cut, the first in more than four years, has sparked a wave of optimism among Realtors for a sales rebound in Chicago's existing-home market.

Veteran real estate broker John

"The anticipation and implementation of interest-rate cuts were obviously a major contributor, but there seems to be a new urgency for both buyers and sellers."

Irwin, who along with broker Jackie Lafferty, compiles and releases the monthly Baird & Warner Market Analysis, is predicting the September market results will give valuable insight

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Mayor quietly signs third new contract with migrant healthcare staffing firm

Mayor Brandon Johnson signed another new contract with Favorite Healthcare Staffing [FHS], adding up to \$100 million to their latest version of migrant care contracting. Their last contract was set to expire this month.

It's the third contracted spending increase for FHS since the City of Chicago first contracted with them for \$40 million in Oct. 2023 to provide staffing at the city's 28 migrant shelters.

The Kansas-based company is part of Acacium Group, and was first hired by the city to staff the city's migrant shelters. The total contract that FHS has with the city comes to nearly \$150 million. FHS is one of the fastest growing healthcare staffing agencies nationwide.

FHS has faced stern criticism over shel-

ter conditions and their high-cost service. According to the city's migrant spending portal, Chicago has already given them more than \$96 million so far.

The City Council had no direct input on this latest contract extension but for several months some in the City Council asked for details and an accounting of spending on the migrant shelter system.

The emergency staffing firm was first hired by former Mayor Lori Lightfoot in late 2022 to run Chicago's migrant shelter system as busloads of illegal border crossers began arriving in Chicago.

According to aldermen, in some cases, there was zero response on the new policy of ignoring sex offender in shelters, or in regards to contracting. Some alderman say they have not been given even vague num-

bers nor any background reasoning for why they are signing contracts with FHS.

"I'm not sure what the Mayor is talking about in his latest response but the savings comment probably warrants an audit by the Inspector General," said Ald. Scott Waguespack [32nd] in his Sept. 27 community newsletter.

An NBC 5 Investigation last fall found the company routinely billed the city for 84 hours per week, including overtime, for its employees.

When asked directly about the Favorite contract increase, Mayor Johnson responded: "So we've saved the taxpayers over \$200 million based upon the work that we've done. \$200 million while still investing on the West and South sides of the city of Chicago. That's what I promised

to do and that's what we're doing. There's a reason why. There's actually less spending in the shelters right now – there's less spending. We are spending \$70 million less... while also investing hundreds of millions of dollars in the West and South sides of Chicago. We have saved the taxpayers over \$200 million. There are less people in shelters because we have operationalized a system of care."

The city has still not repudiated its status as a sanctuary city, and migrants who crossed the U.S. southern border illegally continue to pour into Chicago almost daily. So far it is estimated that the city of Chicago has spent over \$430 million on migrant care and housing.

New data map explores impact of affordable housing program

Incentive on track for 1000 participating multifamily properties this year

Last month the Cook County Assessor's Office released data exploring the impact of a flagship affordable housing program during its first two years of administration.

In total, more than 700 multifamily properties saved nearly \$13 million in property taxes by rehabilitating and preserving affordable rental housing for local residents.

An interactive map, now available on the CCAO's website, shows the geographic distribution of these projects broken out by parcel.

The Affordable Housing Special Assessment Program [AHSAP] reduces the

assessed value of multifamily properties that contain a significant share of affordable units. By giving developers a property tax benefit, the Assessor's office believes the incentives supports the preservation and creation of affordable housing.

Prior to AHSAP, the Assessor's Office administered the Class 9 incentive for multifamily properties. After the level of assessment for these property types changed, the Class 9 incentive no longer provided a property tax benefit. A group of housing activists, including the Community Investment Corporation and Illinois Housing Council, then developed and proposed the new program.

"This incentive makes it easier for developers to keep affordable housing in working-class neighborhoods, and to build new affordable housing where it's most

needed," said Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished with this program, and excited to see how it grows."

The AHSAP incentive was signed into law by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in 2021 as part of an affordable housing bill.

"This program [provides] property tax relief [to] small, neighborhood developers who own most affordable rental units, [hoping they will] keep rents low while improving their properties," said Stacie Young, President and CEO of the Community Investment Corporation. "This helps local owners offer high-quality and affordable units while building generational wealth through their investments."

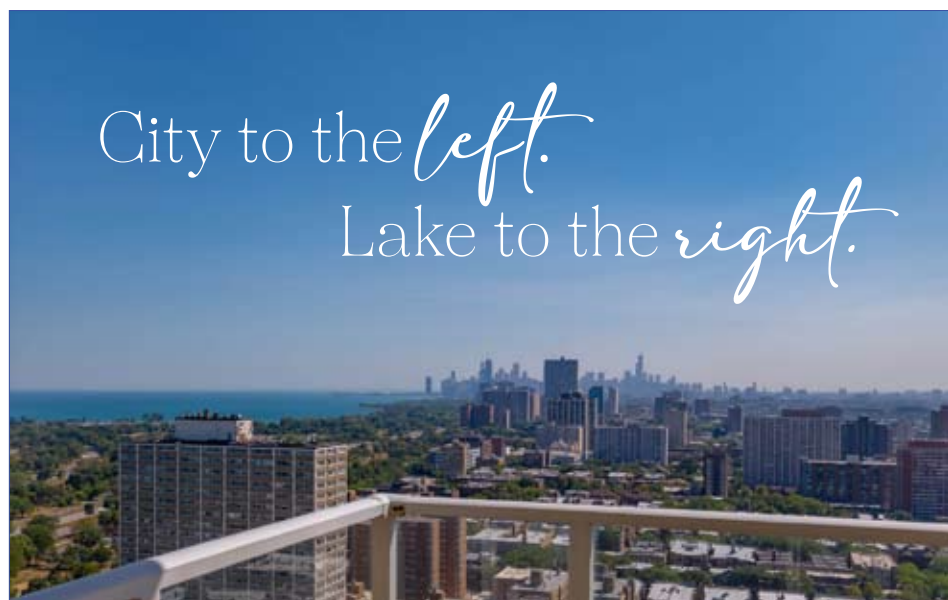
The CCAO began administering AHSAP in 2022, when 598 projects were

accepted into the program. The following year, another 221 projects joined. Some 63 projects are located on Chicago's North Side, located mostly in Rogers Park, Uptown and Old Town.

