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What's to become of Wintrust Arena?

DePaul announces plan to remake campus athletics facilities, academics

DePaul Univ. announced plans to transform parts of their athletics and academic facilities as a part of expansion goals announced Aug. 31 by university president Robert L. Manuel.

The estimated \$60 million budget for both capital projects will be funded primarily through donor gifts. Manuel expressed hope that the expansion will increase DePaul's academic and athletic prowess.

The new facility will feature an exterior, brick façade that mirrors the aesthetic of the Lincoln Park neighborhood, and a pitched roof that pays homage to DePaul's former Lincoln Park arena, Alumni Hall, where the Blue Demon men's basketball team won nearly 300 games from 1956-1980.

Might the men's basketball team be planning a return to the site of so many victories and great moments?

Having the home team play on campus would make it easier for DePaul students to attend and participate, and there are few better home-court advantages in sports than having an enthusiastic, roaring student section screaming behind the visiting team's bench.

This announcement comes five



DePaul Univ. may be preparing to relocate the men's basketball team games, and depart from Wintrust Arena, and a return to playing their games on campus, the site of so many victories and great moments from the 1940s through through the 1980s.

years after the 2018 opening of Wintrust Arena adjacent to McCormick Place.

The 10,387-seat facility in the South Loop was a joint project between the City of Chicago, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, and DePaul Univ.

If the men's team does move back to campus, what will become of \$173 million Wintrust Arena? The arena opened its doors in the 2017-18 season, adjacent to McCormick Place, which is over eight miles from their Lincoln Park campus.

The 10,387-seat facility in the South Loop was a joint project between the City of Chicago, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, and DePaul Univ. It features state-of-art amenities for the DePaul men's and women's basketball programs as well as fans. It has many years of useful service left in it.

The intimacy created by smaller college home venues are intimidating for visiting teams. Duke's Cameron Arena holds 9,314, and is one of the toughest venues in college basketball. Bringing DePaul basketball home may be good for school spirit, but it would be bad for Wintrust Arena.

The mockups show the new

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Audit shows progress in getting homeless campers out of viaducts, parks and under a real roof

BY MATT MEDINA

Homelessness in urban areas has been a human condition from the dawn of civilization, however, seemingly it is a greater concern now in recent years.

While the reasons why an individual becomes homeless are many, progress in fixing the situation from neighborhood to neighborhood are easy to measure: it's when average citizens see that the homeless and their tents are off the streets and living in suitable housing.

The Office of Inspector General [OIG] for the City of Chicago recently completed an audit on this issue. Specifically, taking a look into the outreach efforts undertaken by the Dept. of Family and Support Services [DFSS].

The report they issued attempts to tackle how effectively our City

services are managing homeless encampment communities, while also offering homeless individuals a way into stabilized housing.

The audit was completed and released by the OIG in August. Covering the homeless population in Chicago, specifically those living in "Encampment Communities," more commonly known as "tent communities." We've all seen these tent communities on sidewalks, in bus shelters, under viaducts, under highway overpasses, in parkways, and even openly in some city parks.

Chicago has roughly 6,100 homeless people, an estimation recorded from its recent Point-in-Time survey, taken each year on a night in January. Most of this population being "unsheltered," makes encampments and street communities a top priority.

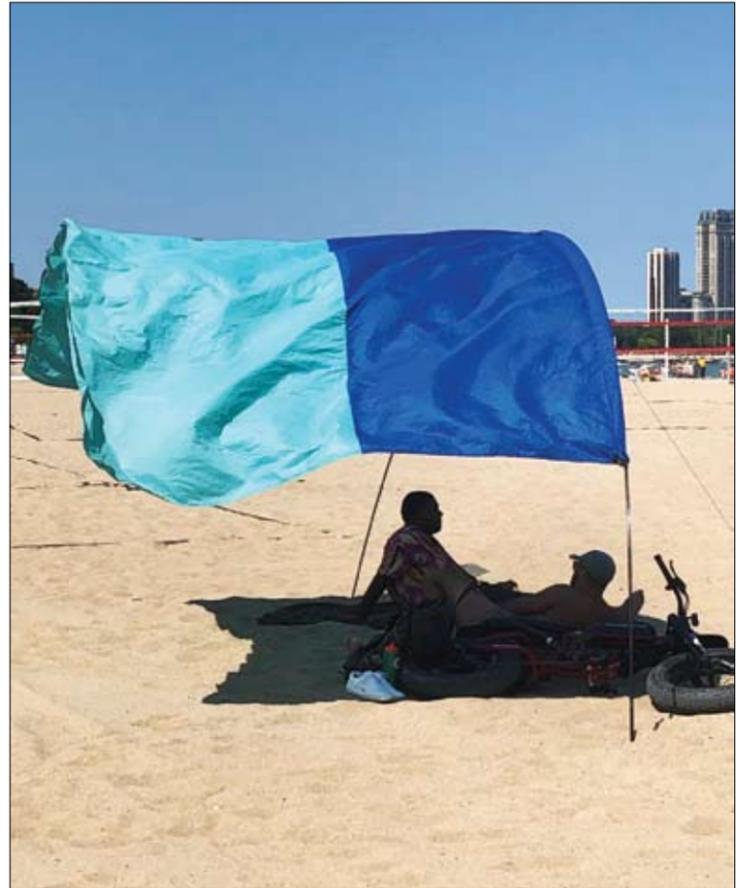
The Audit being released, after

a two-year test run of the City's Expedited Housing Initiative [EHI], started at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

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EHI is based on Accelerated Moving Events [AME], which simply focuses on bringing individuals from the encampment sites, to housing units that are sponsored by the City, in hopes of diminishing homelessness. The OIG covered all bases on how ef-

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As the summer beach season wanes, only a sparse crowd of diehard volleyball players inhabit a wide stretch of lonely North Avenue Beach. One last blast of warm east wind transforms a beach tent into a colorful tunnel that seems to be caught in mid-motion while two players relax in its embracing shadows. In other words, its going to be ice cold soon so get the heck out there.

Photo by Jim Matusik

Wanna bet?

Temporary casino tentative opening set for Sept. 9

The Illinois Gaming Board [IGB] is scheduled to conduct final inspection operations at Medinah Temple this week and if all goes well, the casino may be up and open for gambling as early as Saturday, Sept. 9.

IGB will assign Bally's opening date and hours of operation without any advance notice, so habitual gamblers may want to just set an over/under on the actual opening date and time, and bet on that too.

Bally's temporary casino will feature about 800 slot machines and 50 table games, as well as multiple dining and drinking options. Based on feedback from the public, Bally's has amended their curb management plan. Passenger pick-up and drop-off will occur mostly on Ohio St., a valet stand is on State St., while buses filled with gamblers will utilize Wabash Ave.

There does not appear to be a

location set aside for bike parking, and no outdoor smoking venue noted yet for tobacco or marijuana smokers.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] and many nearby residents remain vehemently opposed to the permanent and temporary casino locations selected in River North. Unfortunately for them, despite their best efforts, former mayor Lori Lightfoot cut a deal with Bally's and it passed at City Council with a majority voting in favor in early 2022.

City departments including Police, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and Transportation will be monitoring the area surrounding Medinah Temple. Traffic Control Aides will be present at all surrounding intersections, and additional police presence will be patrolling the blocks surrounding the casino.

Taxpayers get help finding refunds for overpayments, missed exemptions, see page 3



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Opryland White Sox?

Team may end up in Nashville if angry owner doesn't get his way



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Do you remember when the Chicago White Sox won the pennant in 1959, beating the Cleveland Indians? My parents were out for the evening. My sister and I had watched the game with Grandma O'Connor on her trusty 19" Admiral TV. The pennant clincher was at Comiskey. We were just 20 blocks away on Garfield Blvd. when the White Sox won.

Not long after the Sox were declared American League Champs the City's air raid sirens blasted off, wailing in the night sky of Chicago.

My sister and I were accomplished Cold War Americans. As I listened to the sirens, I thought how genius of the Soviets to surprise nuclear attack us just at the moment the White Sox won the pennant.

The Russians, we said, were really foul, to turn our greatest moment of joy into one of white knuckle terror. But Grandma O'Connor said she didn't think it was the Russians but probably Mayor Daley celebrating the White Sox victory.

But to stay on the safe side, Gram insisted that we all crawl under the

massive Irish Oak dining room table, just in case the Russkies had their fingers in the pie.

We soon learned that this was no Russian apocalypse, but the wild hysteria of Fire Cmsr. Robert J. Quinn, father of the "snorkle." A life-friend of Daley's and a life-long Sox fan. Quinn had anticipated the world-shaking reality of a Sox victory.

He had no choice but to press the button under his control saluting the White Sox team, manager Bill Veeck and an army full of Southsiders who never lost hope.

But we were still glad Quinn was not in possession of the nation's nuclear codes.

That year, 1959, was the first time since 1919 that the Sox would play in a World Series.

The 1919 series was part of the shameful Black Stockings scandal when the team threw the World Series for \$80,000. Maybe Quinn's enthusiasm, like the mayor's, was reaching far back to fully absolve their past.

