

My cooking is so bad  
my kids thought Thanksgiving  
was to commemorate Pearl Harbor.

— Phyllis Diller



The Dubai-based International Baccalaureate world school operated a private school in Lakeshore East at 350 E. South Water St.

## Downtown GEMS Academy closing its high school

GEMS World Academy Chicago, a private preschool through grade 12 independent school located in the heart of downtown Chicago, has called it quits for its high school.

The Dubai-based International Baccalaureate world school operated a private school in Lakeshore East at 350 E. South Water St. but has now decided to end its high school program, rather focusing its energies on their preschool through grade eight programs.

The school saw an opportunity to operate downtown, opening up in 2014. Today it enrolls about 400 students with annual tuition as high as \$38,800.

Last week Tracey Wood, co-head of the school at GEMS, said all students would be offered to maintain their slots through the end of the school year, but that school leadership is now working

to place their outgoing eighth-, ninth- and 10th-grade students into other schools.

Their two buildings in Lakeshore East were planned to serve a total of 2,100 students total.

The Chicago franchise of GEMS is one of 250 schools across the globe. And things appeared to be going well when in 2019, the school announced it was expanding its Downtown campus, adding a nine-story building to its existing building in Lakeshore East. But according to Crain's Chicago, construction stopped on that property in 2020 during the pandemic, and the work has yet to be completed.

GEMS Education claims to be one of the largest education groups in the world, educating over 250,000 students from more than 170 countries across four continents.



Detail from The Chicago River by Phil Thompson, Wonder City Studio.

## Down zoning of 65 E. Huron St.

City officials are tamping fears over a potential new 330-unit, 70-story skyscraper that could have gone up in an already congested area.

On Oct. 26, 2022, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] introduced an ordinance to re-zone portions of a Rush St. area block bounded by E. Huron, N. Rush and E. Erie streets, and N. Wabash Ave., to sunset the expired Planned Development PD #889 that currently regulates the property.

The property at 65 E. Huron is currently up for sale.

While there is presently no proposed development at this lo-

cation, PD #889 was originally approved in 2006 and allowed for a "floor area ratio" of 18.85 to build a high-rise mixed use building measuring 750 feet tall.

The PD stipulated that unless substantial construction has commenced within six years following the adoption of the PD, then it shall expire. To prepare for a new owner to take control, the ordinance will "re-set" the zoning back to DX-12. Any future redevelopment proposal for this site will be subject to a community review process prior to consideration by the full City Council.

## Pottersville

### Pot shop coming to Rainforest Cafe site, River North's expanding sin industries

It's been said that some would prefer to live in Pottersville, the fictional town created as a part of George Bailey's existential crisis, when he chooses to not have been born in the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Well here's your chance. River North, with its sex, drugs, gambling, liquor and Rock-N-Roll industries booming, is fast on its way to becoming our own Pottersville.

The latest feature may be the new Dope Zone, now that a controversial plan to open a fifth marijuana dispensary within Chicago's River North neighborhood won approval on Nov. 19.

Early Saturday morning, The

Zoning Board of Appeals awarded a Special-Use Permit to Progressive Treatment Solutions [PTS Corp.] and Bio-Pharm, LLC, to open a recreational weed store in the former Rainforest Cafe site at Clark and Ohio streets.

The project still needs state approval, but Gov. JB Pritzker does have a distinct resemblance to Mr. Potter from the movie.

The approval came after a lengthy meeting that started on Friday afternoon, and lasted until 1 a.m. Saturday, with four hours spent hearing debate on the proposed new dispensary alone.

The rulings came just days after Green Rose dispensary opened a new recreational weed

dispensary at 612 N. Wells Ave., and Ivy Hall Dispensary opened in Wicker Park.

Earlier PTS Corp. had been rejected in its attempt to move its Consume Cannabis shop into the Rainforest Cafe site from its location in Norwood Park, because state law prohibits new dispensaries from locating within 1,500 feet of existing pot stores.

Later, PTS teamed up and reapplied with Bio-Pharm LLC, a new social equity license holder.

Social equity companies are defined by state law as having a majority owner who is from a 'social equity' community. That is, a

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## Salt Shed aiming for Feb. 2023 opening

A proposed opening target date has been announced for the indoor spaces at The Salt Shed entertainment complex, 1357 N. Elston Ave. Last week the developers said they hope to invite their first crowd indoors on Feb. 17, 2023, with Swedish pop-star Tove Lo, with opening act Slayyyter.

In fact developers of the former Morton Salt warehouse property, Skyjack, R2 Companies and Blue Star Properties have announced a slate of shows through to the end of the summer featuring Iggy Pop, The Roots, Third Eye Blind, Gordo and The Flaming Lips.

The opening comes after the whole shed had its roof replaced and the letters repainted after



The Salt Shed entertainment complex, 1357 N. Elston Ave. should be active by early 2023.

they were first stripped off.

The remainder of the project will see construction continue on

the other buildings with no set

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## Robberies, carjackings reported in Loop, River North

BY CWBCHICAGO

Around 5:15 a.m. Nov. 19, two men displayed handguns and forced a 28-year-old woman from her car after she parked in the 300 block of W. Walton, a Chicago police spokesperson said. She complied, and the offenders drove away in her black 2019 Mercedes.

Then, at 5:41 a.m., a man driving a dark-colored sedan struck a 22-year-old man's car in the 200 block of South Wells. When the victim stepped out of his car, an offender from the other vehicle pointed a handgun at him, police said. The victim ran away, and the carjackers took his white Lexus. An officer who responded to the scene said the hijacking was captured on video.

Two incidents reported Nov. 19 in West Ridge appear to be linked to a robbery and carjacking spree that hit the city Thursday:

Around 3:35 a.m. Saturday, a 54-year-old man was trying to find a parking spot in the 6500 block of N. Richmond when six male and female offenders used two cars to box him in. The offenders displayed at least one handgun, beat the victim, and took his black 2016 Mustang. EMS took the victim to Swedish Hospital in good condition, according to CPD.

Moments later, a group of about six robbers arrived in the 2700 block of W. Arthur in a black Mustang and a blue Kia with a broken rear window. They got out and robbed a man at gunpoint of his wallet, phone, keys, and

jacket, then fled the scene, a CPD report said.

In the Nov. 17 incidents, a group of six to eight male and female offenders traveled in two cars to carry out a series of robberies and carjackings in the city.

Three of Thursday's crimes occurred in the same area as Saturday's incidents.

Around 2:45 Thursday, two men, ages 22 and 26, were in a car in the 2100 block of W. Norwood when three gunmen pulled them from the vehicle and took their valuables, Chicago police said. The robbers escaped in a white SUV.

Then, in the 6400 block of N. Claremont, two incidents occurred in quick succession.

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# Who isn't amazed at the wondrous Thanksgiving feast?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Roasted, fried, smoked or even ground into healthy burgers, I love turkey.

So I've always been rejuvenated by Thanksgiving.

Like many Americans, it is my favorite holiday. Shaped as it is around a spectacular ritual meal. And tied, as it is, to some historical cultural moment in our peoples' past.

Amazingly we all seem to embrace the details, though a bit obscure, of a moment in our shared story. That's actually very strange to me though, as the descendent of Irish Roman Catholics who did not set sail for these shores until the 20th century. But we still embrace that moment when Puritan Protestant Pilgrims from England found themselves on the shores of a strange New World.

I know that back then I would have had more love for turkeys than those troublesome Calvinist Protestant reformers.

The Puritans' ferocious purifying of the excesses of the Church of England was the cause of their

flight to the New World. But their bare-bones simplicity of lifestyles was an attack on every element of everyday life then. Made them feared citizens in Merry Old England.

Their super orthodox religious intensity really upped the ante of critical living. They frowned on drinking. Sexual excess. Flashy clothes. Gourmet foods. Raping of the rural young folk. Unhealthy vintles. And they feared the return of religious art.

They would allow no Madonnas, no Crucifixes, icons, statues, vestments, ritual ceremonies and the natural-born disregard for moral living. Needless to say, it did not make them popular.

Puritans' hard-hitting method of a return to high moral living frightened aristocrats and peasants alike. It was so un-English.

But they did have a lifestyle that by today's standards was far healthier than the questionable mores of the elite and the short lives of overworked peasantry.

Puritan reforms struck many English folk with fear and loathing. And their criticism of the newly returned Stuart monarchy was the nail in their coffin.

It appeared treason-ish. Their 17th century was jam-packed with social and political upheavals. And they didn't rest silently about any of it.

Hard to imagine the historical and political circumstances of Puritan reform that blossomed into our beloved celebration of



Who doesn't revel in the historical and cultural evolution of our national Thanksgiving meals of turkey and all the trimmings?

Thanksgiving of today.

