

Malibu East Dialogue

March 2003

Your Communication and Information Resource

Community gears up for Sheridan Road closings

ASCO & community news

by Sandy Chaet

At the Sheridan Road community meeting held at Emanuel Congregation Feb. 4, Ald. Mary Ann Smith spoke about the progress of getting the #147 bus to operate on Sunday. She also spoke about the two parks. Thorndale/Sheridan should be started in the spring. The park planned between El Lago and Tiara is in the planning stage. The alderman related how she would like people to be able to access the lake from this park. Also a restaurant called Nookies will be opening at Bryn Mawr and Winthrop. The big topic was the sewer project starting on Monday, March 3 scheduled to be completed by early July.

As you all know from the city packets distributed, the city is planning a large sewer project. Like with any major project, much planning has already taken place. As the project develops, revisions may be made. ASCO (Association of Sheridan Condo/Coop Owners) is constantly looking at ways to make this project run smoother for us. The City of Chicago is doing everything possible to ensure that our lives are not totally disrupted. An important point to remember is that the project will take only four months (weather permitting). If you have any question or concern, please contact any of the numbers in the packet. Some useful phone numbers are:

CTA Customer Service: 1-888-YOURCTA, weekdays 7am-8pm
CTA Travel information: 836-7000 (all area codes but 847)
Paratransit for ADA certified customers using Special Services Access Programs: 312-432-7025



A standing-room-only crowd of Sheridan Road residents packs Emanuel Congregation for a presentation by Ald. Smith and Chicago's new Dept. of Water Management — More stories, pictures on pages 5-6.

Department of Water Management:

312-744-7001, ask for Sheridan desk/special projects

Ald. Mary Ann Smith: 773-784-5277

Web site for updates: www.SheridanSewer.com

The sewer repair will start at Thorndale, go north to Loyola, and then around the curve to the Sheridan/Devon/Broadway intersection. The city is using modern

(See ASCO page 5)

Our condolences to the family and friends of Bill Schroeder, longtime Malibu East resident who passed away February 7, 2003

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MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

MECA board meeting Tuesday, Mar. 25, 2003

Attendance: 9 board members, 2 management representatives and 12 residents

Not present: Charles Cooper, Larry Creter

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) What's the update on cable interference? *Most of the problems were due to Internet connections that have been repaired. The problems with billing are ongoing.* (See management report on page 3.)
- 2) The Aesthetics Committee was praised for the Community Room redecorating.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcel Molins announced that Director/Treasurer JoAnne Meshbom's resignation would be effective Mar. 15. Marcel thanked both JoAnne and Stuart Meshbom for their contribution to Malibu East over the years. As this second resignation (Janice Krzesinski resigned earlier) left us with no treasurer or asst. treasurer, the board voted Tom Vaughan to serve as interim treasurer.

Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,246,076.18.

Delinquency report

We have only \$3,500 in over-30-days assessment delinquencies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Social

A children's party was held Friday, Feb. 21. A Hawaiian luau is

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

- planned for mid-summer.
- 2) **Commercial property**
Redistribution of mall space was approved.
 - 3) **ASCO**
(See pages 1 & 6.)

NOTICE

Sheridan Road resident visor identification signs are available in the garage office.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items requiring board action

- 1) **2003 window replacement project**
Have proposals from several companies.
- 2) **New laundry room door**
Proposal for a sliding automated door with security key access and a "press-pad" exit was approved.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Exterior & balcony project**
Any owner who was charged for balcony repairs due to damage from illegal covering may contact the management office to obtain detailed financial information concerning those repairs.
- 2) **Unit sales**

34K	\$245,750
35D	\$220,000
- 3) **North wall repairs & design status**
The board and committee have not agreed on options for repair. The board and committee will continue

to research options and perhaps eventually go to the owners for guidance, as the less expensive options will change the appearance of the building.

4) Floor-coating responses

123 responses. Will start scheduling the work in June.