I'm glad Chicago's weather will soon be cooler, should we need it, the cooler temps could calm the riots on 35th St.

if Jerry Reinsdorf attempts to unload the White Sox team in Grand Old Opryland.

While the Sox owner is the least liked among Chicago's pantheon of sports bosses, he'd be more tolerable without his stunts.

Bridgeport fans least of all can tolerate the show-off stinkability of White Sox executive antics.

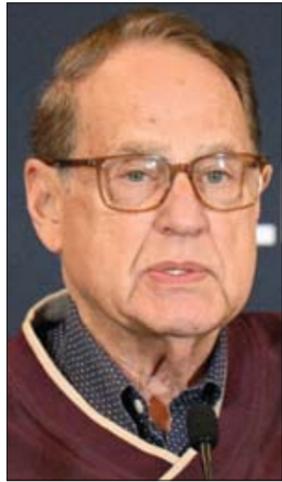
In any futuristic protest march I'm sure the ghosts of former manager Al Lopez would be front and center, together with Nellie Fox, Luis Aparicio, Billy Pierce, Sherm Lollar and Minnie Miñoso, all golden heroes of the 1959 Sox. They would not only be present,



Is Guaranteed Rate Field as expendable as the team?

but eclipsing the infamous Black Stockings accused of throwing the 1919 World Series. Shoeless Joe Jackson would be there, too, still pleading his innocence, locked with the Comiskey, Alderman John, and his son, Charlie. Names forever synonymous with Chicago baseball.

I can't accurately predict what the late Mayor Richard J. Daley, the Bridgeport neighborhood's most famous son, might have to say from beyond the grave. But I know he'd have the votes to halt the nonsense if it came to that. He'd already have worked out a solution to the present conflict. There'd be no more talk of relocation.



Jerry Reinsdorf

All these late Chicagoans were serious about baseball. They had little time for glamor in the game.

Or commercial blackmail by owners.

That's why Southsiders treat the Cubs like they were a Broadway show.

For many Southsiders, Black and White, baseball is a workingman's game. A universe with its own lingo, protocols and beer. The geography of the White Sox was the landscape surrounding the Union Stockyards. Its nose-clearing stink became the very odor of baseball itself in Chicago. A game for bakers, not brokers. A pastime for playing hooky. No three-piece suits in the stands. No silk ties in the box seats. Just regular fans.

The White Sox have called the South Side home since they were established as a club in 1900. And in old Comiskey Park since 1910. The famous stadium on the north side of 35th St. That was the original Comiskey Park, named for the owner.

Now apparently Guaranteed Rate Field (beauty name for a field inspiring not a smidge of Chicago nostalgia), Reinsdorf-owned, is as expendable as is the team.

Has anyone looked at a map of Nashville, TN? You can't get there on the CTA.

What Bridgeport needs is to bring back McCuddy's Tavern, where Babe Ruth used to drink between innings. The bar got stabbed in the back, by former Gov. Jim Edgar. The famous bar stood across the street from the ballfield, at 247 W. 35th St., for nearly eight decades until it was demolished in 1988 during the construction of what is now U.S. Cellular Field. They were promised a new location on the other side of the street, until everybody seemed to forget.

McCuddy's was a Chicago institution since John J. McCuddy got a tip from a rich friend and sportsman, Charles Comiskey, who long harbored dreams of moving from the old ball park at 39th St. to 35th St.

McCuddy was one of the few people Comiskey let in on the dream, and McCuddy's opened its doors in time to serve the construction workers who built Comiskey Park—dubbed the "baseball palace of the world" when it opened on July 1, 1910. It was a real baseball joint, the place to be on opening day for nearly 80 years. No ferns, no fussin', no cussin' and no frozen margarita's.

So apparently at this moment in Major League Baseball they are all delirious.

At the moment Chicagoans have only questionable speculation over where the White Sox might wind up after an angry owner, like Reinsdorf, finishes cleaning out the franchise's front office. Firing anyone he can get his hands on.

Where will he stop?

What Chicagoan believes for a minute that Reinsdorf sees Nashville as a viable MLB expansion city? Could he seriously think the country western cultural capitol of America wants to go elbow deep into the footprints of Shoeless Joe?

Withdrawing the Sox from Chicago's sports profile is certainly worth another blast on the old air raid sirens. Time to go back under the dining room table.

Or we can consider this may all be a ruse, as Neil DeMause of the Field of Schemes website astutely states: "Reinsdorf is the guy who literally invented the fake move threat, or at least was the first to openly admit to it, with his famed "a savvy negotiator creates leverage" quote after getting the current White Sox stadium built and paid for by the state of Illinois after falsely threatening to move the team to St. Petersburg."

[Late last week Reinsdorf said of the Nashville threat, "it didn't come from me. But if we have six years left, we've got to decide what's the future going to be? We'll get to it, but I never threatened to move out."]

BASEBALL SHOTS: Chicago Police have confirmed that two baseball fans sitting in the left field bleachers at Guaranteed Rate Field were shot during the game. Allegedly from inside the stadium

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Taxpayers get help finding refunds for overpayments, missed exemptions

BY MARIA PAPPAS
Special to Inside

Cook County owes refunds to thousands of property owners because of past overpayments and missed exemptions.

Many homeowners who could use the extra money to pay bills, buy groceries and meet other needs have no idea they are entitled to the funds.

Sheannse Smith recently learned the county owed her \$5,233 because of overpayments

made for taxes on her late mother's home on 14th Ave. in Maywood. My office helped Smith search for information during a recent Pathways to Cook County event.

"I wasn't sure how to obtain the money because she's passed," Smith told me during a recent episode of my weekly radio show, "Black Houses Matter," on WVON-AM 1690. Representatives of my office followed up and sent Smith the forms she needed to fill out to apply for her refund.

Smith's mother died in 2019. Back in 2003, she had overpaid her taxes by \$453. Taxpayers may receive refunds for overpayments that occurred up to 20 years ago.

Also, Smith overpaid the taxes on her mother's home for the 2021 tax year. The reason for the overpayment was common. There was

still a mortgage for the property, and the mortgage company paid the taxes from an escrow account.

However, a tax bill arrived in the mail and Smith also paid the amount due, which was \$4,780.

Thousands of taxpayers like Smith have no idea the county owes them money. "It was just a surprise," she said. "It worked out real nice."

We asked Smith what she planned to do with the \$5,233 when she received it. "I'm actually going to put it back into her house," she said. "I've been renovating it." Smith plans to move into the home with her family when renovations are completed.

She is one of thousands of Cook County residents who have received more than \$353 million in refunds for overpayments and

missed exemptions since our office launched the Black and Latino Houses Matter program in March 2020.

We can help taxpayers learn whether they are owed some of the \$84 million in available property tax refunds for overpayments and checking whether they are eligible for \$34 million in missing property tax exemptions. Homeowners may visit our

website at cookcountytreasurer.com and click on a purple box that says, "Your Property Tax Overview" on the home page. Visitors can search using their address or Property Index Number [PIN] and discover whether they are owed money. Listeners may tune in to "Black Houses Matter" from 11:30 a.m. to noon Mondays on WVON-AM 1690.



Maria Pappas

Uptown job fair Sept. 8

The Uptown Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security are hosting an Uptown job fair at Harry S. Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8. To register and see a list of employers who will be in attendance, visit bit.ly/UptownJobFair.

Sheriff warns public of phone scam

BY CWBCHICAGO

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart is warning the public of telephone scams where callers identify as a Sheriff's Office employee in an attempt to defraud victims.

In these scams, callers are using the actual names and respective titles of Sheriff's Office employees and ordering victims to immediately provide personal information, such as a signature sample, or make payments over the phone.

The caller may also use legal or police jargon during the call to sound like a law enforcement official and attempt to further intimidate the victims.

The public should be aware that these types of calls are scams. Sheriff's officers do not ask for immediate compliance with orders over the phone. They also do not ask for payment over the phone or via a money transfer app.

Individuals who believe they have been a victim of these scams are asked to call the Sheriff's Police Investigation Section at 708-865-4896 or the Sheriff's Police non-emergency number at 847-635-1188.

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North Side mortgage giant is laying off staff

North Center-based mortgage company Guaranteed Rate, 3940 N. Ravenswood Ave. is laying off employees across the country, according to former and current Guaranteed Rate employees.

According to the Chicago Tribune, many former employees have said that layoffs have happened several times in recent weeks, with entire teams wiped out. With interest rates on the rise, more layoffs are expected, and company morale is “in the toilet,” one current employee told the Tribune.

At the height of mortgage demand, Guaranteed Rate once employed over 15,000 people, and was the seventh-largest mortgage lender in the country. According to Housingwire.com, the first round of layoffs included project managers, director- and senior-level positions, as well as tech staff. The second round of layoffs came in August, and mostly affected non-tech workers and loan officers.

According to the former employee, the layoffs came following weak sales in July. Mortgage recruiting platform Modex shows that the company originated \$1.64 billion in July, down 30% compared to the previous month. The volume is still higher than the \$1.17 billion in January, the lowest level in the current mortgage business cycle.

