

Society has always to demand a little more from human beings than it will get in practice.

— George Orwell

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Senn High School names new principal



(Left) Founded in 1913, the school is named in honor of surgeon, instructor and founder of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Nicholas Senn. Ald. Harry Osterman [48th] called it “an amazing neighborhood high school.” Photo by Bob Kitsos (Right) New Senn High School Principal Holly A. Dacres said she’s excited to bring civility, partnership and experience to the position.

BY BOB KITSOS

In an unanimous decision, Senn High School’s Local School Council [LSC] voted to award a four-year principal contract to Holly Dacres, who has served as the school’s interim principal since July.

The council’s selection process was rigorous and thorough. It took into account candidates’ resumes, background research, interviews, multiple reference checks and feedback from all stakeholders -- teachers, students, parents and the

community.

Terrell Walsh, dean of students and building operation manager, said, “Mrs. Dacres has the full support of the LSC as she moves from interim principal to contract principal. We look forward to collaborating with her for the next four years to ensure that Senn High School and Mrs. Dacres are successful.”

The downstate native and longtime Chicagoan is married and the mother of a fourth-grader and fifth-grader in the Chicago Public Schools system. Previously she

served as assistant principal at Chicago’s Al Raby High School and principal of the Wilma Rudolph Learning Center in Chicago for six years.

At a recent virtual and in-person community forum at the school with students, parents and school officials she proposed her five-step plan that focused on student learning and student life, operational management (for long-term fiscal health) and family and community development.

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Mayoral candidates come to Lakeview, Lane Tech

BY BILL HADERLEIN

Hundreds of people attended two North Side mayoral candidate forums. One on Jan. 10 hosted by the neighborhood association South Lakeview Neighbors [SLN], at the new Paradiso Event Space in The Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport.

Another on Jan. 15 at Lane Tech High School, 2501 W. Addison.

While the Lane Tech forum received a great deal of local media coverage, the SLN event was lightly covered and will be the

focus of this story.

With WGN’s Ben Bradley as Lane Tech moderator, unsurprisingly public safety dominated the evening. It is a clear weakness of the incumbent, and is the main reason why Mayor Lori Lightfoot is falling in most polls.

In Lakeview, SLN’s co-President Sam Samatas opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. Then Samatas quoted from former President Theodore Roosevelt’s 1910 speech known as “The Man in the Arena” speech. The Roosevelt message applauds

those who put themselves out there to run for office, who put in the effort, who succeed or fail and not to those critics who never have the courage to perform those duties.

The format allowed each candidate 8 to 10 minutes of uninterrupted campaign talk followed by another 10 minutes of questions from the audience.

The meeting attracted five mayoral candidates, and some of the candidates were in Washing-

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This park plaza at 5708 N. Ridge will be named in memory of Marion Jean Kennedy Volini [at top].

Edgewater Park dedicated to Volini

The Housing and Real Estate Committee on Jan. 10 recommended for passage in City Hall an ordinance that would dedicate a park space at 5708 N. Ridge as Marion Jean Kennedy Volini Plaza.

This location is next to Chicago Filmmakers and the old Ridge Firehouse. “Former Ald. Volini was a transformative community leader and businesswoman in our community,” said Ald. Harry

Osterman [48th].

Before Osterman, and his mother Kathy Osterman, there was Marion Volini, who served as alderman of the 48th Ward in the late 1970s and most of the 1980s. She died at 83 in May of 2018.

After graduating from Mundelein College, she married Camillo Volini, and they raised their five children in the Lakewood-

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Presentation on mural plans for Levy Center

The Northeast Regional Levy Senior Center will be holding their next meeting virtually at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. The topic to be discussed is a proposed mural for the north side of the Levy building itself, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave.

Brett Swinney, Cultural Affairs Coordinator at the Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events, will be the guest speaker,

presenting on the Levy Center’s mural design, and answering questions about the project.

For those interested, the Zoom meeting link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85442555407?pwd=anrbEE0SUZQZj1QK0ZZZGFrcUk4Zz09>, the meeting ID is 854 4255 5407 and the passcode is 803494

Those who would prefer to join by phone may call 312-626-6799.

Park District kills plan for lights at Welles Park

BY PETER VON BUOL

Chicago Park District [CPD] Supt. Rosa Escareno on Jan. 11 said night games will not be coming to the athletic fields of Gideon Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave.

Citing community opposition from the park’s neighbors, in a letter sent to the Welles Park Parents’ Assoc. [WPPA], Escareno said the CPD will not support the addition of 60-foot-tall lights to illuminate the park’s athletic fields. The privately-run WPPA

operates the park’s baseball and softball leagues.

“Because of the large community opposition to this proposal, especially concentrated to residents who live near the park as shown by the most recent survey, the CPD cannot support your proposal to add lighting to Welles Park. The decision was made in consultation with Ald. Martin [47th] in which Welles Park resides as well as the local community,” wrote Escareno.

About a dozen residents from the park’s surrounding neigh-

borhood attended the Dec. 2022 meeting of the CPD’s Board of Commissioners. All expressed concerns about the addition of lights. Two spoke directly to the commissioners during the public comment period. Also speaking out against the proposed installation of the lights was a representative from The Friends of the Parks, a non-profit parks advocacy group.

“We understand this decision may be disappointing to

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It's a great time to be a Chicagoan



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

**Woman pushed off
CTA platform**

**Two found dead in home
in South Loop**

Boy shot dead in Uptown

**Three juveniles charged
in string of carjackings
in Gold Coast, River North**

**SWAT Team responds
in Old Town on Wells St.**

Relax. They're just ordinary headlines in this newspaper's police blotter, and in other local media. The body count.

Despite the alarm bells they set off, this is still a great time to be a Chicagoan. We're in the final stretch in our elongated path to a mayoral election on Feb. 28. February's last day.

It's a magic moment in our history when Chicagoans get to decide who shall sit in the Mayor's office on the fifth floor of City Hall.

In past eras many believed elections were almost irrelevant because the powerful drama of local affairs made a change in mayors highly unlikely.

That's what Machine Politics was all about. That vast network of alliances and self-protected partnerships that ran smooth and well-organized armies of political workers door-to-door in every ward.

Muscular politicos with unbendable iron-clad control focused their eyeballs on the everyday trickle-down of political leverage. It was all about delegation.

That was once the way with many big-city political bosses and their lieutenants. So many people had the strategic potential for political gain, no one wanted to upset the apple cart.

Those days are long gone, now, for the most part. It's why 30 plus Chicago aldermen found themselves convicted of crimes related to their office since the 1970s.

In today's Chicago City Council, Mayor Lightfoot appears always on the rampage, deadening aldermanic effectiveness and opportunities for change. Why do you think so many aldermen have no interest in seeking reelection and are hightailing it out of there?

That old-fashioned style of political organization is over. Gone also are the classic dividends of past political machines.

Recently it was reported that Ald. Derrick Curtis [18th] said he's having second thoughts about his support for Mayor Lori Lightfoot — and his role as her “No. 1 cheerleader” — because the mayor's been so cold to him, even after he accidentally shot himself.

There was once a genuine positive influence that was tangible over the vast electorate. Politics in this city was very grassroots. That's how many new immigrants assimilated into town. They became self-aware of their American identity through local politics.

Chicago, once, could boast of enormously large voter turnouts. The Machine practically carried you to the polling place. No excuse for not voting. They checked up on you. And offered solutions for every contingency that could keep you at home on election day.

Loyalty to the power brokers, once brought wide scale political employment as a payoff. Putting bread on the table for a worker was a pivotal part of the process.

So too was the amazing deeply positive city-wide hands-on political action all over town. Politics, once, bred activists whose interest in the neighborhood kept

the street lights working, potholes filled, the garbage picked up, and trees trimmed.

Politics on the local level, once, offered effective leadership over the local wards in neighborhood affairs. It helped maintain a sense of ownership and hands-on involvement in the goings-on.



Mayor Lori Lightfoot

This was easily transferred to a sense of success for concerns of public safety and effective community policing. All well-reasoned and balanced. There was no constraint on law enforcement. No handcuffing the cops. Leaving them free to fight the bad guys and make local neighborhoods safe.

There aren't more bad guys in Chicago today than in decades past, just fewer police, and a lot less fear of arrest and prosecution.

There was that old-fashioned, all powerful, sense of trust, once, coming from the voters that saw political leaders having their best interests at heart. Politicians echoed the concerns of their voters. Everyone, once, was on the same wavelength.

Sadly such a grocery list of political benefits can no longer be assumed. Especially in 2023. A system that worked for over a century, has been cast off.