While the data map only includes projects from AHSAP's first two years, the Assessor's Office and its partners have continued to recruit and accept more developers for the program. Currently, the program is on track to have 1000 participating projects by the end of 2024.

New data shows assessment cuts and tax savings for participating projects. For this data, the Assessor's Office looked at how assessed values [AVs] and tax bills changed for projects in two of the three incentives

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Police Beat...

Man broke windows at Ravenswood tavern 3 times while on pretrial release for similar allegations

A man is charged with breaking windows at a Ravenswood tavern three times while on pretrial release for allegedly breaking the window of a neighboring bar and stealing furniture from outside nearby homes.

Court records show that Glenn Gerich, 58, repeatedly skipped court in the pending case and continued to skip court even after being arrested on failure to appear warrants.

In late May, prosecutors charged him with two counts of felony theft and misdemeanor criminal damage to property for three separate incidents. According to court records, he was accused of stealing outdoor furniture from a home in the 4400 block of N. Hermitage, stealing a patio table from a house on the next block up, and throwing a brick through the window of Ravenswood Tavern, 1829 W. Montrose.

A judge released him after his initial court appearance on May 29.

Two days later, he was arrested again on charges of theft and trespassing and released again.

Court records show he failed to appear for court dates on June 3 and June 18, sparking arrest warrants. He was located in late June, brought before the judges who signed the warrants, and then walked back out of jail.

He failed to show up again on July 8, got arrested again on July 17, and was once again released.

Since then, prosecutors say, Gerich has broken windows at Wolcott Tap, 1834 W. Montrose, three times: on Aug. 20, Aug. 21, and Aug. 30. They also say he broke a TV screen at Chase Bank, 1809 W. Lawrence, on Aug. 30.

He's charged with four counts of criminal damage to property in connection with the latest incidents. For now, he's being kept at the Cook County jail.

Ald. Matt Martin [47th] said in an email that Gerich had been "throwing rocks through windows and harassing patrons" for two weeks. Vid-

eo footage helped police build their case, according to the alderman.

Man charged with multiple felonies for robbery, burglary

Joachim Nwachukwu, 34, of the 6000 block of N. Sheridan, was charged on Sept. 25 with six felony counts of both Robbery and Burglary.

He was arrested by members of the Robbery Task Force on Sept. 24, in the 2700 block of S. California. He was identified the offender who, earlier this year, burglarized or robbed multiple retail businesses including one on the 200 block of W. Adams, Feb. 11, Feb. 13 and March 11; 100 block of W. Madison - March 26, May 10, June 29, July 5, July 8 & July 10; 100 block of S. Clinton - May 7 and June 24, and on the 4600 block of N. Western on June 20.

Woman mugged, necklace snatched near Shedd Aquarium

A string of jewelry-snatching robberies that started in the downtown area last week has not ended since prosecutors charged a man in connection with one of the crimes a few days ago.

On Sept. 19, a woman was mugged near the Shedd Aquarium by a man who used the same technique seen in the previous robberies: taking a woman's necklace by force and escaping on a bike.

The latest victim was on the lakefront near the Shedd when a man pushed her to the ground and took her gold chain just before 6 p.m., according to preliminary information. After getting her necklace, he jumped on a bike and rode away.

An officer who responded to the scene said the robber was a Black man in his mid-20s, standing 5'-8" to 5'-10" tall and wearing black clothing.

Most of the robberies reported last week, at least seven in all, involved a two-man team who usually escaped on an electric or motorized bike. Earlier victims offered different descriptions of those suspects, with some saying they were Black males and others saying they were Hispanic males.

Most of the earlier robberies occurred in the Loop and on the lakefront north of the river. However, cases began popping up in adjacent neighborhoods late last week.

Man claims he was shot in Streeterville, some cops aren't so sure

A man who walked into a Lakeview hospital on Sept. 23, claiming he had been shot in the head in Streeterville, may not have been telling the truth, a law enforcement source said.

The 26-year-old was initially uncooperative with police and then claimed that he had been shot on a

sidewalk near Navy Pier, close to a hotel with a name that starts with "S."

In a media statement, Chicago police listed the 300 block of E. North Water St. as the shooting location. The Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk Hotel is located on that block.

However, CPD did not receive any calls for shots fired in the area, which is quite busy during the lunch hour.

The victim arrived at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, five miles from the shooting scene, shortly after 1 p.m., with family members in tow. They were equally uncooperative with the police, we are told.

About 15 minutes before he walked into the hospital, police in Uptown arrested a man and recovered a gun during a disturbance in the 4900 block of N. Kenmore. A witness told the officers that they saw the detained man fire a shot and throw the gun before they arrived.

And cops who patrol Uptown, which is much closer to Masonic, are quite familiar with the shooting victim. He has been arrested in Uptown 15 times since becoming an adult in 2016.

Police were unable to immediately confirm that shots were fired in Uptown, but a source said the Uptown scenario was shaping up to be more likely than the Streeterville story.

This reporter has also learned that the same man walked into Rush Hospital a few hours later for treatment of the same gunshot wound. This time, a source said, he told police that he was shot on Wacker Dr.

Coincidentally, the last time anything newsworthy happened on the 300 block of E. North Water St. was Jan. 29, 2019, when Jussie Smollett claimed that two Black men beat him in a racist, pro-Trump rampage that earned worldwide coverage.

Migrant charged with necklace-snatching robbery on Weed St.

