

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Lois Weisberg, *Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Chicago*

Lois Weisberg was appointed Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs in 1989 by Richard M. Daley, after serving as Assistant to the Mayor for Special Projects. She had previously served as director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events by appointment of the late Mayor Harold Washington. Commissioner Weisberg, a 1950 graduate of Northwestern University's School of Speech, was Director of Public Affairs for the Rehabilitation Institution of Chicago, and Director of Development for the BPI (Business and Professional People of the Public Interest), a public interest law firm. She founded Friends of the Parks; edited *The Paper*, her own weekly newspaper; and served as Executive Director of the Chicago Council of Lawyers. Commissioner Weisberg founded the Shaw Society of Chicago and sponsored a George Bernard Shaw centennial celebration. She has four children and is the widow of Bernard Weisberg, who was a Federal magistrate in the U.S. District Court. She was born and raised in Chicago.

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WELCOME

Daniel W. Shannon, *Dean, Graham School of General Studies, The University of Chicago*

Daniel W. Shannon is in his first year as dean of the Graham School of General Studies at the University of Chicago. Mr. Shannon earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science and a B.A. in Far East and Slavic Studies from the University of Washington. A continuing educator for nearly three decades, he has filled administrative posts, in addition to the University of Chicago, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, California State University-Dominguez Hills, and the University of Washington. He is past president of the University Continuing Education Association and editor of the *Continuing Higher Education Review*. Mr. Shannon has led workshops and taught credit courses in project planning evaluation, strategic planning, and community development. He has been a consultant in planning to local and state government, tribal councils, federal agencies, and non-profit organizations.

WELFARE MYTHS AND WORK REALITIES

Barbara Flynn Currie, *Majority Leader, Illinois House of Representatives*

State Representative Barbara Flynn Currie represents the 25th District, which includes parts of the communities of Woodlawn, South Shore, Hyde Park, and Kenwood. Rep. Flynn Currie was first elected in 1978 and currently serves as the Majority Leader of the Illinois House. Her legislative accomplishments include sponsorship of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and the state program that funds pre-school services for disadvantaged youngsters. She worked successfully in Springfield to prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace and to strengthen access to state contracts for businesses owned by women and members of minority groups. She has sponsored legislation to protect Illinois groundwater, to protect nursing home residents, and to improve child support enforcement. Rep. Flynn Currie has been honored by many organizations for her work in Springfield including the Illinois Hospital Association, the Illinois AFL-CIO, the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization, the Chicago Urban League, the National Center for Freedom of Information Studies, the Older Women's League, the Illinois Women's Political Caucus, and the Illinois Primary Health Care Coalition. She graduated with honors from the University of Chicago and went on to earn a master's degree in political science.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

Thomas R. Donovan, *President and Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Board of Trade*

Thomas R. Donovan was appointed president and chief executive officer of the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) on August 17, 1982. Mr. Donovan is also president and chief executive officer of the MidAmerica Commodity Exchange (MidAm), an affiliate of the CBOT. Mr. Donovan serves on the Board of Directors of the CBOT and MidAm, and is a member of the CBOT Executive Committee and the CBOT/CME Common Clearing Subcommittee. Prior to assuming the presidency, Mr. Donovan served as executive vice president and secretary of the exchange. Before joining the Chicago Board of Trade as secretary in May 1979, Mr. Donovan was prominent in city government serving as administrative assistant to the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and continuing in that post through the administration of Mayor Michael A. Bilandic. He holds a bachelor's

degree in business and economics and a master's degree in public administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Mr. Donovan is a member of the boards of directors of the National Futures Association, the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, the DeLaSalle Institute, the LaSalle Street Council, St. Xavier University, the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation, and WTTW/Channel 11. In addition, he also serves on the executive committees of St. Xavier University and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Council on the Graduate School of Business of the University of Chicago, the Northwestern University Associates, the Financial Market and Trading Program Board of Advisors of IIT, the Executives' Club of Chicago, the Illinois Business Roundtable, and the Commercial Club. He is also chairman of the Agribusiness Advisory Committee of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

CHICAGO, CITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Dominic Pacyga, *Professor of History, Columbia College*

Dominic A. Pacyga received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1981. Mr. Pacyga has co-authored two books concerning Chicago's neighborhoods: *Chicago: A Historical Guide to the Neighborhoods* (1979) with Glen Holt and *Chicago: City of Neighborhoods* (1986) with Ellen Skerrett. He has authored a study of two Polish working-class communities on the city's South Side during the period 1880 to 1922 entitled, *Polish Immigrants and Industrial Chicago* (1991). Mr. Pacyga has lectured widely on topics such as urban development, immigration, and racial and ethnic relations. He has also written articles for both the academic and popular press concerning these issues. Mr. Pacyga is currently a faculty member in the Liberal Education Department at Columbia College/Chicago. During the academic year 1990-1991, Mr. Pacyga was a visiting professor in the College of the University of Chicago. During the summer of 1992, Mr. Pacyga served as a visiting professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is currently working on a study of Chicago and the nation in 1959.

CHICAGO WILDERNESS

Bruce Boyd, *Executive Director, The Nature Conservancy of Illinois*

Bruce Boyd was named director of The Nature Conservancy of Illinois in 1994. The Nature Conservancy is the largest conservation organization in the world and The Nature Conservancy of Illinois is one of the founding members of Chicago Wilderness, a coalition of over thirty five leading conservation organizations in the Chicago region. Mr. Boyd is also chairman of the Board of SUSTAIN, an environmental communications organization and is a member of the Board of Governors of Opportunity International which makes microenterprise loans in the developing world. Mr. Boyd, a lifelong resident of Illinois, received his B.A. from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, his law degree from the University of Chicago, and studied business at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. Prior to joining The Nature Conservancy, Mr. Boyd practiced law at Sachnoff & Weaver in Chicago and owned and operated a manufacturing company in Chicago. Mr. Boyd has two young children and lives in Highland Park.