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Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital part of major healthcare merger proposal

The race is on in the medical services industrial complex to consolidate and grow larger, and that race is now speeding through the North Side where one of the largest health care providers in Chicago is proposing a merger.

On Sept. 13, a state board rejected a plan by Advocate Aurora Health to merge with Southern system Atrium Health. But that appears to be only a short term temporary decision.

One of Advocate Aurora's four teaching hospitals includes Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Lake View. The merger would result in the medical conglomerates headquarters

relocating out of Illinois to Charlotte, NC.

In many cases, researchers have found that consolidation in the healthcare industrial complex results in higher prices for insurance companies, and those costs are then generally passed along to consumers through higher premiums and other out-of-pocket payments.

Advocate and Atrium announced plans in May to join to create one of the largest health systems in the country, with 67 hospitals and more than 1,000

sites of care across six states. State regulators have slowed the process, but said they may revisit their decision in the coming months.

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In August, Lindsay Kryzak, the Director of Public Affairs for the Federal Trade Commission, said "too many hospital

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Lights proposal hot topic at Welles Park meeting

Neighbor: 'Not being handled in an even-handed way'

BY PETER VON BUOL

A controversial proposal to add lights to the baseball diamonds at Gideon Welles Park at Montrose and Lincoln avenues was the subject of tense discussion during a virtual meeting held Sept. 12 by the Welles Park Advisory Council [WPAC].

Originally scheduled to have been held in person, the WPAC meeting had to abruptly change to a virtual setting due to flooding at the Welles Park Field House, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave.

While the meeting was about two-hours long, it was not until the very end that there was a lively discussion among the about 50 people in attendance.

"We'll move to last item on the old business with the lights proposal," said Aaron Durnbaugh, president of the WPAC.

"I guess I'll highlight, here we were able to get full responses back from both Welles Park Parents Assoc. [WPPA] and the Chicago Park District [CPD] on some of those concerns, which the community had brought up back in 2021."

The WPPA has told the CPD they want to add lights to the park so they will be able to program more baseball games to the WPPA leagues. Baseball players from all over the city and suburbs play on WPPA teams.

Reportedly, the popular baseball program generates about \$236,000 in annual revenue. Most of this revenue is spent on fielding the baseball leagues. The WPPA has told the CPD they have been fundraising to add the lights to Welles Park and will not

be asking for taxpayer funds.

Durnbaugh told those in attendance there has been an ongoing discussion between the CPD, the WPPA and the office of Ald. Matt Martin [47th] about adding lights to the park.

"What's going on with the lights proposal is that the aldermen and the park district have told the WPPA that they want them to engage in much more direct community outreach around their proposal. This weekend, [WPPA members] were talking to folks in the neighborhood and think they have some material they've been distributing. I think they're committed to doing, at least another weekend. But that's the focus right now. Give the WPPA a chance to share more information with the community, especially the folks who live right next to the park, about what they're proposing [to add to the park]. They just distributed to homes. My understanding is they passed out flyers within a two-block radius," Durnbaugh added.

Adding baseball lights to the field has worried nearby residents who have told this newspaper they are concerned about the lights shining brightly into their homes.

Some have also raised concerns about the effects the additional lights will have on migratory 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 Chicago River and Lake Michi-

gan. Bright artificial lights cause confusion among birds because they resemble stars and add to countless bird deaths throughout urban areas.)

Durnbaugh's extensive professional credentials imply he would be sympathetic to the plight of migratory birds. He serves on numerous environmental organizations throughout the Chicago area, including serving on the executive committee of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Environment and Natural Resources Working Committee, the Illinois Green Alliance's Drawdown Steering Committee, and is interim Chair for the Advisory Committee for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System.

Resident Lara Weber told the WPAC board she is concerned about the addition of lights to the park and is concerned the WPPA members have been canvassing the neighborhood, at the request of Ald. Martin's ward office.

"I talked with [Martin] today about this. I told him it would make more sense for the WPAC to do this type of canvassing and to talk to neighbors," said Weber. "He understood, and he listened to me. He said that his office had asked the WPPA to do this. [I found this] problematic. It's a little like asking the tobacco industry to go survey people about tobacco and smoking."

"So, I would love to see another effort here in place to really, truly notify the neighbors around here. I live right across from the Park.

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Landmark Uptown Bank Building to become shared space
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Former 'Mayor' of North Lake View, dead at 90, see page 6

Controversial Lincoln Square parking lot redevelopment deal among topics at Oct. 4 GRO meeting

Aldermen Martin and Vasquez invited

BY PETER VON BUOL

The redevelopment of Lincoln Square's city-owned parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave., the Lincoln Square Plaza Improvement Project and the beautification of the CTA's Brown Line Station at Western will be among the topics of discussion at the Oct. 4 meeting of the Greater Rockwell Organization [GRO].

The neighborhood organization's in-person meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be occurring at Lincoln Square Presbyterian Church, 4635 N. Rockwell St. Among those invited to speak at the monthly meeting are Ald. Matt Martin [47th] and Ald. Andre Vasquez [40th], who are expected to give brief updates about these projects.

In an email sent to its members, the GRO described the meeting as "essential for neighbors interested in urban development, in and surrounding our neighborhood."

"The GRO has a responsibility to engage with all of these projects and need[s] your help to be active and present to represent our community," wrote the GRO official.

A source familiar with City Hall hiring has told this newspaper that an influential member of the GRO, Carter O'Brien, will soon be joining the administration of Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Currently, O'Brien serves as the sustainability officer of Chicago's Field Museum. So in one sense, just like the two alder-

men, O'Brien will be representing the city's interests at this meeting, too.

GRO is a community group that roughly represents the Greater Rockwell neighborhood within Lincoln Square. It extends from Wilson north to Lawrence, from Western Ave. west to Rockwell, and then along Leland Ave. to the North Branch of the Chicago River.

According to its written by-laws, the GRO was founded to "preserve, promote and develop the Greater Rockwell residential and business community; to encourage and foster mutual understanding and goodwill among residents and businesspeople of the community; to maintain a stable, multi-ethnic community; and to engage in such activities as will promote civic pride and community welfare."

According to information posted by the Chicago Public Library, the organization was originally a task force of the Ravenswood Community Council. A few years later, it became a separate organization. Its original purpose was to combat street-gang activity near Rockwell and Lawrence avenues. Later, the organization expanded its goals to include neighborhood beautification and stabilization.

The group supported the redevelopment of Jacob Park, 4674 N. Virginia Ave. and the preservation of the CTA Brown Line's Rockwell Station, 4648 N. Rockwell St., which had been in jeopardy of being closed.

The deeper meaning of what American Labor is all about



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

I get my federal holidays confused. That's probably because we had so many holidays when I worked at City Hall. They're the champion holiday makers there.

Still I get confused with who's off? Who's working? Who's shirking their regular work loads? Who's taking a personal political free day?

That's how I was Sept. 5 for Labor Day. A holiday that's always held strange contortions of celebrations for me. Like Lincoln's birthday or St. Patrick's Day.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a big fan of organized labor. And unorganized labor. And disorganized labor. Especially my own.

That day's plan was to be on the job as usual, paint brush in hand, and getting busy with some other literary work with some quality moments on my cookery book. I have a few concoctions that are A-list preparations for two tasty dinners. And my editor is breathing down my back to finish.

I also had to ship two portraits to someone in upstate New York. Matted and framed, just needed to get the works to FedEx. By the time I got to the shop I had a terrible revelation: FedEx was in darkness. Closed for the Labor Day holiday. It was soon to become the theme of the day. You can't fight a federal holiday.

That's what tomorrows are for.

Plan 'B' was to go to Greek Islands for lunch. Moussaka and Greek wine would revive me.

Juan, my young Uber driver, was more than helpful and off we went through the side streets of River West until we reached Greektown. Turning on Adams



(L-R) "Chicago: Epoch of a Great City" WPA mural by Harry Sternberg painted in 1937. Wait staff work hard to serve you, tip them well.

St., there was one more disappointment awaiting me: Greek Islands was closed as well.

I could not believe it. They're open on Christmas Day but closed on Labor Day?

So we hatched a final plan. We discovered that Gibson's Steakhouse was about to open and we were off through the closed-down and shuttered Loop.

Whatever else happened, thanks to Juan, I am fully competent in the knowledge of how to change destinations on my Uber app. It's helping to reinvent my travel. Old dogs can learn new tricks.

With few cars on the road downtown, the trip to Rush St. was simple and quick. Though the urban terrain was strange. Chicago was pretty much Mayberry as we made our way to the Gold Coast. The skies were dark, the temps were dropping and I was starved, flipping the Gibson's menu over in my mind.

On arrival, the patio was wide open. In fact I had my pick of tables. Early birds here have a wide choice, but not for long. The outdoor heaters were on, as there was a chill in the air. I said good-bye to my wonderful driver Juan. He'd entertained me throughout our drive, he having just gotten married and honeymooned in Dubai. He gave me all the inside scoops on that mysterious, most modern of nations.

Claiming a table outside it didn't take long to realize that the

Triangle (Rush and Bellevue) was not a ghost town. Even on a federal holiday.

Every place was hopping. Luxbar, Carmines, Tavern, Hugo's and Gibson's. Each out in the splendor of the open air. Demonstrating their version of healthy American labor. A curious muscle-power that says, "We are the dream of millions come true."

I pondered that reality, you could hear the truth of it in the sounds of clinking glassware and dishes. In the voices of the waitstaff and diners. You could see it in the massive trays of food and beverages that were carried to the tables by muscular workers who took pride in their abilities and appearance. You could catch it in the lingo of the workers whose continuous communication to each other made smooth all the snags and bumps. Especially when restaurant Spanish flooded the scene. And so many people demonstrated affection and respect for the work they were doing.

That language being the new speech of American labor.

Workers have done much to keep their places of employment open during the pandemic. It doesn't take much to witness the spectacular willingness they make on behalf of work to do any job that's needed.

I'm a restaurant guy. Someone who moves regularly between an array of good, substantive Chicago restaurants providing great vittles and value in places that become a cozy home.

A place in which you feel you belong.

That's the great secret of Chicago restaurant success. That sense of belonging. A place where waitstaff and longtime employees become like family with customers and owners.

People whose children you watch grow and succeed, and have doors opened for them by longtime grateful friends.

I've watched young workers grow from kitchen busboys to full-fledged A-list restaurant servers. People who now have families, homes and mortgages.

All the details shared by fellow Chicagoans whose investment in the city is wise landfilled brimming with effort.

Employment at City Hall will always jade the observers of holidays, from Labor Day to Christmas. I guess what's really important is what you bring to the feast that counts. They'll always be people who make holidays for themselves by their multiple coffee breaks and shopping on State St. during hours they should be working. But then there will always be workers who lift us high by the quality and talents of their work.

Funny how this past Labor Day proved to be a heavy duty holiday for me. It's no Washington's birthday, but it also fleshed out the deeper meaning of what American Labor is all about. Truly as tasty as a Gibson's french fry or a West Coast oyster. And the happy faces of treasured friends.

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She always knew just how to



Vonita Reescer

zero into our souls. She was memorialized last week by friends and loved ones at the Casino. How she'd love the understated elegance of it all. We will always

stay close to her, as long as we are generous and struggle to be judgment free.

DEPAUL PREP: Word is that when there's a DePaul Prep football game the parents of one student show up with full detail bodyguards to maintain the mom's low profile.

FROM THE HEART: Friends and fans across the city are sending fondest birthday greetings

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The photo on the left of Touhy Park in May, nice and green. The photo on the right of Touhy Park a couple of weeks ago.

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Emotions running dangerously high over Touhy Park encampment

Is it even legal?