Prosecutors have charged a Venezuelan migrant with robbery for allegedly snatching a woman's necklace in the Clybourn Corridor on Sept. 21. The robbery was one of at least seven similar crimes that occurred that week, mainly in the Loop and on the lakefront.

An arrest warrant was already out for Anthony Laya-Alvarado, also known as Elvis Laya, for failing to appear in court for a pending misdemeanor retail theft case, court records show.

A 37-year-old Streeterville woman was walking in the 900 block of W. Weed at around 10:50 a.m. when a man grabbed her necklace and jumped on a motorized bike that another man was operating.

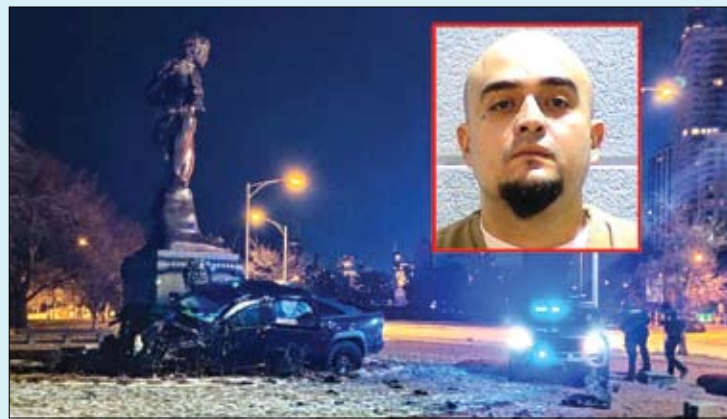
A Chicago police officer, aware that the robbery offenders were both riding the same motorized bike, tried to detain Laya-Alvarado and another man as they rode a motorized bike near Marcy Court and Cortland around 11 a.m., a CPD report said.

Both men pulled away from the officer, and the driver managed to escape.

The officers arrested Laya-Alvarado after the victim confirmed that he was the person who took her yellow necklace with an "R" pendant, the report said. It also stated that the police found a yellow necklace with an "R" pendant when they searched Laya-Alvarado.

Prosecutors charged the 27-year-old with felony robbery, but they did not ask Judge Srivastava to detain him pending trial. Srivastava ruled that Laya-Alvarado must wear an ankle monitor while awaiting trial.

He also detained Laya-Alvarado on the outstanding warrant until the judge handling that case can see him on Tuesday. Records show he failed to



Mugshot of Luis Rodriguez (inset) and a photo of the Goethe statue crash scene.

Man gets six years for distributing cocaine while dressed like a banana

A judge this week sentenced a man to six years in prison for distributing cocaine while dressed as a banana in River North. She gave him five more years for a second cocaine distribution charge, which he picked up after a stolen truck he was riding in crashed into the Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Monument in Lakeview while the banana case was pending.

Judge Aleksandra Gillespie ordered Luis Rodriguez, 30, to serve the sentences consecutively.

Rodriguez's troubles began on Oct. 29, 2022, when a stolen Audi crashed in the 100 block of W. Hubbard, and a paramedic told police that they saw a man dressed in a banana costume run from the wreckage.

Rodriguez, wearing a banana costume, returned to the scene while

police were present. In his arrest report, officers noted he was "the only person in the area wearing a banana costume." Police said he tossed a bag containing about \$2,500 worth of cocaine shortly before they arrested him.

Police allegedly found a loaded handgun with an extended magazine in the driver's door of the Audi, but they never charged Rodriguez with possessing it.

Less than two months later, a stolen Dodge Ram 1500 TRX allegedly used by a gunman who shot at a man near Lake View High School struck a tree and slammed into the enormous Goethe sculpture at Diversey and Sheridan on the north

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appear for court on Aug. 12. Judge Peter Gonzalez ordered the clerk to send him a postcard reminder. When that didn't work, Gonzalez signed a warrant on Sept. 22.

Four other migrants are currently awaiting trial on allegations that they snatched necklaces and phones. Two are accused of doing it in the Loop as crowds left Lollapalooza. The other two allegedly did it at the ARC Music Festival over the Labor Day weekend.

Man gets six years for robbing a Boystown convenience store

A man with an extensive juvenile arrest record has been given a six-year prison sentence for participating in the armed robbery of a Boystown convenience store in 2022.

Deangelo Smith, 20, pleaded guilty last month to armed robbery in exchange for the sentence from Judge Mary Brosnahan, according to court records.

Those six years were reduced to three for good behavior. He then received credits for 887 days he spent in jail, one day for a work program, and 687 days for taking high school classes. Those 1,532 credits were enough to keep him from spending any nights in prison.

The robbery occurred at 7-Eleven, 3407 N. Halsted, in the heart of Boystown, around 2:30 a.m. on March 9, 2022.

Two cars pulled onto the store parking lot and three men wearing ski masks walked inside. Two of them pointed guns at the clerk and threatened to "blow his head off," prosecutors claimed.

Smith, wearing distinctive blue gym shoes, went behind the counter, cleared out the registers, and took a bunch of Newport cigarettes, officials alleged. The robbers also cleaned out the clerk's pockets before leaving in the two cars, one of which was a stolen Nissan.

Illinois State Police troopers spotted the stolen Nissan a little while later and chased the car until it crashed on the West Side. Smith allegedly had Newport cigarettes with him.

During an interview with Chicago

police, Smith initially denied that state troopers had chased him and said he was selling drugs at the time, prosecutors said during his initial court appearance.

The prosecutors also claimed he was arrested 25 times as a juvenile, and he had been adjudicated delinquent of robbery and theft in 2018. He still had two cases pending in juvenile court at the time of the robbery, one for vehicular hijacking and aggravated robbery and the other for two separate hijackings, prosecutors stated.