Yet the context for this upcoming mayoral election is the deteriorating quality of Chicago's urban life. It's guided by the fear that the thuggish looting and reckless vandalism of the last two summers will continue, in what was,

once, the safest part of town.

No more.

It's found in the fears that hard-working citizens now must face, that they'll never really be safe again.

Such fears raise their head every time bullets fly through the Chicago skies. And police are prevented from the proper pursuit of the violent criminals who bring us murder and mayhem.

Though the mayor attempts to numb Chicagoans to the truth of such violence, people are too smart to be tricked. They just leave town for the suburbs or another state.

It happens every day in every neighborhood when teenagers carjack vehicles, and if they're caught, they're out stealing another auto before all the paperwork of their arrest is completed.

Make no mistake about it. This mayoral election is about Chicago's future. Not just in the life of a politician who wants to be mayor. But in how Chicago fits into America. How we contribute to the common cause of the nation. It's about how our reputation can be healed. And what strategies we must immediately inaugurate to protect our commercial life and cultural well-being.

This mayoral election is also a warning to all political factions, like lakefront liberals or LGBTQ+ or rank-and-file union members who realize what a colossal mistake they made opening the mayor's office to a candidate of wide woke cultural disasters. And without the moral prerequisite of knowing how to stand tall in the face of such errors.

This mayoral election is a warning to anyone whose eyes have not been opened in the past four years to the monstrous failures of an inept, disorganized, self-serving, fog-bound mayoral administration.

Yes, admit it, the administration 83% of us voted in... we did it. It's our fault. Time to fix that.

Since then we have witnessed, up-close, a disaster in public education. Ineffective relations with unions. Disharmony among workers, and their employers, the Police and Fire departments. Cyclists. The futility of leadership in the Chicago City Council. The dwindling of the city's refined spirit. And the embarrassment that bad leadership in the mayor's office has laid on every citizen from Evanston to Indiana.

Was there ever a time in Chicago history when our metropolis has been in worse shape? Not in this lifetime.

We are all victims of the high crimes and violence which this mayoral administration ushered in with its hate-filled, anti-police policies and support for the criminal element in every neighborhood. And the Univ. of Chicago, the incubator for racist, woke cultural assimilation.

Chicagoans have also been hoodwinked by the Cook County State's Attorney, Kim Foxx, who so dynamically does the bidding of the Cook County Board President, Toni Preckwinkle.

Did you ever think you'd see the day when the Cook County courts would release those who have been arrested multiple times

without posting a cash bond? It's called lawlessness. It's a chapter and verse straight from the woke culture hymnal.

We're going to see some incredible political flip-flopping before this election is concluded. The Mayor is not leading in the polls. She's dropped into fourth place. And to the surprise of all, Paul Vallas has been gaining momentum that's lifting him to a strong lead among top candidates. Fully viable now, facing Jesús “Chuy” Garcia. Especially with his powerful support from the Chicago Police Union, an essential component to holding a lead.

So the questions continue and must be asked.

Whose lives are better since the election of Mayor Lightfoot?

Whose homes are more safe? Whose streets are more patrolled and well-guarded? Whose businesses remain more secure?

And an urban corollary still remains.

Ideas are scarce in the present mayoral administration. Follow-throughs are, indeed, a rarity. Effective management is unknown. And the shootings and homicides will not come to an end. Remember the headlines.

The real facts easily get fabricated. The truth of our urban violence can no longer be disguised. Our commercial life has never been more fragile. Chicago residents now look for alternatives. Either at the ballot box or in the promise of a new zip code. Away from the paralysis of ineffective police protection and decreased safety and strength.

Chicago's prairie living is no stranger to calamity. We have endured historic massacres. A great Fire. Wide-scale epidemic disease and death. Including the Capone Era of gangland violence during

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Chicago's NASCAR deal: Fast, furious and full of unanswered questions

Who will pay for security and physical damage to downtown?

Bigger question: Is anyone clamoring for this?

BY MARK GUARINO
WBEZ

Race cars zooming through downtown Chicago this July will undoubtedly make Grant Park look like a scene from the next installment of the Fast and Furious franchise.

Except in this movie, “the fast” refers to the speed at which the city agreed to host a NASCAR street racing weekend and “the furious” are city council members who say the entire deal lacks transparency or sound economic sense.

Controversy surrounding July’s race weekend — a first for NASCAR and for Chicago — started last summer. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced she had signed a three-year deal that, on July 1 and 2 will turn the streets around Grant Park, the museum campus and even Michigan Ave. into a 2.2-mile racecourse.

Interviews with aldermen, experts, and a WBEZ analysis of the contract show minimal financial benefit to the city and few specifics about who will pay for

substantial related costs, from police to secure the event to clean-up crews to put downtown back together again. Such questions about who could be left with the tab and whether Lightfoot overreached with the hasty deal could likely become a flashpoint in the mayoral race that’s heating up, as opponents look for openings to criticize Lightfoot’s record.

The mayor’s office said in an emailed response to questions that the most tangible benefits of the weekend NASCAR event will be in the “positive impact” to area businesses from all those race fans dining in restaurants and staying in hotels. In the statement, a spokesperson likened it to “premier events” such as Lollapalooza and NBA All-Star weekends that “reflect the mayor’s commitment” to bring in economic wins for downtown. The city denied repeated interview requests made over the course of three weeks.

But the lack of details, the speed at which the deal was reached and whether the city could get stuck with part of the tab continue to draw ire among City Council members.

“I’m all for economic development, but the issue I have with it is lack of communication and transparency around how this project came to fruition,” said Ald. Gilbert Villegas [36th]. Villegas said the mayor’s office has refused to

meet with city council members, give them the contract, or even provide an “in-depth briefing” on the race.

FOX Sports NASCAR reporter Bob Pockrass said it is likely details were scarce to help NASCAR avoid having to “navigate the politics of it.” “NASCAR prefers the way they did it, keeping things between as few parties as possible to get the deal done,” he said.

A closer look at the contract

The contract, obtained by WBEZ via a Freedom of Information Act request, shows that NASCAR is required to pay the city a \$500,000 permit fee per year and a guarantee of 15% of the net commissions on concession and merchandise, plus \$2 per admission ticket. (The permit fee increases to \$550,000 in 2024 and to \$605,000 in 2025.)

The contract promises NASCAR its racecar weekend through 2025 with an option of a two-year extension and guarantees NASCAR total broadcast, sponsorship, and signage rights. The Daytona Beach, Florida-based racing organization is only required to pay a \$50,000 security deposit for damages to Grant Park.

In an email, NASCAR spokesperson Brent Gambill said “NASCAR will be responsible for

security” but would not specify details. The contract does not specify security costs by either the city or NASCAR, nor does it indicate how much the organization must pay the park district to restore the park beyond the \$50,000 deposit. Instead, the contract says a third-party landscape

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contractor will survey the site before and after the race and provide “a damage assessment and restoration estimate” for all parties “to review and agree upon.” NASCAR, the contract says, is ultimately on the hook for that.

The contract also specifies that park district officials will receive, “at no charge, NASCAR credential passes and general admission tickets.”

The gains, according to the mayor, exist largely outside the event. A spokesperson for the mayor referenced a report commissioned by NASCAR that promises \$100 million in related tourism and construction revenues

to Chicago — everything from building scaffolding and setting up the event to residual spending for hotels, restaurants, transportation, retail and entertainment.

As for how the event came to captivate the mayor’s office, it apparently started with a video simulation.

In July 2021, NASCAR partnered with iRacing, an online video simulation company, to launch a one-day street race set in a virtually scanned downtown Chicago that pitted professional drivers against one another. “It was almost a feasibility study of how it can be done” in the real world, said NASCAR’s Street Course President Julie Giese. By the end, “both NASCAR and the city of Chicago looked at each other and said, ‘Let’s figure out how to make that a reality,’” Giese said.

The Chicago race is an outgrowth of a steady push by NASCAR to broaden its audience.

That push includes the move of the Busch Light Clash, a race with a 32-year history at the Daytona International Speedway until it was shifted into the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum last February. Giese said 70% of attendees at that event had never attended a NASCAR event, a finding the organization found “staggering.”

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The city expects 100,000 people to attend the two-day NASCAR event in Grant Park. Event-goers will purchase a two-day pass that will keep them inside a footprint that will include an “A-list” concert each night in Hutchinson Field and “different activations” around Buckingham Fountain.

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“Chicago is the next step” of “introducing our sport to a whole new audience,” she said.

Giese said she expects 100,000 people to attend the two-day event, which will be structured like a destination festival. Event-goers will purchase a two-day pass that will keep them inside a footprint that will include an “A-list” concert each night in Hutchinson Field and “different activations” around Buckingham Fountain that will include food, vehicle displays by sponsors like Toyota, and interactive games.