5) Garage report

Claims

Approved:	0
Denied:	1
Total:	1

Waiting lists

Single self-park:	66
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	0

Monthly parkers

Single:	141
Tandem:	54
Valet:	308
Preferred:	2
Engineer:	NC
Motorcycle:	1
Total:	506
New monthlies:	4
Cancellations:	5
Upgrades	1

The meeting ended at 9:30pm and went into closed session..

City election

by Thomas C. Vaughan

Chicago held its citywide election for the offices of mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, and alderman. As usual, Malibu East's 22nd Precinct of the 48th Ward led the city with a 51.6% voter turnout, 291 out of 564 registered voters. In our precinct, Mayor Richard M. Daley received 90.0% of the votes (79% city, 88% 48th Ward) cast versus 5.7% for Paul L. Jakes, Jr., 3.6% for Patricia McAllister, and 0.7% for Joseph McAfee. Incumbent Ald. Mary Ann Smith received 72.9% (78% of ward). Opponent and Malibu neighbor Kurt James Eckhardt received 27.1% (22% of ward).

MECA's lobby polling location opened at 6am, the first vote was cast at 6:07am. The poll closed at 7pm. With the short ballot, delays and voting time were very brief. Our election judges for the 15-hour day were MECA residents Norma Edgar, Adeline Kalant, Betty Mayian, Vern Rose, and I.

The freight elevator was down for about four weeks, but it has been operational since Feb 7. Unfortunately many of our residents, weeks later, have taken the long downtime as an excuse to continue to use the passenger elevators as their personal freight elevators. Evidently, it is still "broken" for the convenience of "some" people.

Please DO NOT use the passenger elevators for laundry, dirty dry cleaning, carts, baby buggies, animals, large packages or large luggage. This not only is inconvenient for our residents, but in some cases it is repugnant.

Art Bar

by Norm Cratty

There is a proposed development for four residential units in one parcel and an artist studio, gallery and video bar in an adjacent building located at 1128 W. Ardmore, west of the el tracks and east of Broadway. The former Commonwealth Edison substation, abandoned years ago, harboring drug and gang activity since, and littered with graffiti, is now owned by Tom Donall, who owns and operates a similar business in Lansing, Mich.

There are some points of debate, depending on whom you talk to. The Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce think it would be a plus for the area, drawing a destination-type audience to the business area. Several factions within the Edgewater Community Council disapprove of the proposed use, citing the lack of parking and an onslaught of pedestrian foot traffic exiting into the residential area upon leaving the establishment as their main concerns. The hope is that many of the patrons would either walk to and from the business or take public transportation. Donall has allegedly obtained parking for 90 cars at two nearby parking lots.

What Donall proposes is a 500-person capacity art/video bar with studio exhibition and gallery space. He is a steel sculptor and intends to use the building to showcase his work. The club would be open to all people, not just a gay clientele, and he would welcome using the space for community meetings as well as for special events. It would be open until 2am. Why was this site chosen over a space on Broadway or a location in the Lawrence/Broadway Entertainment District? Donall says he was steered to Edgewater and this location in particular by the alderman's office, in part due to the large number of gay and lesbian people that have moved into Edgewater, Andersonville and Rogers Park.

Donall first presented his business concept to the local block club, TAHBS,



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese, MECA Association Manager

With spring just around the corner, the building staff has been working very hard to keep up with the ever-changing weather conditions. However, if you notice any standing water, spilled liquids or patches of ice in or around the building, please contact the building staff immediately so they can address the situation.

As everyone knows by now, beginning Monday, Mar. 3, Sheridan Road will be under construction and will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Thorndale and Granville. **Please plan to allow for extra commuting time once the project is under way.** The City of Chicago has provided an extensive package of information that will be updated on the project Web site. If you do not have the project package, you can pick one up in the management office. During Sheridan Road construction, the atrium entrance to the building will be closed.