Perhaps the murderous voyage to the New World, at sea for months, was transforming for the hard-liners of Calvinist theology. But maybe it was their hardline stance that actually helped them survive the very journey and historic landing on Plymouth Rock.

Miraculous is an understatement when reviewing their achievements in the New World. They even seem today to have avoided public condemnation by the wokist police.

They come off better than poor, cancelled Christopher Columbus has.

But then, outside of the environs of Boston, there are few statues to Puritans.

I can't imagine they can escape the hair-brained, pseudo-historical condemnations from the Univ. of Chicago's brigade of woke folk. Or the intellectually dishonest woke strategists at the Art Institute of Chicago [AIC].

Though Puritan doctrine would allow little space for the AIC in their world of iconoclasm and simple lifestyle. They'd make simple work of the French Impressionists. With a match. A real bonfire of the vanities.

In a karmic way, the woke and the Puritans would deserve each other in their lives today, to force each other to reject fanaticism and adopt tolerance.

Regardless, who does not revel in the historical and cultural evolution of our national Thanksgiving meals of turkey and all the trimmings? Pure genius.

Thanksgiving appears to get a great deal of its positive enjoyment from the fact it's more laid back than Christmas. It's a more flexible feast. Lots of room to feel at home more than Christmas will allow.

Many of us share the great feast with our best and dearest friends. Leaving aunts and uncles and piles of cousins to another day. Families are seen to be free to have alternative venues for their celebrations. Foodies cling to one another on this epicurean day helping to create perfect menus and succulent platters.

Absent are the long years of familial rivalries and conflicts at, sometimes, score-settling gatherings from which there are no escapes or paroles.

While families won't permit alternative venues for Christmas, Thanksgiving is unique. Families can grant dispensations for alter-

native dinners. Bringing out true emotions of thankfulness and togetherness.

I would never trade the memories of all those Thanksgiving dinners at my paternal grandparents home growing up... the cozy warmth of their home with the heat turned high and the ovens roasting. The savory fragrance of golden turkeys filled with sage and onion stuffing is now part of my DNA. My grandmother was a champion cook and my favored status as oldest grandchild gave me unfettered access to the meal preparations far in advance of our sitting down at the table.

I enjoyed a unique status as a toasted bread grinder, showing up the night before to assist in preparations. Hand-grinding the bread after toasting it was one of my major duties. So was continuously sampling the stuffing mixture (always called dressing by us) to make sure the seasonings were well-balanced and up to our usual standards.

This was serious cooking. Never playtime. There were aromatic vegetables to sauté and pounds of potatoes to prep. And apples to peel, core and slice for my grandmother's homemade Irish apple cake which was so buttery and sugar coated. While pumpkin pie was available for dessert, Rebecca O'Gorman's apple cake was the crown of the feast. As good as the dressing that was the best ever.

My grandmother always had two or three full tables since she had an open door policy on holiday vintles. Her cousins from the old country, Irish Christian Brothers on the faculty of Leo High School, were always front and center, at least four or five of them. So we had piles of clergy to feast with, adding a bit of special celebrity and shared memories.

Today I still am amazed at what a wondrous feast Thanksgiving remains. I go to friends for dinner who are wondrous cooks. A huge loving family of timeless Italian traditions from massive antipasto table, pre-dinner, to the first course of homemade raviolis and sauce from Mamma Dal Santo's recipe. From scratch. The very best. Followed by roasted turkey all fired up in the garden's wood-burning grills.

The Puritan reformers would be flabbergasted to see what their orthodoxy has produced among the many cultural traditions of healthy America. Where the heart

tells us how significant the day is and the meal becomes for us. Possessed of a fresh spirit that revives and makes new memories. Warmly sipping the vintage Gigondas of French vintners, while thanking God for the taciturn obstinance of yeomen 17th century iconoclasts with the backbone to sail west toward the wilderness. Making friends to celebrate their journey and survival. And helping me to toast and grind the bread.

**NUTS:** Donuts that is. OK, forget the whiny bike people complaining about a well-known donut shop customer who had to illegally park to spend her hard earned dollars on donuts.

We want to know why people don't feel bad for Roeser's Bakery on North Ave.? They are the aggrieved party here, not the whiny bike people. They've been there for over a century. It's the whiny bike people who took their customer parking away. For God's sake, they've been there since 1911! It's a commercial street! Why is sharing the street always only ever one-way?

Bike people need to share the street with donut shoppers. Whose bad idea was it to plop a bike path in their parking spots anyhow? Roeser's Bakery paid for those spots dozens of times over in property and sales taxes. Chicago needs more locally owned donut shops and fewer bike paths.

**WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN:** City Hall muscle was good politics in 1922, and it works now too, 100 years later. What North Side alderman up for re-election is demanding local businesses not post opposition candidate materials, with a municipal election a few months

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Wine stoppers, by Theresa Daniel, Beau Lou Designs.



Ali Haymes, of Ali Winter Ceramics.



Earrings by Deana Curcio of Deana Rose Handmade Jewelry.



Detail from The Chicago River by Phil Thompson, Wonder City Studio.

## Shop 'til you drop, locally of course



### Heart of the 'Hood By Felicia Dechter

Husband and wife team Lynna and Jonathan Smith know the importance of shopping small, mom-and-pop businesses. The concept is quite simple, actually.

"If you don't support the local businesses, they won't be there tomorrow," said Lynna Smith. "If you don't support local, it'll be gone."

Small Business Saturday is this weekend, and the Smiths are putting on a show, the holiday edition of their Chicago Artisan Market. More than 100 local artisans will be selling their homemade gifts and stocking stuffers of food, fashion, home goods, and art at the two-day market, being held Saturday and Sunday on two floors of the historic Artifact Events Building, 4325 N. Ravenswood Ave.

"We've always been rooting for the shop around the corner," said Smith.

Founded in 2010 by American Express, Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season. Historically, reported projected spending among U.S. consumers who shopped at independent retailers and restaurants that day reached an estimated \$23.3 billion, according to the 2021 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey.

The Smiths have been showcasing and promoting small businesses for nearly 20 years. They launched their business in 2004 in the historic Monadnock Building in the Loop, starting as a digital media company that leveraged the Internet to help Chicagoans find the best businesses and events in the city. Within three years, the couple was also producing and hosting their own signature events and pop-up markets, primarily focused on supporting local businesses.

They launched the Chicago Artisan Market at the beginning of 2018 after watching "so many small businesses" close their retail shops in the decade following the "Great Recession," Smith said.

"Folks became more interested in popping up and selling direct to consumers, and less interested in selling wholesale or running their own store under a long-term lease," she said. "More than 30 markets later, we're proud to have showcased nearly 1,000 small businesses in the greater Chicago area and Midwest with our artisan markets in Chicago, Oak Brook and Naperville."

"Looking back, we can say with gratitude to both our vendors and loyal shoppers that we've made it through both the Great Recession and a 100-year pandemic," Smith added. "The only constants have been hard work – and constant re-invention – especially on the digital side. Today, we remain more

passionate about helping small businesses than ever."

Since 2020, mom-and-pop shops have had the deck stacked against them, said Smith.

"They've had to deal with higher rents, higher real estate taxes, recession and pandemic shut-downs that disproportionately hurt small businesses," said Smith.

Yes the government-imposed pandemic lockdown hit small business hardest while allowing Amazon – the biggest of the big – to thrive.

"With the pandemic, most small businesses were shut down and experienced a variety of unanticipated challenges," Smith added. "COVID was not fair to anyone. This increased our resolve to help small businesses rise and shine again."

We caught up with a handful of North Side entrepreneurs who'll be participating in the market this weekend. All of them stressed the

importance of shopping local and gave us varied perspectives on its benefits.

Chicago and small businesses share a symbiotic relationship, said Theresa Daniel, owner of Beau Lou Designs. Daniel, a Rogers Parker, creates designs from original photographs of street art, landmarks and architectural gems. She applies the designs to jewelry, wine stoppers and home décor.

"Chicago is a one-of-a-kind city – the arts, architecture, lakefront, neighborhoods are unmatched," said Daniel. "The myriad and diversity of the small businesses in Chicago capture and add to the vibrancy and uniqueness of the city."

"There are so many incredible local makers and small businesses here," said Logan Square resident Ali Haymes, owner of Ali Winter Ceramics, which will sell unique handmade ceramics including vases, mugs, bowls, olive oil bottles, incense dishes, mini pots, and more. "So much work goes into every one of my pieces and into others' work so being able to share that with others is always such a joy. The support of small businesses truly means the world to us so shop small this season."

Ravenswood corridor resident Phil Thompson, of Wonder City Studio, creates artwork about places worth preserving, with a

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# Home loan rates drop but the Grinch still rules market



The Home Front

by Don DeBat



Experts say it's a fair assumption that the cost of financing a home won't be coming down this year.