Guaranteed Rate originated

\$10.6 billion in the second quarter, up from the previous quarter's \$7 billion — totaling \$17.6 billion in the first six months of 2023, according to data from Inside Mortgage Finance [IMF]. The production volume in the first half of this year was down about 47% from the same period in 2022. Guaranteed Rate ended the second quarter with 2.5% market share, IMF data showed.

“We’ve had progressive layoffs since early 2022 in an effort to right-size for the volume that existed in the industry,” said John Palmiotto, Guaranteed Rate’s chief of retail production until his resignation last week. “In fairness, we probably hired more people in the earlier years during COVID than other companies. We staffed up significantly to meet the demands that we had at that time,” adding that the company “probably did” overstaff.

The layoffs come at a time when a strong housing market has gone south due to high interest rates. The average for a 30-year fixed loan is now over 7% and heading toward 8%. Would-be sellers are holding onto their homes now as they do not want to give up their low 2-3% loans they got when rates were at historic lows, until they started to spike higher in 2021.

Other mortgage lenders are also making large cuts to already-dwindling workforces.



(Clockwise from upper left) Raccoon. Photo by Anthony Krcmar. Boxelder bug. Poisonous baseball-shaped mushroom and deer in Chicago Forest Preserve.

Chicago's critter perils thriving near forest preserves



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The critter perils of living near the woods or a forest preserve are a rude awakening, especially for lakefront Chicagoans who don't regularly venture beyond our concrete jungle.

This writer, who grew up and resided in Old Town, Lincoln Park and other near-lakefront neighborhoods, once hunted rats in the alley behind our family's Halsted St. three-flat. And, we've heard reports of coyotes residing in Grant Park.

However, after recently acquiring a weekend investment retreat near a Far Northwest Side Forest preserve, we have discovered a new enemy—the following “critter perils”:

- **The Bambi stroll:** This adventure started last autumn, when we noticed mature deer strolling down the parkway in front of our getaway home in the wee hours of the morning. As lazy gardeners, we love Hostas because they require absolutely no care, and planted a batch out front. Little did we know that deer like to munch on Hostas for their evening salad. We switched to dwarf arborvitae, which deer dislike.

- **Nocturnal raccoon visits:** We wondered why the previous owner of the property always placed a heavy concrete block on top of the black garbage can. After a few white garbage bags filled with leftover pizza and food scraps were placed in the black can we discovered why. Chubby forest preserve raccoons regularly marched across the street after midnight to dine inside our garbage can.

- **Toxic mushroom display:** This

summer, we discovered strange, baseball-shaped white mushrooms sprouting on the north lawn facing the forest preserve. Internet research by my daughter revealed it is a saprotrophic fungi that is often found growing in wood chips. Dubbed the “false parasol” mushroom, it is otherwise legally known as *Chlorophyllum molybdites*.

Mushroom experts say the prolific and widespread mushroom, also is nicknamed the “vomiter” for very good reason. If you make the mistake of adding this variety to your garden salad, you will quickly regret it. This is the most eaten poisonous mushroom in North America.

- **Love bugs invade:** Our creepiest woodland-critter encounter was the invasion of the boxelder bug, whose primary function apparently is to breed on the glass of our sunny front storm door in July and August.

While entomologists may find these red and black bugs attractive, the average homeowner probably wouldn't be happy to find this common insect invading their home. Although they don't cause damage and aren't dangerous, few people enjoy having large insects crawling out of cracks and onto their walls, windows, lights, or furniture.

Measuring about a half-inch long, boxelder bugs—officially known as *Boisea trivittata*—have narrow black bodies with red edge lines on their trunk and red lines on the edges of their wings. These creepy markings make it appear as though its wings form an upside-down V when they are lying flat. They are avid flyers and can often travel for several miles at a time. However, we've never seen one in Old Town.

Boxelder bugs are attracted to silver maple trees, and feed on the leaves, flowers and seed pods. Unfortunately, we have a silver maple in our front yard.

As soon as the cooler weather hits in the fall, boxelder bugs be-

gin to seek shelter for the winter and are often attracted to the warm, sunny sides of homes. From there, they slip into cracks and gaps in the siding or around doors and windows.

If not treated, boxelder bugs will spend the winter months in the walls of your home until warmth brings them out. That warmth doesn't have to mean the spring or summer months—it can actually be heated air from inside your home that coaxes them out of the walls and into the rooms of your home during winter. While they do not breed indoors, they can be very intrusive and annoying, and their excrement can stain surfaces, such as walls, furniture, and drapes.

Once the insects get in, physical removal is the best way to get rid of them. First, suck up the bugs with a vacuum, and empty the canister far from your home. Another option is to spray the bugs with a combination of two parts water to one part dish soap, which can kill the bugs on contact.

To prevent boxelder bugs from entering your home in the first place, consider treating the exterior walls with a residual insecticide. It's most effectively sprayed in the spring when the boxelder bugs are just beginning to emerge.

To reduce entry points, caulk all cracks, crevices, gaps, and openings in your home. Also, repair any torn or broken door or window screens, and make sure all doors and windows are well-sealed.

Guess who is calling our pest-control guy for an early spring visit?

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Despite co-sponsoring Mandatory Kindergarten Bill, rookie State Rep. remains silent on Lincoln Square pot shop

New Botavi store would be in violation of state law

BY PETER VON BUOL

Despite numerous calls placed to his office as well as emails sent to his media representative, North Side State Rep. Hoan Huynh [13th] will not say whether or not he will support a planned marijuana store from opening across the street from an educational facility at 2255 W. Lawrence Ave. The new state statute co-sponsored by Huynh specifically prohibits Botavi Wellness from being able to operate at that location.

For over a month now this newspaper has sought an answer from Huynh on whether he plans to support or oppose the pot shop deal, based on his support of the new law. So far he has refused to speak on the matter.

On Aug. 2, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law HB 2396 which mandates all school-children in Illinois must attend kindergarten. That bill's co-sponsors included Rep. Huynh, but it is not clear if he knew of the ramifications it would have on marijuana stores throughout his district and the Chicago area.

Last year, when contacted by this newspaper about why a marijuana store is able to open directly across the street from the Ladybug and Friends, 2255 W. Lawrence Ave., when a city ordinance and state statute specifically prohibits such a store from opening in close proximity to educational facilities, a city official with the Dept. of Planning and Development [DOPD] said Ladybug and the nearby Adler School, 2239 W. Lawrence Ave., are not recognized as educational facilities by the city

of Chicago.

"As defined by city ordinance, Ladybug and Friends and Adler School (both of which are located less than 500 feet from the planned Botavi Wellness) are not considered schools," said Victor Resa, manager of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA] in July, 2022.

According to Resa, the city considers an educational facility to be a school, when it has students in a state-mandated grades. Even though Ladybug and Adler have kindergarten classes, they were not considered to be offering a state-mandated grade.

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This problem is not unique to Lincoln Square, similar drug selling situations with marijuana stores near kindergartens and schools are appearing throughout the city. The Streeterville area is also right now fighting a similar battle.

The Botavi Wellness pot store, 2301-05 W. Lawrence/4748-56 Oakley Blvd. is co-owned by attorney Jon Loevy, who has collected nearly \$33 million in attorney fees from the city of Chicago in 2022 through settlements, according to a story published in March by the Cook County Record.

Through an analysis of city records going back to 2010, Cook County Record reporter Jonathan Bilyk found the law firm of Loevy and Loevy, 311 N. Aberdeen, has brought at least 111 successful lawsuits against the city of Chicago. Most of these suits allege either police misconduct or

Freedom of Information Act violations.

For those cases, the Loevy firm collected a minimum of \$32.9 million in attorney fees from the city last year. These settlements were approved by the Chicago City Council. Ald. Matt Martin [47th], in whose ward Botavi Wellness will be located, was among those who approved settlements.

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According to information posted on the website of Loevy and Loevy, the firm has won jury verdicts of at least a million dollars in more than 20 separate jury trials. A dozen of these trials, the site adds, had jury verdicts which exceeded \$5 million. On six separate occasions Jon Loevy has won jury verdicts of at least \$20 million. His largest verdict was for \$238 million, in Cook County.

"In 2022, [the] Loevy firm represented more clients who collectively amassed more than \$42 million in settlements from the city. The data posted by the city's Law Dept. does not reference any specific fees paid by the city to the Loevy firm from those settlements," wrote Bilyk.

In his article, Bilyk also notes the close connections the law firm of Loevy and Lo-

evy has to the non-profit Chicago-based Exoneration Project. Eight attorneys from the firm are among the 13 total staff members listed on the Exoneration Project's website. Debra Loevy, a partner at the Loevy firm, serves as the Exoneration Project's executive director. Loevy attorney Russell Ainsworth is also listed as a founding member of the Exoneration Project.

The city's Zoning Board of Appeals [ZBA] had approved Botavi's pot shop location at its Dec. 16 meeting.

The four-person ZBA is an un-elected panel appointed to five-year terms by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The mayor picks the chair. It operates within the DOPD and its board makes decisions about appeals to rulings from the city's zoning administrator. Its decisions are final, subject only to court review.

Pursuant to Section 17-3-0207-AAA (1) of the city's Zoning Ordinance, an adult use cannabis dispensary can be located no closer than 500 feet from a school. State law calls for 1,000 feet of distance between pot retailers and schools.