Ticket prices — \$269 for general admission and \$465-plus for reserved seating — are higher than typical speedway races and are more comparable to music festival price points, she said.

The nature of the race on a street grid means a greater challenge for drivers, said Pockrass of FOX Sports. Turns will be tighter, there won’t be run-offs, and drivers will have minimal time to test-drive the route before the race itself.

“The unknown is not something many drivers relish,” he said, “but I think the event is something that they are all excited about.”

Questions about who’s paying for parks, police

Still, the moment Lightfoot announced the race in July, it became a lightning rod for criticism from City Council members, park advocates and community groups that the mayor’s office had overreached and struck a deal that is fiscally irresponsible.

According to several aldermen who were interviewed both on

and off the record for this article, Lightfoot worked on the deal privately without notifying the city council it was in the works.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd], whose ward overlaps with the downtown course, said he was among a few City Council members summoned to meet NASCAR officials less than 24 hours before the announcement. The meeting “was a whopping 15 minutes and certainly didn’t go into any detail” about what Lightfoot would soon announce alongside NASCAR CEO Jim France and driver Bubba Wallace.

“There was absolutely no transparency, whatsoever,” Reilly said. The meeting, he said, “was done simply so the mayor could check a box to say, ‘Well, the aldermen were aware.’” (When asked by reporters in August, Lightfoot said “all of [the aldermen] were briefed ahead of time.”)

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“There are so many things missing from that contract. We’re getting the short end of the stick,” she said.

Take, for example, the destination music festival Lollapalooza, which descends on downtown every August. While it’s not an apples-to-apples comparison since each event contract is structured differently, Lollapalooza’s commitment to the city for its weekend is far more extensive than the deal Lightfoot worked out with NASCAR.

In its new contract, which extends the festival in Grant Park through 2032, Lollapalooza pays the city a guarantee of \$2 million for the four-day festival and even \$750,000 if the festival is not held. (NASCAR pays the city nothing if the race is canceled.)

But the big money comes from revenue. The Chicago Park District [CPD] earns an attractive percentage of festival revenue — from 5% of the first \$30 million to 20% of revenue generated between \$50 million to \$70 mil-

lion, according to the city. On top of that, Lollapalooza producers have committed \$2.2 million to the Chicago Public Schools with additional, although unspecified, funding for the CPD and Grant Park Tennis Court renovation.

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In July, Lightfoot announced Lollapalooza generated \$305 million to the city’s economy in 2021 alone, a figure that includes \$7.8 million in fees to the CPD.

Robert Baade, a sports economist at Lake Forest College who is a national expert on the intersection between municipalities and professional sports, examined the NASCAR contract for WBEZ. He said he was “surprised” to see the minimal \$500,000 financial commitment by NASCAR to the city. “\$500,000 is not nearly enough to make up for what it is that the city will surely incur in costs to host the event,” Baade said, such as police overtime, cleanup and restoration costs to the parks and streets, and lost revenue from tourists expected downtown every Fourth of July weekend.

As with any large-scale gathering downtown, the NASCAR event will require a heavy police presence, something that even Chicago Police Supt. David Brown suggested in October would create a manpower issue. Following the mayor’s announcement in July, Brown said an “explosion” of special events down-

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Heart of the ‘Hood by Felicia Dechter will return

The Home Front by Don DeBat will return

With major crime reports up 41%, Chicago’s mayor says her crime plan is ‘working’

BY CWBCHICAGO

With major crime reports up 41% last year and Chicago police staffing down 12% since she became mayor, Lori Lightfoot says she has a public safety plan that’s working.

“We’re seeing steady improvements in public safety efforts,” Lightfoot tweeted on Jan. 3.

“Much more to do, but we are on the right path,” she said in another tweet on Jan. 5.

“When it comes to addressing crime in our city, I’ve got a plan — and it’s working,” Lightfoot said in a tweet on Jan. 10 that included her latest campaign ad.

In the spot, an unidentified man blames “haters” for the city’s crime perception problem. The mayor, says the man, “has got a plan. She’s putting more police on the streets and getting more guns off of them.”

In fact, 21 of Chicago’s 22 police districts have lost cops under Lightfoot’s administration, and reports of major crimes were up in all 22 districts last year compared to

2019, when she took office. Overall, CPD’s force strength has plummeted from 13,302 officers when Lightfoot took office to 11,731 this month, according to the Office of the Inspector General.

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In fairness, when the guy in the TV ad said Lightfoot is “putting more police on the streets,” he may have been referring to the number of cops who protect the street where Lightfoot lives. While other units atrophied under her watch, the Detached Services Unit, which provides mayoral security, ballooned 177% from 56 officers to 155.

Otherwise, in districts from one end of the city to the other tell the same tale: Under the Lightfoot administration, the

number of cops is down, and the amount of crime is up.

Throughout 2022, CPD and the mayor’s office played up talking points about hundreds of prospective new police officers

being trained at the city’s police academy. Yet, despite the hype, and training efforts, the police department failed to keep up with attrition and experienced a net loss of 169 officers last year.

Citywide, major crime reports were up 33% compared to 2019, according to CPD’s data.

On New Year’s Day, the department issued a press release boasting that 2022’s crime rates were “down” compared to years dating back to 1965, when the city’s

population was about 24% higher. Yet, in a footnote at the end of the press release, CPD included statistics that show overall crime was up last year compared to 2021, 2020, 2019, 2015, and 2014. According to the footnote, robberies were up compared to 2021, 2020, and 2019. Thefts and burglaries were up, too.

While the city did see a 14% reduction in murders last year, 2022 is still Chicago’s fourth-worst year for killings since the 1990s, behind 2021, 2020, and 2016. And we have learned that not all of last year’s murders have been properly classified by the police department.

On Jan. 17 last year, 51-year-old California resident Sergio Ontiveros was battered outside a Wrigleyville bar. He fell during the attack, hit his head on the pavement, and died eight days later.

The Cook County medical examiner’s office declared his death a homicide due to craniocerebral injuries suffered in an assault. CPD continues to classify the case

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Refugees being turned away from shelters, city fears crisis could ‘escalate quickly’ as temporary shelters ‘becoming permanent’

Chicago continues to receive alien migrants who have crossed the Southern border and the city is now running out of spaces to house them. And one alderman has warned that the temporary shelters that have popped up all over the city may become permanent if something isn’t done.

While the migrant refugees now arrive in smaller numbers these days then was the case last fall, reportedly the new refugees are being turned away from the 11 known shelters that are already filled to capacity, and some fear the crisis could escalate quickly.

It’s estimated that about 4,000 refugees have arrived in Chicago in the past five months, most of whom arrived before the New Year. The city estimates some 10-15 new migrant refugees now arrive daily in Chicago. While there has been a great deal of charity offered to the new arrivals, the problem is still costing the city, and state tens of millions of dollars to manage.

The High Ridge YMCA on Touhy Ave. houses 120 refugees. The Parthenon Hostel in Greektown has dedicated all of their 119 beds to migrants. A hotel on the Near North Side and the Leone Beach Field

house in Rogers Parks are both filled with refugees, while a school in the South Loop holds 260 refugees.

As soon as they arrive and are identified, the migrants are given basic and immediate needs, such as medical attention, shelter and food provided by city, county, state and local organizations.

As they are arriving in winter, the city has put them up in any public space they could find, like shuttered schools and YMCA buildings, police stations and fire houses, Chicago Park District field houses, even in the basement of the Harold Washington Library.

City Hall was even shipping some out of town and into suburban hotels.

“The situation has created even more of a shelter crisis than we were already facing,” reports Ald. Maria Hadden [49th]. “We didn’t have enough shelter beds or spaces [for the homeless] before.”

Last October and throughout city budget hearings, Hadden says she and other aldermen asked the Mayor to declare a shelter crisis in order to address the issue of homelessness.

Mayor Lightfoot decided to maintain two separate systems while pressing for more support from the state and federal sources. While the state provided support and even activated National Guard members to help staff some facilities in the beginning, by Nov. 2022 they were winding down those services. The city sought \$53 million in ad-

ditional state aid, but the state only agreed to \$20 million.

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And now the State of Illinois is closing down some of the facilities they set up in suburban hotels and plans to move the migrants back into the city of Chicago.

The federal government created much of

the problem by ignoring the border crisis as it built over the last two years, and now federal officials insist that the states should be the ones to manage the current migrant crisis, and coordinate services and shelter for the new arrivals.