The rocky 2022 mortgage-market roller-coaster continues its wild ride as prospective home buyers hang on for dear life and worry about the Grinch stealing their holiday cheer.

On Nov. 17, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate home loans fell to a nationwide average of 6.61% down from the year's high of 7.08% a week earlier. A year ago, 30-year fixed mortgages averaged a bargain-rate 3.1%.

"Mortgage rates tumbled due to incoming data that suggests inflation may have peaked," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "While the decline in mortgage rates is welcome news, there is still a long road ahead for the housing market."

While inflation remains elevated, Khater predicted that "the Federal Reserve is likely to keep interest rates high and consumers will continue to feel the impact."

On Nov. 17, 15-year-fixed rate mortgages averaged 5.98%, down from 6.38% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year fixed loans averaged 2.39%.

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

Over the past 50 years, Freddie Mac has closely reported the movement of home-loan interest rates. However, in 2022 the mort-

gage market has been so wild and volatile, that Khater said going forward new more detailed information is needed to monitor real-time interest rates more closely to improve the collection, quality and diversity of data used.

"Instead of just surveying lenders, our weekly survey results are now based on thousands of loan applications from across the country that are submitted to Freddie Mac when a borrower applies for a mortgage," Khater explained.

## Crystal ball gazing

With interest rates roughly doubling from their lows in early 2022, experts say it's a fair assumption that the cost of financing a home won't be coming down this year.

But what is the long-range outlook for mortgage rates in 2023? Is there any light at the end of this dark tunnel? At least one forecaster says no.

"Continued inflation, overall higher interest rates, a potential recession, and geopolitical tensions will force 30-year and 15-year mortgage rates up throughout 2023 and will bring the two rates closer together as short-term risks rise," cautions Dennis Shishikov, a strategist at Awning.com and a professor of economics and finance at City University of New York. In 2023, the gloomy analyst foresees the 30-year and 15-year mortgage rates averaging 8.75% and 8.25%, respectively.

However, Rick Sharga, executive vice president of Market Intelligence for ATTOM Data Solutions, which analyzes real estate and property data, is more hopeful. He forecasts 30-year rates peaking at about 8%, while 15-year rates rise to 7.25% in early 2023. Then, he sees rates gradually coming down over the course of the year to a range of 6% and 5.25%, respectively.

"This is entirely dependent on the Federal Reserve's ability to get inflation under control and ease up on its aggressive rate in-

creases," Sharga said.

Meanwhile, Nadia Evangelou, senior economist and director of Real Estate Research for the National Association of Realtors, envisions three different rate scenarios possibly occurring next year:

- If inflation continues to remain high, the Fed will be forced to raise interest rates repeatedly. That means 30-year mortgage rates will keep climbing, possibly near 8.5%.

- If the consumer-price index responds more to the Fed's rate hikes, and there is a gradual deceleration of inflation, 30-year home-loan rates could stabilize in the 7%-to-7.5% range for 2023.

- If the Fed raises rates repeatedly to curb inflation and the economy falls into a recession, 30-year mortgage rates likely could plummet to 5%.

## Bargain-hunter specials

As of Nov. 17, Chicago-area borrowers who move quickly still have a faint chance to lock in the following below-market rates, reports RateSeeker.com.

- First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 6.217% on 30-year conventional loans and 5.550% on 15-year mortgages with 20% down payment and a \$615 loan fee.

- Mutual of Omaha was quoting 6.699% on 30-year conventional loans with a 20% down payment and 6.125% on 15-year mortgages with a 20% down payment. Borrowers also must pay a \$850 loan fee. The lender also is offering 30-year Federal Housing Administration-insured mortgages at 5.875% with a low 3.5% down payment, and Veterans Administration-guaranteed loans at 5.875% with no down payment.

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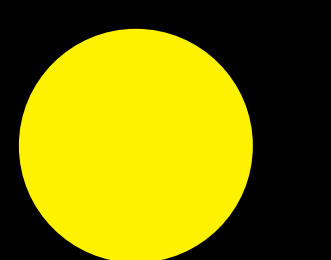
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# Et tu, Tribune?

## After 175 years, Chicago Tribune may soon flee Illinois

We've all been dogged by them... you know who they are. 'Those' people. The ones who fled Illinois for safer, warmer, lower tax states and regions, who then taunt us with all their talk of warmth and sunny skies, crime-free living, low taxes and real democracy.

And deep down many of us wonder, too, why we're still here, and not in Florida, Tennessee, Arizona, South Carolina or Texas.

Well guess who's leaving town next? Just the biggest blowhard on the block, the "World Greatest Newspaper."

After 175 years living on the block, the Chicago Tribune may soon be vacating town and moving to Wisconsin.

Et tu, Tribune? Don't forget to write.

It is likely that in June of 2023, the Chicago Tribune will be relocating out of the Freedom Center and moving their printing, inserting and distribution center from Chicago Ave. and the River, north to behind the Cheddar Curtain in Wisconsin. No word yet on where their dwindling number of journalists will hole up?

Founded in 1847, the formerly self-styled "World's Greatest Newspaper" (a slogan for which WGN radio and television are named), The Chicago Tribune remains the most-read daily newspaper in the Chicago metropolitan area and the Great Lakes region.

Today, with their 'world's greatest' reputation far back in their rear-view mirror, Bally's Casino's recent \$200 million purchase of the Freedom Center printing plant on Nov. 18, means the newspaper's days in

Illinois are numbered.

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Bally's is coming to town to pick our pockets. Kind of symbolic of our current state of affairs. The Rhode Island-based company bought the 30-acre River West site from Nexstar Media Group, with plans to transform it into a \$1.74 billion casino complex.

While they're loath to admit it, Chicago Tribune's 41-year-old printing plant will likely shut down in late spring 2023 and relocate to Milwaukee. That is where Tribune Publishing's parent company, hedge fund Alden Global Capital, has purchased the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's idled printing plant in West Milwaukee from Gannett for \$26 million. Dallas-based Nexstar Media Group acquired the Freedom Center site in 2019 as part of its \$4.1 billion purchase of Tribune Media — the former broadcast parent of Tribune Publishing.

First it was the mighty Tribune vacating their landmark headquarters on Michigan Ave. in 2018 for the Prudential Building down the street, then leaving Michigan Ave. entirely for the Freedom Center, and now the sad abandonment of the Freedom Center itself. While the printing operations are leaving town, there has been no announcement made about the fate of any future newsroom. It's hard to fathom Tribune management would have their reporters working out of Wisconsin too in 2023.

On Sunday, Tribune Publishing announced it had exercised an option to extend its printing plant lease at Freedom Center, which is set to expire in June 2023, for another 10 years. Tribune and Nexstar were in arbitration over the terms of the extension. It is now up to Bally's to resolve the lease dispute with Tribune.

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Bally's is a casino operator, not printing plant operator, so the chances seem slight that the 'terms' of an extension will be favorable to the tenants. It will more than likely look more like an eviction.

There has been no announcement of any special farewell celebrations or even a parade out of town.

During the paper's formative years, the Tribune was a leading anti-slavery newspaper, and was instrumental in the election of President Abraham Lincoln. In 1881, the Tribune reinvigorated the city after the Great Chicago Fire, helping to lure business to the rebuilt city.

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## City casino meetings coming up

The city's Community Engagement Office and Bally's Casino will host two Town Hall meetings to discuss Bally's Casino temporary and permanent sites.

The meeting covering the temporary Medinah Temple site will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the VOCO Hotel, 350 W. Wolf Point Plaza. You must register to attend the meeting.

The meeting covering the permanent Tribune Publishing site will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at 700 W. Chicago Ave.

A link to register for in-person attendance will be made available prior to the meeting.

Residents city-wide are encouraged to attend these Town Hall meetings. Representatives from the city and Bally's Corporation will be there to share additional information, respond to questions, and hear from community members. The meetings will also be live-streamed at [chicago.gov/live](https://chicago.gov/live).

Following these community meetings, the permanent casino proposal will be heard at an upcoming Chicago Plan Commission meeting. Instructions on how to submit your written comment and participate in CPC will be communicated prior to the meeting.

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# Police Beat...

## Armed robberies

Police are warning residents of the Near North Side of recently reported armed robberies.

In the each incident, three offenders approach the victims on the street, produce handguns and announce a robbery. The offenders order the victims to give up their personal property before fleeing in a grey Honda or a dark grey Nissan Murano vehicle.

Incidents include one on the 0-100 block of E. North Water St., Saturday Nov. 12, in the evening hours and another in the 2000 block of N. Orleans St., on Monday Nov. 14, in the evening hours.

The offenders are described as three male, African Americans, 5'-9" to 6' tall, 14-20 years of age, wearing dark clothing, armed with handguns.

## Man stabbed acquaintance 30 times while awaiting trial for two felony cases



Avondre Carroll

Prosecutors say a 19-year-old North Side man stabbed an acquaintance 30 times for no apparent reason while awaiting trial

for multiple counts of robbery and possessing a stolen motor vehicle in juvenile court.