The application in Lincoln Square was approved on Dec.16, and it is mere steps from not just one, but two schools.

This newspaper had measured the distances with two witnesses. The location of the proposed pot shop is just 67 feet away from Lady Bug and Friends, a nursery school at 2255 W. Lawrence Ave. That school is literally right across Oakley Ave. from the new pot shop.

Adler School is merely 218 feet away. That facility has been in Lincoln Square for more than 56 years and offers preschool and an all-day Kindergarten. It also

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Police Beat...

Roscoe Village neighbors detained armed car thief

Roscoe Village residents teamed up to help a 17-year-old neighbor detain an armed man who tried to steal his car on Aug. 29, Chicago police say.

Andre Rogers, 21, was trying to steal the teen's Nissan in the 3400 block of N. Claremont when the boy intervened around 9:12 p.m., a CPD spokesperson said. The confrontation turned physical, and Rogers allegedly fought the boy until other people stepped in.

"The offender was detained by local citizens until police arrived," said the spokesperson.

Police said Rogers was carrying a loaded firearm when they took him into custody.

Rogers, who lives in Rogers Park, is charged with felony counts of aggravated unlawful use of a firearm, receiving or possessing a stolen motor vehicle, and possessing a controlled substance. He is also charged with misdemeanor theft of lost or mislaid property and possession of cannabis.



Andre Rogers

Teen Kia Boy charged after three women are robbed at gunpoint in Lakeview

A 13-year-old "Kia Boy" faces felony charges after three women were robbed while walking near Lake Shore Dr. in Lakeview on Sept. 2, Chicago police say.

Three robbers exited a 2019 Kia Sportage and robbed the women at gunpoint in the 500 block of W. Hawthorne around 10:08 p.m. A police spokesperson said two of the victims complied, but the third refused, prompting one of the robbers to hit her in the head with a handgun.

The robbers fled in the stolen Kia, and the women, two aged 22 and another 23 years old, took an Uber to St. Joseph Hospital so the injured woman could be treated.

Meanwhile, the Kia made its way to the 1700 block of W. Sunnyside in Ravenswood. There, one of them got out and stole a 2015 Hyundai sedan, a separate police report said.

Chicago police officers spotted the car used in the robbery as it headed toward Lake Shore Dr. after the auto theft. The officers terminated the pursuit because the driver was being reckless.

But the Kia didn't get far. Illinois State Police troopers found the car downtown and engaged it in a pursuit. Two people bailed out of the Kia in a parking garage near Wells St. and Ida B. Wells around 11:20 p.m.

Police arrested the 13-year-old driver, but the passenger escaped. The third suspect, who stole the Hyundai in Ravenswood, is also at large.

A CPD spokesperson said the 13-

year-old is charged with aggravated possession of a stolen motor vehicle, felony criminal damage to property, and aggravated fleeing from police more than 21 mph over the speed limit with a prior conviction.

The suspect who escaped in the Loop was described as a Black male in his teens who wore a pink hoodie with red shoes or red socks.

Four armed robberies in under an hour in West Ridge

Chicago police are investigating four robberies that occurred in under an hour in the West Ridge neighborhood on Aug. 29.

All of the holdups occurred within a short distance of each other. In each case, a single man exited a truck or SUV to rob a victim at gunpoint on the street. That's different from the technique used in hundreds of robbery sprees across Chicago in recent months. Those usually involve two, three, or four gunmen jumping out of vehicles to commit robberies.

Last night's first holdup occurred in the 6200 block of N. Talman around 11:23 p.m. The victim reported that the robber pulled up in a small SUV and took about \$20 in cash.

Another man was robbed around 11:49 p.m. in the 6300 block of N. Rockwell. He reported that a man wearing a blue t-shirt arrived in a blue vehicle and robbed him of cash.

A short time later, a robber pointed a gun at a man and demanded his money in the 6300 block of N. California, but he didn't have any money, and the offender left empty-handed, according to a CPD report.

Finally, a man driving a dark SUV robbed another man at gunpoint in the 6300 block of N. California around midnight.

CPD the robber as a Black man in his 20s with dreadlocks wearing a black shirt and brown pants.

Chicago police investigating two robberies involving men armed with golf clubs

For the second time this month, Chicago police are investigating a robbery involving offenders armed with a golf club. The latest mugging occurred around 11:48 p.m. Aug. 29 in Lincoln Park.

A woman was walking home in the 500 block of W. Wrightwood when two robbers confronted her and demanded her property, according to police. One of the robbers threatened the woman with a golf club while the other "forcefully took her purse," a CPD media statement said. The duo jumped into a white vehicle and headed east.

An officer at the scene said the robber with the golf club was a Black male, standing 6 feet tall and weighing about 150 lbs. He wore a dark hoodie. The other man was a little shorter and also wore a dark hoodie.

The woman was not injured. But the same cannot be said for a man attacked by golf club-wielding robbers in River West on August 18.

In that case Nick Christen, 42, was walking his dog in an alley behind the 900 block of W. Ohio when two young men confronted him with a golf club around 9:30 p.m., according to a CPD report.

A surveillance video aired by ABC 7 showed the offenders chasing Christen and whacking him with a club. One swing gave Christen a nasty head

injury.

"It could have very easily killed me," he told the TV station.

As in Lincoln Park, police said the offenders arrived in a white car.

"Before they jumped out, I started running. Before you know it, I feel a golf club hitting me from behind. There's two guys running after me, cackling, laughing, saying how it's so fun to beat down a random stranger," Christen told NBC5.

The robbers didn't get anything from Christen. The police have not said if the two cases are connected.

Man damaged Uptown tattoo shop, fought proprietor after being denied a p*ns piercing

An Uptown man stands accused of fighting a tattoo shop proprietor and breaking the store's glass after the businessman refused to give him a p**s piercing, a Chicago police report says.



Cristian Hernandez

Cristian Hernandez, 24, took his 11-month-old baby to Royal Flesh Tattoo and Piercing, 4005 N. Broadway, and asked the staff to pierce his manhood late on Aug. 7, the report said. But the shop owner refused and escorted him from the building.

An infuriated Hernandez kicked the store's glass doors, breaking two panels, and the store owner stepped outside to stop him, the report continued.

Hernandez punched the man several times, bit the man's hand, and, the report said, used a baby stroller with his child inside "as a human shield."

The officers wrote in their report that a nearby CPD surveillance camera recorded the entire incident. The video showed Hernandez getting into a physical altercation with a bystander who took his child out of the stroller to "protect it," according to the report.

Hernandez is charged with misdemeanor counts of battery, criminal damage to property, and child endangerment. He was released from the police station on his own recognizance.

Man charged with five North Side robberies was supposed to be on electronic monitoring for Class X felony gun case

Thank goodness the Illinois State Police [ISP] are allowed to chase violent criminals. Without them, Chicago might never get a handle on its ongoing armed robbery nightmare.

The man Chicago police say committed five armed robberies in two days in West Ridge was supposed to be on electronic monitoring for a Class X felony gun charge, according to court records. A judge issued an escape warrant for Safaeldin Daheya, 22, when he failed to appear in court last week.

Now, he's accused of robbing five men during two nighttime waves on Aug. 28 and 29.

Last Halloween, Daheya was on parole after serving half of a nine-year sentence he received for three felonies, including attempted armed robbery and gun possession. That night, Chicago police allegedly found a loaded handgun in his car during a traffic stop. Judge Susana Ortiz ordered him to pay a \$4,500 bail deposit to go home on electronic monitoring on Nov. 1.

Charged with armed habitual criminal, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, he didn't appear for a scheduled hearing on Aug. 22, according to court records.

Now, Chicago police say he committed five robberies and sped away from cops who tried to pull him over



Safaeldin Daheya

while AWOL from electronic monitoring. In each case, victims said a man arrived in a dark-colored SUV and robbed them at gunpoint on the street.

Between 11:23 p.m. and 11:55 p.m. Aug. 29, Daheya robbed a 23-year-old man in the 6200 block of N. Talman, a 19-year-old man in the 6300 block of N. Rockwell, and a 44-year-old man in the 6300 block of N. California, CPD said in a press release.

He's also accused of robbing a 37-year-old man in the 6300 block of N. Campbell at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday and a 23-year-old man in the 6400 block of N. Washtenaw at 11:09 p.m. Aug. 30.

State troopers once again pursued and arrested Daheya, who may be responsible for the six armed robberies in West Ridge.

Chicago police responded to the crimes, but are not allowed to pursue criminals.

Both victims reported that a man driving a dark-colored SUV robbed them at gunpoint on the street. CPD quickly surmised that the SUV was the Toyota RAV4, recently stolen from Lincolnwood, that was used in four robberies the night before.

ISP troopers, whose pursuit policy is far less restrictive than CPD's, also chased down a carload of robbery suspects a two weeks ago, too. Two boys, ages 15 and 16, who were in the vehicle, are charged with two counts of armed robbery and gun possession.

State troopers spotted a stolen RAV4 that Chicago police linked to the robberies after the last hold-up and launched a pursuit. They caught Daheya in the 3900 block of N. Neva around 11:43 p.m., according to CPD.