ASCO has created a sun visor identification sign for residents with cars that

then subsequently presented the plan to the Edgewater Community Council's Planning and Development Committee (P&D) Oct. 14, the night before the Community Council's monthly board meeting. The P&D Committee voted almost unanimously in support of the proposed business concept. The Community Council's board opposed the plan. Usually, whatever the committee votes and recommends is approved at the Community Council's board meeting.

Another contentious spot in this ongoing debate for this business viability is the position of the Fischer building, the senior citizen high-rise at the corner of Broadway and Ardmore. Originally, those in attendance at the ECC P&D meeting were told that as long as there would be no noise disturbances, the Fischer building would not object to this business being next door. (The

can be attached to your sun visor and will allow you to be identified as a resident in the work zone. The sign can be helpful when you are trying to navigate your way back to the building. **The sun visor sign does not give you permission to park in the surrounding neighborhood.** The signs are simply a way to help identify you as a resident of Sheridan Road.

Despite our best efforts, RCN is still sending out incorrect billing statements. Do not remit any payments for services that you have not received. If you have any questions regarding your bill you may contact Don Lilienfeld 312-955-2026. If you are unable to get satisfaction from RCN, you may call the Chicago Cable Commission at 312-744-4052 and file a complaint.

Please join me in welcoming a new member of our building staff; Mr. Willie Ruffin has been added to our front desk team. He will be working the Sunday morning shift and filling in as needed.

building has thick concrete walls that would shield inside noise.) Subsequent meetings with representatives of the Fischer building and TAHBS encountered opposition to the plan. Also, varied reports in the local gay and mainstream newspapers claimed to have interviewed the Community Council's executive director, when in fact, they never called to interview her. There were other factual errors in the news articles.

Because of the heated nature of this topic, the alderman's office decided to put a hold on this proposal for a few months and revisit this subject in one of the upcoming Land Use and Zoning meetings she sponsors. It is anticipated this matter will be on the agenda in March or April. I attend both the P&D meeting as well as LU&Z and welcome your comments at ncratty@rcn.com.

Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



Lecture, 7pm Mon.,
Mar. 3
Children storytelling
Mar. 14, \$1, \$3 adults
Owl prowl
4am Mar. 8
Fireside slide show
"The Awakening of
the Preserve"

For seniors — hot refreshments
12 noon Wed., Mar 12

Volunteer training
9am-12 noon Mar 1, 8, 22 & 29

Field trip leader training
1-3pm Mar. 5
5801 N. Pulaski
312-744-5472

SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTER

"Weaving Art & Utility"
Weaving demonstration
Registration required
\$17, \$15 members, \$10 students/
teachers

Paintings by Niklas Aronsson
Thru Apr. 6

1900s Swedish farmhouse
10am-4pm Tue.-Fri.
11am-4pm Sat./Sun.
\$3 children/students/seniors
\$10 family, 2nd Tue. month FREE
5211 N. Clark St.
773-728-8111

WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

Adult day wellness programs for
60 and over.
1355 W. Foster Ave.
773-271-9001

THEATER/SHOWINGS

BOXER REBELLION THEATRE

"Anna Weiss"
Young woman confronting her
demons: "False memory
syndrome."
\$10-\$18, 8pm Thu.-Sat.
1257 W. Loyola
773-465-7325

GREEN MILL

"Uptown Poetry Slam"
Open mike 7-10pm Sun.
4802 N. Broadway
773-878-5552

GRIFFIN THEATRE

"A Night in Mantua"
Comedy based on Wm.
Shakespeare characters.

\$20, 7:30pm Thu., 8pm Fri./Sat.,
3pm Sun.