Teen charged with Uptown carjacking

A male juvenile, 16, has been charged with one felony count of Vehicular Hijacking with a Weapon after he was arrested at 11:27 a.m. Sept. 27, in the 2200 block of W. Ogden Ave. He was identified as the offender who, at 3:40 a.m., June 16, took a vehicle at gunpoint from a 24-year-old male in the 1100 block of W. Winona St. in Uptown.

The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly. No additional information is available at this time.

Man shot during argument in Budlong Woods

A man was shot during an argument in a Budlong Woods motel parking lot on Sept. 27, according to Chicago police.

At about 8:50 p.m., a 41-year-old man got into a verbal altercation with another man outside the Summit Motel, 5308 N. Lincoln, officials said.

The second man pulled out a gun during the argument and fired shots, striking the victim in the stomach. CPD said the victim was in fair condition.

A witness said the gunman is in a relationship with the victim's sister. Police were working to confirm that. He was described as White, heavy-set, and about six feet tall. He was shirtless when he fled the shooting scene.

The shooting is the third of the year for the Lincoln Square area. There were four shootings during comparable periods in 2023 and

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Chicago Comicon Superhero needs your help

Co-creator of the Midwest's largest comic book event needs support

BY JOHN PORUBSKY

The Chicago Comicon has been a large staple of business for sellers and collectors of comic book titles and merchandise for over 50 years. Still very successful after five decades, one of the founding members, Larry Charet, was quietly shut out of the very Chicago institution that he helped create.

Today, friends are hosting a fund raiser for him, as the comic book Super Hero of 1972 now needs help.

The Chicago Comicon's origins started with an event called Nostalgia '72. A local school teacher, Nancy Warner, opened it as the Midwest's first ever comic and collectibles convention. The show catered to collectors of comics and antiques at the Congress Hotel at 520 S. Michigan Ave., from 1972 to 1975.

Charet, owner of Larry's Comic Book Shop on Devon Ave. and his partner Joe Sarno, sold comics at the early conventions beginning in 1972. They took over the show from Warner and changed the name to Chicago Comicon in 1975. His reason for organizing the conventions, "Superheroes were always my thing."

Larry was drafted into Vietnam in 1969 and was able to save enough money to start his store in the early 70s. "Most stores in the 70s were used book stores that had comics because there were no comic book stores. If you ever heard of Acme Books back in the 60s, they were an old book store and they got into used comics, especially when the Batman TV show came. Comics were the rage."

As the comic business grew, the first Comicon in 1976 had big names with special guests including Marvel Comics figurehead Stan Lee, DC Comics president,

Jenette Kahn, and Playboy and Mad Magazine artist, Harvey Kurtzman. "The idea was to make it a real good (convention) so that people would want to come back," said Charet.

The event had better promotion and drew over 2,000 attendees. "Dealer tables were only \$50... everybody liked it, everybody had a good time, and we had a lot of people... It was an artistic success. Even though we lost money we decided to do it a second year."

Business continued to flourish and the show moved to a larger venue in Rosemont near O'Hare Airport. Comic sales rose to new heights in 1992 with The Death of Superman which "probably was the biggest thing to ever happen to comics. After that it was a slow decline. In '94 we made record profits... in '96 we lost money," he recalled.

As sales started to slump, Wizard Entertainment bought Chicago Comicon from Charet in 1997 and renamed it Wizard World Chicago in 1998 to expand from its core publishing business into trade/consumer conventions.

Charet went on to say recently, "My partners at the time were Bob Weinberg and Gary Colabuono. Joe Sarno moved on around 1980." In an interview from Aug. 2024, Charet said that his agreement with Wizard allowed for he and his partners to "still have free vendor booths for 10 years. The guy in charge at Wizard was named Fred Pearce. Sometime

in this period he stated to us that as long as Wizard owned the con we would have free booths. Some time after that Fred left Wizard. His replacement Peter Katz agreed to extend this deal," said Charet.

"Two years ago, when Fan Expo bought the con from Wizard, Katz went to work for Fan Expo. At the 2022 con, Fan Expo treated me like a rock star as the founder of the con, even having me cut the ribbon for the opening of their first Chicago event."

"Unfortunately, Katz left Fan Expo to work at Galaxy Con. All of a sudden, I'm treated like nothing and they did not want to give me a booth last year," said Charet. "Katz intervened and reminded the CEO of Fan Expo that he promised to give me a booth so at the last minute they gave me one (he used to have two)."

"This year, the best they offered me was a 30% discount or \$1000 for a booth. At this time, I don't have enough inventory to warrant paying for that so I was out after 48 years. I knew this could happen so I wasn't that angry but I really did not like going from the lauded founder to not even worthy of a booth. The CEO really does not care about comics. The movie and tv celebrities are their main concern," he said.

Fan Expo continues to do well

with a reported 75,000 fans in attendance at last August's event. A three-day ticket price cost \$99 with additional autograph fees ranging from \$20 to a pre-

culture," according to friend and former partner Garry Colabuono.

In the past, Larry sold comics at the show and would use those sales to hold him over for the winter. As he experiences age-related conditions, he relies on traveling to the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago for help.

Last winter, he had to take two buses for treatment.

Colabuono spoke to this reporter about Charet's declining health. "Physically, he's doing much better now because he's getting all the medical treatment that he needs. There was a veterans organization that gave him some gift cards that he could use for getting to the VA hospital through Uber which really helped a lot."

Charet's Devon Ave. store is long gone and the Chicago Comicon was the major sale opportunity for him to make his living. Today Charet lives near Devon and Western and still needs support.

Colabuono has set up a fund to help make up the convention losses. Dozens of generous supporters have donated to Charet's cause during the past several months at <https://gofund.me/ce5ce3a4>. The convention that Charet founded is still going strong after 50 years. According to Colabuono, "It's just a shame that he can't still be part of it."



Larry Charet

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FAREWELL: Tony Durpetti, the kid born nextdoor to Gene & Georgetti who would later become the steakhouse's proprietor, died last week at the age of 80.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 3, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Belmont Funeral Home at 7120 W. Belmont Ave.