In addition to those pending matters, Avondre Carroll has been arrested by Chicago police eleven times since he turned 18 last year, and he is awaiting trial in adult court for aggravated assault of a school employee, officials said.

Carroll is the 49th person accused of killing or shooting—or attempting to kill or shoot—someone in Chicago while awaiting trial for a felony this year. The alleged crimes involved at least 87 victims, 22 of whom died.

On Oct. 30, Carroll and an 18-year-old man who lives in the same facility crossed paths in the 6400

block of N. Hamilton. The men, who had known each other for about two months, started walking toward their mutual home when Carroll asked the other man how he would go about stabbing someone, prosecutor Rhianna Biernat said.

The 18-year-old, who carried a knife for protection, took his weapon out and showed Carroll how he would do it, Biernat said during a bail hearing Friday afternoon. A nearby surveillance camera captured that part of the event.

After the men walked away from the camera, Carroll stabbed the other man 30 times in the head, face, neck, shoulders, arms, and hands, according to Biernat. He then ran down the alley again, passing the surveillance camera as he fled.

The victim, clinically dead for a period of time, spent two weeks in the hospital and five of those days on a ventilator. Biernat said he identified Carroll in a photo line-up.

About two weeks before the attack, Carroll was charged with two counts of misdemeanor aggravated assault of a school employee. He was released from the police station on his own recognizance.

In juvenile court, he has a pending charge for possession of a stolen motor vehicle and another case involving two counts of robbery, battery, and possessing a controlled substance, Biernat said.

The robbery victim told police that Carroll and two other men approached him at a bus stop, asked where he was from, and then surrounded him. Carroll punched the victim in the face, causing him to fall to the ground, and then took a book bag from his back, Biernat said.

Carroll's defense attorney said he is currently a high school senior. Judge Charles Beach held Carroll without bail at the state's request.

## Man shot at North Side gas station

Police are investigating after a man was shot while getting into his car at a North Side gas station on Nov. 17. No arrests have been made.

Two men pulled up next to the 32-year-old victim as he returned to his vehicle at Mobil, 2500 W. Peterson, around 5:53 p.m. One of the men pulled out a gun and fired two shots, striking the man once in the left side, according to initial information from Chicago police.

The victim drove his car to the 5900 block of N. Campbell and called for

## Parolee hijacked car with baby inside, drove 2 blocks with the father on the hood

Prosecutors say a Chicago man on parole for armed robbery carjacked an SUV with a 2-month-old baby in the back seat, then drove two blocks with the child's father clinging to the vehicle's hood.

Pherris Harrington, 26, was ordered held without bail by Judge Charles Beach on Nov. 15. According to media reports, Harrington was charged with robbery in Connecticut on Oct. 26.

The child's mother and father left their Honda CR-V running with the baby strapped into a car seat while they picked up a bakery order in the 1500 block of W. Lawrence around 11 a.m. Nov. 13.

Surveillance video shows Harrington getting into the car and driving away while the baby's mother desperately tries to open the back door. The father mounted the vehicle's hood, prosecutors said.

The 37-year-old mother fell to the ground and injured her leg and ankle. Her 41-year-old husband was about two blocks away when he fell off the hood, injuring his rotator cuff and bruising both legs.

Chicago police used the city's network of cameras and license plate readers to locate the stolen vehicle in the 100 block of N. Wacker Dr. about

help.

Meanwhile, the two men who approached him escaped in a reddish-colored, older model Honda SUV, according to a Chicago cop who reviewed surveillance video. He described the suspects as two White men, one of whom wore a black sweater and a black knit cap.

The victim was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston in good condition.

Area Three detectives are handling the investigation.

## Oak St. shoplifter evades cops

A viral video making the rounds shows a woman evading a Chicago police officer as she dashes out of a ritzy Oak St. store with pricey winter coats on Nov. 16. But the clock may be ticking on the woman's freedom. We've been told that investigators know her identity.

A woman was seen leaving Moncler, 59 E. Oak, with an armload of merchandise around 2:35 p.m. Wednesday. She boogies into the street, where she is confronted by a man dressed in a Chicago police uniform, but she manages to dodge the cop.

Then she manages to squeeze herself into the back passenger side of a getaway car, which begins rolling down the street while her leg is still outside the vehicle.

The car, which has a Florida plate, is registered to Hertz. But the woman is not from Florida. A source familiar with the incident said police officers who had arrested the woman identified her from surveillance footage.

## ADA claim hopes to ensure equal access for patrons with Service Animals

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois has reached a civil settlement with a Chicago restaurant to ensure equal access for patrons with service animals, as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA].

The U.S. Attorney's Office found that Castaways Bar & Grill at North Avenue Beach in Lincoln Park discriminated against a woman with a disability when restaurant staff on June 19, offered to seat the woman and her service dog only in the back of the restaurant, away from other patrons.

The woman, who is legally blind and relies on her service dog, attempted to explain to restaurant staff



Pherris Harrington (inset) has been charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking, aggravated kidnapping of a child younger than 13, and several misdemeanors, including possession of ammunition, resisting police, battery, and leaving the scene of an accident.

20 minutes later. Prosecutors said Harrington crashed the car into several vehicles and a cement wall before running from the car in the Loop. Police arrested him nearby.

Police found the baby boy lying on the floor in the back of the SUV, but he was not injured, prosecutors said. His car seat, which had been facing the back of the vehicle before it was hijacked, was facing the driver's side when cops inspected the car.

Prosecutors said some 40-caliber bullets fell from Harrington's pocket when police arrested him, but no gun was located.

He was released from prison on Dec. 23, 2021, after serving half of a 17-

that such segregated seating due to the presence of a service animal violates the ADA, but the restaurant refused to accommodate her.

Under the terms of a settlement, the restaurant's operator – Lakefront Operations, Inc. – agreed to pay \$15,000 to the victim of discrimination and \$2,500 to Uncle Sam. In addition, all current and future restaurant staff will undergo training on the obligations of public accommodations to serve persons with disabilities, specifically with regard to service animal obligations.

Castaways will also post a sign near its entrance stating, "This Restaurant Welcomes Customers with Disabilities Who Are Accompanied by Their Service Animals."

Title III of the ADA prohibits public accommodations, such as restaurants, from excluding people with disabilities from enjoying goods, services, privileges, facilities, and advantages provided.

## Burglars stole five cars from Lincoln Park auto repair shop, CPD report says; similar crimes are increasing across Chicago

Burglars broke into a Lincoln Park auto repair shop and stole five cars on Nov. 14-15, according to police. It's the latest in a growing trend that has burglars taking vehicles from vehicle-related businesses.

We first reported on the fad in October, and the number of incidents keeps climbing.

The Lincoln Park break-in was discovered by an employee who reported to work around 6:45 a.m. Nov. 16 at Firestone, 909 W. North Ave., the Chicago police report said.

The burglars broke through a pane of glass on the service center garage door and shattered a key box, the report said, listing five vehicles as stolen and three others that were moved or damaged during the break-in.

On Nov. 13, Jessie Brown, 43, appeared in Chicago's felony bond court on charges of aggravated auto theft after police allegedly caught him driving a 2022 Jeep stolen from Berman Motors. Prosecutors said officers also found two key fobs belonging to other Berman vehicles inside the Jeep. Video from the dealership allegedly shows him committing the burglary.

Chicago police have also been issuing alerts to warn businesses about

year sentence that he received for a 2014 armed robbery. According to prosecutors, the state is moving to revoke his parole in light of the new allegations. Harrington was adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile in 2013 for burglary, multiple gun violations, and a robbery charge that began as a vehicular hijacking.

Prosecutors have charged him with aggravated vehicular hijacking, aggravated kidnapping of a child younger than 13, and several misdemeanors, including possession of ammunition, resisting police, battery, and leaving the scene of an accident.

similar break-ins. Earlier this month, detectives said three businesses were burglarized between the 5900 and 7000 blocks of N. Western Ave. between 3:15 a.m. and 3:45 a.m. on Nov. 3.

Two of those businesses were auto body shops, and the third was a car dealership, according to police records. We also learned that two other car-related businesses were targeted around the same time that morning in the 4100 and 4200 blocks of N. Western.

A separate alert from CPD identified five more thefts of vehicles from auto repair shops during business hours. The warning said the thefts happened in the early afternoon of Nov. 2 in the 3100 block of W. Irving Park and the 3000 block of W. Montrose. The next day, the same crew hit three more times shortly after noon: twice in the 4900 block of N. Elston and once in the 5900 block of N. Northwest Highway.

Crews have also targeted parking garages, police said in yet another community alert for Streeterville residents. One incident occurred early on Oct. 21 in the 300 block of W. Superior. Then, there were five incidents in the 200 block of E. Delaware early on Oct. 27, police said.