5404 N. Clark St.

773-769-2228

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that
Type"

Adaptation of children's book.
\$8 in advance or pay at door.
1pm Sat., 3pm Sun.
6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

LOYOLA STUDIO THEATRE

"How I Learned to Drive"
Disturbing trip down memory lane.
Mar. 21-30, \$5
8pm Thu./Sat., 2pm Sun.
Loyola University
773-508-3847

NO-EXIT CAFÉ

"Grinder"
Works by lesbian, gay, bisexual
artists
8pm Thu. FREE
6970 N. Glenwood
773-743-3355

RED HEN PRODUCTIONS

"Twilight Serenade"
A family dealing with loss.
Mar. 27-Apr. 27
\$25, \$20 students/seniors
8pm Thu./Fri./Sat., 7pm Sun.
5123 N. Clark St.
773-728-0599

RAVEN THEATRE

"Golden Boy"
Immigrant son's choice of boxing
over his love for music.
Previews: \$12, 8pm Mar 8, 3pm
Mar 9, 8pm Mar. 11, 12, 13 & 15
Opening 7pm Mar. 16
Regular performances: \$20, Sat.
\$24; 8pm Thu.-Sat, 8pm Sun.
6157 N. Clark St.
773-338-2177

COMMUNITY EVENTS/

MEETINGS

Kiwanis Club of North Shore

Area service projects, meets
12:15pm every Tue. at Calo's
restaurant, 5343 N. Clark.
773-761-3668 (Kim)

Rotary Club

Meets 6pm every Tue. at Devon
Bank lower level, 6445 N. Western
Ave.
847-679-3830 (Reina)

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK

CULTURAL CENTER

Register for spring classes

Mar. 31 to Jun. 15

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

Adult computer classes

Windows, MS Word, Excel, Power
Point, MS Works and more.

\$45 for five one-hour sessions.

Also free DSL internet access.

Call 773-761-5792 for info

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wednesday, Mar. 5, 7pm

Creative writing for children ages 5-10.

9:30-11am 1st & 3rd Sat.

Internet basics

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail

1st Sat. of month

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Martin D'arcy Museum of Art

St. Patrick's Day music &
masterpieces, Irish music by
students.

2-4pm Mar. 13 FREE

Kultur und Kaffee (Crown Auditorium)

Free lecture: "From Bazaar to
Piazza: Islamic Trade & Italian
Art"

3:30-5pm Mar. 17

Symposium

"Crimes of Passion"

10am-5pm Mar. 29

Reservations 773-508-2679

6225 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-508-2679

NORTH PARK VILLAGE

NATURE CENTER

Maple tree tapping

2-3:30pm Mar. 1, 2, & 9

"What's All the Fuss About
Indoor Mold?"

Church of the Atonement
Fundraiser — music and silent
auction

6pm Mar. 29
5749 N. Kenmore
773-271-2727

Showing of urban photos

Thru Apr. 1
Taste of Heaven restaurant
1701 W. Foster
773-989-0161

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 18
7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon

discussion group

Thursday, Mar. 20
(every 3rd Thurs. of month)
2:00pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 25
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

ASCO (from page 1)

technology to line the existing 81-inch diameter sewer (it will measure 79 inches in diameter after the work is finished). This process is accomplished with fewer excavations and less digging than a complete sewer replacement. Unlike other sewer projects you may have seen, Sheridan Road will not be totally dug up and take years to complete. There will be several excavations along Sheridan Road. Using modern technology, the city will be excavating in several spots, inserting a balloon containing resin, and using that to shape the new pipe. The pipe itself is made out of a heavy resin that starts out as a liquid and turns into a durable solid. This process involves pulling a liner into place, pressurizing it with boiling hot water and allowing it to cure the resin for four or five consecutive days. We can expect some noise and dirt. At times, the work will be done around the clock. This is allegedly a low-volume operation and "it should sound like nothing more than an 18-wheel tractor-

trailer idling on the street." When the weather begins to turn warm, you might want to keep the windows closed to keep out the dust and noise.

There will be no disruption of police, fire and ambulance service. Delivery service should also not be disrupted. There will always be sewer service access to every building.