He is charged with four counts of armed robbery with a firearm, Class X armed habitual criminal, aggravated possession of a stolen motor vehicle, aggravated fleeing, manufacture-delivery of cocaine, and misdemeanor resisting.

Man dies after being found shot inside Lakeview YMCA

Chicago police are investigating after a man was found shot inside a residential room at the Lakeview YMCA on Sept. 2. The man, who died Sunday afternoon at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, has not yet been publicly identified by the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Officers responded around 4:45 a.m. to reports of a person shot inside a room on the fourth floor of the complex at 3333 N. Marshfield. They found the man unresponsive with a gunshot wound to his head.

Investigators classified the incident as a possible suicide attempt, but other residents and sources familiar with the matter aren't so sure.

The injured man, 27, was found directly inside the door of a room with a handgun lying nearby. But residents told this reporter that he lived in a different room on the floor, and the man who lived in the room was gone when police arrived.

Two residents said the injured man and the man who lives in the room where he was found had an ongoing dispute about money.

A CPD spokesperson said the shooting remained under investigation as of Sept. 2, and the department had no updates to share.

In 2018, an 83-year-old resident of the Lakeview YMCA was murdered in his room, also on the building's fourth floor.

Arthur Cannon died on Jan. 12, 2018, 10 days after being beaten by a convicted murderer who lived in the building, authorities allege.

The accused man, George Field, 60,

continues to fight those allegations in court. His next hearing is on Sept. 19.

Migrant living in Chicago police station hospitalized after attack by rivals in city park

Chicago police are investigating after a migrant living in the lobby of the Near West 12th District police station was threatened with a knife, beaten, and knocked unconscious, possibly by rival migrants who live in a nearby park.

A fire department ambulance responded to the police station at 1412 S. Blue Island on Aug. 30 and took the 20-year-old victim to the Univ. of Illinois Hospital, according to a CPD report.

At the hospital, the victim told police that three men repeatedly punched him in the head, and one of the attackers tried to stab him with a knife, the report said.

He told officers that he believed he lost consciousness for about 30 minutes due to the attack.

The report said the attack occurred inside a park near the police station. It described the attackers as "possible migrants."

A source familiar with the situation said the migrants who live in the Near West police station don't get along with the migrants who camp in a lot next door.

No arrests have been made. A CPD spokesperson said detectives are handling the case.

Robbers armed with crowbar strike twice in Lakeview

A group of men armed with a crowbar robbed two people in separate incidents in Lakeview on Sept. 2. No arrests have been made.

A Chicago police spokesperson said the reports for both crimes were still being finalized, but here's what we've learned.

At about 1:35 a.m., a woman sought help at a bar in the 500 block of W. Diversey after two men robbed her nearby. The woman reported that three men wearing ski masks exited a small car and robbed her of her bookbag, iPhone, and Apple Watch. The vehicle was last seen heading north on Pine Grove.

The car is believed to be a blue 2007 Toyota that was reported stolen from the 500 block of W. Drummond on Friday, according to police records.

Then, around 3:30 a.m., police responded to the 3700 block of N. Fremont to meet with a man who had been robbed. He reported that two men wearing ski masks, one armed with a crowbar and the other with a gun, threatened him, took his valuables, and fled south.

On Aug. 29, a woman was mugged in Lincoln Park by two robbers who threatened her with a golf club. The woman was in the 500 block of W. Wrightwood around 11:48 p.m. when one of the robbers threatened her with a golf club while the other "forcefully took her purse," according to a CPD media statement.

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Beware of road takeovers for Mexican Independence Day

Over the past four years, residents have discovered that Mexican Independence Day can be a day of troubling traffic tie-ups. This year the holiday falls on Sept., 16, and those who live along popular roadways should prepare.

Independence Day has recently found Chicago overwhelming, with its first responders unable to manage the large and rowdy crowds. It transitioned from traffic nightmare to a legitimate public safety concern with long lines of cars flying the Mexican flag blocking roadways and delaying emergency response.

Celebrating Mexican Independence Day in Chicago now results in impromptu parties and illegal street closures throughout the downtown area and many outlying neighborhoods.

In 2022 the transition from traffic nightmare to legitimate public safety concern happened quickly with long lines of cars blocking first responders and delaying



September 16 is Mexican Independence Day and revelers are expected to block roadways and cause traffic jams.

Images courtesy CWBChicago and CBS News

emergency response downtown.

Police scanner traffic from the weekend revealed the delay in police response. There were 911 calls that had no response two, three, four, or even five hours later.

In some incidents, there was no response at all. In one instance, an officer told a dispatcher, "If it doesn't involve injury, code

it." This means 911 calls that did not involve injuries were not responded to at all. That 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 somebody called 911 to report 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 showed up.

Each year, the city has struggled to main-

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Police arrest one robbery crew, but another hit the streets as crime stats soar

BY CWBCHICAGO

There are plenty of developments to report regarding the months-long armed robbery wave that has battered some parts of Chicago. CPD's newest weekly crime stat summary shows some areas of the city are experiencing triple-digit increases in robberies in August, with one area up over 300%.

Illinois State Police pursued a carload of robbery suspects after another spree hit Logan Square and Humboldt Park on Aug. 28. Chicago police arrested three people.

Another robbery crew pulled off another string of robberies Aug. 28, firing a shot during one holdup.

The head of the labor union representing Chicago's TV news camera operators said the group will speak with station managers after two members were robbed in the field this month.

The president of NABET-CWA, the union representing TV news camera operators, emailed the group's members on the evening of Aug. 28 to address the armed robbery of a Univision news crew earlier in the day.

The reporter and videographer were preparing to report on a wave of holdups when they were targeted in the 1200 block of N. Milwaukee around 5 a.m. A group of robbers arrived in two vehicles, took personal property from the news crew, and stole the station's video camera.

"I reached out to our photographer upon hearing about the incident and thankfully

both he and the reporter are okay," union president Raza Siddiqui wrote in his email to members.

"We have heard more about these crimes being directed towards our members. We will be engaging in safety discussions with management at news stations and want to hear from you directly about some protocols you want to see, and how we can support what you do," he continued.

An ABC7 cameraman was robbed earlier in the month while preparing to cover a news conference on the West Side.

Robberies and arrests

More robberies were reported Aug. 28. The crew used an SUV that was carjacked on Milwaukee Ave., about two blocks from where the news team was robbed, according to CPD records. Unlike countless other crime sprees, this one ended with arrests.

The first robbery occurred in the 1600 block of N. Rockwell around 9:15 p.m. Three men exited a white SUV to rob a man at gunpoint there. Another robbery happened around the same time near Armitage and Francisco.

And at 9:24 p.m., two men exited a white SUV with rifles and robbed a 51-year-old woman in the 2000 block of N. Mozart in Logan Square.

Chicago police officers spotted the SUV, a white Ford Escape, in the area about five minutes later.

Illinois State Police troopers, whose pursuit policy is far less restrictive than CPD's, chased the car until it crashed into an on-

coming vehicle near Western and Hubbard around 9:35 p.m. Chicago police and state troopers arrested three suspects.

While the freshly arrested robbery crew cooled their heels at CPD's Area 5 headquarters, another group of armed men hit the streets to commit more holdups. And this group is even more violent.

They started by robbing a woman in the 2400 block of W. Rice in West Town around 3 a.m. Aug. 29. She was sitting in her car when a vehicle pulled beside her, and two men got out with guns. One of them banged on her window with a firearm. They took her purse and phone and

made her surrender her PINs, according to an officer at the scene.

Among the robberies that followed, three robbers hit a 67-year-old man in the head with a rifle as he exited the BP station at 1602 W. Cermak around 4:15 a.m. They escaped in a white Kia sedan.

A 42-year-old woman was robbed at gunpoint by three men in the 1800 block of S. Allport around 4:20 a.m. Again, they escaped in a white sedan.

Three men traveling in a white sedan robbed a 44-year-old man of his wallet in

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River North Design District hosts 8th annual Fall Gallery Walk Sept. 8

The River North Fall Gallery Walk will be held 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, and will feature 19 locations with special events throughout River North.

The event includes design vignettes from 26 artists and 17 designers sure to inspire those who may want to make their home a beautiful art filled haven. The showrooms provide a personalized shopping experience and carry everything from lighting, tile, plumbing, rugs, and kitchens

to furnishings.

The afterparty will be held at LG Group, 363 W. Ontario, and begins at 8 p.m. It will benefit DIFFA Chicago. The walk is free and open to the public - except for the opening night afterparty. Showrooms will have extended hours on Sept. 8 and will offer food and libations. The vignettes will be on display until Oct. 10. For more information or tickets, visit www.rivernorth-designdistrict.com.

Vintage Chicago a cappella anniversary party

On Sunday, Sept. 17, Chicago a cappella will host an anniversary fundraiser at the Ravenswood Event Center, 4043 N. Ravenswood Ave., for their 30th year. During the anniversary reunion, they will honor the many singers who have made it possible for Chicago a cappella to reach this milestone.

Guests will enjoy performances of fan favorites from the en-

semble's first three decades, and reconnect with the many former ensemble members in attendance, including most of the founding singers. They will also pay tribute to Susan Schober, a founding ensemble member who went on to create the organization's first formal education outreach programs. For tickets or information write to sbadger@chicagoacappella.org.