TV: Carolina Posse, an associate professor at Columbia College Chicago, has been selected for an Alex Trebek Legacy Fellowship by the Television Academy Foundation in Hollywood. She is one of 18 professors selected from colleges and universities nationwide for the 2024 fellowship program.

TAVERN ON RUSH: Phil Stefani's new Tavern on Rush is open with a new Chef, Chicago native **Michael Wallach**, who has worked at Weber Grill, Carlucci's, Nick's Fishmarket, McCormick & Schmick's, and Park Grill.

RIOT FEST: Joe Shanahan reports Chicago showed its true colors by bringing Riot Fest back to Douglas Park where it belongs. Congratulations to **Mike P** and all the Riot Fest teams that did



Tony Durpetti



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the pivot and kept the music flowing.

CHICAGO FASHION: Designer **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, was with **Sherrill Bodine** and **Megan Pelino Fletcher** at The Geraghty where **Sally Jo Morris Pfaff**, **Megan Pelino**, **Bodine**, and **Yvonne Fitzgibbon** runwayed as remarkable models, bringing this new collection to life.

VITTLES: Arthur Miller reports cutting the ribbon for The Cafe at Elawa Farm, with Chef **Lee Kuebler** and team at the helm in Lake Forest. Stay tuned for the opening date.

THE PIER: Rich and Kathy Daniels, and **Lisa Adams** attacked by "Icelandic Gnomes" as "Flyover Chicago" welcomes their sister attraction, "Fly over Iceland" to the theatre on Navy Pier. You will not want to miss this epic feature as you fly over starting this week.

CSO: Sarah Q. Crane and **James Staples** joined friends at the SRO opening of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's fresh season and delighted in the grand dinner and ball.

CLOSURE: Chicago's Catch 35 closing after serving the Loop for decades. The seafood restaurant at Wacker and Dearborn will close their Leo Burnett Building location next month. Sadly it means an end to the live entertainment of local stars like **Irene Mojica**.

BOOKS: Stop in at the Edgewater Library Oct. 12 to hear from **Richard Lindberg** on his book "To Serve and Collect."

POT LUCK: Movie and a potluck dinner Oct. 4 at Senn High in Edgewater. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and dish, curtain time 7:30 p.m. for a screening of "In the Heights." Senn's grads include Lone Ranger **Clayton Moore**, **William Friedkin**, **Harold Ramis** and **Barbara Harris**. The

school has renamed its theater after Ramis, who attended Senn from 1958 through 1962.

BORN TO BE WILD: Softball players, journalists and loved ones gathered last Sunday to celebrate this newspaper's very own **Don DeBat** and his big 80th trip around the sun. Long may you run, Don.



Don DeBat

WHO'S WHERE: **Steven Zick** at the Milwaukee Art Museum as auctioneer for Milwaukee Art's annual gala... **Rachel** and **Bernard Dunleavy** tied the knot in Dublin, spiritually jumping the broom with celebration at the Kildare Street Club before heading to Paris... **Tina Weller** at the Hinsdale Homecoming Parade with her hockey-playing son on a float... **Joe** and **Janet Miller Hernandez** marked 55 years of marriage... Happy Birthday to **Lois Dal Santo Herring**, meanwhile sister, **Victoria Dal Santo** is climbing hut to hut in the Northern Italian Dolomite Mountains with husband **John Dombrowski** and Dombrowski brother and sister-in-law **Jerry** and **Pam**... **Raul Reyes** in San Luis

Potosi, at aunt's 90th birthday... **Cynthia Olson** off to her favorite Italian city, the watery highways of Venice where great food and friends abide... **Julie Harron** up from Palm Beach with an amazing weekend, a Cubs game and fun lunch with her mom and **Patty** and a family wedding... **Holly Wortel** and **Jeff** in Venice on the Grand Canal... **Dan Balanoff** at Allure Lake, Chesterton, IN, wonderful wedding for sister, **Jen**, and husband **Mynor**... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** in New Orleans for great Sunday cooking with family Louisiana-style where they never let her cook but this time, she had the spoon... dancer **Rhonda J Liesenfelt** along the River Danube above stately Budapest, Hungary... **Bill** and **Cathy Bell Bartholomay** at Caesar's Palace in Vegas, baby... **Dr. Rose Gomez** in picturesque Thun in Switzerland... **Sarah Tuohy** in Indianapolis for Colt's football... Architect **Lucien Lagrange** with friends cooking up a Sunday French feast... **Chuck**

and **Candace Jordan**, **Joey Marjumdar** and **Michael Kutza** on duty at the Water Tower for **Maria Pappas**, passing out tax info and cookies... Chicago attorney and political agent provocateur **Tom Murphy** celebrating a birthday with good French bubbly... **Bill Murray**, Wilmette's funniest, just turned 74... **Zurich Esposito** and **Michael McCormick** in Lisbon, Portugal... **Tom McGuire**, **Tom Hackett** and **Bill Bacarella** enjoyed dinner in Tokyo before heading out to sea on an Asian cruise.

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Supergroup of Hawaiian music Kulāiwi to appear at Old Town School

BY PETER VON BUOL

Hawaiian slack-key guitarist Kawika Kahiapo is returning to the Old Town School of Folk Music on Oct. 5 to perform with Kulāiwi, a Hawaiian musical group which also includes vocalist/multi-instrumentalist Lehua Kalima and guitarist Shawn Pimental. Performing alongside the trio will be hula soloist Pono Fernandez.



Hawaiian slack-key guitarist Kawika Kahiapo, and his group Kulāiwi, are returning to the Old Town School of Folk Music on Oct. 5

The group have been described as a supergroup of Hawaiian music. For more than 40 years, Kalima has been a part of Na Leo, Hawaii's most successful all-female band. Kahiapo has frequently toured alongside George Kahumoku Jr.'s as one of the masters of Hawaiian music. Kahiapo's mentors include the legendary slack key guitarist Gabby Pahinui, his neighbor while growing up on windward O'ahu. One of Hawaii's most in-demand musical producers, the Grammy nominated Pimental is also an accomplished guitarist and frequently performs on recordings alongside Kahiapo as they accompany other artists. When not performing with Kulāiwi, Fernandez is an educator and cultural practitioner for the state of Hawaii's public school

system.