The northbound outer lane on Sheridan will remain open at all times. The southbound will close as needed. From Malibu East, to exit the building you will turn right on Sheridan (north) and continue north or turn left at Granville. Coming back, you can come east on Thorndale and make a left onto Sheridan continuing to Malibu East or come east on Glenlake crossing Sheridan. If you are exiting from Lake Shore Drive, you will just come north on Sheridan. ASCO has requested the southbound traffic be opened after the first phase is completed. I will report to you as soon as I know about any change.

According to the plan as of now, CTA bus service will change (these are tentative dates depending on the timing of the project). While northbound buses will continue to run on their regular routes, southbound buses will be affected during Phase One, Stage Two (March 19-April 21), southbound buses will continue their regular route to Granville then go west to Broadway, south to Thorndale and east on Thorndale to Sheridan. Malibu East residents should be able to catch/exit the southbound bus at Granville or Thorndale. The southbound Glenlake bus stop will NOT be available. During Phase Two (April 21-May 30), southbound buses will go south on Broadway to Granville, east to Sheridan and south on Sheridan. During this phase Malibu East residents should be able to catch/exit both northbound and southbound buses at Glenlake.

ASCO and Ald. Smith are very concerned about the traffic flow. We have been in contact with Commander David Boggs (24th District). He is planning a cooperative effort with the 20th District and the Traffic Division of the Chicago Police Department. He is hoping a special detail will be created under the

Traffic Division's command to see the project through to completion. There will be signs announcing the streets are for "local traffic only." Also, there may be no left turns from 7-9am on Ardmore and Thorndale (except for CTA buses). Another change might be longer left-turn arrows at the intersections of Broadway/Hollywood and Broadway/Bryn Mawr during morning rush hour.

Yes, our lives will be disrupted during this construction. It is obvious that there will be inconveniences getting into and out of our homes. Just think, the sewer project will be over in four months (weather permitting) rather than two years using the "old" method. We are being told that this operation will improve the performance of our sewer and will also prevent more costly and disruptive problems down the road. Any updates will be posted in the mailroom and on Channel 95. If I can answer any question or concern, please leave a note at the doorman's desk with your name, unit and phone number so I can contact you.

Malibu East sewer meeting report

Prior to the meeting in our Windjammer Room, Tuesday, Feb. 11, packets about the sewer project were distributed to all residents by our management office. Tom La Porte, who is assistant commissioner of the Water Department of Chicago, gave a very informative talk on the sewer project starting on Monday, March 3. He explained and showed pictures of how the work will be done, and about the traffic and bus plans. Mr. La Porte explained why the city decided to do the project the way it is planned. He answered questions and listened to concerns of our residents. The meeting was chaired by Sandy Chaet, ASCO (Association of Sheridan Condo/Coop Owners) representative and ASCO President Sheli Lulkin. Sheli also explained issues that were of concern. She also showed identification signs to be displayed on your car visor that will identify you as a Sheridan Road resident. Identification cards will be passed out before March 3. Association Manager Vito Senese was present to answer any concerns about the project pertaining to our building.



Edgewater Chamber of Commerce Armory meets for local business. Standing-room-only at ASCO Emanuel meeting.

Sewer meetings flow on by Jack Winans

City officials tendered the offer to meet with any and all local groups, including block clubs, condo associations, business groups, etc., that would be affected by the Sheridan Road sewer lining project that will start Mar. 3.

The first of what would be many local meetings on the sewer project was held at the Broadway Armory at 1:30pm Wednesday, Jan. 22. Attending were

Ald. Mary Ann Smith, ASCO President Sheli Lulkin, many City of Chicago representatives and 80 local businessmen and neighborhood citizens.

The next meeting was held at 7pm Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Sheridan Road Emanuel Congregation. Present at this meeting was the same cadre of officials and a crowd of 150 condominium and neighborhood representatives and residents.

Sandy Chaet, our Malibu East Social

Committee chairman, responded to the invitation and held a meeting 7:30pm Tuesday Feb. 11 that was attended by 80 people, mostly Malibu East residents and including a few from Park Edgewater.