Free entertainment at Chicago Live

Navy Pier has released the full schedule for its free performing arts festival, "Chicago Live!," taking place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24. More than 600 artists, representing 80 Chicago-based performing groups, will perform back-to-back on three stages and other sites throughout the Pier.

This year marks the third year for the festival, which was launched in 2021 to reconnect audiences with Chicago's vibrant

performing arts community following 18 months of the government-imposed pandemic-related lockdown.

Performances span every artistic genre from music, dance, and theatre, to spoken word, improv, vocal performance and more. Chicago native and Grammy® Award-winning Soul, Gospel, and R&B pioneer Mavis Staples, will headline this year's festival.

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Peggy Snorf



Paul Hansen



David Heiner, Whitney Reynolds and kids.



Dr. Sandy Goldberg and Greg Hines.



Kathy Wolter Mondelli's birthday.

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but perhaps even from outside the stadium. They still can't decide. If it came from the inside, it was possibly with a gun smuggled in, hidden in the fold of belly fat, called a "fat flap"... a VIP fat belly to boot. Only in Chicago.

ECCLESIASTICAL TURMOIL: Chicago's St. Adalbert was a parish with deep Polish cultural roots in the Pilsen neighborhood. The church there is larger than many American cathedrals. As parishes across the archdiocese are merged, it is often difficult for people who remain in a neighborhood to accept decisions for closure, consolidation or reuse of parish churches. Currently some former parishioners of St. Adalbert on 1650 W. 17th St. have been angered by the archdiocese attempting to find new owners for the church. One prospective owner is said to be a same-sex marriage facility. A huge brouhaha is underway and warfare has begun with parishioners requesting the Vatican to intercede. On Aug. 7, 2023, it was granted preliminary landmark status. The issue moves hour by hour. You can't write these battles off. Sometimes little old ladies win.

CHIPS: Save the date and bring your pet to the free vaccine and microchip clinic on Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Washington Square Park, 901 N. Clark St. Open to all Chicago residents.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY BALL: On Saturday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m., the Women's Board of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Assoc. along with CSOA Board Trustee **Roderick Branch** will host Symphony Ball, the organization's largest annual fundraising benefit and a festive part of the opening weekend of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2023/24 Season, that includes red-carpet arrivals and a preconcert champagne toast throughout Symphony Center for all concertgoers. The celebratory start to the event is followed by a performance with **Riccardo Muti**, who steps into his new role as Music Director Emeritus for Life beginning in September.

VEGAS TRAVELS: Lots of luck to soon-to-be bench as a judge **Dan Balanoff** visiting Vegas with the pals of childhood, including **Eric Lund**, **Bob Balanoff**, **Bill Lim**, **Brandon Thompson**, **John Bokum**, **Tate Troelstrup** and **Moses DM**. Order in the court.

NEW GIRL IN TOWN: Keep

your eyes open for the new Deputy Consul General at the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest, **Delphine Gamburg**. Delphine has served in various capacities, including Cultural Attaché in Washington D.C. and Minister-Counselor for Public Diplomacy in Paris. She holds an LL.B., a Master's in International Relations, and a Ph.D. in U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. With her vast experience, she will make a significant impact in her new role.



Dr. Delphine Gamburg

CHICAGO PICKLEBALL: The City of Chicago just announced the establishment of (temporary) Pickleball Courts from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., 7 days a week until Nov. 15. Contact the Chicago Park District for locations. The city is interested in creating a Pickleball player base in downtown Chicago. Still, it is too bad the COVID lockdown destroyed many of Chicago's 16-inch softball leagues.

CINEMA STORIES: **Joaquin** and **Jennifer Sutton Brieve** were epic with **Daddio**, the Founder and President of the Film Noir Foundation and TCM (Turner Classic Movies) host "Czar of Noir."

WHO'S WHERE: **Peggy Snorf** making a jaunt to Nantucket... **Paul Hansen** flying on his cycle doing the big bike rides... Classically trained artist and RL aesthete **Peter Axelsen** has a new work, "Lakeview," a stunning painting... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** has been on Martha's Vineyard, returning to Boston through Oak Bluffs, MA, for shrimps and margaritas at the fabulous Nancy's Restaurant... **Ald. Brian Hopkins**, Committeeman **Tim Egan**, and friends planning a 10 mile bike ride across the new 2nd Ward. Meet them at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago, 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. Bring your own bike... **Zachary Koran** in Northville, MI... **Jeff** and **Stephanie Leese Emrich** going off grid, log cabin, lanterns and pumping their own water in a primitive forest... **Joe Hernandez** and family taking in a White Sox game... **Whitney Reynolds** and **David Heider** and the family splashing it up at Warren Dunes... Commissioner **Donna Black Miller** in Harrisburg, PA stopping at ancestral family home escorting son, **David Miller**, to his start at University of Pennsylvania, PENN, and

the start of a great Ivy education... belated Happy Birthday to **Dr. Sandy Goldberg**, a Chicago champion, and husband **Greg Hines**, where's the party?... **Marc Olley** adding to the culture of Barbie... **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and **Julia Jacobs** keeping a sharp eye on all the Service Club goings-on... **Ferdia Doherty** (Dutch) having great success with their new American restaurant in the Orrington Hotel in Evanston, "Thomas and Dutch."

BIRTHDAY JOY: I'm just getting back on my feet after some illness caused by the thinness of my blood. Otherwise I'd still be celebrating **Kathy Wolter Mondelli's** birthday. I was so glad to see so many wonderful folk in attendance at her recent celebration. And such good food and wine. I delight in Mrs. Mondelli's friendship. She is such a good soul and her hand reaches over so many areas of need here in Chicago. And of course I love L'Escarole and the many fabulous dishes coming from that kitchen. **Joe Mondelli** is the best.

THE FOOTBALL IRISH: It is said that some 40,000 fans travelled to Ireland for the Notre Dame-Navy game last week where the Fighting Irish routed Navy 42-3. **Sam Hartman** threw four touchdowns in his Notre Dame debut. Ohio State game looms large on the horizon.

MOVIE NIGHT: The Service Club has inaugurated another season of Ravinia-style movie night in Lake Forest. Saturdays. Bring your butler and a hamper of tasty Saturday suppers and plenty of good cold bubbly. The family silver and the good Baccarat. Dress code, Nantucket after six: Red hoodie and khaki. Call for location and reservations. Co-chairs **Bobbi Panter** and **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** were a great driving force for the committee.

"[McCuddy's Tavern] has been open for every home game ever since. In fact, that's the only time we are open. They have rock concerts here, soccer games, whatever—our doors are shut. This is a baseball joint—always has been, always will be."

- Pat Senese, former owner of McCuddy's Tavern

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Sheriff's office hosting overdose prevention events, training

Drug overdoses are now killing more Chicago residents than shootings by a factor of nearly 3 to 1.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office statistics for cases it handled in 2022 show a total of 927 shooting homicides in 2022, 740 in the City of Chicago. But Cook County set a record for opioid overdose deaths in 2022 with over 2,000 confirmed deaths.

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart and his staff are now trying to raise awareness about the opioid overdose epidemic and reinforced ongoing prevention efforts at the Cook County Jail with prevention events and training.

The effort is meant to highlight the importance and success of lifesaving naloxone distribution at the jail, which has provided more than 24,000 overdose reversal kits since 2016 to those leaving jail.

Surveys of those who received naloxone through the program indicate that at least 39% have been used in a life-threatening overdose situation, perhaps saving thousands of lives.

Sheriff staff and volunteers provided naloxone training to thousands of individuals in custody and engaged visitors and the

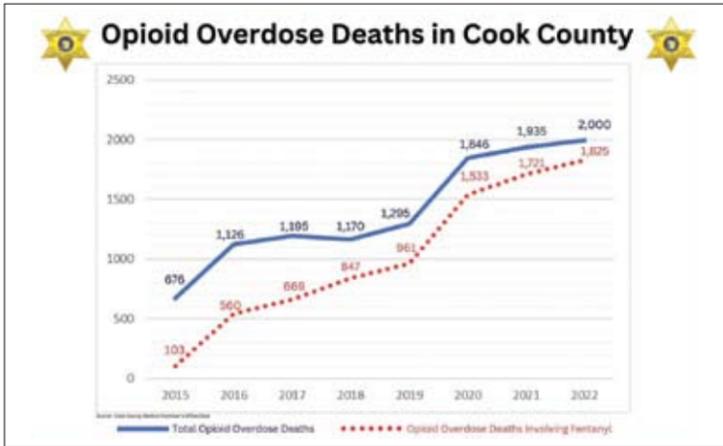
public with critical information on treatment options.

"Americans are dying at an alarming rate, but our efforts in the jail and in the community are saving lives. This work must continue," Sheriff Dart said. "We will work closely with our partners in public health and the community to do everything we can to address this crisis."

The 2,000 people who were killed last year by an opioid overdose is more than the total number of people killed by homicide or car accidents, combined. More than 91% of the overdose cases involved fentanyl – a powerful drug that is up to 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.