"She brings an emphasis on Hawaiian culture and language. She is fluent in Hawaiian and helps develop and facilitate curriculum for the school system. She helps us weave together the songs and stories for a narrative," said Kahiapo.

Kulāiwi's debut album Kulāiwi - Native Lands was honored by the Hawaiian Academy of Music with its 2022 Na Hoku Hawaiian Music Album of the Year award. The group also garnered the organization's Group of the Year award and also its Hawaiian Engineering Award.

Kulāiwi translates as "land of my ancestors" in Hawaiian and the group members use music to

share stories of Hawai'i – the land and the people – from a native Hawaiian points-of-view.

Because of its history as a music school and as a performance venue with a long history of supporting musicians from Hawai'i, the Old Town School of Folk Music holds a special place for him.

"To just think about all the great music that has come out of there. For us, to come along and to fill that space with our music and stories, it is always special. We really appreciate the support shown to us by Old Town audiences and we love being able to bring our Aloha to them," said Kahiapo.

Kahiapo first toured with Kahumoku's Masters of Hawaiian

Music tour in 2017. While he had always enjoyed performing at Kahumoku's slack key shows on Maui, touring the mainland with Kahumoku made Kahiapo appreciate him even more.

"On my first tour, I could not believe all the people who would come up to him at the shows. He knew so many of them, personally. And it was that way at every stop on the tour. By bringing new artists, he provided us with an opportunity to meet everyone with whom he has developed a personal relationship. I am so thankful for integrating us into his performances," said Kahiapo.

Prior to their arrival in Chicago, Kulāiwi will be participating in the 51st Quad Cities Visiting Artists series in Moline as artists-in-residence. For several days, they will be providing educational and inspirational experiences designed for local students, ranging in ages from kindergarten to college-age. For the series, the group will be using a curriculum created for the residency by Fernandez.

The group will perform at the Myron R. Sold Music and Dance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$27.

Letter to the Editor

Anti-Jewish thought goes much farther back

In Thomas J O'Gorman's recent essay concerning hate [Sept. 25], Jews, and Kennedy Bartley, Mayor Johnson's Managing Deputy for External Relations, he writes that anti-semitism "all began eight plus decades ago with the words of violent hate towards Hebrew people from the Rhine to the Urals."

I was shocked and startled at such a naive historical statement. Did he ever hear of the Inquisition in medieval Europe? The violence there would surely make O'Gorman faint just as he did as a student in Poland. In a high school or college English class did he ever read Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice that literary historians believe was written in the 1590s? Did he ever read the inscription on the top of the cross that depicts the death of Jesus Christ where he is labeled The King of the Jews?

Indeed when I attended Catholic grade school in the 1950s and 1960s the nuns in nearly all my religion classes told us not to blame the Roman soldiers for the crucifixion but instead the fault lied with the Jewish rulers who had ordered it.

Anti-Jewish thought and teachings and hate in fact even pre date Christianity. His article's thesis reads as more of an attack on Mayor Johnson and his deputy. It is not helpful in resolving Muslim, Jewish, and Christian relations.

Fred Case
Lake View

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

2021, and five in 2022 and 2019. Lincoln Square had only one shooting as of this date in 2020.

The most recent shooting in Lincoln Square was on Sept. 15, in the 2300 block of W. Eastwood. In a brief media statement, CPD reported that a 16-year-old boy was standing outside when he was "struck by gunfire from an unknown offender" around 7:01 p.m.

This year's other victim was an off-duty Chicago police recruit who was shot June 4 while driving in the 2600 block of W. Gunnison.

Man shot, killed following traffic crash near Goose Island

A man was shot and killed Sept. 29 by another driver following a car crash near Goose Island, Chicago police said. The gunman remains on the loose.

CPD said the driver of a red vehicle struck the victim's car around 2 a.m. in the 1500 block of N. Magnolia. The assailant fired shots after the victim exited his vehicle, striking him in the right side of the chest, police said.

EMS took the 35-year-old to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in critical condition, but he later succumbed to his injuries.

Officers at the scene said the gunman fled in a red and black Chevy Tahoe.

Teens charged with mugging woman in the Loop

Two 15-year-old boys are charged with robbery after allegedly mugging a woman in the Loop on Sept. 19. Shortly after those suspects were detained, yet another woman was mugged near the Daley Center.

In the first incident, a 21-year-old woman was near Madison and Franklin when three males, including the 15-year-olds, confronted her around 8:52 p.m., a Chicago police spokesperson said.

The group grabbed the woman's belongings and a struggle broke out. CPD said the woman was struck in the head during the altercation.

While she was on the ground, she managed to take a picture of the

group as they ran away. A witness also followed the crew and provided police officers with video of the suspects. Cops detained the two teens in the 800 block of S. Financial shortly after 9:30 p.m.

Then, just before 10 p.m., three men mugged another woman at Clark and Randolph. They took her wristlet and were last seen heading toward the Daley Center.

Officers were told to look for three suspects, all Black males between 18 and 25, wearing masks.

Robberies in the Central 1st District, which includes the Loop, are up 11% this year. They're up 14% compared to 2022 and 62% versus 2020. However, the 2020 total was unusually low due to the COVID restrictions that kept people home from work, out of restaurants, and off the CTA.

— Compiled by CWBChicago.com

Used book sale at Edgewater Library Oct. 5-6

It's time to stock up on books for your winter reading. Friends of the Edgewater Library's used book sale will be from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6. The sale will be held on the second floor of the Edgewater Branch Library, 6000 N. Broadway.