## Three armed robberies reported in Uptown

Chicago police are investigating a string of armed robberies reported Nov. 15 and 16 in Uptown. Another robbery linked to some of the Uptown crimes may have occurred in Streeterville, too. It's the second night in a row that armed robbers have targeted multiple victims on the North Side.

The first two hold-ups occurred around 11:10 a.m. in the 800 block of W. Sunnyside, police said.

Two women parked their car and were getting out when a vehicle pulled up, and three men got out with a handgun. The robbers took the victims' laptops, phones, and other property, then fled.

Just steps away, a 36-year-old man was robbed after parking his car on the same block. He was getting ready to get out of the car when two men walked up and robbed him at gunpoint, a CPD spokesperson said. Both robbers

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## Newly-hired Chicago cop charged with threatening his neighbor with a handgun

BY CWBCHICAGO

A newly-hired Chicago police officer is facing charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly threatening one of his neighbors with a handgun in August.

Raekwon Livingston, 24, was arrested at 6:50 a.m. Friday at the Chicago police academy, 1300 W. Jackson, according to a CPD document. The document said CPD also notified Chicago's police oversight agency, COPA, on Nov. 18.

Livingston's arrest is the latest in a series of troubling things that have happened in Chicago involving new police officers and new

recruits.

He is accused of pulling a gun on a neighbor who was walking a dog in the 1100 block of N. Howe around 9 a.m. on Aug. 27, records show. But the police report documenting the incident is dated August 30.

The alleged threat happened less than a block from the Near North 18th District police station, 1160 N. Larrabee. The charge is a misdemeanor.

CPD did not respond to an inquiry about Livingston's current status with the department and if he was a sworn officer or a recruit.

Other recent allegations against prospective and newly-minted

Chicago police officers include the shooting of a probationary Chicago Police officer during a suspected road rage incident in September, just days after she was suspended for allegedly failing a drug test. The woman is no longer with the police department.

In August, CPD recruit Denise Balseca refused to cooperate with suburban police officers during a traffic stop and then hit, kicked, and shoved cops who tried to take her into custody, according to a Schiller Park Police Dept. report.

When an officer showed her the injuries she caused to him, the recruit allegedly replied, "How else was I supposed to get away?"

## Sheriff, Chicago police to add three helicopters to fleets next year

Chicago is getting to look a bit more like Los Angeles. If you turn on your TV some day in the future and see a live feed from a helicopter of a slow motion car chase up the Dan Ryan with police after a white Ford Bronco, it's just déjà vu, not you.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has authorized funding for the sheriff's office to acquire a helicopter, according to a press release from the office of Sheriff Tom Dart. His office currently shares two aging helicopters with the Chicago Police Dept.

In addition to the new sheriff's office chopper, CPD's just-approved budget for next year includes \$11.5 million to buy two helicopters.

"Helicopters are a game changer, particularly in tracking carjackers and coordinating emergency response to major incidents," Dart said in the press release.

Helicopters were used to help track the Uptown kidnapper/carjacker Nov. 13 who swiped a car with a two-month-old baby strapped into a baby seat inside. The car and baby were later rescued downtown, by copters who followed their path.

In an effort to reduce crashes and injuries to innocent people, some police departments, and CPD in particular, have sharply reduced the situations in which patrol officers can pursue vehicles. Because Chicago's police helicopters are frequently down for maintenance or due to weather, terminated pursuits now mean that offenders can often drive away and avoid arrest.

But the onboarding of new aircraft could change all of that, giving police the resources they need to track elusive vehicles safely from the air.

"Having a helicopter monitor carjacking offenders from the sky increases the chances of the offender being caught," Dart said. "Additionally, the helicopter helps avoid potentially dangerous pursuits, which reduces the chances of innocent civilians being killed or hurt by a fleeing offender."

A high-tech federal law enforcement helicopter from the

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has participated in at least 30 coordinated "vehicular hijack-

***"Helicopters are a game changer, particularly in tracking carjackers and coordinating emergency response to major incidents," said Sheriff Tom Dart.***

ing" missions this year with CPD, the sheriff's office, Illinois State Police, and other agencies. These missions have worked very well and show how powerful coordinated air support can be.

"Unfortunately, the two helicopters that are currently shared by the City of Chicago and the Sheriff's Office are often out of service due to maintenance issues or are grounded by inclement weather that they are unequipped to navigate," Dart said.

The two helicopters that currently patrol the city and county pale in comparison to the Los Angeles area, which has 35 police he-

licopters, and the New York City Police Dept., which is increasing its fleet from seven to nine, according to the sheriff's office.

The county is setting aside \$11.4 million in next year's budget for a helicopter and equipment, the office said. Another \$2.5 million in federal money will go toward the new aircraft.

If everything goes as planned, the new sheriff's office helicopter should be operational by late summer or early fall of next year, according to Dart's office.

## Police warn North Siders about commercial burglaries

BY CWBCHICAGO

Police are warning North Side residents of recently reported commercial burglaries. In each incident, offender(s) gain entry into businesses by throwing an object at the front glass door. Once inside the offender(s) gain access to cash registers and remove property.

These incidents have all occurred during the early morning hours. Incidents include one on the 3300 block of N. Western

Ave., Friday Nov. 1; the 3500 block of N. Western Ave., Friday Nov. 18; 4000 block of N. Western Ave., Friday Nov. 18; 7000 block of N. Western Ave., Friday Nov. 18; 7300 block of N. Western Ave., Friday Nov. 18, and the 2400 block of N. Clark St., Friday Nov. 18.

The offenders are described as two to three, male, African Americans, wearing: hooded sweatshirts, gloves and face-masks.

### Letter to the Editor

#### Correction

The headline of the Nov. 16 article titled "Illinois Ballot Integrity Project recommends" should be retitled: "Clean Count Cook County recommends."

Clean Count Cook County frequently partners with the Illinois Ballot Integrity Project on activities such as poll-watching, [and] we both work to improve our democracy by advocating for increased voter confidence in the verifiability and transparency of our elections.

Clean Count Cook County is a Chicago and Cook County-specific election integrity organization, whereas the Illinois Ballot Integrity Project also focuses on other Illinois counties.

The election integrity recommendations in the article are

Chicago specific and may not be completely transferable to other election jurisdictions across the State. Both of our organizations agree with the call for hand marked paper ballots for the majority of voters and hand counted audits of a statistically significant percentage of the paper ballots on the eve of the election before the ballots are moved to a centralized location. We both agree that our IL elections need to be reformed with increased transparency and verifiability as the goal.

*Dr. Lora Chamberlain  
Founder Clean Count Cook County, ally of the Illinois Ballot Integrity Project*

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PAWS Chicago's Paula Fasseas with Fur Ballers including Barbara Rinelli Bonnie Sherlock, Howard Tullman, Judith Tullman, Charles Jordan and Jim Sperlock.

## THANKSGIVING from p. 2

away? "Nice place ya got here, shame if a city inspector were to come here and shut it down."

**CONDE NAST TRAVELER:** Chicago has been named the 'Best Big City in the United States' by Condé Nast Traveler for the sixth year in a row.

**BONO IN CHICAGO:** If you're a U2 fan, this should have been a must attend event, "Bono - Stories of Surrender." Stories and U2 songs presented differently.

**WGN RADIO:** Steve Bertrand got to have a quick reunion with Garry Meier, who was at the WGN Radio studios for a special guest appearance. Many think Garry deserves his own show.

**PAWS FUR BALL:** The Drake Hotel was the scene of the 2022 Paws Fur Ball, a social spectacle that gathers the warm of heart who love and nourish the animals among us seeking homes. Led by the groundbreaking leadership of PAWS Chicago founder Paula Fasseas, the event brought out some of the sweetest folk in town, not least of which is Barbara Rinelli, as well as Jim and Bonnie Sperlock and first rate fundraisers Pam Zunker Myerson and Robert Zunker. The evening's MCs, ABC's Sylvia Perez and Jake Hamilton did a fabulous job. Candace Jordan was spot on taking some beautiful photos of Howard Tullman, Judith Tullman and Charles Jordan. Family pets are always welcome, and add a special joy to the affair.

The lone missing note of this year's affair was the loss of Peter



Butch McGuire



Steve Bertrand with Garry Meier.



Candace Jordan and model.

Fasseas, founder Paula's husband. He was a major figure behind the event every year until his recent death. His booming baritone voice frequently rising above the din of the crowd and barking of dogs over the years, for once, was not heard.

**BIRTHDAY GALA:** Kathy Wolter Mondelli and Barb Bailey organized and celebrated Elizabeth Bertucci's birthday at Gibson's Piano Bar hosted by the A-list and attended by some of Chicago's most dazzling folks.