Ringing the alarm alongside Sheriff Dart was Dr. Priscilla Ware, Medical Director of Cook County Health's Cermak Health Services and Florence Wright with the South Side Heroin/Opioid Task Force. Both organizations emphasized the importance of working together to help combat the deadly opioid epidemic.

"The risk of a person fatally overdosing increases 10-fold after release from a jail or prison. That's why it is essential that we continue to collaborate to expand



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access to equitable and patient-centered substance use disorder treatment both in our communities and in correctional settings," said Dr. Ware.

Cermak Health Services offers the only certified Opioid Treatment Program in a correctional facility in the State of Illinois, providing Medication for Addiction Treatment, along with comprehensive medical and mental health care to support patients at the jail.

The Cook County Jail is a national leader in providing substance use disorder treatment in custody. So far this year, nearly 1,000 individuals have taken part

in the jail's primary SUD treatment programs, and thousands more have taken part in mental health programs that also address drug use. Individuals who leave custody are also provided naloxone kits and important connections to continue their treatment.

"It can be extremely difficult for people to overcome addiction and access the treatment their lives depend on," Sheriff Dart said. "People have to know we will do whatever it takes to help." If you or someone you know needs help, call 773-405-5116 or visit www.cookcountysheriffil.gov.

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offers educational programming for grade-school children. State law should now prohibit the right to sell pot at this location.

Also located nearby is St. Matthias Elementary School, 4910 N. Claremont, which is 804 feet away from the proposed pot shop's front entrance. Two of the schools are located well-within the 500-foot Chicago limit, and all three facilities are located less than the State of Illinois required 1,000 feet away.

Also located nearby is DANKHaus, 4740 N. Western Ave., the German-American cultural center and which also hosts a kindergarten.

Ald. Martin "decided to approve the zoning change request from B1-1 to C1-1 to allow the applicant to apply for a business license to open a recreational cannabis dispensary in the strip mall," according to information

that is posted in the development section of his website.

Last year, Jon Loevy, had donated generously to the campaigns of Ald. Martin and Eileen Dordek, who was at the time a candidate for the 13th State District of the Illinois General Assembly.

This newspaper contacted Martin's office to ask him about the appearance of impropriety in his accepting thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from a business requesting a zoning change to sell pot, but no one at his office responded to our questions.

Since 2018, Loevy has been one of the most successful, and profitable local recreational pot shop operators in Illinois. In fact, Loevy and Mitch Zaveduk - his partner - could be referred to as "big corporate pot."

Loevy's company currently operates 11 marijuana shops in Pennsylvania, Missouri and Utah. Another location is planned for

Benton Harbor, MI. The company plans to open 10 stores throughout Illinois.

Loevy, along his wife, attorney Danielle Loevy, have donated \$40,200 to candidates affiliated with the Democratic Party of the 47th Ward. These include Ald. Martin, who has received \$6,500, and Elaine Dordek, who received \$32,200. Dordek lost to Huynh in the 13th Illinois House District primary.

Presently it does not appear that Rep. Huynh has received any campaign donations from the Loevys. Currently, Botavi Wellness has a provisional license from the state of Illinois. Final approval is still pending, so it appears the first time the State Rep. could influence this final decision.

In addition to Martin and Dordek, Loevy has also contributed \$500 to 47th Ward Committeeman Paul Rosenfeld.

Loevy and his business partners are planning to open their marijuana superstore in a 6,585-square foot storefront in Lincoln Square's The Square Shopping Center mall, which has metered parking spaces operated by the city and which were considered essential to Botavi's easy-in and easy-out business model.

And now that parking problems are plaguing the Lincoln, Lawrence and Western avenues commercial district, that parking lot on Lawrence Ave. has become a critical component to any successful retail pot selling plans for Botavi. Parking problems in Lincoln Square grew exponentially worse in the community when Ald. Martin and other city officials gifted a commercial parking lot at 4715 N. Western Ave. to a private out-of-town developer to build an apartment building.

Letter to the Editor

Map it

Can someone on your staff please give/show a map of Grant Park to Thomas J. O'Gorman? In the Aug. 23-29 issue of Skyline he states that Mayor Johnson was in Maggie Daley Park on the stage of the Pritzker Pavilion. No, Mr. O'G., the Pritzker Pavilion is in Millennium Park.

Sean E Shaughnessy
Gold Coast

Senior fair at Levy Center Sept. 28

A seniors-oriented fair will be held at the Levy Center, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave., 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28.

Seniors will be able to walk from booth to booth to collect handouts and information on obtaining government services and resources.

Free parking is available on site. For more information call 773-267-5926.

The Levy Center will also be hosting a mural dedication at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 14. No reservations are required and refreshments will be provided.

Drinking with the sisters

The Little Sisters of the Poor are inviting friends and neighbors to attend Chez Ste. Marie—A Taste of France, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at St. Mary's Home, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave.

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.

To buy tickets or to donate, visit www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org or call 773-935-9600.

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DANK gets \$200K to add ADA accessibility

Lincoln Square's DANK Haus German Cultural Center is getting \$200,000 in state taxpayer funding through the Illinois Bond Fund which will help underwrite their ongoing accessibility project.

The taxpayer cash will contribute to their efforts to transform their nearly 100-year-old building at 4740 N. Western Ave. into a modern, inclusive space accessible to all members of the community.

The funds were secured by State Sen. Mike Simmons [7th] to help accommodate individuals of all abilities. DANK will undertake comprehensive upgrades that will ensure their building aligns with the ADA compliance for accessibility. Modifications will include accessible entrance ways, and ADA compliant restrooms.

"With these improvements, I look forward to many more years of celebrations and service that their institution offers, and want to affirm the importance of pre-

serving our vast cultural traditions and organizations," said Sen Simmons.

Sen. Simmons has played a pivotal role in championing this initiative. To celebrate this milestone and showcase the effort behind the project, DANK will invite the public to a special Neighborhood Night 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in the 6th Floor Skyline Lounge, where Sen. Simmons will serve as the guest bartender. This event will provide an opportunity for the public to engage with Simmons, learn more about the accessibility project, and enjoy a cocktail.

"As we continue to modernize and make our building accessible, we remain dedicated to our core values of hospitality, engagement and authenticity. The support from Sen. Simmons is a testament to the positive impact that can be achieved when government, community, and nonprofit sectors collaborate," said Monica Jirak, DANK Executive Director.

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tain order, and keep critical roadways open as the Mexicans take to the streets to express Mexican pride, with sometimes illegal activity.

In anticipation of the likely Mexican Independence Day celebrations downtown, City aldermen have asked Mayor Brandon Johnson and Police Supt. Fred Waller to provide them with their plan to prevent illegal activity.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [2nd] has been a vocal critic of the celebrations, as much of it occurs in his ward. Last year he responded to the troubles saying, "Despite the fact that I reminded the [the

police and mayor] via letter that these caravans typically begin on Thursday, CPD was caught flat-footed and under-resourced because they claimed they had "no intelligence" suggesting a Thursday event."

"By Friday, CPD was expecting large caravans yet, once again, downtown police resources were spread incredibly thin, resulting in dozens of local 911 calls for service being canceled due to lack of officers. Headquarters did not deploy the police resources necessary to successfully manage such a chaotic, large scale event."

"Saturday was a modest improvement because, finally, more police were deployed downtown

and, with the help of the Cook County Sheriff and State Police, expressway ramps and exits were closed to stem the flow of caravans pouring into downtown. The downtown commanders and their officers worked incredibly hard this entire weekend - long hours and very little sleep - and they should be commended for their efforts."

"My frustration is squarely with Police Headquarters and their continued failure to adequately assess the number of resources needed to manage these kinds of massive scale downtown public safety concerns. The answer is always: more resources, not fewer."

CRIME STATS from p. 7

the 1600 block of W. Lake around 5:15 a.m.

CPD officers radioed that they spotted the robbers Kia near Division and Paulina about 10 minutes later, but they did not pursue the car.

Around 5:26 a.m., three masked men exited a white sedan and robbed a 55-year-old man at Shell, 505 N. Ashland. Another holdup was reported around the same time near Ashland and Augusta.

Finally, around 5:30 a.m., a 51-year-old man was targeted by

armed robbers who exited a white vehicle in the 2300 block of W. Grenshaw.

Two robbers exited the car, and one fired a shot, a CPD spokesperson said, but no injuries were reported. The offenders then struck the man in the head with a firearm, took his valuables, and escaped in the white car.

CPD's weekly CompStat report released Aug. 28 shows sky-high robbery numbers for many neighborhoods.

Citywide, robbery reports are up 23% this year. But some areas, particularly Humboldt Park, West Town, and Logan Square, have

been especially hard-hit.

In the Austin 25th District, which includes the west side of Humboldt Park, robberies are up 115% this year. For the 28 days ending Monday, robberies were 306% higher than the same period last year. The district had 126 robberies between July 31 and Aug. 27, up from just 31 during the same time in 2022.

The Shakespeare 14th District, which includes the eastern part of Humboldt Park and Logan Square, West Town, Bucktown, Wicker Park, and parts of Avondale, is seeing a 56% increase in robberies this year. The last 28 days were 250% higher than last year—98 cases compared to 28.