Heart
of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

Is it even legal? Well by the books - no. But like many things in life, it really comes down to one of life's real truths. A truth most people learned in their youth about the enforcement of rules: 'Oh yea, you and what army?'

And most of Chicago's army of city staffers and cops have gone AWOL over the goings-on at Touhy Park.

There's a "dangerous" hostility brewing between community members in East Rogers Park. It's a deep, nasty vitriol that's being spewed out on social media over last week's closing of the Touhy Park field house, 7348 N. Paulina St.

"It's extremely dangerous what's going on," said a resident who prefers to remain anonymous to avoid any retribution. "The hate between neighbors is real and growing."

Touhy Park is a wonderful little urban gem, a sweet spot for respite from the city's hustle and bustle. It's a park once filled with children who didn't have to worry about stepping on a used hypodermic needle, or spotting a pair of underwear covered with feces and flies, which is what I saw while I walked through the park's playground last week.

The dozens of homeless tents erected in the park's west end have changed its face and its usage. A Chicago park, paid for by the taxpayers, closed due to an encampment that has been deemed perilous enough to shut a park's indoor public space down. That's a new one for many lifelong Chicagoans.

If it can happen in Rogers Park, then it can happen in any park.

But I'm going to bite my tongue -- somewhat -- until I attend the 6 p.m., Oct. 3 community meeting regarding the park that Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] is holding with the Chicago Park District [CPD] via Zoom. I expect it will be extremely heated, because anyone who speaks out against the encampment is brutally attacked, verbally, on social media. Register to attend at bit.ly/TouhyPark.

"My goal is for her to do something," Jill Liska, president of the park's advisory council, said of the alderman. "Her inaction is currently driving a wedge in the greater Rogers Park community over this

issue."

Ald. Hadden said she was not notified about or included by the CPD in the field house decision. "While my team and the Dept. of Family and Support Services have helped to house 64 people and have provided access to services to help residents living in the park, in addition to providing port-o-potties to help solve the sanitation issues, the CPD leadership has not honestly or productively engaged with residents or myself in a long-term plan for Touhy Park," Hadden said. (Just an FYI: I only saw one port-a-potty. I did not peek inside.)

"Since last summer, we've had between four and 30 un-housed neighbors staying in the park," Hadden added. (FYI again: I didn't count, but the Touhy Park Advisory Council says there are some 40-plus tents.) "Across the city, the number of people experiencing homelessness has been on the rise," she said.

Teamwork is needed

According to the City of Chicago 2021 Homeless Point-in-Time Count and Survey Report -- a count and survey of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in Chicago -- an estimated 4,447 people were experiencing homelessness in Chicago. The count identified 3,023 individuals experiencing homelessness residing in shelters and an estimated 702 to 1,454 people experiencing homelessness on the streets.

Ald. Hadden said her office has been working with two to three people each week who are newly homeless and, "We will continue to work to house people and to push the City and the CPD to take leadership on finding a way to make sure that un-housed people get the services they need and to bring them to the table to listen to neighbors - both in their concerns about the park and the impact on the lack of park services," she said. "Different parts of the city must work together in order to find solutions and this does not work when we are acting alone."

How about getting a little police help too? Last week neighbors reported shots were fired from the park around 12:30 a.m. There was no report filed because police found nothing when they arrived, according to News Affairs. I want to hear the role the police will take in this, even if it's simply a squad car parked by the park at night.

Safety and health concerns

"We have a lot of safety concerns," said a more than 30-year neighbor, a nurse whose house is adjacent to the park. "And we go out our back gate and find human waste."

There's a health hazard with so many people living in those conditions in the park, which has been dubbed "Haddentown," said the nurse. And the field house was a lifeline for parents who dropped their children off before heading to the 'L' for work. With so many apartments it's the only green space around, the nurse said.

They also voiced a concern that many share about the small businesses nearby. One recently closed and many are being negatively affected. There's been no new business development, they said.

"It's so sad," the nurse said. "Closing the

park is not helping. This is unfair to neighbors. You see the failure of society right outside your back door."

The nurse said the noise level and the crude language at night is so bad they can no longer do something as simple as sit on their deck and eat dinner. "I don't even walk my dog in the park any more," they said.

"The system is failing," they said.

I have to agree. For a city park to be forced to close is failure at its utmost.

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Home-loan rates exceed 6%, highest level since 2008



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

If you planned to buy a home this year and were waiting for mortgage rates to move lower, slap your forehead and admit it. You totally missed out on winning the mortgage game in 2022.

On Sept. 15, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed home loan rates rose to an average of 6.02% nationwide, up from 5.89% a week earlier. It is the first time since late 2008 that rates surpassed 6%. A year ago, 30-year fixed loans averaged only 2.86%.

Interest charges on home loans have doubled over the past nine months because the Federal Reserve Board shifted from a relaxed monetary policy that has

supported the economic rebound from the 2020 pandemic recession toward a tighter policy.

"Young home buyers are in shock because interest rates are moving upward so fast," said Jeremy Rose, mortgage broker for Guaranteed Rate in Chicago. "Buyers ask if they should wait for rates to come down. The reality is rates likely will inch higher for the rest of the year and into 2023."

A borrower who places a 20% down payment and takes out a 30-year fixed rate loan of \$300,000 at 6% interest this week would make a monthly principal and interest payment of \$1,799, Rose said.

"The payment would have been only \$1,265—nearly 30% less—in early Jan. 2022, when benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates were around 3%, he said.

Home-loan rates have steadily increased since

Dec. 15, 2021, when the Fed launched its new policy. With several increases this year the federal-funds target rate has risen from 1.66% in January to the

current range of 2.25% to 2.5% in 2022. Another 100-basis point increase is expected at the Fed's next meeting on Sept. 21.

This new hike likely will push the 10-year Treasury rate—the gauge economists use to forecast 30-year-fixed mortgage interest charges—to a range of 3.25% to 3.5%.

Like most banks, the Fed is not your friend. The Fed wants to cut inflation and really doesn't care if your mortgage payment shoots up 30%.

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

"Mortgage rates continued to rise alongside hotter-than-expected inflation numbers," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "Although the increase in rates will continue to dampen demand and put downward pres-

sure on home prices, inventory remains inadequate."

Freddie Mac also reported that 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 5.21% on Sept. 15 up from 5.16% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year fixed loans averaged 2.12%.

Mortgage-rate history

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

Archives of the now-defunct Federal Housing Finance Board show long-term mortgage rates in the 1960s were not much higher than the Great Depression, when lenders were charging 5% on five-year balloon loans.

Nearly six decades ago, between 1963 and 1965 you could get a mortgage at 5.81% to 5.94%.

Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois Usury Law held rates in the 7.6%-to-9% range.

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

Rates finally fell below 10% in April 1986, and then bounced in the 9%-to-10% range during the balance of the 1980s. Twenty-three years ago—in Aug. 1999—when some of today's Millennial borrowers were still in diapers, lenders were quoting 8.15%.

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

City housing immigrant refugees at YMCA

Most new migrants arriving from Venezuela

The City of Chicago has begun to temporarily house migrants in the local High Ridge YMCA building, 2424 W. Touhy Ave. in West Rogers Park.

Most of the migrants arriving in Chicago are fleeing the humanitarian and economic crisis in Venezuela. They are seeking asylum in the United States and are currently waiting for their turn in immigration court.

According to the United Nations, people continue to leave Venezuela to escape violence, insecurity and threats as well as lack of food, medicine and essential services in the communist nation.

With over 6-million Venezuelan refugees and migrants on the road worldwide, the vast majority in countries within Latin America and the Caribbean, this has become the second-largest external displacement crisis in the world. Estimates are that about 2.7 million are living under other legal forms of stay in the Americas.

Venezuelans are still leaving their country and there is little sign the outflows will stop anytime soon, or that the U.S. federal



The High Ridge YMCA closed down to the public in Jan. 2021, but it will now be used to house incoming immigrant migrant refugees. The building is able to accommodate up to 120 people on a temporary basis. Reportedly, most of the arrivals will only stay for a short period of time before moving in with family and friends throughout the region.

government will beef up security to seal off and protect America's southern border. Unfortunately, there are reports that Venezuelan authorities are also freeing violent offenders and sending them out on the road with the migrants as well.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army are currently on site to provide meals to the new arrivals hoping to meet their basic

needs. The National Guard has been called in to provide shelter staffing support, and YMCA of Metro Chicago is providing security at the facility.

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Others may be securing private apartments and employment across Chicago.

Those most in need of support, including the elderly, pregnant women, and families with young children, are being greeted at welcoming centers that can help them access the services they require.

Ald. Debra L. Silverstein [50th] has offered her ward office up as a drop off location for any donations at 2949 W. Devon Ave., visit chicago.gov/support for a list of accepted items.

Fire Prevention Bureau talk Sept. 28

The Northeast Levy Center Village will be holding their next virtual meeting 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28. Brian Miskell, Public Education Officer with the Chicago Fire Dept. Fire Prevention Bureau, will be their guest speaker, presenting on "Fire Safety & Prevention."

Those wishing to sit in may join virtually over Zoom, or by phone at 312-626-6799. The meeting ID is 83595103313 and the passcode is 905725.

The Levy Center is a collaborative volunteer network that aims to increase the accessibility of resources for older adults in the Northeast portion of Chicago. For more information email Sean Dolan at sean.dolan@cityofchicago.org.

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The American Legion Tattler Post #973 is hosting their monthly burger night. The general public is invited to join in the classic community dinner, which has been going on now for over 25 years. Guests may enjoy a fresh grilled 1/2 lb. burger and adult beverages with fellow community members and neighbors. A great meal and fundraiser for the Post, no reservations are required.

Every Friday night the Tattler Post is open and the bar is manned by community volunteers. Guests are welcome to spend time with Legion Officers and members, as well as member.

Learn about the programs and events coming up and enjoy inexpensive drinks. All proceeds go to support the Tattler Post's Community Fund.

With cops overwhelmed by Mexican Independence Day crowds, high-ranking cop “coded out” hours worth of aging 911 calls

BY CWBCHICAGO

As overwhelmed Chicago police officers struggled to handle massive Mexican Independence Day crowds downtown on Friday night and early Saturday, routine 911 calls piled up across the area because no cops were available to take them.

Just before 3 a.m. Sept. 17, most of the calls for help in the two districts that patrol the area were more than four hours old. Some, a dispatcher said, were five hours old.

But a high-ranking Chicago police leader made quick work of that problem: He ordered a dispatcher to “code out” any calls more than two hours old that didn’t involve a physical injury.

His order applied to CPD’s Central (1st) and Near North (18th) districts, which patrol the area from 31st St. to Fullerton Ave. and Lake Michigan to the Chicago River.

So, if you reported a burglary in progress, a person with a gun, a group of people loitering on private property, an auto theft, a purse snatching, or anything else that did not involve someone being physically injured, you now understand why cops never show up.

The order by CPD Chief Angel Novalez was broadcast on the local police district radio frequency at around 2:55 a.m., after a unit finally became available to handle calls, and the officer asked the dispatcher where they should go.

“I have a two-hour-59-minute-old person with a gun” in River North, the dispatcher replied.

“Car 8, squad,” Novalez interjected, “Did you say two hours?”

The dispatcher confirmed that “most everything” awaiting police response was “three-plus hours old. Some of it’s four and five hours old.”

“All right, squad. If it doesn’t involve injury, code it,” Novalez replied.

After the dispatcher cleared out the backlog for the two police districts that patrol downtown, the highest-priority call still wait-



CPD Chief Angel Novalez

ing for dispatch was a reported criminal sexual assault attempt. It had been waiting 90 minutes for a police response, the dispatcher said.

