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1 cop killed, 1 hurt in shooting

Police: Officers shot by man they brought to Swedish Hospital; suspect in custody

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One Chicago police officer was killed and another critically injured after they were shot at Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital Saturday morning by a man they brought in for treatment at the emergency

room, according to police and hospital officials. The suspect was taken into custody.

Chicago Police Superintendent Larry Snelling said in a department-wide message to police, obtained by the Tribune, that an officer assigned to the Albany Park (17th) District was shot and killed while transporting the suspect inside the Lincoln Square hospital.

Another officer was also shot and remains in critical condition Saturday afternoon, he wrote.

Snelling called the shooting “a devastating loss for our department and our city” and called on the department to support the fallen officer’s family.

“This officer gave his life to protect his fellow Chicagoans, and we will never let our city forget his sacrifice,” he wrote.

While officials haven’t yet named

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A police officer salutes as an ambulance transports the body of a police officer to the medical examiner’s office on Saturday in Chicago. The officer was killed in a shooting at Swedish Hospital. JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE



Icon of America

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It was created to connect us, a 2,448-mile gateway to vast lands that previously existed only in the collective imagination. Each mile promised freedom and escape, opportunity and adventure.

Route 66, “The Main Street of America.”

There is perhaps no better-known highway anywhere in the world. In its 100-year history, it has offered safe passage to Dust Bowl refugees, World War II transports and vacationing families. John Steinbeck called it “the mother road, the road of flight.” Nat King Cole crooned about its kicks in a 1946 hit song. Disney and Pixar took inspiration from it for a 2006 blockbuster.

Despite being decommissioned in 1985 in favor of a faster and wider interstate highway system, Route 66 continues to capture our imaginations in the remnants of its past glory that remain today.

As the iconic road celebrates its centennial on April 30 with events planned throughout the year, the Chicago Tribune set out across Route 66



to find the stories it holds, introducing readers to the people and places it was designed to connect: the colorful characters and roadside oddities, the business owners trying to revitalize their pieces of history and the ever-changing vistas that continue to define this famed highway.

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Above: Becca Wallace and her children Briar, 7 months, Bowen, 3, and Baron, 4, wait for the movie to start at the Tascosa Drive-In in Amarillo, Texas, on June 13.

Top: Route 66 just west of Oatman, Arizona, on Oct. 15.

Trump safe after reports of gunfire

President rushed off stage at DC dinner; suspect in custody

By Luke Broadwater and Michael M. Grynbaum
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was rushed out of the White House correspondents’ dinner Saturday night after reports of gunfire.

A suspect was stopped at a security perimeter and taken into custody, according to people familiar with the investigation.

According to the White House press pool, a group of reporters who travel with the president, a member of the Secret Service shouted, “Shots fired.”

Agents with guns drawn sprinted through the aisles to reach the president, who later wrote on social media, “LET THE SHOW GO ON.”

Guests were about five minutes into the dinner hour when a commotion could be heard toward the back of the ballroom. Security officials then sprinted through the aisles toward the stage where the president was seated.

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Poll: Many hold dim view of Johnson

Mayor may face uphill reelection climb as 44% view him unfavorably

By Rick Pearson
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

With less than a year until Chicago’s next mayoral election and amid a growing field of prospective candidates, more city residents hold a dim view of incumbent Brandon Johnson than a positive one about his often-chaotic first term at City Hall, a new poll shows.

The Suffolk University/Chicago Tribune poll of 500 adult residents, conducted April 11-15, found 44% viewed the mayor unfavorably, while just 34% viewed him favorably. The remainder were undecided or said they had never heard of him. The poll, conducted by David Paleologos, director of Suffolk University’s Political Research Center, carries an overall margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

The numbers spell an uphill road to reelection for Johnson, the former teachers union organizer and Cook County commissioner who rode the progressive

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Property tax mess still bedevils Cook County

Months after late bills, thousands still waiting with no resolution in sight

By A.D. Quig and Alex Nitkin
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

This story is a collaboration between the Illinois Answers Project and the Chicago Tribune.

Property tax bills arrived months late for hundreds of thousands of Cook County home-

owners last year, causing headaches and confusion for property owners and the local governments they fund.

Five months later, thousands are still waiting for bills and tens of thousands are waiting for refunds, the latest development in the technology upgrade debacle that has roiled the county’s tax system for

more than four years with no clear end in sight.

“I don’t know what happened — I just never got the bill,” said Melvin Brooks, a 72-year-old retired pastor.

Brooks said he called the Cook County treasurer’s office to ask why he never learned what he owes on his home in west subur-

ban Bellwood.

He worries he’ll get a double bill all at once, a whopping unplanned cost for the home where his children and grandchildren now live, he said.

“I tried online, but I can’t get through,” Brooks said. “There’s some kind of glitch or something.”

The “glitch” is actually dozens

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