Another meeting designed to respond to delivery problems, specifically on Thorndale, that may arise during construction was given a double dose at 11:30am and 6:30pm on Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Broadway Armory with about 60 people attending the sessions.

Malibu Cleaners proprietor appointed to Chicago Commission

by Jack Winans

David Yoon's concerns about the plight of a fellow Asian dry cleaner displaced during the expansion of the University of Illinois on the south side of Chicago led him to apply to the City of Chicago to become a member of the Commission on Human Relations. He was thrilled to be accepted and is anxious to join others in serving the Asian community.

The appointment letter text is reproduced below.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

January 17, 2003

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

Mr. David S. Yoon
Dear Mr. Yoon:



16, 2003, is effective immediately and will expire on July 1, 2004.

Thank you for agreeing to serve the City in this capacity and for making your time available. You join a dedicated group of individuals whose mission is to provide guidance in addressing the concerns and needs of our diverse communities. I am confident that the Council will be well-served by your personal efforts and commitment.

Congratulations and best wishes for a rewarding, productive term of service.

Sincerely,
Richard M Daley, Mayor

I am pleased to welcome you as a member of the Commission on Human Relations, Advisory Council on Asian Affairs. Your appointment, confirmed by the full City Council on January

I wish to thank our many friends and neighbors and employees at Malibu East for the numerous kindnesses shown to Bill and me during his recent illness and also for your expressions of sympathy to me on his loss on February 7.

Knowing that we are in your thoughts and prayers at this time is of great comfort to me.

Susan Schroeder

Review of another sort

by *Betty Mayian*

We may not have a movie theater in Edgewater, but we do have some of the best live theater in all of Chicago. How do I know? Like the restaurants I review, I actually go to almost every performance of live theater in this area. For longevity, Loyola University Theater has given us the most plays and reviews of all. Since we've been subscribers, Loyola has put on at least three and as many as 11 shows every school year. Last season, the Organic Theatre group came to Loyola to put on a play as part of the Loyola subscription package. They will be using the Loyola box office and theater to put on plays in the future, as well. To learn about the interesting student productions, call 773-508-3847 to get on their mailing list. Play parking is at the garage on campus. Performances can be as little as \$5 up to \$15, and even better prices for students, seniors or series subscriptions. The students are as enthusiastic as you would imagine. My husband and I have seen them as waitpersons in the local eateries, and they are excited to know we recognize them. Fun.



hooked by this group as well. There are senior rates available for each play; ticket prices range from \$10 to \$24. Raven Theatre will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in March with the Odets' classic, *Golden Boy*. Michael Menendian, founder of the Raven, is also the director. The Raven spent its first 19 years in Rogers Park, and Edgewater is happy to be the new home. Call for info and reservations at 773-338-2177, visit the Web site at www.raventheatre.com. Ask about their children's plays, now showing, *Sophie's Stories*; tickets are \$7.



The Griffin Theatre Company is located on 5404 N. Clark, right in the heart of restaurant row, in the Andersonville section of Edgewater. We subscribed to their first year but had not gone back for years — until we attended a birthday party for one of its directors. The performance was a comedy, *A Night in Mantua*. It was great! The references to all things Shakespearian were funny and enthusiastic and convinced us both to give them another try. It is Jeff recommended, as were many past plays. Our suggestion to all of you is to give them a call at 773-769-2228 and make your reservation for this play, which ends on March 16th. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20. Ask about senior rates and children's theater performances.

City Lit Theatre Company is located in the Edgewater Presbyterian Church at 1020 W. Bryn Mawr. It is diagonal from Francesca Bryn Mawr, a wonder-

ful restaurant. The church is a few steps from Sheridan Road, so bus transportation is convenient. If you must drive and can't find parking, there is valet parking in front of Francesca. The theater troupe concentrates on farce and other comedy plays, and we have yet to be disappointed in any play we have seen there. Call for tickets at 773-293-3682 or visit the Web site at www.citylit.org to check out the latest play. *Tartuffe*, by Moliere will be there until April 13th; tickets are \$18 to \$24; ask about subscription and senior rates. Over the last 17 years, City Lit has garnered over 25 Joseph Jefferson nominations and 16 Joseph Jefferson citations.