Novalez, ironically, is supposed to be in charge of the Chicago Police Department’s reform efforts. As deputy chief of community policing before that, he was in charge of fostering the department’s relationship with residents.

One has to wonder how many goofy social media videos of cops dancing and ginned-up “positive community interactions” the department will have to generate in

order to overcome the reputation it builds by not responding to 911 calls.

During a press conference on Saturday afternoon, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and CPD Supt. David Brown repeatedly mentioned the problems caused by traffic gridlock during the previous night’s festivities. They both failed to mention that ordinary citizens and businesses who rely on police were denied the basic courtesy of receiving a response to 911 calls.

CPD will enjoy a small side benefit from Novalez’s order: By not responding to 911 calls, fewer police reports are written and, magically, crime goes “down.”

Pritzker’s personal fortune intersects with state contracts

Governor’s promises to divest his vast portfolio of state contractors have not extended to his blind trust...governor’s money in at least a dozen companies with billions in state business

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s vast investment portfolio includes interests in a dozen for-profit companies that earned more than \$20 billion in state business since he took office in 2019, a Better Government Association [BGA] investigation has found.

In some cases, state dollars flowed to companies registered to lobby Pritzker, who as the state’s chief executive held enormous sway over their contracts.

The intersection between Pritzker’s personal bottom line and his role as governor comes despite his 2019 promise to divest his personal fortune of investments in state contractors and to transfer his multibillion-dollar portfolio into what he called a “blind trust.”

A BGA investigation of Pritzker’s holdings — including an examination of his annual economic interest disclosures, thousands of pages of state contracts, corporate filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Illinois secretary of state and gubernatorial email communications — shows at least 12 cases large and small in which the governor’s office and the agencies he oversees took action that created a potential conflict of interest for Pritzker.

Authorities on trust law and government ethics told the BGA because Pritzker must disclose each year what is in his blind trust, his promise to avoid conflicts of interest by remaining blind to his investments was both impractical and oversold.

“The term ‘blind trust’ is being used here as a thin shield to conceal the governor’s pursuit

of personal profits,” said Bridget J. Crawford, a professor at Pace University’s law school who reviewed the BGA reporting. “This is not a blind trust in any meaningful sense of the phrase.”

Pritzker declined a BGA request to be interviewed for this report.

Spokespeople from his office and his campaign responded in writing to some BGA questions.

“The BGA seems to be suggesting that because the governor is following the law, he is doing something wrong,” said campaign spokeswoman Natalie Edelstein. “Gov. Pritzker’s trust is blind. This means he is not a part of any decisions, nor does he have any information regarding any investments. He receives no regular reporting on what the trustees and investment advisers decide to purchase and plays no role in any investment decisions. Period.”

Pritzker’s staff and his cam-

paign office refused BGA requests to provide basic financial reports — full tax returns, a copy of his blind-trust agreement or a detailed accounting of his personal holdings. Pritzker also won’t say when he bought any of the stock or at what price.

In her response, Edelstein acknowledged Pritzker has not yet calculated the profits he accrues from stock of companies with state contracts — money he has pledged to donate to charity.

“If the governor receives any return from an investment currently held in trust that has state contracts, he will contribute the corresponding amount to charity,” she said, adding there will be a full accounting after he leaves office.

Pritzker’s finances have heightened importance as he considers a potential 2024 presidential bid. He has positioned himself with speeches to Democratic leaders

in New Hampshire and Florida. If he pursues the presidency, Pritzker will face more detailed federal ethics reporting requirements and possibly a new level of public scrutiny into his tax returns and family trusts in offshore tax havens.

Three of the state contractors in which Pritzker and his trust invested also registered to lobby Pritzker directly, including during the years his trust owned their

stock, state records show.

One of them — by far the company in Pritzker’s portfolio with the largest amount of state business — was insurance giant Centene Corporation. Since 2019, its subsidiary Meridian Health Plan of Illinois has been paid \$20.6 billion from its state Medicaid contracts and other health programs, according to a BGA analysis of

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Dick Rush, former 'Mayor' of North Lake View, community activist dead at 90

Richard Raymond Rush died Sept. 12, at his home in the Lake View community. He was born in Minneapolis on Dec. 28, 1931, to the late Stanley and Eleanor (nee Owczarzak) Rush. He is survived by the hundreds [thousands?] of friends, strangers and neighbors he aided and comforted over the years.

Rush grew up and lived his entire life in the Lake View community, and was known and befriended by hundreds of nearby community members over the years. When he served as president of the North Lake View Neighbors community association, he earned the nickname "The Mayor of North Lake View."

He seemed to be everywhere in that community, always pleasant, thorough and thoughtful. He was the kind of neighbor every block needs.

He was also a solid supporter, and news tip source, for this community newspaper, and its predecessor the Lake View Booster.

He attended St. Andrew's Grammar School, DePaul Academy and DePaul Univ. His first job out of college was with Continental Can Corp., and for decades he was the owner of Rush Realty in Lake View at 3603 N. Ashland Ave., and once had a second office in Niles, IL.

Rush served for many years as the volunteer president of the North Lake View Neighbors community group. The City Council honored him on June 9, 1975 for the Initiation of Operation Red Ball to mark children's rooms to save their lives in case of fire; He provided leadership in obtaining the North Lake View Library, Waveland Playlot and the Bernard Sheil Community Center Park at 3505 N. Southport; he received the John Heyworth Award for Distinguished Community Service from the Interfaith Brother-



Richard Raymond Rush

hood Luncheon in Feb. 1975.

In 1980 he was Lerner Newspaper Booster Citizen of the Year and his award was presented by First Lady Rosalynn Carter.

As president of North Lake View Neighbors, he hosted large annual Christmas parties for over 600 children, who all left with a gift. He was appointed by Mayor Daley in 1973 to the Uptown Model Cities Board and Chair of its Social Service Committee.

"People make communities not an organization," was his motto. Mr. Rush was an active member of Kiwanis Club of Lake View since 1972 and the Winter Haven, Florida Kiwanis Club.

He forged partnerships with other civic, educational, social, and religious community organizations to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Lake View. He had a passion for life, travel, skiing, Kiwanis, his friends, and community.

Services in Chicago were held last week, and he will be buried Wednesday, Sept. 28, next to his parents in Minneapolis, MN.

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What's going on?

I do not want to fan hatred. I know this is a very delicate situation. And it's not just in my neighborhood -- it's citywide, nationwide and worldwide. These are human beings that possibly led productive lives but now, for a variety of reasons, have fallen on hard times. And I know what addiction can do to a person -- make them do things they would never have considered before drugs or alcohol took over.

But I will say that some of the talk around here could be very damaging to certain neighbors and it should stop. I'm going to spare an elected public official some embarrassment by not mentioning their social media post that I considered extremely divisive and potentially perilous to some community members.

And the CPD really isn't saying why it closed the field house or when it might reopen or when it might start enforcing its own, well-established 11 p.m. park curfew. See, the 'army' needed to back up the rule is missing in action.

The CPD released a generic statement saying it was temporarily diverting programming to Pottawattomie Park as it works with the broader community "to address the influx of homeless residents in the park."

Pottawattomie Park is a half-mile away. Not too far on a beautiful summer's day. But what if you're handicapped? What if you don't own a car or don't drive? Should a senior -- or anyone for that matter -- be forced to make that trek in the cold when their own field house is right around the corner?

The CPD statement said that in recent months, it has worked with city agencies, public safety agencies and local advocates "to notify individuals experiencing homelessness about the park hour restrictions, scheduled cleanings and removal while offering resources to those in need." The next park cleaning is scheduled with city agencies for Sept. 21.

I asked if there would be removal that day. No comment.

Meanwhile, former 49th Ward Ald. Joe Moore, the Rogers Park Builders Group and "lots" of regular people, have formed the campaign committee People for Rogers Park, an 'army' of sorts, which is working on finding an opponent to oppose Ald. Hadden. And Rogers Park Chamber of Commerce president Bill Morton -- also running -- has cleaned up the filthy, vacant Leona's property to house his campaign headquarters.

Safest encampment in town?

Most of the encampment's occupants are not from Rogers Park and come there from other neighborhoods because it's safer, said Jason Smith, who was kicked out of Ald. Hadden's Town Hall meeting last week after suggesting vigilante behavior and then was let back in but muted.

"What happens when Touhy Park gets filled up?" asked Jason Smith, who walks his 10-year-old Sulcata tortoise in the parks. "Rogers Park is going to be another North Lawndale. They're taking over a park that the taxpayers pay for."

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I concur with Smith's comment: "We need further development to improve the 49th Ward."

Yep. We need development to grow.

To those who say that I don't offer any solutions, I'm sorry but it's not the job of the media to 'solve things.' Our job is to report on things, and until the last decade or so, traditionally the media's job was to be witnesses and recorders of the story, not part of the story. So I am doing my part - my job - by telling our readers what's going on.

Plus I don't have any additional great ideas that nobody else hasn't already thought about. I'm not a professional urban planner,

psychologist, or addiction counselor; although I do have a master's degree in Public Affairs so I know a little something. I did hear a great suggestion to relocate the homeless folks to the city's vacant schools and hospitals.

We do need to help people who are down on their luck. But they also need to help themselves.

Legalities of it all

Herb Caplan is a retired attorney and president of Protect Our Parks [POP], a park advocacy group that formed in 2007 after reading in this column about the Latin School Land Grab in Lincoln Park.

I emailed Caplan for his thoughts. He asked if the CPD gave any justification for the field house closing and if there had been anything remotely resembling "due process." Had there been a public meeting to discuss what was being done and an opportunity to express disapproval?

Nope.

Closing the public park and its facilities to public use is a violation of law, both the Illinois Constitution and the Park District Code, said Caplan. (Article VIII, Sections 1a and 1b of the Illinois Constitution).

Giving priority to a homeless encampment "is not within the powers or duties of the Chicago Park District," said Caplan.

"The City does have a duty to deal with the situation -- but not at the expense of denying public use of a dedicated public park... and the need of young children who depend upon the park and the services it provides," Caplan said.

The bottom line is that the people of the city of Chicago are entitled to a park that is open, free and clear with safe, unencumbered access, no matter what neighborhood it's located in.

At a public event Tuesday, 24th District police Cmdr. Joseph Brennan said there has been no contact between him and Ald. Hadden since last year on Touhy Park. Stay tuned.

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Landmark Uptown Bank Building to become shared space

One of the most iconic buildings on the North Side has taken on a new life, now that CEDARst Companies and WeWork have come to the corner of Lawrence Ave. and Broadway in Uptown.

WeWork is a leading global flexible space provider. They will open their first location on Chicago's North Side as part of the adaptive reuse of the historic Bridgeview Bank building, 4753 N. Broadway.

The \$58 million project will feature 176 apartments, including studio and one-bedroom apartments, 13,500 square feet of retail space, and 19,000 square feet of traditional office space in addition to the nearly 25,000 square feet of WeWork space.

WeWork Bridgeview Bank will offer flexible workspace when it opens this later this fall. The location is WeWork's first management agreement in Chicago, first location on the city's North Side, and first location with a residential developer to build and establish a WeWork office as an amenity to the residential space. The deal also opens up the possibility for future WeWork-managed locations across the CEDARst portfolio.

The landmark Bridgeview Bank building, first erected in 1925 as the eight-story Sheridan Trust and Savings Bank Building, will be preserved and its 13 floors reconditioned. The demand for office space in Uptown spurred the construction of those four additional stories in 1928, designed by Huszagh and Hill.