“This is not a sustainable situation,” said Hadden. She said that this week she and aldermen Andre Vasquez [40th], Matt Martin [47th], Harry Osterman [48th], and Debra Silverstein [50th], will again be meeting with city officials to press for the opening of even more shelter space for both the existing homeless population and the migrant refugees seeking asylum. “We have three emergency shelters in Rogers Park and West Ridge. The asylum seekers in our shelters are doing well, and are provided with food and access to services,

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Police Beat...

Man stole car as cops watched in Uptown, then bailed out on Lake Shore Dr.

Prosecutors say Chicago cops watched as a man stole an SUV in Uptown, then arrested him in Streeterville after he abandoned the car in traffic on Lake Shore Dr. Police said they found a gun in the stolen vehicle.

Jaylin Williams, 19, is charged with possessing a stolen motor vehicle and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. He was already on first-time gun offender probation for another case when police arrested him, officials said.

Chicago police officers saw a man jump into an SUV while its owner unloaded items in the 4600 block of N. Clarendon around 4:45 p.m. Jan. 7. The car sped onto southbound Lake Shore Drive with its rear hatch still open as police followed it from a distance.

But Williams bailed out of the SUV near the Oak St. Beach “S-curve,” jumped the median, and continued running down the drive, prosecutor Kenneth Flesch said. Officers arrested Williams in the 200 block of E. Delaware after a foot chase.

They also found a loaded handgun on the SUV’s driver-side floorboard, Flesch said, adding that the SUV’s owner didn’t have a gun in the car.

Williams’ public defender said he is a sophomore at Western Illinois University and works two full-time jobs.

“One of his favorite things to do is attend church every Sunday with his grandma,” the attorney said during Williams’ bail hearing.

Judge Mary Marubio ordered him to pay a \$5,000 deposit toward bail to be released on electronic monitoring for the new charges. But Marubio also held him without bail for violating probation in his 2022 gun case.

First-time gun offender probation is a special program that allows young adults with good backgrounds to have a weapons charge removed from their records upon successfully completing the sentence. Marubio warned Williams that he might now be re-sentenced in the 2022 gun case.

Art Institute payroll worker embezzled more than \$2 million

The Art Institute of Chicago’s former payroll manager diverted more than \$2 million of the museum’s money to his personal bank account during a scheme that lasted at least 13 years, federal prosecutors said Jan. 13.

Michael Maurello, 56, is charged with two counts of wire fraud and two counts of bank fraud, officials said.

Between 2007 and 2020, Maurello allegedly directed Art Institute money to his own bank account but made entries in the museum’s payroll system that said the payments were being made to other employees or former employees, according to a press release by the US Attorney’s office in Chicago.

Among the false reasons Maurello entered for payments he received were “negative withholding of taxes,” “negative payroll deduction for

life insurance premiums,” and false payouts for unused paid time off. Maurello also reversed the transactions in the museum’s payroll system so employees would not see the payments he received on their year-end tax forms, the federal indictment said.

The museum’s assistant controller confronted Maurello about one of the payments in Jan. 2020, but Maurello allegedly explained that the transaction was a “test” of the payroll system. He then altered payroll records to conceal information about the misappropriated funds by changing employees’ names, dates of payments, and dollar amounts, according to the allegations.

While officials said Maurello embezzled more than \$2 million over a decade, he is charged with four specific transactions in which he allegedly received \$9,863; \$62,710; \$35,907; and \$53,137 between 2017 and 2019, according to the indictment.

Officials did not identify the Art Institute by name, but Maurello’s social media posts said he worked as the museum’s payroll manager during the time in question.

Chicago Uber driver gets probation for sexually abusing female passenger

A Chicago man who prosecutors said had a history of being sexually inappropriate with women he picked up while working as an Uber driver has been sentenced to probation for one such incident that resulted in criminal charges.

Sargon Nano, 39, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in exchange for the 30-

month sentence from Judge William Gamboney, according to court records. Gamboney also sentenced him to six months in jail, which was satisfied by the time

Nano spent on electronic monitoring while the case was pending.

Nano entered his plea in December, more than three years after prosecutors filed charges against him and more than four years after the alleged crime.

Prosecutors said Nano picked up a 29-year-old woman and her sister in September 2018. He drove the sister to Old Town, then continued driving the 29-year-old to a second destination. But he turned off the Uber app and told the woman he would not continue the trip unless she moved into the front seat.

After she complied, Nano repeatedly touched the woman, placed the woman’s hand on his genitals, and touched her breasts over her clothes while kissing her, according to prosecutors.

Police tracked Nano down through phone records and Uber’s tracking information.

The Sun-Times reported in 2019 that prosecutors said Uber had received “multiple” complaints from other customers about Nano’s “sexually inappropriate behavior.” Uber banned him from driving for the company after receiving a complaint from the victim in the criminal case, the paper reported.

Court records show Nano must register as a sex offender, submit a DNA sample to law enforcement, and complete treatment recommendations. Judge Gamboney also entered a no-contact order that requires him to stay away from the victim until May 30, 2025.

Prosecutors dropped 11 felony charges in their plea deal with Nano, including two counts of kidnapping and seven counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Loyola students robbed, woman carjacked by robbers who may be as young as 13

A group of people who may be as young as 13 carjacked a woman and then robbed two Loyola Univ. students on the North Side Jan. 13. Chicago police and Loyola Univ. police spotted the hijacked car in Rogers Park Jan. 14, but pursuits of the suspects were terminated due to safety concerns, according to CPD radio transmissions.

It all started in Uptown around 9:45 p.m. in the 800 block of W. Buena. Four men jumped out of a car and forced a woman and her child from their silver Toyota Corolla, according to a preliminary Chicago police report. The crew got away with the victim’s cash and items in the car, including \$300 in groceries and a computer.

The group then robbed two Loyola students in separate incidents near the intersection of Lakewood and Arthur avenues in Rogers Park around 10:08 p.m.

One victim told Loyola officers that she was walking when a young man or boy demanded her phone while implying that he had a gun, according to a bulletin from the school’s police department.

About two minutes later, another Loyola student was approached by several people as he walked in the same area, according to the school’s police. Chicago police officers who initially handled the call said a boy and a girl, both appearing to be 13 or 14 and standing a little under 5 feet tall, displayed a box cutter and took his phone. A witness reportedly saw the carjacked Toyota leaving the scene.

Chicago police located the hijacked car near the 1700 block of W. Juneway Terrace in Rogers Park around 12:48 a.m. Saturday, according to CPD radio traffic. The car’s driver sped away when police tried to pull it over, but CPD terminated the pursuit when the vehicle sped through red lights on Broadway.

A Loyola officer radioed that he spotted the car a few minutes later, but that engagement was also terminated, according to police radio transmissions.

Man carjacked in Edgewater

Chicago police are investigating after a 63-year-old man was carjacked in Edgewater on Jan. 13.

A CPD spokesperson said that the carjacker walked up to the victim as he was getting out of his car in the 6000 block of N. Kenmore at 9:15 a.m. and demanded control of the vehicle while implying that he had a gun.

Police said the victim and carjacker got into a physical struggle to control the car, but the hijacker won out and drove away with it. The man’s 2008 Infiniti G35 was last seen heading north on Kenmore.

He described the suspect as a Black male between 15 and 20 years old wearing a black winter coat with fur on the hood.

Carjacking reports citywide remained high last year but began to taper off from record levels as the “Kia Boy” craze swept the city last summer. Chicago police recorded 140 carjackings last month, down from 206 in Dec. 2021. Even with the decline, last month was the third-worst for carjackings in the city since 2001, according to city records.

But this year is starting on the wrong foot. The city had 42 carjackings during the first five days of January, the most recent day for which the city’s data is available. That’s up from 24 during the same days last year and 28 in 2021.

Mail carrier robbed at gunpoint in Lincoln Park

Two armed men robbed a US Postal Service mail carrier of his master keys as he worked in Lincoln Park on Jan. 11, according to a Chicago police report.



Trevon Garland [inset] and two AK-47 rifles that police allegedly recovered from the stolen car.



Anthony Ramsey [inset] was arrested while leading Illinois State Police on a car chase while driving a stolen vehicle from the South Side up into Old Town.

New details emerge, second man charged with dumping guns during Near North Side SWAT incident

New details emerged Jan. 12 as a second man accused of being involved in a Chicago police SWAT incident at a Near North Side apartment building was held without bail on gun and stolen motor vehicle charges. Prosecutors say he and the previously charged man, Trevon Garland, were arrested together in an unrelated incident in October.

We have learned Garland was found not guilty of felony gun charges during a bench trial less than a week ago.

On Jan. 12, prosecutors accused Anthony Ramsey, 18, of driving the stolen Infiniti that led Illinois State Police troopers on a chase from the South Side, through Old Town, and to the apartment building at 1140 N. Wells around 4 p.m. Jan. 10.