What's your reading pleasure? Fiction, history, mystery/thriller, science fiction, the arts, cookbooks, self-help, biographies and memoirs will be among the books for sale. There also will be a wide selection of children's and young

adult books, coffee table books and other special books – perfect for gift-giving. During the last hour of the sale on Sunday, a grocery bag of books may be purchased for \$5; bags will be provided. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

Friends of the Edgewater Library is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that supports the library with funding for programs and materials. Read more about the organization on its website, foelchicago.org. All proceeds from the sale will support materials and programming at the Edgewater Branch.

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offered through AHSAP.

- Tier 15 provides a 25% AV reduction for properties in which 15% to 34% of the dwelling units rent at or below 60% of Area Median Income [AMI].
- Tier 35 provides a 35% AV reduction for properties in which 35% or more of the dwelling units rent at or below 60% of AMI.

To join the program, properties must undergo either new construction or major rehabilitation. Projects participate in these tiers for a minimum of 10 years, with an option to renew participation

up to 30 years. Low-income housing projects that qualify for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code are now eligible for assessments that reflect their actual or projected net operating income.

The majority of participating properties are in Tier 35. Through 2023, 654 projects received a total of \$43.1 million in AV reductions through AHSAP. The Assessor's Office calculated the difference in property tax bills between a project's first year in the program and the year before it joined, saw \$10 million in total tax savings.

In Tier 15, 101 projects saw AV reductions totaling \$9.2 million through 2023. This resulted in tax savings of \$3 million.

The third tier of the AHSAP incentive hopes to stimulate construction of new housing in designated Low Affordability Communities [LAC], allowing residents to rent housing in neighborhoods that would otherwise be prohibitively expensive. In Chicago, for example, that would include the Fulton Market area and much of the North Side.

Participating projects receive **AFFORDABLE** see p. 11

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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<p>020202</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2017-FRE2 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 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 30, 2024, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry'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. 14-21-101-054-1681; 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 Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Straulins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SP5001302-22FC1 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13252112</p> <p>252525</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIZENS BANK NA F/K/A RBS CITIZENS NA Plaintiff, vs. SCOTT J OH, IRENE S OH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, FIRST AMERICAN BANK Defendants</p>	<p>22 CH 04524 3639 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE 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 April 17, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 16, 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 3639 NORTH GREENVIEW AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-20-121-006-0000 The real estate is improved with a two - four apartment building. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.</p>	<p>THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago IL, 60602 312-346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 22-09388L_782897 Attorney Code. 61256 Case Number: 22 CH 04524 TJSC#: 44-1155 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 22 CH 04524 13251984</p> <p>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 vs. STEVEN K. TAKAKI AKA STEVEN TAKAKI; SUSAN TAKAKI; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendant 19 CH 12976 CALENDAR 64 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 23, 2024, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry'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. 14-17-301-016-0000. Commonly known as 1460 West Pensacola Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613. The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 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. 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Plaintiff, vs. DONALD W SLACK; SHORELINE TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 24 CH 00491 6301 North Sheridan Road, #18a, Chicago, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/22/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 12:00 PM on October 30, 2024 located at 100 N LaSalle St, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 6301 North Sheridan Road, #18a, Chicago, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-203-011-1242 The real estate is improved with a Condominium. The judgment amount was \$39,255.76 Sale Terms: 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. 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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN</p>	<p>ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 23-17219L. Auction.com LLC 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. 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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</p>	<p>plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark St., Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828. Please refer to file number CR123040. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A. 20 N. Clark St., Suite 1150 Chicago, IL 60602 TJS# 216-8828 E-Mail: illeservice@kelleykronenberg.com Attorney File No. CR123040 Attorney Code. 49848 Case Number: 2023 CH 05348 TJSC#: 44-2341 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 05348 13251765</p> <p>181818</p> <p>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</p>

North Township Real Estate For Sale

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<p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN FINANCIAL Plaintiff, vs. BLAIR SCHLADER, ORCHARD COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CAPITAL ONE, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 08952 2636 N ORCHARD ST, APT 1F 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 July 31, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 4, 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 2636 N ORCHARD ST, APT 1F, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-303-099-1003 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),</p>	<p>YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-23-06336 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2023 CH 08952 TJSC#: 44-2241 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 08952 13252893</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2018-3 Plaintiff vs. RYAN J. DITTER A/K/A RYAN DITTER, THIRD FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF CLEVELAND, UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 24 CH 1628 CALENDAR 64 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corpora-</p>	<p>tion will on November 6, 2024, at the hour 11:00 a.m., Intercountry'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. 14-30-405-061-0000. Commonly known as 2640 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 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, Altman, Straulins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1880, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SP5002221-24FC1 INTERCOUNTRY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13252662</p> <p>020202</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST SERIES MLCC 2006-2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, vs. 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,</p>	<p>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. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. 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Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues</p>	<p>where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 313452. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago, IL, 60606 312-263-0003 E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com Attorney File No. 313452 Attorney Code. 43932 Case Number: 2022 CH 11951 TJSC#: 44-1159 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 11951 13252155</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CIVIC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS III, LLC Plaintiff, vs. GROUNDUP FINANCIAL, INC, MARINA TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants. 24 CH 3713 300 N. STATE ST., UNIT 4629, CHICAGO, IL 60654 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 8/28/2024, an agent of Auction.com LLC will at 12:00 PM on 11/6/2024 located at 100 N LaSalle St, Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. Commonly known as 300 N. STATE ST., UNIT 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. Sale Terms: 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</p>	<p>funds/or 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 of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel LLC, (312) 357-1125 please refer to file number 23-02676. Auction.com LLC 100 N LaSalle Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60606 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 23-02676 Case Number: 24 CH 3713 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 13252525</p> <p>181818</p> <p>Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700</p>

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end of Lincoln Park.