With its rounded corner and white terra-cotta cladding, this tall bank and office building conveys the commercial vitality of the Uptown neighborhood in the 1920s which was especially renowned for its numerous theaters and dance halls. Chicago architects Marshall and Fox, who are also known for their elegant hotel and mansion designs, employed a streamlined Classicism for the building's original design, which Huszagh and Hill emulated for the top addition. The grand banking hall, located on the second floor, is richly finished with marble and ornamental plaster. The various spaces will be used for retail and multifamily apartments while modernizing all building systems and amenities.

The building's original tenant, the Sheridan Trust and Savings Bank, failed in 1931. Uptown



The Uptown Bank Building's original tenant, the Sheridan Trust and Savings Bank, failed in 1931. Today, a new WeWork office will fill the iconic building's lobby.



National Bank began using the building in 1937. The bank and the building were acquired by Bridgeview Bank in 2003. In 2018, Bridgeview Bank was acquired by First Midwest Bank in a merger, but the building retained its name.

The WeWork office will fill

the iconic building's grand hall on the second floor and mezzanine levels with turnkey workspace solutions including an open floor working concept, 60 custom-fit private offices totaling 176 desks, and up to 99 seats for WeWork All Access and WeWork On Demand use. The space will

also feature amenities like phone booths and kitchen spaces, with architectural flourishes, including recommissioned bank teller spaces, fireplaces, and grand ornate windows.

WeWork Bridgeview Bank is

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The boot may be coming to a commercial parking lot near you

There are those among all of us that well-remember the notorious parking lot security at "Punkin Donuts", as the famous Dunkin Donuts at the corner of Clark and Belmont was called.

Before a giant building was plopped down at that location filling the lot with brick-and-mortar, anyone who parked in that lot for even a moment and went anywhere but right into the donut shop, had a Denver boot put on their car faster than you could say "Coffee, black."

They were not the only North Side retail parking lot who utilized the Denver boot on illegitimate parkers either, they were just the best at it. And now the trend may become even more ubiquitous.

The dreaded boot could spread all over town under an ordinance amendment passed by a City Council committee Sept. 15 that would allow the practice in private parking lots citywide.

Right now booting cars in parking lots is only allowed in 35 wards, where the aldermen have given their blessing. The ordinance amendment, sponsored by aldermen



The Denver Boot may become a bigger part of parking in Chicago, and even more ubiquitous than they already are.

Ariel Reboyras [30th] and Ald. Raymond Lopez [15th], would require all wards to give owners of private lots the option to be able to contract with a booting company.

Aldermen voted 12-6 to authorize the use of the boot on vehicles improperly parked on private lots, sending the proposal to the council floor for a vote this week.

Under the city's Public Boot Program, the Dept. of Business Affairs and Con-

sumer Protection licenses and regulates private vehicle booting businesses in the city of Chicago. These businesses perform booting operations on private property and in private parking lots on behalf of other private businesses.

The duration and scope of the violation is irrelevant to whether the driver violated the terms of the lot's use, according to the city.

Every booting company is required to post a minimum of two signs at each location where it performs booting operations. These signs must display, among other information, the terms of use of the subject property, the fee for boot removal, and the contact information and 24-hour phone number for the booting company.

Booting companies are expressly prohibited from attaching boots to occupied vehicles, but sorry, pets do not qualify as "vehicle occupants."

Booting has existed in Chicago for over 20 years, where retailers and business operators found that rogue car parkers were losing them customers because non-patrons were filling up limited off-street parking lot spots.

Generally, a parking lot's terms of use require that an individual patronize specific businesses in order to use the parking lot. However, it is important to review each lot's posted terms of use, as they will vary from location to location.

Each employee of a booting company is required to wear an identification placard displaying the employee's name and the name and contact information of the booting company.

A booting company may not assess a fee in excess of \$170 to remove a boot.

Former 49th Ward alderman turned lob-

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North Side Archery Club mural a hidden gem in plain sight

The epic mural [photo right] was created by urban imagist Anthony Lewellen (AnthonyLewellen.com). It is located where the Northside Archery Club operates out of a site located just north of Belmont Harbor. Their members enjoy indoor archery at The Century Mall, 2828 N. Clark St., and outdoor archery in Lincoln Park and Palmisano Park. To view it, or consider taking up the sport, exit N. Lake Shore Dr. at Recreation Dr. (just north of the Belmont exit). You just wind around toward the lake, it is located the north end of Belmont Harbor. You will see it on your left as you drive through. The Northside Archery Club is a recognized not for profit that advances the growth and enjoyment of archery in Chicago. Archery first came into popularity in 1878 due to the publication of the book,

The Witchery of Archery, and resulted in the founding of a Northside Archery Club as well as an Archery Club on the south side in Washington Park. The original North Side Archery Club had their home range on Lincoln Park's south lawn, and would personally host the Grand Western Tournament as well as the fourth National Championship Tournament in Lincoln Park. Alas the popularity of Archery waned, and by 1888 various clubs around town decided to merge into one. Archery would make its permanent return to Lincoln Park in 1926, when a group of 30 archers successfully petitioned the commissioners of Lincoln Park to set aside space for an Archery range near Waveland Ave. The current range, though, does not appear to sit on the spot originally set forth. When Lincoln Park was expanded in 1938 to its current size, the range was relocated to its current spot.



In 1878, the original North Side Archery Club opened and had their home range on Lincoln Park's south lawn. Now this epic mural created by urban imagist Anthony Lewellen graces their building in Lincoln Park. Photo by Jim Matusik

Their next outdoor season event will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25: the 2022 Chicago Outdoor Archery Championships. Those who may be new to archery or are a seasoned pro, the club offers classes and lessons for all ages and skill levels, including Kids Archery, Adult Classes, and All-Ages classes.

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voucher payments and annual reports filed with the Illinois Dept. of Insurance and the National Assoc. of Insurance Commissioners. Centene has registered five firms to lobby by Pritzker directly and three other firms to lobby the governor's staff and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, among other state agencies. Email traffic and the governor's calendar show Pritzker personally attended at least two meetings in the spring 2019 with top company executives who at the time were planning a \$17 billion acquisition of Medicaid insurer Wellcare, the then-parent of Meridian. Records show Pritzker also attended an internal phone meeting with his top lawyers to discuss the state's required approval of a key part of the merger, a memorandum of understanding with state health officials being drafted at the time. In 2019, Pritzker's first year as governor, Centene faced federal antitrust scrutiny amid concerns it would control more than half the Medicaid market in Illinois and other states. To clinch the merger, Centene needed the Pritzker administration's approval to swap thousands of patients accounts with other state Medicaid contractors. "I can't thank you enough for your help in setting up the meeting between Gov. Pritzker, yourself and Michael Neidorff, CEO of Centene Corp.," said Centene lobbyist Julie A. Curry in a March 29, 2019 email to Illinois Deputy Gov. Sol Flores. Curry followed up with a July 30, 2019 email to Anne Caprara, Pritzker's chief

of staff. "Anne, any help that you can give in getting the Governor's Office to complete their internal review of the Centene/Wellcare MOU with HFS would be greatly appreciated," Curry wrote. "Please let me know if you any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration and help!!" In May 2019, Pritzker also accepted an invitation from then-CEO Neidorff to speak at a ribbon cutting for a new Centene facility in Carbondale. Then in Sept. 2019, Pritzker's calendar listed an hour-long call "on Centene Merger" with seven top aides, including Ann Spillane, his general counsel, and her deputy general counsel. One of the attendees, Emily Bittner, the governor's deputy communications director, downplayed the importance of the meeting as "general background on the issues relating to the Centene merger." "The GC and deputy GC were not asking the governor to make any decisions, only giving him background," Bittner said in an email to the BGA. In a written statement to the BGA, Spillane said it was her job — and not the governor's — to "make final decisions" on the memorandum of understanding between Centene and the state Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services. "I provided the Governor and senior staff with a detailed background briefing to address questions and to assure the Governor that all potential legal issues had been considered," Spillane told the BGA. "I then advised HFS that the agency could sign the MOU." Bittner portrayed Pritzker's meetings with company executives as insignificant.

"Governor Pritzker meets regularly with CEOs who do business in the state of Illinois, and he regularly attends events to celebrate the creation of new jobs throughout the state," she wrote. "Our records indicate that the April meeting with the CEO of Centene was a brief introductory meeting and that the company was informed in advance that the meeting would not involve any discussion of the Wellcare transaction. The Governor was not involved in the transaction." In Dec. 2019, with the approval of the Pritzker administration, Centene announced it was selling thousands of patients to another insurer, easing federal antitrust concerns. In Jan. 2020, Centene closed its deal to purchase Wellcare. That year, Pritzker's trust bought his Centene stock, his ethics filings show. Also that year, the state oversaw a bulk patient transfer agreement that gave Centene a foothold in the Cook County Medical market, and Illinois activated Centene's separate contract for the medical care of 36,000 juvenile state wards. With these new lines of business secured, Centene subsidiary Meridian reported profits of \$181.5 million on premiums from Illinois Medicaid contracts worth \$5.2 billion in 2021. Those profits did not include more than \$1 billion in management fees Meridian paid to its affiliates under intercompany arrangements, state insurance filings show. Pritzker's ethics filings show he made a capital gain from selling Centene stock last year, but the amount of the gain is not specified. Neither Centene officials nor their lobbyist Curry responded to requests for comment.

a reporter called last week from BGA," Pritzker told WGN News at the February press conference. "By law, I have to sign a statement of economic interest. I think that's a terrific thing. The state should keep that in place. I sign that every year," Pritzker said, scrolling his right hand in the air as if signing a document. "I get it, I go to the signature page, and I sign it every single year," he said. When signing his annual Illinois Statement of Economic Interests forms, Pritzker attested the list of his investments was "correct and complete." The penalty for willfully filing an incomplete or false statement can include imprisonment for up to one year and a fine that is currently up to \$2,500, his most recent state disclosure form says above his signature. Based on Pritzker's suggestion he did not verify his disclosure statements, the BGA enlisted a team of DePaul Univ. journalism graduate students to help analyze whether hundreds of entities in Pritzker's four ethics statements filed since 2019 had state business. Pritzker retained stock in five companies that already held state contracts when Pritzker placed those stocks into his trust, the BGA found. These included stock in two rail companies that play roles in the \$3.4 billion expansion of toll roads surrounding O'Hare International Airport, a key Pritzker administration infrastructure priority. And after Pritzker took office in 2019, his trust invested in seven more companies that have held contracts with Illinois state agencies Pritzker oversees, the BGA found.

In one example, Pritzker's trust last year acquired stock in Apple Hospitality REIT Inc., which owns hotels across the United States, including the Hampton Inn & Suites in Skokie. In February, the Illinois Dept. of Human Services signed a \$1,087,920 contract with Apple Hospitality to house Afghan refugees in 104 rooms at the Skokie hotel. Among other companies with state business in which Pritzker is invested are CSX, JPMorgan Chase & Co., United Healthcare, Morgan Stanley, BNSF Railway, Union Pacific, Marriott and U.S. Foods. Pritzker took office in 2019 promising to divest his portfolio of companies that did business with the state and put his remaining stocks into a blind trust. "Governor-Elect Pritzker is divesting his personally held direct interests in companies that have contracts that are wholly or partially funded with state dollars," said a 2019 public statement by top Democratic Party attorney Marc Elias, who advised

Pritzker was notified of his holdings in Centene in 2021 when it was listed among the 300-plus entities on his annual economic disclosure filings, a report required of all elected officials. Those disclosures require public officials to list all holdings worth more than \$5,000. The specific value of the holdings does not have to be disclosed, nor would Pritzker provide it. The BGA first reported his trust's Centene investment in February. At that time, the Pritzker administration said he was not involved with Centene. "The governor is not involved in the contracting process related to Centene," Jordan Abudayyeh, Pritzker's communications director, told the BGA. "There is nothing he would have to recuse himself from." Questioned by Chicago media days later, Pritzker made a striking admission: The governor said he only learned of his investment in Centene when the BGA contacted him about it. "I only learned that literally because

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 25 TO ARTICLE I OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE I — BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment, which takes effect upon approval by the voters, adds Section 25 to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section will guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate safety conditions, wages, hours, working conditions, and economic welfare. The amendment prohibits the passage of any new law within the State that restricts or prohibits workers from engaging in collective bargaining with their employer over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, like safety protocols or training.

