

To tax or not to tax, that is the question on Oak St.

BY DRE CARLAN

According to IRS code, there are different standards over how for-profit, and not-for-profit entities report earnings. Those standards determine if income is treated as a taxable event or not. One Near North Side nonprofit property appears to have skirted that policy.

As law website Nolo.com puts it, “as long as a nonprofit’s activities are associated with the nonprofit’s purpose, any profit made from them isn’t taxable as ‘income.’” However, a 2017 case between Morningside North Apartments—a 256-unit nonprofit senior living complex located at 170 W. Oak St. in the affluent Near North Side—and the adjacent PPM Apartments-owned 1000 N. LaSalle Dr. paints a different picture.

A dispute stemming from an agreement between the two properties’ former owners concerning Morningside’s licensing of 20 parking spaces to the LaSalle property has led many residents to believe that the associated funds should be properly taxed, yet have gone undeclared for years.

Court filings show that the LaSalle property has rented out the 20 parking spaces to their own residents since 1998, however, a 2017 case in California found that charging Section 8 tenants for additional amenities such as parking is illegal and a violation of HUD regulations.

By LaSalle’s method, they are indirectly paying one-third of Morningside’s parking expenses with untaxed funds.

The issue is that the building remains tax exempt, which is backed by both the Cook County Assessor’s Office as well as the Illinois Dept. of Revenue [IDOR], whose guidelines explicitly state that “in order to qualify for a property tax exemption, your organization must be exclusively beneficent.”

Many of Morningside’s residents, however, have expressed anger that the complex is run closer to that of a for-profit, which merits a lease instead of the license agreement it is currently under. Tom Murphy—a four-year resident—states that “the property is not 100% used for the benefits of the subsidized residents,” which goes against the aforementioned

IDOR guidelines.

The prestigious location traded hands in Nov. 2018 when nonprofit Foundation Housing acquired the complex who then secured a \$70.4 million loan in May 2019. Soon after, Aegon subsidiary Transamerica Life Insurance invested \$30.5 million into the property which was to “be used for building renovations,” (according to MultiHousingNews.com) and resulted in “state tax credits from the Illinois Housing Development Authority,” (as stated by TheRealDeal.com).

This is all protected under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code which says that investors receive a reduction in their tax liability in return for providing affordable housing to people with fixed or lower income. Coupled with the fact that the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which “gives investors a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their federal tax liability in exchange for providing financing to develop affordable rental housing,” one can empathize with the residents of Morningside when funds which were originally allo-

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New sign guidelines may help struggling downtown businesses

Those who have driven out west on Route 66 can tell you how stunning some of the old business advertising signs are along the route. Too bad half of them promote long-shuttered businesses.

Sign regulations along three downtown shopping corridors would be refined to increase advertising flexibility for local businesses through changes proposed to City Council by Mayor Brandon Johnson. One hopes it’s not too late for some retailers struggling to get noticed.

Property owners along the Michigan Avenue Special Sign District and the Street Street/Wabash Avenue Special Sign District would be amended to expand the sizes and types of signs that are allowed within each area.

The amended regulations would accommodate new technology involving retail signage while maintaining the historic character of each shopping cor-

ridor, said Cmsr. Ciere Boatright, of the Dept. of Planning and Development, which administers sign guidelines and zoning code.

“Retailers across the country are facing challenges involving brick-and-mortar stores, and more flexible sign regulations are a proven way to reach customers and increase sales,” said Boatright. “These refinements reflect a commitment to businesses while also protecting each area’s legacy as a premiere shopping destination.”

Established in 1996, the Michigan Avenue Special Sign District would amend corridor advertising regulations between Roosevelt Rd. and Oak St. The new rules would increase a business’s maximum total sign area from two to three square feet per linear foot of street frontage. They would also allow previously prohibited signs, including banner signs, with maximum dimensions of four feet

by 15 feet; projecting signs, with maximum dimensions of four feet by three feet; illuminated letters and logos for cabinet signs, and interior dynamic image display signs up to 30% of each window size and up to 64 square feet per lot.