**SEVENTY-FIFTH:** Lincoln Park's Tim Glascott departing soon with 35 of his family members to celebrate his 75th birthday with a nine-day cruise down the Nile River on their own private cruise ship.

**SEVENTY-FIFTH:** Surprise party for former Ald. Gene Schuler and 35 or so of his friends and family celebrating his 75th by cruising the new Brau-

Haus Bar at the DANK Haus in Lincoln Square. Some say this new location for the old bar may better show it off than its original location on the Lincoln Square Mall. Go see for yourself.

**DIE ZAUBERFLOTE:** Lyric Opera is doing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's The Magic Flute. Don't miss the famed "Queen of the Night" aria in the second act, you know, "Der Hölle Rache kocht in meinem Herzen, Tod und Verzweiflung." We had a cleaning lady years ago who used to hum it around the house. Enjoy the poster of the "Lyric Opera Bird," signed and numbered edition, 12" x 16", printers ink serigraph on heavyweight archival paper. DM the Lyric for details.

**SPA WEEK:** Bailey, Andersonville's Horse of Honor, honoring Officer Michael Bailey is back on his pedestal in front of the Guesthouse Hotel following a pathetic act of political vandalism. Artist Sheila Swann took the time to re-do Bailey right. Just please don't hop up on him for photos, he's fragile.

**CHRISTKINDLMARKETS:** The Daley Plaza and Wrigleyville Christkindlmarkets are open. The Daley Plaza market will remain open through Dec. 24, while the Wrigleyville market will remain open through Dec. 31. Both markets are open seven days a week, though hours vary.

**CHRISTMAS SHOP:** State St. Holiday Market is featuring small businesses, holiday programming in the Loop along State St. outside the Christkindlmarket zone. Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., running through Dec. 18.

**HIPPOCRATIC CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION:** Bravo to Wings To Cure for an extraordinary night supporting the fight for a cancer cure. Founder Eleni Bousis and event Co-chairs Charlene and Scott Seaman

know its all about cutting-edge research. And the shimmering evening of elegance they created at the Chicago Hilton and Towers gives all of us hope.

**IT'S NEW:** Come visit Dell'Rooster at 1825 W. Chicago Ave. Serving brunch. Tuesdays-Sunday and dinner. Wednesday-Sunday. Scrumptious vittles.

**WHO'S WHERE:** Aonghus Dwane traveling to Las Plamas de Gran Canaria from Brussels Airport. Zaventem, Belgium via Madrid... Rodnew Alex shared a Public What's Up Moment, meeting Sen. Dick Durbin last week... Timothy Mineau wrote from La Sagrada Familia, moved by the cathedral's drama in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, currently the largest unfinished Catholic church in the world and designed by the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi... Takara Beathea-Gudell creating stunning jewelry out of the ashes... Courtney Pitt manning the antiques desk at St. Chrysostom's Christmas Festival where special treats are always available... Dennis Donn is a raging grandpa with no need for anything but his photos and stories...

Judicial candidate Dan Balanoff hanging with the hipsters over the weekend, lotta beards, beekeepers, and a nutmeg salesman... Liz Teasley, Melisa Anderson Hovey, BJ Murray, at Gibson's Steakhouse for Elizabeth Bertucci birthday bash... Joey Majumdar supporting Tom R. Jones in his efforts with Lost Survivor, a veteran support organization... Northwestern U's Parker Ryan meeting up in Pasadena, CA with parents Kevin and Colleen Dal Santo Ryan at the Langham for the McNulty-Lange Wedding... Kathleen Haines-Finley and Sherry Lea Fox doing dinner at RPM Italian... Songstress and equestrian Irene Michaels with elegant friends at the Hunt Ball... Election man William

Kreese has brought Eddie the Beagle home, safe and sound... Jack Goggin remembering his late brother Mike Goggin on his 75th birthday... Chicago attorney Brendan O'Connor traveling with his mom and dad, Christina and Jerry O'Connor, to the sites of South America, Argentina, the Falklands and all the way to Tierra Del Fuego... Bantry Boy Edward Galvin enthralled with the superb music echoing through Chief O'Neill's Irish pub restaurant... Dan Kirk in Machu Picchu, Peru.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS:** Congratulations to Chicago attorney Tim Cavanagh and all the silk stockings at the Cavanagh Law Group he founded back in 1997, 25 years ago.

**THE GWEN HOTEL:** Curling and cocktails is returning to the Gwen Hotel's luxury rooftop this month at 521 N. Rush St., just before Thanksgiving.

**THE DRAKE HOTEL:** The Drake Hotel has brought back live music. That's the report by Denise Tomasello, Sherrill Bodine and Lauren Lein Cavanaugh, who had a wondrous time there.

**CLOSING:** Hyde Park's Piccolo Mondo Restaurant and Bakery, 1642 E. 56th St., will close on Nov. 27, after nearly 40 years. Owner Noberto Zas wants to retire.

**THE GREAT MCGUIRE:** Thinking of Rush Street's late Butch McGuire these days. A Chicagoan who was electric in his wisdom and welcomes. He was among my very favorite companions at a dinner table. A fellow heirloom tomato lover. We can't forget such legends.

If you think Independence Day is America's defining holiday, think again. Thanksgiving deserves that title, hands-down.

-- Tony Snow

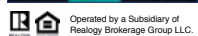
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# Look out pedestrians, Toys for Tots Dec. 4

Titled "The World's Largest Motorcycle Parade," the annual Toys for Tots motorcycle ride event in Chicago will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4.

If you want to cross Western Ave. that day, you best plan out your route before the miles and miles of bikes start passing by. It is an astounding parade of motor and metal, and if you've never experienced it - go and watch. But just stay out of the riders' way, because this parade does not stop for lights.

This year's Toys for Tots parade starts at Dan Ryan Woods, at 87th and Western, and runs north to the Marine Corps base on Foster Ave. by the river.

Now in its 45th year, the event in peak years, has drawn 70,000 participants, organizers said, a

far cry from its founding in 1978 when Ed Wisniewski and a couple of pals made the inaugural run. The line can be a dozen miles long, and it never stops moving.

Each year thousands of motorcycle riders come to Chicago to ride together and donate toys for needy children.

All motorcyclists are welcome to participate in The Parade, provided they meet the following two requirements.

Each rider must bring at least one new, unwrapped toy to donate, and each motorcycle must be street-legal.

Consider becoming a Chicago-land TFT Parade member. Help is always needed.

For more information visit [www.chicagolandtft.org](http://www.chicagolandtft.org) or write to [jack@jackvoss.com](mailto:jack@jackvoss.com).



Tens of thousands of riders participate in the annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade.

## Sing-Along Messiah Dec. 11

Second Presbyterian Church, 1936 S. Michigan Ave., is hosting its annual Sing-Along Messiah 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.

Featuring soloists, organ and an 18-piece orchestra, ever year at this time the church fills with the glorious sounds of Handel's Messiah. Singers and choristers are especially welcome.

Admission is free. Messiah scores will be available for purchase. A festive holiday reception will follow the concert.

For more information call 312-225-4951.

### SHOP from p. 3

special love for Chicago. More specifically: he sells very cool prints and ceramics with architectural themes and creates home and building portraits on commission.

It's the small businesses that "create vibrancy in a community," Thompson said.

"They're the places for meeting and chance encounters, they're venues for showing off and sharing the creativity of neighbors, they're places with a deep interest in keeping the community alive and well," said Thompson.

Edgewater resident Erik Byers, of Erikbyersart, will be selling his soothing canvas acrylics and watercolor paintings. It's always good to support local artists, said Byers. "Most people like local artists as opposed to the mass produced ones...more authentic and creative."

Besides all of the above, shopping with small businesses and local makers gives confidence and joy to the makers and brings their dreams to life, said Deana Curcio, owner of Deana Rose Handmade Jewelry, which sells semi-precious, timeless design, jewelry made with high quality stones and precious metals.

Curcio, a North Center resident, said it also "brings her joy" to offer support to those that might need a little help -- or to foster arts for the next generations. "This is the chain reaction of supporting small businesses," she said.

"I believe strongly in the community that I have been a part of for 30 years, and my business would not be here without the support from my neighbors and other small businesses that carry my jewelry," Curcio said.



Detail from Green Harvest by Erik Byers.

*Tickets to the Chicago Artisan Market are \$8 each or four for \$20. Kids under 12 are free, as are well-behaved pets on a leash. There'll also be a Fulton Market at 401 N. Morgan St. on Dec. 11. For more info go to [chicagoartisanmarket.com](http://chicagoartisanmarket.com).*

**RIP Charlotte...** Community activist Charlotte Newfeld died on Nov. 17. She was a well-known activist in our community and longtime friend to this writer. We will tell you more about her life next week. RIP Charlotte.