Arguments In Favor of the Proposed Amendment

This amendment will protect workers' and others' safety. That includes guaranteeing nurses' right to put patient care ahead of profit and making sure construction workers can speak up when there's a safety issue. It will protect workers from being silenced when they call attention to food safety threats, shoddy construction, and other problems that could harm Illinoisans. This amendment protects firefighters and EMTs who put their lives on the line to protect Illinoisans. It means they get the training and safety equipment they need to do their jobs, and can speak out when they see a problem without fear of retaliation. This amendment will help our economy by putting more money in workers' pockets who join together and get raises. That will mean more money going into our communities and small businesses as people join the middle class with good-paying jobs.

Arguments Against the Proposed Amendment

A fundamental right provided to all citizens under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is the right to free speech and freedom of association. This amendment prohibits any law or ordinance that allows union workers to choose whether they wish to be a member of the union or not. Under the 2018 United States Supreme Court decision Janus v. Illinois AFSCME, non-union government workers cannot be required to pay union dues as a condition of working in the public sector. Approval of this constitutional amendment will deny that protection to private sector workers. The amendment also states that lawmakers could never "interfere with, negate, or diminish" certain rights. These terms are broad and undefined and leave lawmakers without the ability to clarify through legislation. Our Illinois Constitution provides such protection to public employees. The result of that protection has been to squash efforts by state lawmakers and voters to address Illinois' pension fund deficits.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution that would guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work. The new amendment would also prohibit from being passed any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety. At the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES _____ For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.
NO _____

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Done in the City of Springfield, this sixth day of September, 2022.

Jesse White

Jesse White
Secretary of State

The link below has information about a proposed constitutional amendment that will be considered at the November 8, 2022 general election.

以下连结提供将在2022年11月8日大选中提出拟议的宪法修正案相关信息。

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Poniższy link zawiera informacje na temat proponowanej zmiany konstytucyjnej, która zostanie rozpatrzona w wyborach powszechnych w dniu 8 listopada 2022 r.

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Police Beat...

Drive-by shooting leaves man injured, Uptown restaurant window broken

A bullet flew into an Uptown restaurant’s window during a drive-by shooting on Sept. 18. No injuries were reported inside the business, but a man walking nearby suffered a gunshot wound to his arm, according to Chicago police.

The victim was in the 1000 block of W. Argyle when someone fired shots from a black four-door sedan around 2:11 p.m., police said. Witnesses said the vehicle, last seen heading north on Kenmore, had a Zipcar logo on the back.

EMS took the victim to Weiss Hospital in good condition.

Yesterday’s victim is the 13th person shot in Uptown this year. That’s down from 16 at this point last year, a number that was driven higher by a quadruple shooting. The neighborhood had 14 shooting victims by this date in 2020 and 10 during the period in 2019.

On Aug. 13, a 59-year-old man was shot in a drive-by just a few doors down from where Sunday’s shooting occurred. At the time, police believed he was not the intended target.

Armed robbery, aggravated vehicular hijacking

Police are warning residents of recent armed/aggravated vehicular hijackings on Sept. 11. In these incidents, the offenders arrive in a black Honda sedan, then displayed handguns and robbed the victims of their personal belongings. The offenders then fled the scene.

Incidents include one on 200 block of N. Carpenter at 2:30 a.m.; 4300 block of N. Laramie at 3:25 a.m.; 4000 block of W. Fullerton at 3:37 a.m.; 2800 block of W. Montrose at 4:15 a.m.; 4600 block of N. Kedzie at 4:31 a.m., and 5600 block of N. Winthrop at 4:35 a.m.

The offender is described as three African American males, 17-25 years old, and one male, 17-25 years old.

Man gets 10 years for sexually assaulting woman in Uptown apartment building

A man has been sentenced to ten years for sexually assaulting a woman in her Uptown apartment building in 2018.

Rashad Edwards, 44, pleaded guilty to aggravated criminal sexual assault causing bodily harm before Judge John Lyke, according to court records. Lyke handed down the ten years and ordered register as a sex offender for life. Prosecutors dropped five additional felony charges in their deal with Edwards.

The 30-year-old victim was returning to her apartment in the 4400 block of N. Magnolia after a night out with co-workers when she crossed paths with Edwards on a staircase around 2:30 a.m. May 8, 2018, prosecutors said.

The two, who did not know each other, had a brief conversation before Edwards grabbed the woman and dragged her down the stairs and out the front door, according to Murphy.



Rashad Edwards

Edwards pulled the woman into an alcove, threw her down, pinned her to the ground, and sexually assaulted her. At one point, he placed his hand over the woman’s neck and mouth, prosecutors alleged.

Following the attack, Edwards allegedly told the woman he was sorry and asked her not to call the police. She did.

More than two years later, on June 4, 2020, investigators determined that DNA collected after the attack matched Edwards and took him into custody, according to prosecutors.

Edwards is scheduled to be released from prison on July 24, 2029, according to Illinois Dept. of Corrections records.

Robber fires shot, pistol-whips victim in Rogers Park

An armed robber fired a handgun, then beat his victim with the weapon in Rogers Park on Sept. 11, according to Chicago police. The offender remains on the loose.

The 23-year-old victim was walking in the 1300 block of W. Farwell when the gunman approached and demanded his property around 10:45 p.m., according to a CPD spokesperson. But the victim refused to cooperate until the robber fired a bullet into the ground, police said.

At that point, the victim threw his property onto the ground and tried to run away. He didn’t get far. The robber grabbed him from behind, beat him in the head with a pistol, and then ran away, according to police.

The victim went to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center to treat the injuries he received during the beating.

Man gets four-years for pushing ex-Marine into the path of moving Red Line train



Ryan Munn and Mamadou Balde

A man who was accused of pushing a former Marine between two cars of a moving CTA Red Line train in the Loop, causing the man to be dragged to his death, has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Ryan Munn, 21, was initially charged with three counts of first-degree murder and mob action, but after he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge, Judge Domenica Stephenson sentenced him to just four years.

After receiving the state’s standard 50% sentence reduction and getting credit for the two years he spent in jail before pleading, Munn did not spend any time in prison.

Another man, Fajor Hodges, remains in jail facing similar charges for his alleged role in Balde’s death.

During Munn’s bail hearing in April 2020, prosecutors said CTA surveillance video showed Balde, 29, smiling and jokingly raising his fists at Hodges on the Jackson platform on the evening of April 8.

Hodges punched Balde, then Munn stepped in and pushed Balde, who fell between two cars of a southbound Red Line train, according to the state’s initial allegations. Balde’s lower body became trapped in the train, which dragged him along the platform to his death.

At the time of Balde’s death, Hodges was on bail for two felony charges, including a flash-mob style shoplifting raid at a Gold Coast convenience store, which was caught on video.

Hodges is the 53rd person this

reporter has identified who was accused of killing, shooting, or trying to kill or shoot someone in Chicago that year while on felony bail. At least 35 of the 66 victims involved in those crimes died.

Munn will remain on parole until June 21, 2023.

Nine-time felon pickpocketed women at L stations, then used their credit cards

Prosecutors have charged a nine-time convicted felon with pickpocketing three women on Chicago’s L system and then making purchases with their credit cards.

Guy Davis, 57, is charged with three counts of felony theft and two counts of felony identity theft. Judge Maryam Ahmad released him on his own recognizance with electronic monitoring on Sept. 14.

Davis is said to have stolen from women at CTA stations by sneaking up behind them and taking their wallets out of their bags.

He allegedly targeted a 20-year-old woman at the Loyola Red Line CTA station on Aug. 29, then used her credit cards to purchase nearly \$400 in merchandise at Target and CVS stores.

Two days later, he took a 25-year-old woman’s wallet as she climbed stairs at the Grand Red Line CTA station. That time, prosecutors say, he used the woman’s cards to make a purchase at 7-Eleven. He tried to use her card again at another convenience store, too, but the victim canceled her card after the first purchase.

Then, on Sept. 3, he allegedly stole a 53-year-old Georgia woman’s wallet as she boarded a train with her daughter at the Washington Blue Line station. The woman quickly realized her wallet was missing and closed her credit card accounts while on the train before they could be used.

Prosecutors said that all of the thefts and most of the credit card transactions were captured by surveillance cameras.

Chicago police transit officers recognized Davis on the Clark-Lake Blue Line platform Sept. 12 and arrested him. The most recent of his nine felony convictions were for theft and identity theft in 2018.

Man charged with murder, robbery of chef in the Loop blamed his accomplice—and victim



Anthony Rawls, the murder suspects, and Michael Byrnes. Images courtesy CPD; Tri-Star Catering

One of the men who robbed and fatally stabbed a restaurant chef heading home from work in the Loop allegedly told police the victim “might still be alive” if he hadn’t tried to protect himself, prosecutors allege.

Anthony Rawls also told detectives that chef Michael Byrnes “should not have fought back,” Assistant State’s Attorney Danny Hanichak said during a Sept. 14 bail hearing. Judge Kelly McCarthy held Rawls without bail.

On Sept. 6, Byrnes, 41, walked from the West Loop restaurant he managed to the Loop, where he planned to catch a train home shortly before 11 p.m. Before heading up to the platform, Byrnes paused for a few mo-

ments, leaning against a wall beneath the L tracks at LaSalle and Van Buren.

As he did so, Rawls, 28, and another man who is still at large approached him and “immediately” attacked him, according to Hanichak. Both men punched Byrnes in the face and chest and threw him to the ground. They continued to attack Byrnes after he was down for about 10 seconds before turning and starting to leave.

After walking a few steps, the men turned around and returned to Byrnes, who was still on the ground, Hanichak continued. They started attacking him again, dragging him, kicking him, and pulling him.

At one point, Rawls pinned Byrnes against a pillar as the other offender punched and stabbed Byrnes. Byrnes, stabbed three times in the neck, back, and chest, collapsed nearby and died.

The entire attack, as well as the men’s movements before the crime and their escape in a car registered to Rawls, was captured on video, he said.

Chicago police tracked Byrnes’ phone and found it lying in an alley behind Rawls’ house. The getaway car was there, too, Hanichak said.

Surveillance video clearly showed one of the attackers had a unique goatee with beads woven into it and a bandage or cast on his right arm. When cops arrested Rawls, he still had beads in his goatee and a bandage on his right arm from a recent shooting.

Rawls initially claimed he had nothing to do with the robbery and murder, but police say he confessed after being shown video and other evidence.

Hanichak said Rawls “tried to put most of the blame” on the other attacker, but he admitted to getting Byrnes’ phone and ditching it behind his house. He also told police he received a little cash from the robbery.

In addition to blaming his accomplice, Rawls also blamed the victim, according to Hanichak.

Byrnes “should not have fought back,” Rawls allegedly told detectives. “If he had just laid there, he might still be alive.”

Rawls has no adult criminal record and worked as a food delivery driver for three years. He is charged with murder, murder while committing another forcible felony, and armed robbery.

