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Pallbearers carry a case containing the ashes of Andrew Price during the remembrance ceremony on Monday outside Navy Pier.
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Crowded CPD site cleared of migrants

City launches shift in policy in handling of asylum-seekers

By Alice Yin and Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration cleared all asylum-seekers from the one of the city's most crowded police stations over the weekend, a significant move that symbolizes his ongoing pivot on how to handle the humanitarian crisis as winter approaches.

The 18th District station at Division and Larrabee streets was "decompressed" Saturday as part of the city's efforts to move the migrant population from police stations to brick-and-mortar shelters, Johnson's spokesman Ronnie Reese said Monday.

The action comes less than a week after the mayor rolled out a series of new protocols, including a 60-day shelter limit policy aimed at getting migrants to move to more permanent housing and plans to crack down on "rogue" buses that drop off asylum-seekers without the city knowing ahead of time.

While some advocates for migrants applauded the effort to shift asylum-seekers out of the police stations, they also raised serious reservations the moves were setting up migrants to find themselves back out on the streets in mid-January due to the 60-day shelter policy.

As more migrants continue to arrive in Chicago, while at a slower pace than in previous months, the administration also said it is beginning to augment plans to redirect incoming

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"The city continues to identify viable sites — base camps and brick and mortar shelter — as an alternative to new arrivals sleeping outdoors and on the floors of O'Hare Airport and police stations as winter fast approaches."

— Mary May, Mayor Brandon Johnson's emergency communications spokeswoman

'A LIFE WORTH EMULATING'

Thousands gather to mourn fallen Chicago firefighter Andrew 'Drew' Price

By Alysa Guffey and Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

Every year the Chicago Fire Department holds a voluntary fitness challenge in October, and each time Andrew Price completed it in costume.



Price

Last month the firefighter ran, stretched and did situps dressed like the Joker, of the Batman franchise, said Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt, speaking to a crowd who came to Navy Pier to mourn Price on Monday afternoon.

"If you knew Drew, you knew he was the ultimate jokester of the firehouse," firefighter Dustin Jeffers told the crowd afterward.

In a packed ballroom family members and fellow firefighters remembered Price as warm, adventurous and a frequent prankster, someone who showed an excited toddler around the firehouse and hid under the beds of his colleagues to jump out and scare them.

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Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt hugs family members during Monday's remembrance ceremony.

Israel, Hamas fight near second hospital

Blast rocks facility; preemie babies go to Egypt from Shifa

By Wafaa Shurafa, Samy Magdy and Jack Jeffery
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Israeli forces pressed their offensive against Hamas in northern Gaza on Monday, battling militia fighters around a hospital where thousands of patients and displaced people have been sheltering for weeks, and where health officials began planning the possible evacuation of dozens

of wounded.

A medical worker inside the facility and the Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said a shell struck the second floor of the Indonesian Hospital, killing 12 people. Both blamed Israel, which denied shelling the hospital, saying its troops returned fire on gunmen who targeted them from inside the 3.5-acre compound.

The advance came as 28 premature babies evacuated from Gaza City's Shifa Hospital by the World Health Organization were transported to Egypt on Monday.

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Former Chicago Ald. Edward Burke, 79, is charged with 14 counts including racketeering, federal program bribery, attempted extortion, conspiracy to commit extortion and using interstate commerce to facilitate an unlawful activity.

Museum official perceived 'threat' from tense Burke

Ex-ald. balked at dropped internship application

By Jason Meisner, Ray Long and Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

A longtime Field Museum government affairs director was calling powerful Chicago Ald. Edward Burke to ask for his support for the museum's fee-increase proposal in September 2017 when he caught her off guard with an immediately chilly demeanor.

"Well, uh, I was surprised to hear from you as a matter of — to be very frank," a gruff-sounding Burke said to Deborah Bekken on the Sept. 8, 2017, call, which

was played for the jury at his corruption trial Monday. Burke grew more icy as he explained that he'd recommended a good friend's daughter for an internship at the Field Museum but never heard back.

"I was quite disappointed and surprised that I never heard another word after my initial request," the alderman said on the call, which was secretly being recorded by the FBI. "So now, you're going to make a request of me?"

Bekken had no idea at the time what internship Burke was talking about. She stammered in reply: "Well, uh, what I wanted to do was to —" before Burke cut her off again.

"I'm sure I know what you want to do,

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Sony launches Wonderverse

Sony's Wonderverse is bringing 'Ghostbusters' and 'Zombieland' to life at a new entertainment destination inside Oakbrook Center. **Business**

Judges weigh gag order on Trump

A federal appeals court appeared inclined to reimpose at least some restrictions on Donald Trump's speech in his landmark election subversion case. **Nation & World**

Plenty of weird Oompa Loompas

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is playing at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora through Jan. 14. Read Chris Jones' review. **Arts & Living**

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