There is another theater, just outside our boundaries, that we have enjoyed for a number of years. Lifeline Theatre is at 6912 N. Glenwood, just south of Morse Avenue. It offers free parking and shuttle service when you arrive by car to the Glenwood location. The ticket prices vary since they have different ones for previews, students and seniors, groups of 12 or more, rush tickets, full price and the season subscriptions, so call 773-761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com to get the latest information. Over the years they have received 66 Jeff awards and nominations. My interest in Lifeline started when it offered the Tolkien classic trilogy (over a four-year span). When we saw the "Lord of the Rings" there, we were impressed with what such a small troupe could do on such a small stage. They have never failed to amaze us.

Each of the professional theaters listed has had Jeff Award recommendations for their plays. The actors, writers, directors, et al are quite good and deserving of your attention. See you at the theater.



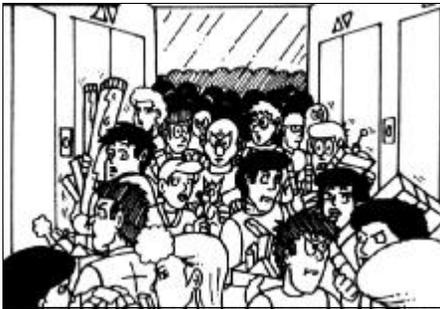
The newest theater to put out its shingle in Edgewater is Raven Theatre at Granville and Clark. The building used to be a grocery store and has its own parking lot. They have two stages and usually show two performances. We saw a one-woman show and, while we were there, heard good reviews about the one on the main stage (*Marvin's Room*). We bought tickets on the spot and now are

Dear Miss Etta Kitt,



I realize that many new people are not aware of many of our MECA rules. Perhaps even those who do know the rules just don't know that breaking those rules makes life at Malibu East a little less pleasant and relationships more confrontational. I constantly see people with carts, dogs and dirty laundry in the passenger elevators. Why can't we have more signs around the building spelling out all the rules, and why can't the doormen enforce the rules?

Signed "Pushed Flat"



Dear Pushed Flat,

I realize that you get tense when you see someone breaking the rules with impunity whereas you personally probably walk the extra 100 feet to do the right thing. Unfortunately all the signs in the world will not change those who always have an excuse for doing the wrong thing. Our doormen and other staff members are not policemen either, and it would be unfair to make them constantly correct our residents.

So what's the answer? You are! Every resident who sees a glaring infraction of the rules can make the effort to politely and without censure inform the culprit that when they flout the rules, they make it less pleasant for everyone in the building. But first! Make sure that all of the elevators are in working order before you make a judgment on your fellow resident. Your comments and suggestions may be met with some degree of hostility — but for the sake of the building, your family and your friends, you, as a citizen of our small town of MECA, have the responsibility to make your concerns known.