On Jan. 12, prosecutors accused Garland of leaving two loaded AK-47s in the Infiniti’s back seat as he dashed into the apartment complex with Ramsey and two other ski mask-wearing men. Officials said that the group took an elevator to the 12th floor, where apartments are rented short-term, like hotel rooms.

Moments after the four men entered unit #1214, Ramsey and an unidentified man stepped out of the apartment and dumped items down a trash chute, prosecutor Sarah Dale-Schmidt said. Those items, recovered by police from the bottom of the chute a few minutes later, were four loaded handguns, 20 rounds of ammunition, and the stolen car’s key fob, according to Dale-Schmidt.

Chicago police officers summoned the department’s SWAT team to clear the building, and Ramsey was arrested as he walked away from the complex with two keys to the 12th-floor apartment in his pocket, Dale-Schmidt said.

Ramsey is on bail for a felony case in Stephenson County, where he is accused of illegally possessing a machine gun, resisting police, and possessing a stolen motor vehicle, Dale-Schmidt said.

Officially, CPD issued a media statement that said a 35-year-old man was “standing outside when two offenders approached him and demanded property while displaying a firearm” in the 2500 block of N. Ashland around 11:30 a.m.

But we have learned that the victim is a mail carrier, and the “property” that the robbers demanded from him was a USPS “arrow key.” Those are the master keys that let postal workers unlock collection boxes, parcel lockers, mailbox panels, and apartment building mailroom boxes.

After the robbery, the offenders ran east on Altgeld St., the report said.

Separately, he and Garland were arrested together in Chicago on Oct. 18 after police tracked a stolen car, found it abandoned with the engine running, and followed footprints to an abandoned home where the two men were allegedly hiding. They were only charged with criminal trespass to land in that case.

Judge Mary Marubio, noting “the sheer firepower at stake here” and allegations that Ramsey gave police the fake name of “Anthony Ramsey” when they arrested him, granted the state’s no-bail petition. He is charged with four counts of felony unlawful use of a weapon, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, obstructing identification, and driving on a suspended license.

Last Friday, just four days before Garland allegedly abandoned two loaded AK-47 rifles in the stolen Infiniti, he was found not guilty of felony gun charges during a bench trial by Judge Neera Walsh in Chicago, according to court records.

According to a Chicago police report, cops arrested Garland last July during a traffic stop in the 7900 block of S. Ashland. The officers said they saw “white smoke” and “an odor consistent with burnt cannabis” as they approached the car. Cops said they saw Garland, seated in the back seat, “extending his legs straight in front of him... possibly concealing contraband.”

Officers said they found a loaded handgun with an extended magazine from under the seat. The police said the gun could only be accessed from the back seat, not from the front.

Garland “quickly related that it was his,” but clarified that he meant the weed was his, the police report said.

As of Thursday afternoon, Garland remained in the Cook County jail. He must post a \$3,000 deposit toward his bail to go home on electronic monitoring.

The suspects are two Black males, one is about 6’ tall, wearing a black face mask and a black jacket, and the other wore a black and red coat with jeans that have rhinestone decorations, an officer said.

Postal carriers across the city have been similarly targeted for their master keys. Thieves used them to steal large volumes of mail, which are then used in identity theft and check fraud schemes, according to police.

“Checks, credit cards, PPP loans, and identity theft are the new hus-

Snared by Facebook neighborhood watch group, Boystown package thief gets two years

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Boystown resident has been sentenced to two years for stealing packages and other items from an apartment building mailroom in the North Side neighborhood. And he can thank a Facebook neighborhood watch group for his troubles.

Andrew Squires, 33, pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft, which was reduced from burglary, according to court records.

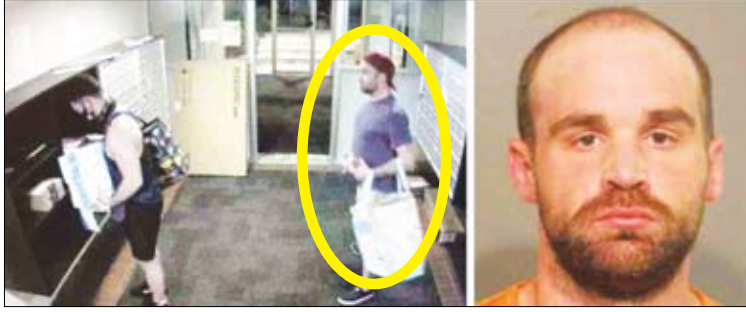
Around 5 a.m. July 19, 2021, two men used a passcode to enter an apartment building on the 600 block of W. Cornelia and then began stealing packages and other items from the building's mailroom before leaving, officials said.

One of the victims of the thefts, who lost two packages, posted a surveillance image of the men to a Lakeview neighborhood watch page on Facebook.

Before long, the victim received an "anonymous response" that identified one of the men as Squires, who happened to live one block away from the building that was burglarized, prosecutors said.

The victim shared the tip with Chicago police detectives, who identified Squires as the burglar by matching surveillance images with photos in a law enforcement database. Among the features that helped police identify Squires was his leg tattoo, according to officials.

When police arrested Squires,



Andrew Squires pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft.

he was carrying three credit cards, all of which belonged to other people, prosecutors said during an initial bail hearing shortly after his arrest.

During the hearing, Squires told the judge that he owns a clothing line and handcrafts the apparel.

Judge Ursula Walowski sentenced Squires after he entered

his plea. His two-year sentence was reduced by 50% for good behavior, and the balance was satisfied by time spent in custody before pleading, according to court records.

No charges were ever filed against the second man seen in the surveillance footage with Squires.

Time to count the homeless

The annual Point-in-Time Count is Chicago's annual count and survey of homeless people on a single night. This year the count takes place city-wide on Jan. 26, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Data gathered by the Chicago Dept. of Family and Support Services, the Continuum of Care, and multiple supporting agencies, serves as a basis for federal funding, informs local service and program planning, and raises public awareness about homelessness in Chicago.

Those who may like to volunteer for the count should email Homelesscount@cityofchicago.org.

DePaul parish adds security measures after holiday heist



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Rectory office in Lincoln Park is installing security cameras and lights after burglary on Dec. 26.

Photo by Katie Wright

BY SAMANTHA MOILANEN
The DePaulia

A Christmas time burglary left the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Lincoln Park with thousands lost in donations from its Sunday and Christmas Day mass collections.

On Dec. 26, 2022, an unidentified male broke into the parish office and church sacristy around 8 p.m. The perpetrator was seen leaving the building at 8:16 p.m., according to the church's lead pastor, Fr. Joseph Williams. Williams said the burglar obtained this information from security footage acquired from DePaul University's Public Safety officers.

Because the church staff had that Monday off for Christmas celebrations, the burglary was not

discovered until Dec. 27 when the maintenance crew entered the building. Shortly after, the maintenance team contacted DePaul security and then Chicago police to file an official report.

"Within an hour of calling DePaul security, they were able to get footage of [the individual] walking out the back and a clear image of his face," said Jennifer Olson, the director of operations for St. Vincent de Paul Church.

According to Williams, the burglar accessed the safe where the parish keeps the Christmas collection and took an estimated \$10,000 in donations and a small amount of money from the church sacristy used for candle funds.

Fr. Chris Robinson, a religious studies instructor at DePaul Univ. and one of the first people on site after the burglary, said it is still unclear how the perpetrator was able to enter the parish office.

"[A] window into the Center on the south side of the building, facing Webster Ave., seems to be [the] most likely [point of entrance]," he said.

Robinson said he was on site Dec. 27 working closely with DePaul Public Safety and the Chicago Police Dept., since Williams was away at the time.

Although none of the out-

side doors and windows were damaged, the perpetrator broke through multiple doors inside the parish office to access the safe, according to Williams.

"They broke through two doors to get into the office," Williams said. "We need to rethink our security."

After the recent burglary, the church plans on adding security measures to deter future theft.

"We have this assumption that we are safe, and you realize when something like this happens, peo-

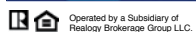
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tle in urban America," a source told us last week.

The problem of mail theft has become so widespread that the US Postal Service itself has advised people not to put mail into its once-ubiquitous blue mailboxes after the last collection time.

Man shot to death while sitting in car in West Ridge

A man was shot to death while sitting in a car Jan. 15 in the 2600-block of W. Fitch Ave. in West Rogers Park.

Benjamin Lopez, 18, was sitting in the passenger seat of a vehicle about 11:50 p.m. when someone in another car fired shots, police said.