On Michigan Ave., rule changes would increase the maximum size of window signs from 15 to 30% of a window’s area, and increase the maximum size of lettering on awning signs.

Established in 2004, the updated State Street/Wabash Avenue Special Sign District would amend corridor advertising regulations between Wacker Dr. and Harrison St.. The refined regulations would allow previously prohibited projecting signs, window signs, and interior dynamic image display signs up to 30% of each window size and up to 64 square feet per lot.

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161 E. Erie St, River North.

Photo courtesy Loop Net

Demolition delay for Erie St. property

The City of Chicago Dept. of Planning and Development recently issued a delay notice regarding a demolition application for 161 E. Erie St., a historic four-story commercial building identified as potentially significant in the Chicago Historic Resources Survey.

Due to its historic nature, the demolition is subject to the Demolition Delay Ordinance, which allows up to 90 days - until Oct. 28 - to explore preservation options. The ordinance applies to buildings rated red and orange in the Chicago Historic Resources Survey.

The building is known for its Italianate architecture and limestone façade. It is intended to

reflect Chicago’s post-Great Fire rebuilding efforts.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] supports landmarking the building and has met with Preservation Chicago staff to discuss options for protecting the site.

The Commission on Chicago Landmarks will now review the building’s eligibility for landmark status at a public meeting at City Hall 12:45 p.m. Oct. 3.

Should the Commission recommend landmarking the building, the Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards will then review it at a subsequent public meeting, before being referred to the City Council for a final vote.

Twenty percent of charges filed in connection with Democratic convention have already been dropped

BY CWBCHICAGO

Five weeks after the Democratic National Convention concluded in Chicago, court records show that charges have already been dropped against 20% of the people arrested in connection with the event.

City officials announced last month that 72 arrests were made in connection with the four-day convention, which wrapped up with the Aug. 22 acceptance speech of Vice President Kamala Harris. Staffers have found nine additional cases during a review of all CPD arrest reports generated in the convention zones during the four-day event.

Of those 81 cases, 18 have already been dropped or thrown out. Nobody has pleaded guilty or been found guilty of any DNC-related charge.

Cook County prosecutors dropped seven misdemeanor cases last week: five trespassing cases, one resisting case, and one involving trespassing and assault, according to records.

The remaining 11 dismissed cases were all ordinance violations for disorderly conduct. Court entries suggest the city’s attorneys dropped the charges, but that may not accurately reflect what happened.

A source familiar with many of the cases said judges have been rejecting the city’s requests for continuances when Chicago cops responsible for filing a case are not available on the first court date. Judge Peter Gonzalez handled all of the dismissed cases.

According to a Chicago Law Dept. spokesperson, the city is

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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 wondered 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 antisemitic 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 underage 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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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.

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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.



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.

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.

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

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.

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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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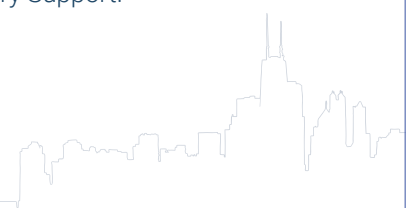
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Police Beat...

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.



Glenn Gerich

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. Video

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



Anthony Laya Alvarado

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

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 Gary 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

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



Tom McGuire, Ton Hackett and Bill Bacarella.



Zurich Esposito and Michael McCormick.

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.

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



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

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

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Two LAC projects are currently part of the program, and another 10 projects have signed letters of intent to join this tier in the coming years.

BANANA from p. 6

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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Chain-snatching robbers strike twice more Sept. 29, victim list grows

BY CWBCHICAGO

Now two weeks old, there are no signs that a crime pattern involving bike-riding men who snatch chains from women's necks will slow down anytime soon. Two more robberies were confirmed Sunday evening, Sept. 29, one on the lakefront and another in the Loop. Additional attempts were reported along North Avenue Beach.