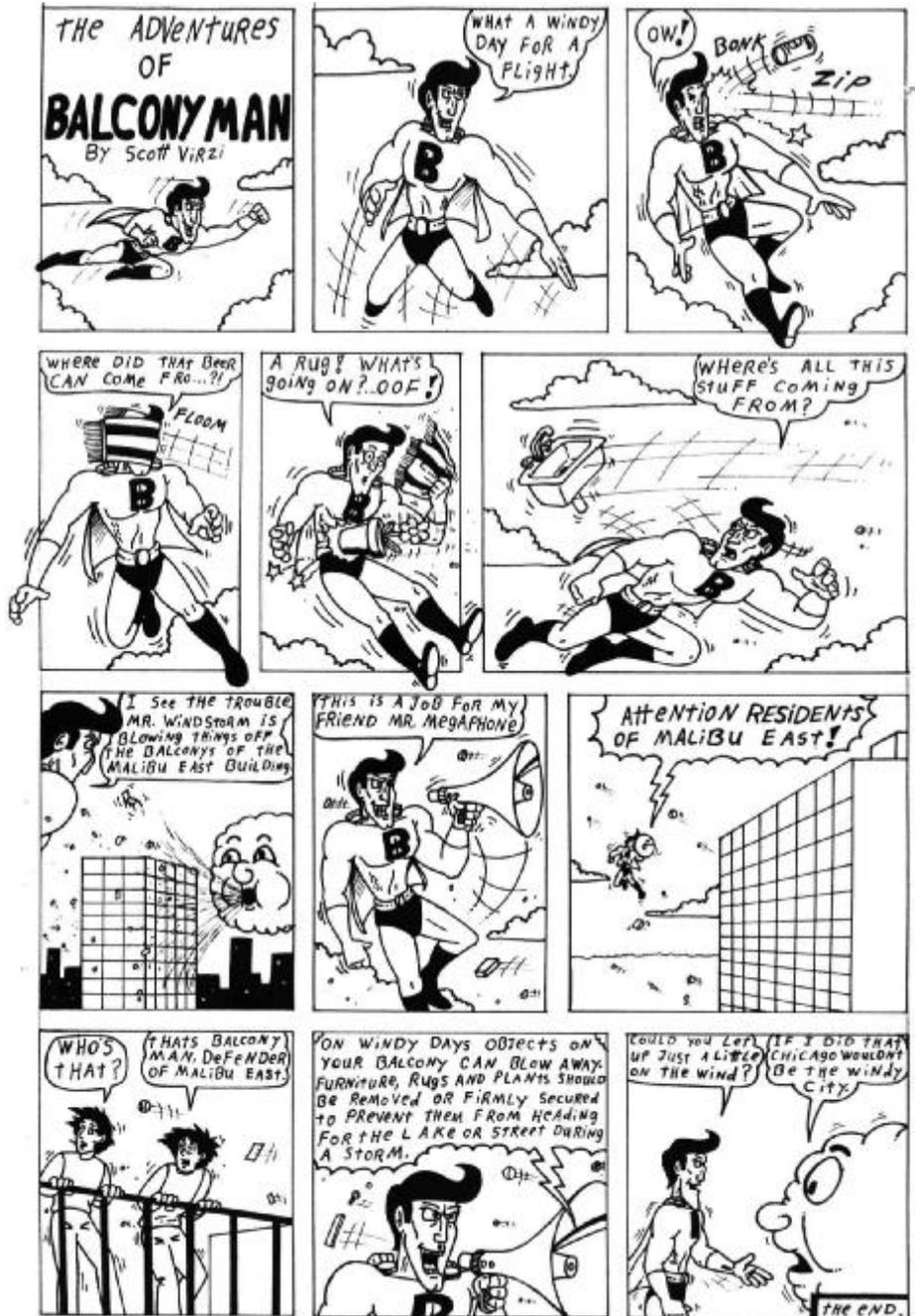
'Town Crier' announcements
by Betty Mayian

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:



If you have information concerning talented or famous MECA residents, please contact the Dialogue.

Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



Reach 500 units here plus 42 association offices!

MECA MARKETPLACE

*Advertisement design FREE!
Clipart and layout included*



Malibu East Dialogue
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6033 N. Sheridan Road
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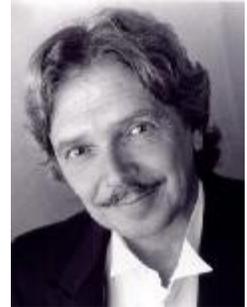
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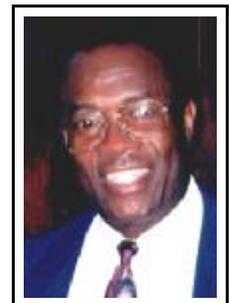
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