Robberies are up 58% this year in CPD's Near West 12th District, which includes parts of West Town and the Near West Side, much of the West Loop, Fulton Market, and Pilsen. For the past 28 days, the increase has been 104%, with 96 robberies this year versus 47 in 2022.

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 vs.
 MICHAEL J. NATARUS, AS SURVIVING CO-TRUSTEE OF THE BURTON F. NATARUS TRUST DATED APRIL 20 2017; PARK PLACE CHICAGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; ARCHANGELS BIORECOVERY INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
 Defendants,
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 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 2, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
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 PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF BLOCK 3 IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF THE KINGSBURY TRACT, IN THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EAST DOCK LINE OF THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE CHICAGO RIVER, LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF KINGSBURY STREET, LYING SOUTH AND SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF KINGSBURY STREET AND A LINE 3.0 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE CENTER LINE OF ONTARIO STREET (AS NOW LAID OUT) EXTENDED WEST; THENCE WEST ALONG A LINE 3.0 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE CENTER LINE OF ONTARIO STREET (AS NOW LAID OUT) EXTENDED WEST 163.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT IN SAID DOCK LINE OF SAID NORTH BRANCH OF THE CHICAGO RIVER, WHICH IS 70.80 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY (MEASURED ALONG SAID DOCK LINE) FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID DOCK LINE WITH SAID LINE SO DRAWN 3.0 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE CENTER OF ONTARIO STREET EXTENDED WEST AND LYING NORTH AND EAST OF A LINE DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF KINGSBURY STREET AND A LINE 8.50 FEET SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE PROLONGATION WEST OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF BLOCK 4 IN SAID ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF SAID KINGSBURY TRACT; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE, 142.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH AT RIGHT ANGLES

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 Defendants
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 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ABFS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2003-1 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2003-1;
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
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 Defendants,
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vs. ROBERT A. MOORE, CITY OF CHICAGO, FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CHICAGO, KINETIC LOFTS AT RAINBO VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO HOUSING TRUST Defendants
2022 CH 10460
4814 N CLARK ST #311-S
CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 27, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 29, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
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vs. JAMES JOSEPH PAPPAS, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CONSTANCE COUTEE, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONSTANCE COUTEE (DECEASED) Defendants
2021 CH 05608
6537 NORTH WASHTEENAW AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60645
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complex to be built at the corner of Belden and Sheffield across the street from McGrath-Phillips Arena, stretching west to the Arts and Letters Hall and north to the Sheffield Square Apartments. Floor-to-ceiling glass around the basketball gyms will offer views of the city of Chicago.

The athletics project includes the construction of a state-of-the-art basketball practice facility and a modernization of the Sullivan Athletic Center and McGrath-Phillips Arena, both of which they hope will position the university for success in the BIG EAST Conference and nationally.

The academic and athletics projects will be supported by the first wave of philanthropic expansion. Manuel says he is collaborating with the Lincoln Park school's faculty to shape the development of the interdisciplinary research institutes, which will launch this academic year.

During the announcement last week, DePaul also said they would create three interdisciplinary academic institutes related to poverty, environmental sustainability and artificial intelligence.

"We are reimagining the power of DePaul for the modern moment," Manuel said. "Through research and teaching, our facul-



A rendering of the proposed basketball practice facility to be housed on the Lincoln Park Campus, projected to begin construction in summer 2025 and be completed by fall 2026.

Courtesy DePaul University

ty are preparing students to solve the most pressing issues facing society today. At the same time, we are raising support for our student-athletes in a way that will elevate all of DePaul."

The athletics projects will kick-start campaigns with renovations of the Sullivan Athletic Center and McGrath-Phillips Arena, which will begin this winter, with the first phase expected to be completed in late summer 2024. Construction of the new basketball practice facility, which will be built in the heart of the university's Lincoln Park Campus, is expected to begin no earlier than summer 2025 and be completed by fall 2026.

These projects were approved unanimously by DePaul's Board of Trustees after 18 months of negotiations and debate.

"As we design DePaul's future, our expansion must be grounded in a dedication to both our academic and athletic enterprise," said Manuel. "These projects are the first step. New facilities will provide our student-athletes with the best opportunity possible to succeed in their respective sports and in the classroom. Successful athletic accomplishments will raise DePaul's profile and reputation, and elevating our academic enterprise will expand elite educational opportunities for all students." Athletics holds value for DePaul, serving

as a vehicle for national exposure, fostering connections with alumni and the Chicago community, says DeWayne Peevy, DePaul's vice president and director of athletics. "An investment in athletics will allow us to achieve even more on a national stage, which has the capacity to elevate the university's brand and reputation, and drive future enrollment, and enhancing school spirit."

"Our facilities are the front porch of our program. They set the tone for our student-athletes, signaling our seriousness and our commitment to them," said Peevy. "The environment we create around our 15 sports programs is the foundation of our championship mindset for our athletes, coaches and fans. These projects will have an extraordinary impact on every single DePaul student-athlete and each of our 15 sports programs," he said.

HNTB, a college athletics architecture and engineering firm, partnered locally with DePaul campus master planner Antunovich Associates, to lead the feasibility study and will oversee both projects. The project hopes to further the university's commitment to Chicago by creating economic opportunities.

DePaul has two campus locations in Chicago with nearly 21,000 students across more than 300 academic programs.

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fectively this effort is going, from housing success, to encampment management and cleaning.

According to the OIG, between Nov. 2020 and May 2022, 94.1% of the encampment residents decided to enter stable housing. AME and DFSS would visit encampments, asking the individuals at hand if they would be interested in housing, and transport to facilities such as Salvation Army, the Chicago Cultural Center, or DFSS Community Service Centers. Therein, coordinating their housing upon availability. Of the 94.1% that did choose to enter stable housing, 78.6% stayed at the housing through Oct. 2022.

The effort showed short term promise for homeless housing, however, so far Chicago does not show current data for longer term retention rates.

Initially, the AME program had set a goal of housing 1,250 homeless people within 12 months. Within the full two year program initiation, DFSS surpassed their



According to the OIG, between Nov. 2020 and May 2022, 94.1% of the encampment residents decided to enter stable housing.

Photo courtesy University of Illinois Chicago

goal by housing 1,888 homeless people. With a \$35 million budget for 2023, DFSS plans on creating an additional 1,200 AME housing units for the year.

Also under surveillance was City Services response to managing encampment sites. Specifically, cleaning services provided by the City's Dept. of Street and Sanitation. According to the City's policies, work crews can routinely clean the encampment sites, but cannot take homeless individuals private possessions. Only

if the encampment is prohibited in a public way, or pose a danger, can services act to remove them. (For instance, in 2022 there were five incidents of propane tank explosions in Uptown viaducts along Lake Shore Dr., so propane tanks are now prohibited.)

The city and OIG offering the homeless community a lot of protective policies has been deemed as essential and effective to garner trust and cooperation from these individuals.

This Audit and further street cleaning practices will be further presented to City Council on its annual report on homelessness and housing. The plan is ongoing and time will tell how well the city does in its implementation. For citizens, the proof will come when the casual observer sees that the homeless tent communities are gone from area streets and parks.

Those who may have further questions or concerns about homelessness issues in their community, can reach out to their local Ward Offices and/or attend City Council meetings open to the public on these topics.

Interdisciplinary institutes to drive innovation

DePaul says that interdisciplinary education is at the center of DePaul's future in teaching, learning and research. The university will move forward with creating three interdisciplinary institutes focused on poverty, environmental sustainability and artificial intelligence.

"The institutes will accelerate collaboration among our faculty and deepen our connections with Chicago," Manuel said. "DePaul researchers will create a hub where community leaders can access data-driven solutions to stubborn problems. In turn, the institutes will help generate robust academic programs that prepare DePaul students to serve in a changing world."

Now that DePaul has chosen focus areas, faculty from each of their 10 colleges and schools will be invited to contribute to the institutes. All three will use a data visualization theater where researchers, business leaders, civil servants and community members can collaborate to make progress on pressing issues.

LIVE MUSIC ON TWO STAGES EACH DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MAIN STAGE	GARDEN STAGE
12:00PM..... STEVIE MCVIE	12:30PM..... DAN MCGUINNES
1:30PM..... BLACK BEAR COMBO	2:00PM..... CUTEST NUISANCE
3:00PM..... OUTRONAUT	3:30PM..... OTNES
4:30PM..... FULL VOLUME	5:00PM..... NATHAN GRAHAM
6:00PM..... DANCING QUEEN	6:00PM..... PRETTY THE WOLF
8:00PM..... JOSE VALDES AND THE MAMBO ALL STARS	

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

MAIN STAGE	GARDEN STAGE
11:45AM..... AMANDA COPPOTELLI	12:00PM..... STEVE HASHIMOTO
1:00PM..... AKASHA	/ PAT FLEMING DUO
2:30PM..... STARLIGHT CITY	1:30PM..... THE BAND CALDERISI
4:00PM..... ELLEN MILLER NELSON STREET	3:00PM..... SPARE PARTS
5:30PM..... TRIPPIN' BILLIES	4:30PM..... POLKAHOLICS
	6:00PM..... THE BEAUS

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