Man mugged bank customer in Rogers Park

Prosecutors have charged a man with knocking a bank customer to the ground during a robbery in Rogers Park on Sept. 12.

Chicago police responded to the Chase branch at 1791 W. Howard around 10:55 a.m. and met with the 59-year-old victim. He told officers that a man pushed him to the ground outside the bank and took his wallet, containing \$460.

The victim’s nephew, who was waiting outside in a car, and a passerby witnessed the robbery. They both provided descriptions of the offender to police.

Cops stopped Deonta Vauters, 22, nearby because he allegedly matched the descriptions. Both witnesses and the victim confirmed that he was the robber. And, prosecutors say, Vauters had the victim’s wallet and \$460 in his pants pocket.

The bank’s surveillance system recorded the robbery, prosecutors said.

Vauters was out on bail in August on two misdemeanor indecent exposure charges. He is now facing robbery charges.

Judge Maryam Ahmad ordered



Deonta Vauters

him to pay a \$5,000 deposit toward bail to get out of jail on electronic monitoring.

Cops warn about a third armed robbery crew working the city

Chicago police are now warning about a third armed robbery and carjacking crew working the city’s Near West and North Sides. CPD detectives issued warnings about other roving bands of armed robbers on Sept. 6 and 7. Nearly 40 armed robberies have now been linked to the hold-up crews.

Authorities have not announced any arrests in any of the robberies. However, Chicago cops on Sept. 9 were ordered by a supervisor to stop pursuing one of the armed groups due to the police department’s strict pursuit policies.

The latest warning, issued Sept. 14, links a Sunday morning crime spree to the same group of four offenders.

Detectives said the men drove a black Honda sedan to rob victims at the following times and locations on Sunday: 200 block of N. Carpenter at 2:30 a.m.; 4300 block of N. Laramie at 3:25 a.m.; 4000 block of W. Fullerton at 3:37 a.m.; 2800 block of W. Montrose at 4:15 a.m.; 4600 block of N. Kedzie at 4:31 a.m. and the 5600 block of N. Winthrop at 4:35 a.m.

According to the new alert, this crew consists of three Black males between 17- and 25-years-old and a fourth male of unknown race who is in the same age range.

Two shot as Mexican Independence Day revelers overwhelm cops in the Loop

Chicago Police had to shut down Downtown street for three nights over the weekend as cars and trucks filled with celebrants swarmed downtown in large numbers taking over the streets.

On Sunday, Chicago police closed the Loop to everyone but residents and workers between 11 p.m. Saturday through 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

At least two people were shot in separate incidents in the Loop as revelers filled Chicago’s downtown area. At times, members of the crowd overwhelmed Chicago police, threw bottles and other objects at officers, and even tried to pull some cops from their patrol cars.

The closures came hours after Mayor Lori Lightfoot and CPD Supt. David Brown announced plans to combat criminal behavior and gridlock downtown after tens of thousands of people flooded downtown Sept. 16.

Hoping to prevent gridlocked traffic, temporary intermittent closures were in effect between 18th St. and the River, and from Halsted St. to Lake Shore Dr.

Videos uploaded to the Citizen App showed people climbing on top of a CTA bus to wave Mexican flags. A sports car caught on fire outside the Roosevelt Red Line CTA station while other souped-up vehicles spun donuts in downtown intersections.

Both of the shootings occurred around 1:10 a.m. Sept. 17, according to Chicago police.

A 32-year-old man who got out of a pickup truck to fight someone in the 100 block of S. Wacker was shot in the back when someone opened fire from a red sedan, police said. The injured man returned to the truck, which drove away and stopped in the 300 block of W. Monroe.

Police discovered shell casings at the Wacker and Monroe crime scenes. There were two bullet holes in the man’s truck. According to police, he was transported to North-

Chicago police will start using spike strips to rein in drivers at donut-spinning 'sideshows'

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago's sideshow drivers may be in for a nasty surprise.

The Chicago Police Dept. quietly introduced a "Tire Deflation Devices Pilot Program" on Sept. 16 to help officers combat the stunt drivers who have repeatedly tied up intersections with their sometimes hour-long donut-spinning performances.

Spectators at several of the so-called "sideshows" have stomped on CPD and state police patrol cars and fired pyrotechnics at officers who intervened in the events this summer.

But, we'll have to wait and see how effective the program is. CPD leaders are attaching a lot of rules to the use of the tire-puncturing devices, including a requirement that cops post signs and announce that the devices are in use.

The move comes just a few weeks after the city council gave police the authority to impound cars that participate in sideshows, also known as "drifting." But since many of the drivers obstruct their license plates—or remove them entirely—before performing, the law's effectiveness is questionable.

CPD revealed the plans to cops with an internal order last Friday. The five-page order said so-called TDDs can be used to "prevent the movement of stationary vehicles lawfully seized or being used for unlawful activities" and to "control the movement of one or more vehicles illegally obstructing roadways or moving from a

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western Memorial Hospital in good condition.

At around the same time, a group of people attacked and beat a man as he walked along Wacker Dr. near State St., according to police. One of the assailants fired shots, striking the 27-year-old man in the head. Police said he was in good condition at Northwestern.

No arrests have been made in connection with either shooting.

There were arrests for other matters, but the exact number is unclear, and at least one officer sustained an eye injury. At least two "10-1" police emergencies were declared, and some officers radioed that the crowd was trying to pull them from their squad cars.

So far this year, 32 people have been shot in the Loop. That compares to 25 at this point last year; 12 as of this date in 2020; and four in 2019.

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Top: The effects of spike strips (background) are seen on a car tire. Bottom: A car, surrounded by spectators, does donuts in the intersection of Clinton and Monroe on July 17.

stationary position to circumvent law-enforcement measures."

The directive said that the devices cannot be used to stop "rapidly approaching vehicles," and they cannot be used during motor vehicle pursuits.

So, what will the tire-poppers be used for? Well, drifting, apparently. That's the only activity referred to in the order's "relevant ordinances" section.

Among the rules that govern the use of tire killers: They are only permitted to be used if an on-scene supervisor with the rank of lieutenant or higher issues the order.

"Warning signs" must be "conspicuously posted in the immediate vicinity before deploying

TDDs. The warning signs will inform drivers that tire deflation devices have been deployed and any attempt to proceed over them with a vehicle will result in property damage and may cause personal injury," the order said.

Cops must also give a "verbal warning ... using a sound amplifying device that tire deflation devices have been deployed, any attempt to proceed over them with a vehicle will result in property damage and may cause personal injury, and any other pertinent information as determined by the incident commander."

The on-scene supervisor must also ensure that the TDDs and signs are not stolen, according to the order.

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Four years after moving company HQ to Chicago, McDonald's CEO says he's not lovin' it

BY CWBCHICAGO

On Sept. 14, the chief executive officer of McDonald's told a group of Chicago business leaders that he's not lovin' the city right now.

"Everywhere I go, I'm confronted by the same question. 'What's going on in Chicago?'" Chris Kempczinski told members of the Economic Club of Chicago, according to the Wall Street Journal. "There is a general sense out there that our city is in crisis."

Boeing and Caterpillar announced this year that their company HQs are leaving town. And Citadel Securities chief Ken Griffin hauled his company headquarters to Florida after repeatedly complaining about Chicago's crime problems.

But Kempczinski said his company's headquarters would be staying in the West Loop, where it moved from Oak Brook four years ago. The city needs to fix some problems, though.

"The burger giant is grappling with violent crime, homelessness and drug overdoses in its Chicago restaurants, and [Kempczinski] called on city and business leaders to find ways to address the problems," the Journal reported.

Crain's Chicago Business also reported on the speech:

"The truth is, it's more difficult today for me to convince (a McDonald's executive) to relocate to Chicago from one of our other offices than it was just a few years ago. It's more difficult for



Chris Kempczinski, CEO of McDonald's Corp.

Photo courtesy LinkedIn

me to recruit a new employee to McDonald's to join us in Chicago than it was in the past."

Kempczinski said he talks up the positive parts of Chicago—the lakefront, diversity, relatively low cost of living—but "it shouldn't be this hard."

There needs to be better collaboration between the public and private sectors, he said. Improving public safety should be the first priority. Kempczinski said he knows the city is focused on the issue, but business leaders don't know what the city's plan is.

"Let us know the plan so we can support it," he said. "It's going to take partnership."

"That's one of the things about McDonald's," Kempczinski said, according to Crain's. "Whatever's happening in society, good or bad, you can be sure it's happening at McDonald's."

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makes us look so good. A sweet man of dignity and high art.

NEW CHIEF: The Illinois State Museum named **Heather Miller** as its director of tribal relations, at the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources. Miller is a citizen of the Wyandotte Nation, and is responsible for building tribal relationships between the museum and the state. She is supposed to make sure the state abides by the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and other relevant national regulations and state statutes. You may have seen her around town, most recently, she led Chicago's American Indian Center as their executive director.

WGN NEWS BEGORRAH: Bravo WGN News putting a fresh faced news reporter on TV, from Ireland no less. **Bronagh Tumulty** just might be able to pull that runaway train back on the tracks. She might take things a bit more serious.

ROYAL FUNERAL: After a steady diet of the obsequies for **Queen Elizabeth II**, I was almost at the breaking point. On the one hand the royals are supposed to be attempting to make peace with **Prince Harry**. Yet he was prevented from wearing a military uniform at any time. He who did two tours of duty in Afghanistan. And he was even prevented from saluting his grandmother. His brothers and cousins who never ever went to a real war zone, on the other hand, were gilded at the edges of their uniforms. Mascots, as it were, to the artificial regiments they are supposed to inspire. My feeling then was Harry was better off in civilian duds. The rest of them looked ridiculous. But a last minute reprieve, it seems, now will change that. He will be allowed to put on the uniform he fought in for the family vigil. So I tip my coronet to the genius insider who had a moment of reason and got everyone else on the team. Now **Prince Andrew** is different story. So is the Princess Royal who appears the toughest guy in the parade.

GET ON A BUS: Paging **Casey Jones**. Casey Jones please call your office. Jones was a rail-roader who worked for the Illinois Central Railroad. He was killed on April 30, 1900 when his train collided with a stalled freight train. His dramatic death came while trying to stop his train and save the lives of his passengers, and it made him a folk hero. The Chicago Transit Authority needs a hero like Jones. The CTA has announced temporary changes to its bus and rail schedules on select routes hoping to provide better, more reliable service. They are very short of staff and are hav-

ing trouble recruiting new workers, and no wonder, our CTA has turned into rolling prisons. Normal citizens know they're risking life and limb taking public transportation, and are choosing to drive themselves. Why bother expanding the system if officials cannot protect the paying customers or CTA staff?

GOLDEN BELLS: **Franco LaMarca** and family are eternally grateful for the outpouring of love celebrating his parents' 50th wedding anniversary. The climax of this celebration was the renewal of their vows at their ancestral church in Sicily. Cheers to them for another 50 years and beyond. It was a great Sicilian family feast.

REX GLORIOSO: So far **Cynthia Olson** is the only Sky-line reader with a pre-selfie photo of themselves with **King Charles III** a few years ago. She is British after-all and speaks more posh than His Majesty.

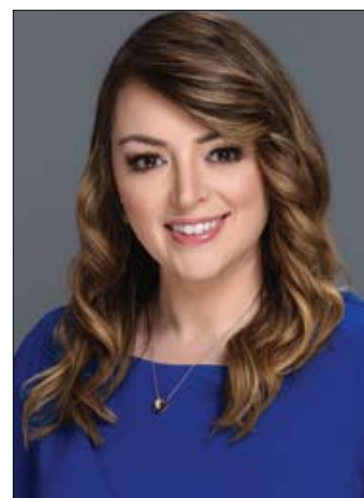
OPA: She may have taught you to dance like a Greek. **Irene Pappas** has died at 96. A famed Greek actress known for movies including "Zorba the Greek," "The Guns of Navarone," and "Z." Her dramatic acting in Zorba ushered in a fresh age of cinematic glory. Peace to her.