Rodriguez was one of four men arrested after police saw them run from the crash scene. The cops found a semi-automatic rifle and a handgun on the truck's rear floorboard and another handgun in the front passenger area. As in the River North case, prosecutors did not charge him with possessing the weapons.

They did, however, charge him with manufacture-delivery of cocaine after police allegedly found \$9,185 in cash and two plastic bags containing sus-

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pected crack in his fanny pack.

Rodriguez pleaded guilty to manufacture-delivery of cocaine in both cases. Prosecutors dropped an escape from electronic monitoring charge that was filed against him while the cases were pending. He arrived at the Stateville Correctional Center on Thursday. His projected parole date is not yet available, but with good behavior, he should expect to serve about 50% of his 11-year sentence.

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Letter to the Editor

Prioritizing safety over speed

I want to thank the editor for bravely calling out the “metastasizing” bike lanes and the horrors of “unnatural lane re-configurations” like bus lanes and traffic circles. Your vivid language perfectly captures the threat these so-called safety measures pose to our ability to drive wherever we want. And let’s not forget the “traffic obstacles” like curb extensions and pedestrian islands—constantly slowing drivers down for crossing pedestrians.

But why stop at “privileged bike lanes” when there’s an even greater obstacle to the drivers of our city? On every street in our great city, there are privileged spaces that are completely off-limits to cars. Of course, I’m talking about sidewalks, whose raised concrete barriers keep drivers from accessing a key part of the public right of way.

While some might see merit in prioritizing pedestrian and cyclist safety over speed, your articles highlight the most important thing: ensuring drivers can cruise through our neighborhoods without any pesky interruptions.

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pandemic lockdown.

It’s unknown if the study will also include the overall economic impact on local business resulting from the loss of all the metered customer parking on Catalpa. Those metered spots are now owned by Chicago Parking LLC, and must be purchased back from them to create the plaza, costing taxpayers untold tens of millions of dollars.

The council also ensured that shade through a tree canopy would be essential for both comfort and sustainability, and residents were invited to send in a list of tree species to create a canopy. EARC has requested guidance from the Openlands organization as well as the Chicago Urban Forestry Advisory Board on the matter.

Another topic of high interest was eliminating the proposed large, stark, obelisks at both ends of the plaza. The idea sparked backlash from residents when the original design concept was altered from a proposed wooden pergola.

The intersection at Clark and Catalpa was also discussed, and how its overcrowded with large signage and visual clutter from nearby businesses. Rather than adding more signage, the EARC advocated for

a plan which streamlines the area and reduces visual chaos. The resulting decision was a smaller sign which will read “Elise Malary Plaza.”

While permeable pavers were excluded from the final design due to cost and maintenance, the lightly colored pavers and pavements which were decided upon will reflect three times more light and re-emit less heat than traditional asphalt to help reduce the heat. In terms of lighting, the council was adamant toward reducing light in the area as it already sits in a commercial district, and between two parking lots with existing lighting.

Separately, Laura Austin—the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce Director—met with the Chicago Dept. of Transportation regarding different aspects of the project, including the plaza’s landscaping, and specifically, that 35 trees, 219 shrubs, and 1,442 perennials and ornamental grasses will be planted. The planting will focus on native species to help support pollinators and reduce irrigation needs. Additionally, there will be a high point down the center of the plaza to help divert water into planter bed curb cuts to increase infiltration and reduce run-off. Regular watering is a critical need for new plants as they take hold. It is a real concern now as the watering of

the existing plants in Andersonville’s street planters has been a problem this year... many were broadly neglected during this summer’s dry spell. Whether the chamber of commerce can manage all the new maintenance needs is a fair question.

This summer one neighbor wrote to the local chambers, city officials, and copied this newspaper, sending images of planters in Uptown, Edgewater and Andersonville. The street planters in the three areas revealed very different levels of care, with those in Edgewater and Andersonville showing clear neglect. “I do hope the newly forming Green Council in the 48th Ward, will ask the Edgewater and Andersonville Chambers to explain, and correct— their lackluster policies for beautification of our commercial sidewalks, and develop the higher standards followed by the Uptown Chamber,” wrote Susan Darnall.

Though the traffic and parking issues that will be created with the loss of the roadway and metered commercial parking are still unknown, and have not yet been addressed by city officials, the updated traffic study may provide clearer data and better information. Until then, the residents of Andersonville continue to prepare for the upcoming project.

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Bob Ceclre, an accomplished iron artisan, recommended that community safety issues could be significantly improved by using wrought iron fences and window protectors, which beautify and protect at the same time. (This was long before then-Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley traveled to London and Paris and returned in 1994-95 with the idea of erecting wrought iron fences.)

Rae Ann Ceclre stayed busy on numerous

various task forces and worked with many community groups. Perhaps best known for creating Edgewater Artists in Motion, an effort to place art in empty storefronts. She also was a founding organizer for the Edgewater Art Fest.

Backing up their bravado with financial braun, the Ceclre’s also built the Cochran, a four story residential building, 1127 W. Granville Ave., which is also home to the Chicago Mosaic School. The community awaits on tenterhooks to learn what Rae Ann and Bob will be up to next.

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ciation [ECRA] as a representative of the Muslim religion.

The second awardee is Laurie Hasbrook. Hasbrook has lived and worked in Edgewater for over 20 years. She believes in addressing the issues facing the world at the community level.

She has worked diligently to improve the lives of others in Edgewater by serving as a support person for three Iraqi refugee families. Hasbrook has assisted migrants who gathered around the 24th District po-

lice station, sleeping on the ground without food or adequate clothing.

The third awardee is Father Michael Bradley. Bradley was assigned as a resident priest at St. Gertrude Parish in 2007.

Perhaps his most shining moment was in Oct. 2020 when the Chicago Marathon was cancelled. Father Bradley persevered and ran his own Edgewater marathon and raised \$25,000 for Heart to Heart. Most of the time now he runs on his own by the lake front and through the neighborhoods.

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