The victim was shot in the leg and hip and was taken to Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, where he was pronounced dead.

No arrests have been made in the case. Three detectives are investigating.

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Prohibition. And we now face the epic betrayal of countless elected officials to personal crimes over the decades.

But we have survived these shameful encounters. Once again we are faced with dismal opportunities for survival. Only an organized effort on behalf of reasoned and intelligent Chicagoans at the ballot box can rescue us to start repairing our city.

This mayoral election just could be the making of us. Taking control over our own destiny. Rescuing the city we love from the broken down values and misguided abilities of politicians reaching for solutions beyond their grasp. Trying to save the world rather than manage a formerly world-class city.

Perhaps we could show them who's really in charge on Feb. 28. Let's release some magic on the City Hall's fifth floor, remembering it's a great time be be a Chicagoan.

FIASCO AT AIC: News from the Art Institute of Chicago is not good. They are admitting that their former Payroll Manager spent 13 years stealing \$2.3 million between 2007 and 2020. He's being indicted on federal charges. Kind of puts the **Ken Griffin** AIC-exit with paintings make sense. The board must have been aware of the skullduggery afoot. Was the mass firing of our beloved AIC docents a false flag self-lit fire to take our eyes off what was underway? Did shuttering all the restaurants and food services help obscure Chicagoans' vision during the strange administration of President **James Rondeau**? Did they believe embracing woke cultural ideals would better cover up the cover-up? Hey President Rondeau, it's falling on the sword time on Boul Mich. Have you written your resignation letter? Stop the disaster that's underway and please just leave.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: It has been announced that **Timothy Drea**, President of the AFL-CIO, will be the Grand Marshal of the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade. And that Councilman **Danny Collins**, the Mayor of Cork, Chicago's Sister City, and Cork County, will be the Guest of Honor for America's grandest parade celebrating St. Patrick and the Irish. Saturday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m.

APRIL FOOLS: U.S. District Judge **John Blakey**, will hear the racketeering trial of former Illinois House Speaker **Michael J. Madigan** beginning on April 1. The joke is on us. Who do we see about getting our bribe money back from ComEd?

HINDMAN CHANGES: **Alyssa D. Quinlan** has been appointed the new CEO of Hindman Auctions to run operations. **Jay Krehbiel**, former CEO, will move to become Executive Chairman.

CLOSURE: Sadly the news isn't good for The Bristol, the early farm-to-table bistro on Damen Ave. After 14 years it has decided to close.

BECK: Farewell guitar god **Jeff Beck**. His "Shape of Things" was recorded here in Chicago at Chess Studios, and is included in the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame's permanent exhibit of the "Songs That Shaped Rock and Roll." Beck worked hard to get that psychedelic sound he was known for, with his musical use of feedback, which he learned to control by finding the guitar's resonant points and bending its strings.

ALDERBEACHBUM: Who's the Chicago alderman, still in office, from a significant ward, who seems to have spent a lot of time in their Florida condo where, so far, they plan to remain sequestered and out of reach?

MUSIC LEGEND: World-renowned conductor and pianist **Daniel Barenboim** stepping down as general musical director of Berlin's State Opera due to deteriorating health. The 80-

year-old conductor said his years at one of Berlin's three premier opera houses had been "musically and personally inspiring in every way."

UFFIZI MEFFIZI: **Eike Schmidt**, director of the famed Uffizi Gallery, in Florence, Italy has revealed his personal feelings regarding e-mails. And they are now museum policy. Museum employees have been warned that bold characters are now unacceptable, however underlining some words will be allowed, where suitable. This guy would jump out a window after getting one of my famous all caps missives.

ON THE MEND: Just back from a Palm Beach New Year's dear **Karen Zupko** took a spill off a ladder at her Gold Coast home and wound up in the ER. Two fractures and a torn ACL. Hugs. We all wish her a speedy recovery. And a belated Happy Birthday. While up in Lincoln Park, **Leon Hoffman** builds his muscles back, and in Lincoln Square, **Horst Siegel** continues his rehab from a bad hip that put him in the hospital and doomed his holiday plans.

FINE DINING: New York's Noma, often called the world's best restaurant, will close at the end of 2024, the Copenhagen chef **René Redzepi** told the media. He said fine dining at the highest level has hit a breaking point: "It's unsustainable."

CLOSURE: Extremely shocked and very sad for workers at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, 1 W. Grand Ave., which is now permanently shuttered.

MONEY: Pegasus Theatre Chicago is now producing the 36th Annual Young Playwrights Festival [YPF], and has been approved by the National Endowment for the Arts to receive a Grants for Arts Projects award of \$20,000. This grant will support the YPF, the longest running such festival in the U.S.

WHO'S WHERE: Lake Forest's **Art** and **Jan Miller** doing the sun in Scottsdale, AZ... **Tom**

Hackett and **Tom McGuire** at a wedding in Laguna Beach, CA and dining at Piccolo Paradiso Ristorante in Beverly Hills... **Jackie Mednick**, a senior at the prestigious Key School in Annapolis, has announced that she will attend Parsons at New School in NYC next fall and do a design and technology major... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenus** in New York City after their return from Brazil... **Rick Barrett** went ice skating inside the Friendly Confines of Wrigley Field transformed into a Winter Wonderland... Bravo **Candace Jordan** on the start of her brand new blog... Yes that was **Michael Rambert** practicing his golf swing last week having been invited to play in an "Eskimo tournament," that's dedication... **Jeff** and **Stephanie Leese Emrich** celebrating Jeff's BrightStar Home Care Team's excellence as first responders, there's 100 health care workers... **Bernard Dunleavy** is at the Festspielhaus in Baden-Baden, music for princes... **Todd S. Davis** in Madrid at the Museo Prado, splendid city and museum, catching the Albrecht Durers paintings... **Darby Hills** and her gang in Kapalua, Maui... Artist **Genevieve Figgis'** work is currently on exhibit at Almine Rech in Paris... It's fair to say that prayers in abundance are being said for White Sox **Liam Hendriks**, no matter what side of the river you are on... **Dr. Rose Gomez** celebrated a birthday last week in Switzerland and it was snowing... In Naples, FL, **Jane Justic** had a gala holiday weekend with granddaughters in surf and sea... **Tom McDonald** and **Meg Steele** in San Juan, Puerto Rico... **Linda Mahon** and **Looney** all the way to Tucson, AZ, from Islesboro, Maine... handsome Italian cops were on parade seaside in Venice, Italy... Al's Drive-In in Maywood marking their 70th year... Christie's **Steven Zick** at Marriott Grand Resort in Orlando with an auctioning class... **Shaun Rajah** in

Howell, MI... **Elyse Kennard** in Washington, D.C. for the ceremonial swearing-in honoring the Congressional Black Caucus Members of the 118th Congress... NBC5 sportscaster **Leila Rahimi** has been named Illinois Sportscaster of the year... RL's **Molly Ranger Castellanos** in Morimoto, Napa, CA... **Julie Herron** and **Michelle Kabala** lunching at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Zurich Esposito** at the Palm Springs Architecture and Design Center with **Paul Priessner** at his American Framing exhibition... **Dave Hoekstra** at Hollywood Grill... **Susie Forstmann Kealy** gave her recently deceased son, **Ryan**, a Highland pipers salute on what would have been his 52nd birthday, for which his friends joined together... **Thad Wong** with **Hattie Wong** at Josh's Deli in Miami Beach, FL... **Colleen Dal Santo Ryan** celebrating another year with the family home in California.

CSO: Amazing performances this month at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with **Marin Alsop** conducting the works by three living women composers—two who are CSO composers in residence, **Anna Clyne** and **Jesse Hermann**. **Julia Wolfe**, the third composer, finished the evening with a work by a choral group, commemorating women's suffrage. All received a standing ovation.

POETIC PASSING: **Naomi Replansky**, Poet of Hopeful Struggle, dies at 104. Self-taught American poet.

THE FRICK: The Frick Museum in New York just added its first Renaissance Portrait of a Woman to its storied collection of Old Masters. The painting was the star of the museum's 2019 **Giovanni Battista Moroni** solo show.

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— John Steinbeck

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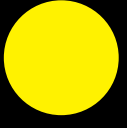
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Dates and sneak peek shows for Chicago Theatre Week 2023

Tickets now on sale

Chicago Theatre Week [CTW], an annual celebration of theatre-going in Chicago during which visitors and residents can access value-priced tickets will take place Feb. 16-26.

The value-priced CTW tickets will be \$30, \$15, or less. Tickets are now on sale at ChicagoTheatreWeek.com.