WHO'S WHERE: **Karin Carlson** with her three sons in Yellowstone National Park for a happy reunion... Bondgirl **Diane O'Connell** temporarily has moved to the Four Seasons while her kitchen pipes are repaired... **Peggy Snorf** is at Quebec's Hotel Frontenac... Everyone was twirling pasta on their spoons at La Scarola dining with **Nikki Friar** and her fabulous mom, **Jan McAdam**, visiting from Scotland, sharing spoons with **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Carol Gipson**, **Sheri James**, **Denise Haboush** and **Leslie Vondra**... Comedian **Tommy Dreesen** had everyone in stitches at Gibson's Steakhouse when **Kathy Wolter Mondelli**, **Elizabeth Bertucci** and **Kathleen Clementi** bumped into the man who taught **Sinatra** to laugh... **Takara Beathea-Gudell** looking tres chic in her fab earrings she created... the Monday gang from RL moved south to the Women's Athletic Club where **Sherry Lea Fox**, **Bobbi Panter**, **Wynnis Mackie** and **Sherril Bodine** looked just as elegant amid the foil paper... **BJ Murray** at New York's Lincoln Center, Bernsteinesque... **Shelley Howard** entertaining **Cecilia Mowatt** on her birthday... **Stephanie Leese Emrich** out in the country golfing with mom, **Georgia Leese**... **Chris** and **Lindy Fleming McGuire** in California having dinner at Mustard's Grill with **Despina** and **Steve Kotsapouikis**... **Mark Olley** had the ladies danc-

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS



Richard Howard Hunt



Bronagh Tumulty



Heather Miller



Tommy Dreesen with Kathy Wolter Mondelli, Elizabeth Bertucci and Kathleen Clementi.



Stevie Nicks



Cynthia Olson with then Prince Charles.



Takara Beathea-Gudell



Mark Olley and the Service Club ladies.

ing in the aisle at Ravinia... (Ret) Judge **Rhoda Sweeney Drucker** and **Fred Drucker** celebrating a birthday dispensing Louis Vuitton to the girl of the hour... Service Club ladies **Paula Borg** and **Margaret Wenzel** doing the Pavillion seats for the Ravinia **Stevie Nicks** concert... **Karen Zupko's** pal **Andy** has his hands full doing Lobster Fest Eight for the gang... **Patricia Bidwill** encountered a little roadblock in Iceland all made out of sheep... **Nate Beuscher** played Tiny Tim at the Goodman for several season some years ago, but now this growing Lincoln Park H.S. soph-

omore is sprouting up running track and learning new dance routines... **Maria Pappas** has her eyes trained on the details of the city... Christie's **Steven Zick** at Richmond, VA's Country Club of Virginia in Westhampton... **Shelley Howard**, birthday boy **Stanley Paul** and **Fernando Asturizaga** celebrating on Wells St.

PRIDE: PrideArts, the Uptown-based theatre company focused on presenting queer stories on live stages, has announced the appointment of **Amber Mandley** as Managing Director, a new position. Mandley's responsibilities will be focused on the busi-

ness side of the organization – finances, contracts, development, and marketing. Yes, money matters. Previously she served at the Chicago Abused Women Coalition, and for BUILD, a nationally respected gang intervention, violence prevention, and youth development organization based on Chicago's West Side.

Driving that train, high on cocaine, Casey Jones you better watch your speed.

- **Jerry Garcia/Robert Hunter**

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City now funding some outdoor security devices

The City's Community Safety Coordination Center [CSCC] has launched a new funding process that allows Chicagoans to obtain outdoor security devices based on one's income. The program is intended to help residents and business receive rebates up to certain limits for security devices obtained on or after June 6.

Anyone who meets the eligibility criteria may apply for security devices. Applicants must show documentation proving that they reside in the City of Chicago, provide a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or other form of identification. The applicant must also meet the income qualification, which is 300% of the federal poverty level, and provide supporting documentation.

Once applications are approved, residents will be able to pick up their security devices at a designated distribution site, such as Chicago Public Libraries. The package will include two wireless outdoor security cameras and one outdoor solar powered security floodlight. The program is first-come, first-serve. It will run through Dec. 31, 2024, or until taxpayer funds are depleted.

"Since we launched the program, we saw thousands of resi-

dents interested in obtaining security [equipment]," said Tamara Mahal, Chief Coordination Officer for Community Safety. "We know that there are many more who want these devices but face financial barriers that prevent them from applying for

Over 1,920 camera locations are now registered with the Chicago Police Dept., with camera footage being requested and utilized in ongoing investigations.

a rebate. We're hoping to remove these barriers and ensure there are more cameras and lighting in the households and communities where they are needed the most."

To date, the City has received 3,800 reimbursement applications and has approved over \$350,000 in reimbursement payments to community members and businesses.

While registration of the camera system location is optional, over 1,920 camera locations are now registered with the Chicago Police Dept., with camera foot-

age being requested and utilized in ongoing investigations.

For residents who decide to register their cameras, CPD will not have direct access to the camera system and cannot access camera footage without consent. By registering, residents will allow CPD to request camera footage in the event of a crime. Residents reserve the right to refuse access to camera footage at all times. Those who choose to register the location of their camera system can visit chicagopolice.org/cameraregistration.

"The power of public libraries is that they serve as great equalizers for communities," said Chicago Public Library Commissioner Chris Brown. "Everyone in this city deserves access to private security devices and we're thrilled to offer internet for applications and to help distribute the devices. As this program expands, so will the number of libraries that serve as distribution sites."

For more information visit Chicago.gov/HBPP.

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Pritzker on establishing his trust.

"He is committed to taking all steps necessary to comply with Illinois ethics rules and to promote transparency and accountability to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in the Governor's Office."

Experts interviewed say Illinois law requiring Pritzker to list his assets renders it impossible for him to keep his pledge to remain blind to decisions made about his investments.

"To me, the more troubling thing is that he just signs the ethics statement without reading it," said Anne-Marie Rhodes, a professor at the Loyola Univ. Chicago School of Law and a specialist in estate planning.

"It sounds like a very human response: We all sign things without fully understanding what we're signing. Everyone who's ever been to a doctor's office gets all these papers — if you actually read them, you would miss your appointment," Rhodes said. "But I think we should expect someone who's signing an ethics statement to at least have looked at it."

Pritzker promised to make charitable contributions matching gains in his trust's holdings from entities that hold state contracts.

On his ethics disclosures, he reported income and capital gains from transactions involving 11 of the 12 companies that did business with the state while he invested in their stocks. Pritzker declined to reveal whether he had donated to charity based on his earnings from these 11 stocks or others since he took office.

Sippin' with the Sisters Sept. 22

The Little Sisters of the Poor are hosting Chez Ste. Marie, a French wine tasting 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. A Taste of France will be held at St. Mary's Home, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave.

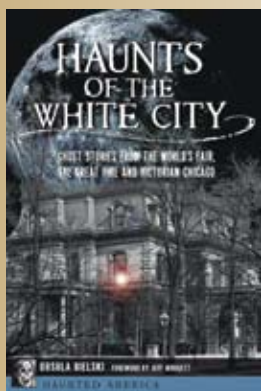
Guests will enjoy live music while sampling wines from the

major regions of France paired with French-inspired hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

This special wine-tasting event benefits the mission and work of Little Sisters, who care for the elderly poor. Tickets are \$60 in advance or \$75 at the door.

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visitations on Chicago's citizenry. From the phantoms of the Fort Dearborn Massacre to the victims of H.H. Holmes, from the boy who drank holy water to undertakers who experimented with the dead, from Lincoln Park's "Suicide Bridge" to the ship captain who communicated with the dead, the ghostlore of the "City of the Century" tell the tale of a city haunted by its efforts to walk the line between a provincial past and a dazzling future.

Ursula Bielski is an historian, prolific author and paranormal researcher.

Lecture held in the Lerner Auditorium,
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at 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

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Foster overpass work on LSD now underway

The southbound lanes of Lake Shore Dr. at Foster Ave. are now under construction, creating restricted lanes of traffic during the work. The work consists of performing temporary shoulder, bridge deck replacement, and concrete barrier replacement construction.

That work will be done in two stages. The city hopes to be done by sometime around Dec. 1.

The southbound Lake Shore Dr. bridge over Foster Ave. will have one to two lanes closed and a minimum of two lanes open during each stage at all times.

Traffic will remain open in both directions on Foster Ave. with periodic rolling lane closures

throughout construction and one week of full night closures coordinated in advance.

Northbound Lake Shore Drive will not be affected.

The northbound lanes will not be affected.

No demolition work will be undertaken until after 8 a.m. each day and construction will take place generally from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Dec. 1.

Lincoln Square Apple Fest Oct. 1

The Lincoln Square Apple Fest will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2 at the intersection of Lawrence Western and Lincoln avenues.

At the Fest guests will find this a very family-friendly event, offering apple-inspired dishes from local restaurants, fresh fall produce from Midwest farms, live entertainment, children's activities and more. Apple Fest has been a beloved tradition in Lincoln Square for over 40 years.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE
Plaintiff,
-v.-

AGNIESZKA SOSNOWSKA, MICHAEL GLADYS,
AKA MICHAEL GLADYS, 474 NORTH LAKE SHORE
DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
22 CH 01544

474 N. LAKESHORE DR. #2404
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 17, 2022, 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 474 N. LAKESHORE DR. #2404, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-222-007-1094 fka 17-10-219-001-0000 & 17-10-222-002-0000; 17-10-222-007-1857 fka 17-10-219-001-0000 & 17-10-222-002-0000

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$324,603.52.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to

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exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1639778.

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Attorney Code: 40387

Case Number: 22 CH 01544

TJSC#: 42-2568

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Case # 22 CH 01544

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY
Plaintiff,

-v.-

JEROME KARP, LINDA B. KARP A/K/A LINDA BOYD KARP, TOWN OF CICERO, 222 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, THE KELSEY KARP TRUST, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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Defendants
THE KELSEY KARP TRUST.

Counter- Plaintiff

-vs-

JEROME KARP, LINDA B. KARP A/K/A LINDA BOYD KARP, THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, TOWN OF CICERO, 222 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Counter-Defendants

2017 CH 6234
222 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 13 B
CHICAGO, IL 60611
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 19, 2022, 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 222 E. CHESTNUT, UNIT 13 B, CHICAGO, IL 60611

Property Index No. 17-03-221-011-1054

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$330,865.35.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other

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lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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For information, contact GREIMAN, ROME & GRIESMEYER, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 205 West

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PACIFIC GLOBAL BANK, A DIVISION OF ROYAL BUSINESS BANK
Plaintiff,

-v.-

BROADWAY 4437, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants
2022 CH 04794

4437 N. BROADWAY

CHICAGO, IL 60640-5659

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 25, 2022, 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 4437 N. BROADWAY, CHICAGO, IL 60640-5659

Property Index No. 14-17-225-010-0000

The real estate is improved with a commercial property.

The judgment amount was \$537,020.88.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

JPMBB 2015-C28 NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

3169 LINCOLN LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants,

2021 CH 01637

3169 N. Lincoln Ave.

Chicago, Illinois 60657

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by Plaintiff JPMBB 2015-C28 North Lincoln Avenue, LLC ("Plaintiff") that pursuant to a Judgment Order of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned cause on September 2, 2022, the Sheriff of Cook County will, on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., at the Daley Center, Lower Level Room 06, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

PIN: 14-29-100-041-0000

Commonly known as: 3169 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60657.