**Gobble, gobble...** up some delish turkey dinner, compliments of 49th Ward aldermanic hopeful Bill Morton, who's holding a community-wide Thanksgiving dinner for all from 6 to 9 p.m. Thanksgiving night at his campaign headquarters at Leona's, 6935 N. Sheridan Rd. Thanks to both Los Portales, the Mexican restaurant on Morse Ave. that's catering the meal, and also to mayoral race runner Willie Wilson, who donated 10 turkeys. All are welcome, no matter what ward you live in, said Morton.

**Party at the Pier!...** when I was younger I always partied



Charlotte Newfeld

heartily the night before Thanksgiving and for those who like to do just that, tonight (Wednesday) check out Housegiving 2022, a free house music celebration and indoor community festival happening 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.

The free event features special DJ performances from Chicago artists, including "The King of House Music" Farley JackMaster Funk, Ron Carroll and Gino Rockin Romo. Navy Pier will also be collaborating with a local community tech organization to fundraise for solar power generators that will be donated to those in need in Puerto Rico, which was battered again recently by Hurricane Fiona. If you choose to, you can donate cash or electronically with a provided QR code.

*Have a blessed, safe, and Happy Thanksgiving, wherever and however you may celebrate.*



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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSO-  
CIATION  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-

PATRICIA J. SIMPSON, 3500 LAKE SHORE DR.  
COOPERATIVE APTS., INC, THE NORTHERN  
TRUST COMPANY , BMO HARRIS BANK, NA-  
TIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
Defendants  
19 CH 12926  
3500 N. LAKE SHORE DR., PH17  
CHICAGO, IL 60657  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant  
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in  
the above cause on June 29, 2022, and Amended  
Nunc Pro Tunc on November 1, 2022, an agent for  
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on  
December 15, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corpora-  
tion, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chi-  
cago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest  
bidder, as set forth below, the following described  
real estate:

Commonly known as 3500 N. LAKE SHORE DR.,  
PH17, CHICAGO, IL 60657

Property Index No. 14-21-112-010-0000 (all under-  
lying land)

This sale is for a personal property interest via Co-  
operative Shares in 3500 Lake Shore Drive Cooper-  
ate Apts., Inc.

The judgment amount was \$1,401,355.13.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certi-  
fied 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  
cooperative shares 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 cooperative shares 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" con-  
dition. 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 Stock Certificate for 950  
Shares of Capital Stock of 3500 Lake Shore Dr. Co-  
operate Apts., Inc. after confirmation of the sale. The  
property that is the subject of the propriety lease 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 Con-  
dominium 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 mort-  
gagee shall pay the assessments required by The Con-  
dominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE  
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CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE COWALT,  
INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-11CB  
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,  
SERIES 2006-11CB  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-

MEGGIE HERRERA, THE BANK OF NEW YORK  
MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS  
TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFI-  
CATE HOLDERS OF THE COWHEQ INC., HOME  
EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,  
SERIES 2006-S2, 4744 N PAULINA CONDO COR-  
PORATION  
Defendants  
22 CH 03533  
4746 NORTH PAULINA STREET 1E  
CHICAGO, IL 60640  
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the above cause on September 13, 2022, an agent for  
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tion, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite  
35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the  
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STREET 1E, CHICAGO, IL 60640

Property Index No. 14-18-204-033-1002

The real estate is improved with a condominium  
with no garage.

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TRIBUNE from p. 5

The Tribune became highly suc-  
cessful under the leadership of Jo-  
seph Medill, who was part of a group  
that acquired the paper in 1855.  
Medill, a founder of the Republican  
Party, transformed the newspaper  
into a potent instrument of change.  
Medill was elected mayor, oversee-  
ing Chicago's reconstruction after  
the fire and opening the city's first  
public library.

Medill's grandson, Robert R. Mc-  
Cormick, took control of the news-  
paper in 1911. McCormick played a  
major role in American journalism  
in the first half of the 20th century  
and built the Tribune from a single  
newspaper into a major media or-  
ganization of newspapers, radio and  
TV stations, and newsprint manufac-  
tories. Under his leadership, the Chi-

POLICE BEAT from p. 6

fled in a gray sedan.

Chicago police began tracking the  
getaway car, a silver Honda Accord with  
Florida license plates, via the city's license  
plate reader network. An officer radioed  
that the vehicle entered Lake Shore Dr.  
southbound at Montrose, then exited the  
drive at Ohio around 11:35 p.m.

Moments later, a 911 caller reported  
that they saw a group of men get out of  
a white sedan and rob someone near the  
corner of Ohio and McClurg, according  
to CPD dispatch audio. Officers searched  
the area but did not find a victim or the  
robbers' vehicle. A police spokesperson  
said that they had not seen a report of a  
robbery at the Streeterville location as of  
midday Wednesday.

Then, a little after 1 a.m., a 33-year-  
old man was robbed in the 5000 block  
of N. Kenmore, also in Uptown. Police  
said he was walking when a white sedan  
pulled alongside him, and three robbers  
emerged from the vehicle wearing ski  
masks and displaying firearms.

They demanded the man's valuables,  
then headed north in their getaway car.

On Nov. 14, four people were robbed in  
two separate incidents in Lincoln Park:

- Three or four men wearing ski masks  
armed with a firearm exited a dark SUV  
and robbed a couple sitting in a car in the  
400 block of W. Arlington around 10:50  
p.m.

- Around 11:10 p.m., three masked men  
approached a couple from behind in the  
2000 block of N. Orleans and robbed  
them at gunpoint. The robbers fled in a  
dark SUV with tinted windows.

Chicago police have not publicly drawn  
links between any of the crimes. However,  
there are indications that a nighttime rob-  
bery pattern is emerging.

Carjacker threatened victim  
with a fire extinguisher,  
left his own car behind in River North

A River North doorman was carjacked  
Nov. 15 by a man who armed himself with  
a fire extinguisher, according to a Chicago  
police report. The hijacker may also be  
responsible for shoplifting from an Old  
Town liquor store on Nov. 14, but more on  
that twist later.

Around 7:03 a.m., police responded to  
a report of shots fired inside a residen-  
tial complex parking garage in the 600

cago Tribune's circulation increased  
five-fold and had the greatest volume  
of advertising of any newspaper in the  
world.

Needless to say, today it is a shadow  
of its former self, lightly read with few  
who will even notice its departure.

More will likely take notice of the  
new casino filling up its former site.  
The proposed casino complex would  
include an exhibition hall, 500-room  
hotel, a 3,000-seat theater, an outdoor  
music venue, six restaurants and a  
gambling floor with 3,400 slots and  
170 game tables. The new permanent  
casino is expected to open sometime  
in 2026.

The Freedom Center today prints the  
Chicago Tribune, Wall Street Journal,  
Chicago Sun-Times and other newspa-  
pers. The massive plant was slated for  
demolition as part of the casino devel-  
opment. While Bally's is preparing to

block of N. Kingsbury, according to a CPD  
spokesperson. The officers met with the  
building's 26-year-old doorman, who told  
them that a hijacker confronted him and  
demanded his car keys. The victim and a  
witness said the hijacker armed himself  
with a fire extinguisher from inside the  
building.

The carjacker drove the doorman's To-  
yota into the parking garage door and then  
ran to a nearby Buick that he arrived in  
before the crime, the police spokesperson  
said. He then decided to go back to the  
Toyota and drove away with it, leaving his  
Buick abandoned on the street.

According to CPD records, the same  
Buick was used by a man who shoplifted  
from a liquor store in the 1500 block of N.  
Wells on Nov. 14. Perhaps not coinciden-  
tally, the driver of the hijacked Toyota re-  
turned to the same liquor store moments  
after the hijacking before driving away.

Police officers at the scene said they  
suspected that the sound 911 callers be-  
lieved was a gunshot was probably the  
sound of the Toyota slamming into the  
garage door.

The hijacker — and the man seen at the  
liquor store after the carjacking — is de-  
scribed as a Black male who stands about  
6-feet tall. He wore a blue Chicago Bears  
sweater, black pants, and a ski mask.

Police are piecing the puzzle together,  
but, no arrests had been made, the police  
spokesperson said.

Man shot near Lathrop Homes  
is second person shot  
on the block this year

A 34-year-old man was shot while sit-  
ting in a car near the Lathrop Homes in  
North Center on Nov. 19, Chicago police  
said.

Police said he was in his car in the 2800  
block of N. Leavitt when two men walked  
up and began shooting around 11:35 p.m.  
He is the second person shot on the block  
this year.

The gunmen ran away from the scene.  
Some witnesses said they fled the area in  
a pickup truck, but police did not confirm  
that in CPD's media statement.

EMS took the victim to Advocate Illinois  
Masonic Medical Center with gunshot  
wounds to his abdomen and leg. Police  
said he was in fair condition.