More than 100 productions are expected to participate, offering value-priced tickets to productions throughout the city and suburbs. The program continues to bring in new audiences to area theatres with an average of 2/3 of attendees visiting their chosen theatre for the first time. Despite the pandemic, in Feb. 2022 over 10,500 value-priced tickets were sold to over 60 participating shows and almost 400 individual

performances.

A small sample of the many productions expected to participate are: Anna Karenina – The Joffrey Ballet at the Lyric Opera House; Cats – Broadway In Chicago at the James M. Nederlander Theatre; Cabaret ZaZou Presents Luminaire - Cabaret ZaZou at the Spiegeltent Cambria Hotel; Chlorine Sky – Steppenwolf Theatre Company

Fen – Court Theatre; Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill – Mercury Theater; Les Misérables – Broadway In Chicago at the Cadillac Palace Theatre; Toni Stone – Goodman Theatre, and Villette – Lookingglass Theatre Company

"Theatre at its root is about sharing stories. Every experience whether you are seeing a show for the first time or the 100th is completely unique in the way it's

told, the reaction from the audience, the actors on stage, the interpretation of the director, and the person you choose to share that moment with," said League of Chicago Theatres Executive Director Marissa Lynn Ford. "Chicago Theatre Week gives you the opportunity to experience multiple stories and participate in this unique experience across the city. There is a story for everybody on our stages."

Chicago's theatres serve 5 million audience members annually and have a combined budget of more than \$250 million. Chicago produces and/or presents more world premieres annually than any other city in the nation. Each year Chicago theatres send new work to resident theatres across the country, to Broadway, and around the world.

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as an aggravated battery, not a murder. It's impossible to know if other murder cases carry lesser classifications in CPD records.

During a year-end media tour, Chicago Police Supt. David Brown told the Chicago Tribune that, despite headlines, CTA crime has been lower than before the pandemic. Yet the Tribune itself reported on Dec. 27 that violent crime on the CTA train

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system was still more than twice pre-pandemic levels.

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but it's not enough." She warned that without the state and federal funds, "services that are supposed to be providing staff to help them complete legal paperwork and [the migrants] make resettlement plans, [that] these temporary shelters are becoming permanent."

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"The City tried to keep the shelter process separate for migrants

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but the demand has forced them to use existing shelter resources for our local homeless population for the migrants as well," she says. "Without the State or Federal government stepping up to

provide us with more financial or human resources, I fear we will see this crisis escalate quickly."

Ald. Hadden said she met with the police and other aldermen and women last week to discuss the latest problems created by the lack of shelter. She says that newly arriving migrants are "being turned away from shelters at capacity and are being directed to the local police districts. There, the police call 311 to request shelter for them, but as the shelters are full we're seeing people staying overnight at the police stations waiting for beds."

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ple can get in," Olson said.

According to Williams, the church is going to invest in front lights, cameras among other security measures.

"We're definitely going to work toward getting cameras in the front of the rectory and really as a deterrent," Olson said. "I think he must have known there weren't cameras there. He knew he could get in without being watched and there were no fingerprints so he was definitely wearing gloves."

To recover lost funds from the burglary, church parishioners decided to start a GoFundMe fundraiser. The goal was set at \$10,000, and according to Olson, the church exceeded this goal within 24 hours.

"Saint Vincent de Paul Parish was prompted to launch [the effort] because Christmas collections are traditionally greater than the usual Sunday collections or offertory," Robinson said. "The theft meant the church community lost both Christmas and Sunday. This is a hard hit."

By a week later the church had

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raised over \$18,000 in donations, \$8,000 more than the original goal.

"We are so totally and completely overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from people," Olson said. "Many of those donations were anonymous."

The extra funds will go toward outreach programs, building maintenance and new security measures Olson said.

To Williams, the donations are much needed after the pandemic caused financial instability due to reduced mass attendance and therefore, fewer offerings than usual.

"That was a real blessing," Williams said. "Our parish has been struggling since COVID to get back to normal. We're not quite back to normal so we've been

running a deficit, a small one, but nonetheless a deficit from our budget. So, this [money] will help a lot."

Despite the financial losses from the burglary, parishioners are maintaining a positive outlook on the situation.

"Certainly in this case, the good has outweighed the bad," Olson said.

According to Olson, none of the church staff recognized the perpetrator from camera footage.

"We didn't recognize him. Other than his picture and what time he left the building, we have no other explanation on him," Olson said.

The investigation is still ongoing and police have yet to identify a suspect.

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town is forcing his department’s overtime costs to skyrocket.

Advocates for the use of public parks in the city also say the race follows a disturbing trend. “I don’t know what the plan is for cleanup afterwards,” said Juanita Irizarry, executive director of Friends of the Park, an advocacy group. She sees the race as part of a continuing trend by Lightfoot and past administrations to view parks as “largely about revenue

generation” and not recreation or tranquility.

“The park district requires folks who use the parks for mega festivals to pay for damages, but oftentimes, even if they are paid, those areas are roped off for a long time because we must plant new grass,” Irizarry said. “Some people say, ‘What’s the big deal; it will be paid for,’ but actually, we all pay for it by not being able to access that space until the grass grows back.”

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committed to making sure the park “looks as great as it did as when we arrived.” While Buckingham Fountain will reopen to the public for July Fourth, just a day after the race, structures from the race — such as grandstands — will follow “a little bit longer of a removal timeline because of the scale of them and how many there are,” she said.

That continued presence of NASCAR, weeks before the race and following, could potentially impact the flow of museum-goers to the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and the Art Institute of Chicago. Art Institute officials also had reportedly expressed concern about vibrations from

the noisy street cars putting fragile art in peril.

Geise said the pedestrian tunnel to get to the Field and Shedd will remain open throughout the weekend, and the organization is working with the museums to address their concerns. Spokespersons for the Field and Shedd did not respond on the record to requests for comment. Katie Rahn, a spokesperson for the Art Institute, said the museum is “looking forward to welcoming visitors throughout the race weekend.”

Baade said most municipalities that turn to professional sports as easy cash spigots often fail to understand that residual revenue gains rarely equal or surpass the

direct revenue gains enjoyed by the organizers, who are usually never local.

“The hope is that people will come to Chicago and be awe-struck by the beauty of the city, and tourism will be spiked and induced well into the future as a consequence of the event. That sort of promise is something that we often see regarding mega sports events but seldom materializes,” Baade said.

Reilly and other aldermen said they have drafted ordinance legislation to limit the power of the mayor to approve special events without city council input. Lightfoot, he argued, is using the event to bolster her re-election to a second term but indicated that is backfiring.

“If there’s a new mayor, that mayor’s lawyers can undo the deal,” he said. “A lot of it will depend on the next election.”

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF SCOTT CHAKIRIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SCOTT CHAKIRIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF SCOTT CHAKIRIS, DECEASED, NICHOLAS CHAKIRIS, SYLVIA WEHRLE, GLENWOOD CONDOMINIUM AND HEALTH CLUB ASSOCIATION, JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SCOTT CHAKIRIS, DECEASED
Defendants
2022 CH 01431 CONSOLIDATED WITH 2022 CH 03043
6424 N GLENWOOD AVE, APT. 3-B
CHICAGO, IL 60626
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Property Index No. 11-32-327-031-1006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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The judgment amount was \$52,241.82.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST; Plaintiff,
vs.
JOLANTA STANKIEWICZ; ROMAN KAWALCZYK; 7314-20 N. HONORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
22 CH 6224
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Bayview Financial Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2004-C, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-C Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERTO GOMEZ; IRMA GOMEZ; CITY OF CHICAGO; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
18 CH 13555
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P.I.N. 10-36-313-029-0000.
Commonly known as 6514 North Albany Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
MARCIA A NAAS A/K/A MARCIA NAAS, 4200 MARINE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
22 CH 00281
4200 NORTH MARINE DRIVE, APARTMENT 602
CHICAGO, IL 60613
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Property Index No. 14-16-302-030-1030
The real estate is improved with an apartment building.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v-
JUDITH M. WEATHERHEAD, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 05447
4632 N WINCHESTER
CHICAGO, IL 60640
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Commonly known as 4632 N WINCHESTER, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-18-206-024
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
SYDNEY JOHNSON AKA SYDNEY J. JOHNSON, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GOLDEN COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2022 CH 03956
2061 W. FARGO AVE., UNIT A
CHICAGO, IL 60645
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 7, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 16, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 2061 W. FARGO AVE., UNIT A, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 11-30-315-024-1027
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$144,533.46.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING; Plaintiff,
vs.
ANGELINA GRZESLO, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013, AND KNOWN AS THE "ANGELINA GRZESLO 2013 REVOCABLE DECLARATION OF TRUST", GLORIA GRZESLO; JOSEPH DEVEROUX JR.; ANGELINA GRZESLO; GREENVIEW ON THE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
22 CH 2866
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 6, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-17-106-046-1003.
Commonly known as 4646 N. Greenview Ave., Unit 3, Chicago, IL 60640.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g) (4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-4
Plaintiff,
-v-
MIKE TEOFILOVICH A/K/A MILAN TEOFILOVICH A/K/A MICHAEL TEOFILOVICH, DNA FINANCE CORPORATION, GOLD COAST GALLERIA GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
19 CH 10674
111 WEST MAPLE STREET UNIT 1401
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 21, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 17, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
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Property Index No. 17-04-422-039-1252
The real estate is improved with a white stone, high rise unit condo with an attached multi car garage.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
RUSHMORE LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
ELLIS HEYER, MARLBOROUGH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ELIZABETH A. HEYER, ELLIS HEYER, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DECEASED MORTGAGOR, ELIZABETH A. HEYER
Defendants
2022 CH 01125
400 W DEMING PL APT 3K
CHICAGO, IL 60614
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Property Index No. 14-28-318-078-1035
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
CHANG H. KIM, MI HUI KIM, 1400 STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 4269
1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 10, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
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Property Index No. 17-04-211-035-1089
The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$398,997.99.
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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate

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chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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PRINCIPAL from p. 1

In presenting her qualifications to the LSC, Dacres wrote, “As principal, I will continue to ensure that Senn students thrive academically, socially and emotionally. As a leader, I will work with all stakeholders to ensure that we continue to offer a robust curriculum and extracurricular activities to maximize upon each student’s ability and interest.”

She also stressed the importance of hiring and retaining strong teachers and staff. She noted that her strongest leadership skills are creative problem-solving, adaptability, teamwork, analytical decision-

making and delegation.

As principal Dacres promised students, teachers, parents and the community that every student at Senn will be treated with dignity and respect and provided with top-tier educational experiences. Furthermore, she said, “I promise that I will exhaust all measures to provide the best opportunities for our students and most importantly, I promise to always listen to you, hear you and reflect on how to best support the students and school community.”

The school is located in the Edgewater neighborhood at 5900 N. Glenwood and has an enrollment of about 1,700 students.

VOLINI from p. 1

Balmoral neighborhood of Chicago. Until she entered politics, she was a teacher and speech therapist in the Chicago Public Schools.

She was an early supporter of gay rights, and was responsible for the Broadway Armory being preserved as a community center.

She was also a driving force in the creation of Edgewater as an official community area in its own right. Until 1980, Edgewater was part of Uptown -- at least as far as the city’s community area boundaries were concerned. Now it has its own identity as Chicago’s official 77th neighborhood.

At the conclusion of her third term as al-

derman, Volini opened her own real estate company, Lakefront Group. She continued to serve the City as a mayoral appointee to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, which includes Navy Pier and McCormick Place. In her later years, she continued to live in the Lakewood-Balmoral neighborhood.

Her “leadership, warm personality, grace, and dedication to our neighborhood brought neighbors together to work for a better, safer community for all,” said Osterman. “Much of the success that we see in our community today was built on the foundation of her hard work. This location in the heart of our Ward will be a gathering space to celebrate community and Marion’s legacy.”

CANDIDATES from p. 1

ton D.C. or Springfield performing their elected duties. Here is a synopsis in order of appearance.

Ald. Roderick Sawyer

Sawyer has been alderman of the 6th Ward since 2011. He is the son of former Mayor and 6th Ward Ald. Eugene Sawyer. Roderick said that as he grew up around City Hall, he had been training for this job his whole life. He said he knows how things operate in City Hall, and that experience will enable him to make an immediate impact.

He said he helped to pass police reform and Chicago’s wage ordinance before these topics became popular. He described his Public Safety Plan as a plan to deal with the Chicago citizens’ feelings of “crime anxiety.”

Ja’Mal Green

Green is a business owner, social entrepreneur and community activist. He said he decided to run after seeing people electing the same politicians that don’t really do anything. He said Chicago needs a unique new type of leader that seeks to make an

impact on the city’s issues. He had a copy of his “EPIC” Public Safety Plan that he held up and asked the attendees to read. He offered a polished presentation considering he is just 27 years old.

Cook County Cmsr. Brandon Johnson

Johnson has represented the West Side of Chicago and the western suburbs since 2018. He is a former CPS school teacher. His family lives in the Austin neighborhood on the West Side. He said his CPS experience and having to send his children to various different public schools has led to his belief that what Chicago education needs is a “fully funded public school system” and not a fractured system of public and charter schools.

He noted that the Cook County government, which he serves, has been able to operate many years without tax increases, and asked why can’t the City do that. He relayed that for safety reasons, he has to plan out his family bike rides in Austin - when and where to do them - and that the last thing he is worried about on those rides is getting hit by a car.

Paul Vallas

A former budget director of Chicago,

LIGHTS from p. 1

the WPPA leadership, parents and kids of your organization who have long advocated for this proposal. Although we cannot move forward with your proposed lighting improvements at Welles Park, the CPD is committed to working with you to explore other solutions to meet your goal of expanding programming opportunities for baseball and softball. With over 700 ballfields across the city, our team is committed to working with your organization to identify other parks open for your program and to collaborate on upgrades to diamonds if needed to support additional play on those fields,” said Escareno in her letter to the WPPA.

Baseball players from all over the city and suburbs play on WPPA teams. According to the most recently available information, the popular baseball program generates about \$236,000 in annual revenue. Most of this revenue is spent on fielding the baseball leagues.

The lights proposal helped spur the creation of Protect Welles Park, a new parks advocacy group. The group cited parking concerns, additional traffic, litter, noise and light pollution as among their concerns.

Adding baseball lights to the field had worried nearby residents who told this newspaper they are worried about the lights shining brightly into their homes. Some raised concerns about the effects the additional lights will have on migra-

tory birds who use the north branch of the nearby Chicago River as a flyway.

The park is also home to many endemic birds who use the natural areas of Welles Park to nest and forage. Birds navigate by using stars and bodies of water such as the river and Lake Michigan. Bright artificial lights cause confusion among birds because they resemble stars and add to countless bird deaths throughout the area.

The lights had long been a regular agenda item of the Welles Park Advisory Council [WPAC], a volunteer group supported by the park district. The group’s meetings are open to the public and are held every other month on the first or second Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Welles Park Field House.

According to the CPD’s website, public participation is encouraged at all advisory council meetings.

“If you are interested in joining the advisory council or participating in the monthly business of the park board, or even if you’d like to get involved in another way, WPAC meetings are a great place to start.” Regular meetings are agenda-driven and include reports from PAC executive team members, committees, and the park supervisor. Agendas are distributed through the newsletter in advance of each meeting and posted at the Welles Park Field House. “Time is always reserved for introductions and new business,” according to information posted on the website.

CEO of the Chicago and Philadelphia School Systems and consultant for other major city school systems. Vallas started out by saying “I am a life-long public servant that comes from a family of public servants.” He described the current Chicago leadership as incompetent.

Vallas believes citizens are not safe, and that criminals are not being arrested and/or prosecuted for a multitude of what are now considered low-level crimes, but which normal people know ruins the quality of life in Chicago. He said that if the City is not perceived as “safe,” people will continue to leave the City, especially the middle class.

He stated his history is of being a problem solver and said that he can, and will, assemble a team to get the city “back on track now.” After asking for people’s support, he closed by saying “help me help you.”

Ald. Sophia King

Representing the 4th Ward, King described how her ward consists of diverse residents from the South Loop, Bronzeville and Hyde Park. She described how she has tried to work with Mayor Lightfoot, but that there is just too much dissension and change is needed. She said she knows how to bring people together, and told the audience that the top request she receives at

her office is for more Chicago police presence.

She feels citizens still respect the police and want them to do their best and she has a plan to modernize the Police Department’s technology with drones, cameras and other high tech tools, and rehire retired police officers to help the currently overworked and under-staffed police force. She noted that other major cities are already successfully using these crime reduction methods.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

During the event, all the candidates were very eloquent and dignified in their presentations. Though all of the candidates were critical of the Mayor Lightfoot, there was no trash talking regarding the mayor or any of the other nine candidates vying for Mayor, as we have all witnessed in the current national political environment in Washington D.C.

It appeared that about 30% in attendance were people from outside the SLN boundaries. It was a well-behaved crowd for a neighborhood association meeting in part because there were no TV news crews attending. Nevertheless, the candidates clearly spent time preparing for, and getting to the meeting on time after working their day jobs. The respectful crowd behavior and dignified speakers made for a pleasant experience.

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