Shortly after 5 p.m., several people reported seeing two men riding an e-bike along the lakefront trail, with the passenger trying to snatch gold chains from people's necks. The duo successfully took at least one chain, pulling it from a woman's neck just north of Armitage on the lakefront

bike path, according to preliminary information.

An officer who reviewed CPD surveillance video reported that the thieves escaped by riding the bike across the North Avenue Beach pedestrian bridge. The officer said they were Hispanic men on a black electric bike, with the driver wearing a black hat, a black sweatshirt, and black pants. The passenger wore a black hat, black jacket, and blue jeans. Witnesses said they appeared to be in their 20s.

A similar robbery was reported just after 7 p.m. in the Loop. A Hispanic man in his late teens or early 20s riding a blue Divvy snatched a woman's chain from her neck near 400 S. State. He was last seen heading

east on Ida B. Wells.

In earlier incidents include 5 p.m. Sept. 27, a man snatched the necklace from a woman's neck near the 100 block of S. Clinton and fled the scene. He was described as Black or Indian with a tattoo over one eye. He wore a gray hoodie and black pants and had a black sling bag over his chest.

On Sept. 26, a woman was mugged near the Shedd Aquarium by a man who used the same technique. He escaped on a bike. 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.



Images courtesy Museum of Contemporary Art.

Streeterville dog and cat Halloween party

Streeterville's popular dog and cat Halloween party is back for their 37th year, and will be held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave.

The popular pet parade usually steps off around 9:30 a.m.

This is a free event, but registration is recommended. Leashes and/or carriers are required. To register for the party write to bit.ly/dogshow1.

From attending dressed as royalty to a furry taco, Dorothy and Toto or as dinosaurs from Jurassic Bark, over 200 pets are expected to don their most elaborate costumes and head the the party.



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cated toward building renovations become scarce.

Stacy Scherr, with a doctorate in sociology and having studied non-profits versus for-profits, states on APlaceForMom.com, that "some people have a perception that nonprofits are better, and I don't think

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"actively prosecuting" cases, and its attorneys are appearing in court.

However, records show four of the misdemeanor trespassing cases dropped by the county on Sept. 26 also included trespassing ordinance violations, which were dismissed due to "non-appearance default."

Among the charges dropped were the trespassing allegations filed against Charles Steinbrugge, a 70-year-old Lakeview physician who said he unwittingly rode

that's true across the board. Out of that comes the feeling that if I go to a nonprofit, they're going to put that money back into the community."

The same article goes on to say that "although any money the organization doesn't need for bills and upkeep does go back to the nonprofit, that money may go to a different part of the organization—not neces-

his bike into a restricted area near the United Center.

Steinbrugge told the Sun-Times last month that a Dept. of Homeland Security agent stopped him, put him in handcuffs, and turned him over to CPD.

"He was being really hardcore, trying to be a tough guy," Steinbrugge told the paper. "Chicago cops didn't care."

Only seven of the 81 DNC-related cases involve felony allegations. None of those has been dropped.

A quarter of the cases are scheduled for hearings this week, including 10 on Sept. 30.

sarily the resident's specific assisted living community." It's there that the grey areas and inquires start popping up.

As for the residents of Morningside, their push for proper taxing of the property is only gaining traction. The hope is that the Assessor's Office will soon take notice and convert the current license into the lease agreement which everyone is waiting for.

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Additionally, the State/Wabash sign district refinements would eliminate setback requirements for signs located within shop windows, currently set at three feet, allow lettering on awning signs to include content other than a business's name and address.

Both special sign districts would update regulations for live theaters, allowing previously prohibited dynamic image displays on the endcaps of exterior marquees.

Marquee signs would also not count towards the maximum sign areas for each lot.

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