The mortgaged real estate is commercial.

Sale shall be under the following terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Keith M. St. Aubin, Duane Morris, LLP, 190 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, telephone: (312) 499-6700.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

-v.-

SARAH ALLEN F/K/A SARAH TULLY, CITIBANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A.

Defendants

2022 CH 02489

3751 N. BOSWORTH AVENUE

CHICAGO, IL 60613

NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 3751 N. BOSWORTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60613

Property Index No. 14-20-112-003-0000

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

MALIBU EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

ESTATE OF PATRICIA I. FOSTER BY ITS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR ERICKA BLAIR, UNKNOWN HEIRS & LEGATEES OF PATRICIA I. FOSTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants

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Race to Wrigley returns Sept. 24

Step up to the plate for Chicago's youth during the 17th Annual Race to Wrigley 5K Charity Run Saturday, Sept. 24, at Wrigley Field.

Runners will race through the Lakeview neighborhood before entering Wrigley Field and will cross the finish line just steps away from the Wrigley Field Marquee. Runners will have a chance to run on the warning track on the field as a part of the race course. The first 5,000 in-person runners to register also will receive one reserved ticket to the Sept. 27 game against the Philadelphia Phillies. Those who are eligible will receive their ticket

via the MLB Ballpark app by Sept. 26.

Runners are also able to participate in the race virtually. You can map out a 5K course of your own and complete the race.

The registration fee for the in-person race is \$49 and \$25 for children ages 12 and under.

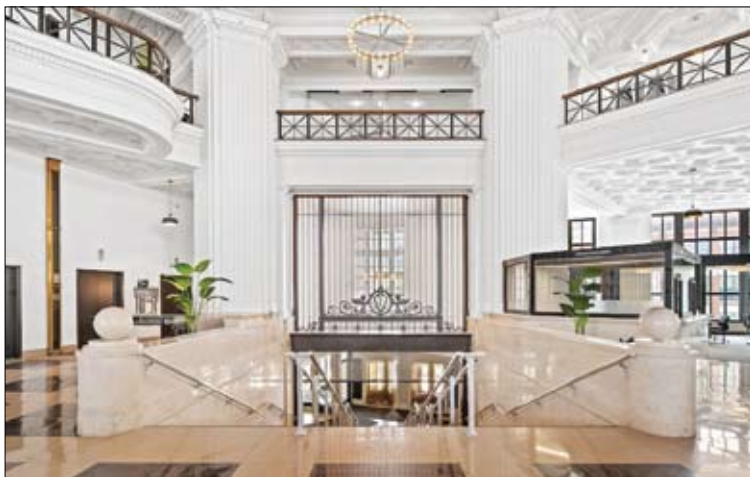
Proceeds from the race will benefit Cubs Charities. Cubs Charities will donate proceeds from personal fundraising to support Advocate Children's Hospital. The first 25 people to fundraise \$500 by noon Sept. 30, will receive an autographed item by a current or former Cubs player.

LANDMARK from p. 7

WeWork's 12th location in Chicago and third opening in the market this year, following WeWork 448 N. LaSalle St. in January and WeWork 167 Green in May. This Uptown location will also offer dedicated space for members using WeWork All Access, the company's monthly subscription membership that provides access to hundreds of WeWork locations across the globe, and WeWork On Demand, which offers pay-as-you go access to workspaces and meeting rooms.

The concept has become quite popular. From January 2022 through July 2022, WeWork All Access bookings throughout Chicago increased by 147% and during the same time period, WeWork On Demand bookings increased by 356%.

Residential amenities will include access to a 2,000 square foot fitness center and locker rooms, and a 3,000-square-foot rooftop lounge with an outdoor deck and sweeping lake and sky-



The grand second-floor banking hall is richly finished with marble and ornamental plaster. The various spaces will be used for retail and multifamily apartments while modernizing all building systems and amenities. The landmark lobby of the Uptown Bank building will also offer dedicated space for members using WeWork All Access.

line views.

The building will be managed by CEDARst's property management company, FLATS, and is conveniently located just steps from the Lawrence Red Line CTA stop, and the Aragon Ballroom. The building's other long-time commercial tenants will continue operation in the mixed-

use space.

Landmarked both locally and nationally, Bridgeview Bank joins the Lawrence House, the Draper, the June, and the Winnie as another dynamic CEDARst development in the Uptown area.

Portions of this story are from *REJournal.com*

BOOT from p. 7

byist Joe Moore spoke on behalf of the city's largest private booting company, Innovative Parking Solutions, and the Tribune reports he attempted to play a video of two women distraught to find out their car was towed. Technical difficulties arose, but Moore summarized the clip as an illustration of why seeing your car remain on the premises but with a boot on its wheel is "less onerous, more humane. To quote a viral quote from President Biden, who said: 'Don't compare me to the Almighty. Compare me to the opposition,'" Moore said. "Here,

don't compare private booting to no enforcement mechanism at all, where people can park at will. Compare it to the alternative, which is a towing company, which charges more, which takes your vehicle to a distant pound."

And the truth is, the \$170 fine that rogue parkers pay to free a vehicle from a boot is cheaper than the base rates and storage fees from towing companies. And freedom is quicker if you pay up.

Although Moore noted that conflicts and confrontations do occur when some booted drivers get angry after returning to a car and find it booted.

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Video shows West Loop restaurant patrons diving for cover as gunman opens fire; ‘Vote these clowns out of office,’ victim urges

BY CWBCHICAGO

A beautiful evening on a Chicago restaurant patio turned into a nightmare when a gunman in an SUV opened fire on patrons seated outside Aberdeen Tap on Friday evening. A bullet struck the restaurant’s manager in her leg. She’s recovering. But surveillance video shared with this reporter shows it all could have been much worse.

“The shooter rolled down the window [of an SUV] and yelled, ‘What the f*ck are you looking at?’ before unloading a clip into a group full of innocent people,” we were told.

The video shows groups of friends kick-

ing back and enjoying a summer evening on the restaurant’s sidewalk cafe, which lines the 1100 block of W. Hubbard in the West Loop. Strings of overhead lights and a patio umbrella, folded for the beautiful weather, sway gently in the light breeze.

Across the street, a white SUV sits in the traffic lane. Witnesses said it is the vehicle the gunman fired from. Three people—possibly two Hispanic men and a Hispanic woman—were inside.

“They were screaming and arguing for close to two minutes while stopped at the stop sign,” Aberdeen Tap’s general manager said on social media. She happened to be working as a server on the patio at the

time of the shooting.

“I had a full patio, and people were watching this altercation the entire time,” she continued. “The male in the back left seat [of the SUV] saw everyone watching and proceeded to scream out the window at us, asking WTF we were looking at over and over again.”

She said he flashed his gun out the window and then opened fire on the patio as his driver pulled away. The woman recalled hearing four shots, but an officer at the scene said cops found 13 shell casings in the street.

“Luckily, I am the only one who got shot. And luckily I am still alive. The bullet hit

my lower left calf and just missed my bone and an artery,” the manager said.

On social media the woman wrote, “This post isn’t to gain sympathy or pity. It is to call out this wild west city that Chicago has become. It is to call out the people who are in charge. The ‘leaders’ who should be doing something.”

The woman included a picture with her story. It showed a gaping bullet hole on the outside of her left calf.

“VOTE THESE CLOWNS OUT OF OFFICE OR WE WILL ALL BE PAYING THE PRICE FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS,” she pleaded at the end of her post.

LIGHTS from p. 1

I’ve been engaged in this,” said Weber. [However], “I just happened to hear about this [meeting tonight] through another neighbor here. I don’t believe that communication has been enough of an effort for what we’re talking about. And I do believe that a neutral party should go out and answer questions and then share information that’s not just written by the WPPA.”

After Weber’s comments, another resident, David DeBoer, questioned the process of having the WPPA being tasked with informing the public about the proposal to add lights that will benefit the baseball programs of the WPPA.

“I 100 % agree. I live right around the corner at Sunnyside, and I spoke to a representative from WPPA and it was an extremely one-sided presentation. [It was] challenging to have an honest conversation with him because he showed up with his two young children who were baseball players in their uniforms. It does not feel like this is being handled in an even-handed way,” said DeBoer.

Up until that point, the meeting had flowed like an in-person meeting. After a couple of questions about adding lights to the baseball diamonds, Durnbaugh became visibly frustrated.

“This isn’t a public meeting about the light proposal tonight. This is our normal PAC meeting. So, we’re not going to go item-by-item and issue-by-issue. That’s not what we’re going to do tonight. This isn’t a public meeting. We would have advertised this very differently. If this was going to

be a public meeting, we would have made sure plenty of folks in the neighborhood knew that we were focusing on the lights, to vote.”

“Those in favor of those and those against and whatever,” said Durnbaugh. “But we probably would have WPPA here to address any of these questions. Or, the park district.”

He claimed the project would require a CPD official from the Capital Planning Office to handle a project of this magnitude.

“And we certainly [would] have the aldermen here as well or the alderman’s representative. So, I’m sorry, David, [that] you did you not see our agenda,” said Durnbaugh, a former deputy commissioner of the city’s Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources, and currently sustainability director of Loyola Univ.

Confused, DeBoer told Durnbaugh he had written in the chat he was interested in the lights and had wanted to discuss them.

“I shared in the chat at the beginning of the meeting that I hoped to be heard about the lights. It would have been nice if I had been told then there would be no discussion. That way, I would not have had to sit through all the other business, only to be told that we wouldn’t have a voice,” said DeBoer.

Shortly afterwards, the park’s supervisor, Becky Kliber stepped in and said the lights proposal remains simply a proposal.

“There will be more community dialogue before anything moves forward. It’s all been pushed back, nothing is progressing. They can fundraise all they want, but the CPD has not approved the project, yet.

And it remains to be seen if Ald. Martin will support it,” said Kliber.

Despite Durnbaugh’s comments about public meetings, all Welles Park Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. They 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 information posted on the park district’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 PAC 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, so see you at a meeting soon,” according to information posted on the CPD’s website.

MERGER from p. 1

mergers lead to jacked up prices and diminished care for patients most in need.”

Almost 350 hospitals changed ownership either through acquisitions or mergers between 2016 and 2021, according to a report by theHealth and Human Service Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation —and experts predict that consolidation in the health care industry will increase going forward.

According to Ricky Goldwasser, managing director at Morgan Stanley, the health care industry should expect more consolidation this year, particularly now in the second half of 2022.

“We think that we’re definitely going to see more consolidation,” Goldwasser said. “I think that we’re going to see small-scale players sort of merging with others to create scale. We’re going to see the larger stakeholders, whether they’re healthcare companies or tech companies in some areas or large consumer companies, we see them opportunistically looking at mergers and acquisitions.”

Advocate Aurora submitted merger paperwork earlier this year to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review board, that must approve hospital mergers

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and takeovers.

The board voted 3-2 against approval. Board members later voted at the same meeting to reconsider the issue, which could happen at the board’s next meeting in December, if not earlier.

The major opposition to the proposal came from the Service Employees International Union Healthcare Illinois, who fears the merger - and relocation of the headquarters to North Carolina - could reduce the union’s control and influence.

Under the new deal, Advocate Aurora and Atrium would form a joint operating company called “Advocate Health,” though Atrium’s hospitals would keep the Atrium name, and the Illinois hospitals would still be called Advocate. Reportedly, no money would change hands, and existing assets would remain in the states they are in now.



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