Four people have been shot in North  
Center this year, including a 36-year-old  
man who was shot in almost the same

develop the 30-acre site, it may not  
own the land itself for long. Earlier  
this month the publicly traded com-  
pany said it plans to sell the land and  
lease it back to raise money for the  
construction of the proposed casino  
complex.

For those who would like to re-  
member what Chicago was like back  
when it used to be a leading national  
media center, a visit to the subterra-  
nean location of the Billy Goat Tav-  
ern may be in order. The bar was a  
spot that used to serve strong drinks  
to union printers and crusty news-  
paper reporters alike. The history of  
the industry is hanging on its walls at  
Lower Michigan Ave. and Hubbard  
St. to this day, you just need to gaze  
below the cigar and cigarette smoke-  
stained walls for the photos and press  
clippings that tell the tale of an era  
that has now passed Chicago by.

spot as the latest victim on July 23. He told  
police he hit two parked cars while driv-  
ing and that someone started shooting at  
him when he got out to inspect the dam-  
age, according to a CPD spokesperson.

Armed crew commits three robberies,  
two carjackings in about an hour

An armed group that traveled in two  
cars committed at least two carjackings  
and three robberies in about an hour Nov.  
17 across Chicago's north and northwest  
sides. It's the third night in a row that  
armed robbery sprees have popped up  
on the city's North Side.

Three of the crimes occurred in West  
Rogers Park around 2:45 a.m.

Chicago police said two men, ages 22  
and 26, were in a car in the 2100 block of  
W. Norwood when three gunmen pulled  
them from the vehicle and took their  
valuables. The robbers escaped in a white  
SUV.

Then, in the 6400 block of N. Clare-  
mont, two incidents occurred in quick  
succession.

- A group of men displayed a gun and  
robbed a 35-year-old man who was walk-  
ing on the block. They escaped in white  
and gray SUVs that were waiting for them,  
a CPD spokesperson said.

- Three men confronted a 23-year-old  
man who was getting out of his black  
Mazda 6. One of the robbers displayed a  
gun and took the victim's keys and valu-  
ables. They then drove away with his car.  
A source said police found the vehicle  
abandoned in the 600 block of N. Troy  
about an hour later.

About an hour before the North Side  
robberies, a group of up to eight robbers  
who traveled in two SUVs committed an  
armed robbery in Forest Glen and a car-  
jacking in Portage Park.

The robbery occurred in the 4800 block  
of W. Ainslie around 1:30 a.m., according  
to a CPD statement. A 29-year-old man  
was walking on the sidewalk when five  
men stepped out of white and dark-col-  
ored SUVs to rob him at gunpoint.

Ten minutes later, five carjackers  
stepped out of a black SUV and forced a  
46-year-old man from his vehicle in  
the 4900 block of W. Lawrence, the po-  
lice statement said. The hijackers pistol-  
whipped the victim and took his wallet  
before driving away with his car.

The robbers were described as Black  
males in their late teens or 20s who wore  
masks. One wore a white hoodie with a  
black jacket. Another wore a black jacket  
with a camouflage pattern. Some of the  
victims told police that they believed one  
or two of the robbers were women, ac-  
cording to police reports.

They were all last seen heading east on  
Devon from Claremont in the SUVs and  
the hijacked Mazda.

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232323 -----  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
BELTWAY CAPITAL, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS- CARDONA A/K/A GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS, SUSUKI ARELANO GONZALEZ, THE 680 SOUTH RESIDENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants  
18 CH 9088  
680 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 515  
CHICAGO, IL 60611  
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Property Index No. 17-10-202-062-1028  
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
JASON GREGORY SPOOR HARVEY A/K/A JASON GREGORY SPOOR, GREENVIEW COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
Defendants  
22 CH 4555  
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# State OKs Advocate + Atrium health care merger deal

The state of Illinois has approved the merger of Advocate Aurora Health with Southern system Atrium Health, making it one of the nations largest big corporate health care giants.

Advocate Aurora operates Illinois Masonic Hospital in Lakeview and several other North Side clinics.

Initially the state withheld it's support for the deal, but the deal was approved on Nov. 14 when the state Health Facilities and Services Review Board voted 6-0 to allow the combination to move forward.

The merger now creates one of the largest health systems in the nation, with 67 hospitals and more than 1,000 sites of care across Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

The merger plans have been approved by each system's board of directors.

The combined organization will become one of the country's largest health systems with over \$27 billion of combined revenues.

Under the new brand of Advocate Health, the joint system would serve about 5.5 million patients, operate over 1,000 care sites, employ 148,000 people and provide \$4.8 billion in annual community benefits, the organizations said. It would also manage

2.2 million lives across 15 accountable care organizations, four clinically integrated networks and almost five dozen value-based contracts.

The merger proposal first came before the state board in September, board members said they didn't understand key terms of the transaction. So the board refused the application, and voted then to reconsider the issue at a future meeting... that reconsideration was last week. Several state board members expressed frustration over the decision, even as they voted "yes." The board is required by law to approve certain types of applications as long as they are complete.

Advocate Aurora said in a statement that the approval "brings us one step closer to coming together with Atrium Health."

Advocate Aurora expects the deal will close before the end of the year, and said it is continuing to work with the Federal Trade Commission and other regulators toward that goal.

Under the proposed deal, Advocate Aurora and Atrium would form a joint operating company to be called Advocate Health, though Atrium's hospitals would keep the Atrium name, Advocate's Wisconsin hospitals would keep the Aurora name, and

its Illinois hospitals would still be called Advocate. No money would change hands, and existing assets would remain in the states where they are now.

The systems said their new organization would be headquartered in Atrium Health's hometown of Charlotte, NC, and "maintain a strong organizational presence" in Advocate Aurora Health's Chicago and Milwaukee markets. While they plan to transition to the parent brand of Advocate Health, the Advocate Aurora and Atrium Health brands would be maintained in local markets.

Eugene Woods, president and CEO of Atrium Health, and Advocate Aurora Health President and CEO Jim Skogsbergh are set to serve as co-CEOs for the first year and a half, after which Skogsbergh plans to retire and allow Woods to become the system's sole CEO.

Governance will be handled by a new board of directors equally comprised of each organization's existing boards. Edward Brown III, Atrium Health's current chair, is slated to chair the new board until the end of 2023, with Richardson set to serve the following two-year term.



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## SALT SHED from p. 1

opening date announced for those yet.

Despite the larger repurposing of the facility as a riverfront entertainment complex, the Morton Salt Company will still remain on site as a tenant with office space housed in the former packaging building just north of the entertainment shed. Later next summer the garage near the northeast corner of the site will be turned into a food stand for use during public events.

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All who drove down I-90/94 in Chicago saw the giant building, and iconic rooftop Morton Salt logo as they passed through town. When operations ceased in 2015, the space became vacated, unleashing what is now to become a waterfront entertainment venue.

## ROBBERIES from p. 1

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- Three men confronted a 23-year-old man who was getting out of his black Mazda 6. One of the robbers displayed a gun and took the victim's keys and valuables. They then drove away with his car. A source said police found the vehicle abandoned in the 600 block of N. Troy about an hour later.

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majority holder who had a prior low-level cannabis arrest or conviction, or is living in an area with high poverty or a large number of cannabis arrests. Those candidates generally are exempt from the 1,500-foot distance requirement.

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Bio-Pharm entered a conditional management service agreement with PTS. Such agreements were previously prohibited, but the Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation issued guidance in July and August that allows the agreements under certain circumstances. Under its agreement, Bio-Pharm will run the dispensary but pay PTS for its expertise, and will pay

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back PTS for up to \$10 million in renovations.

While city officials debated whether to grant a special-use permit, state officials will decide whether to allow the new dispensary to be so close to four others that are already operating within a few blocks of each other. All of which are near the new temporary casino going up in River North, and the nightclub district in River North.

PTS officials suggest that their store should be open sometime in 2023.

According to the Tribune, the PTS investor with the greatest ownership share, at 22%, is David Flood, of the family that owns Flood Brothers Disposal. The next largest owner listed is Dr. Christine Heck, with a 10% interest. Its CEO Terry Peterson, who is Black, is a former alderman

and former executive for the CTA and the Chicago Housing Authority. Its attorney is former city of Chicago corporation counsel Mara Georges, who city records show PTS was paying \$5,000 a month.

Though many lawmakers had intended social equity to promote minority ownership in the nearly all-white industry, Bio-Pharm qualified for social equity because its majority owner, Michael Munroe Jr., had a low-level cannabis arrest from the 1970s. Munroe and his sons, Michael Munroe III and Bio-Pharm COO Kevin Munroe, who are white, come from Pickens Kane Moving & Storage Co. in Chicago, which bills itself as the largest commercial relocation company in Illinois. Tyrone Muhammad, founder of Ex-Cons for Community and Social Change, who is trying to market his own cannabis brand to dispensaries, had previously called for greater minority representation in the company.

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