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How long ?

Has been only six or seven months? According to Wikipedia, the Spanish Flu of 1918 lasted over a year. Other interesting tidbits included: "While systems for alerting public health authorities of infectious spread did exist in 1918, they did not generally include influenza, leading to a delayed response. Social distancing measure were introduced, for example closing schools, theatres, and places of worship, limiting public transportation, and banning mass gatherings. Wearing face masks became common in some places, such as Japan, though there were debates over their efficacy. There was also some resistance to their use, as exemplified by the 'Anti-Mask League of San Francisco.' A later study found that measures such as banning mass gatherings and requiring the wearing of face masks could cut the death rate up to 50 percent, but this was dependent on them being imposed early in the outbreak and not being lifted prematurely." Sound familiar? I feel for those health care workers on the front lines and those who are vulnerable based on their close living quarters or lack of health care. I admire Dr. Allison Arwady, head of the Chicago Department of Public Health, and Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Director, Illinois Department of Public Health. They're like rock stars of Public Health.



Dr. Arwady center, Dr. Ezike right.

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South Loop Neighbors is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.

South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
- Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
- Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
- Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood
- Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the

Chicago River to Lake Michigan. www.southloopneighbors.org

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Want to know what's open in the South Loop?

Go to <https://www.southloopneighbors.org/open-for-business>

For an easy to navigate map.

Compliments of South Loop Neighbors.

Dennis McClendon's presentation on Development, a year in review.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJ58JrIoL8k&feature=youtu.be&t=64>

What's open?

As we emerge from a tough spring of staying inside, followed by a night of vandalism, we surveyed South Loop restaurants and retailers to see who's back in operation. Most survey work was done on June 6, some was updated later.

[Click here to see a list of restaurants open and offering outdoor dining.](#)

Business owners: email dennis@southloopneighbors.org with any updates.



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Saturdays with Seniors: From Newsboy to Newspaperman Oct 3rd, 2020

I am pleased to introduce Howard Marks as our Saturdays with Seniors guest blogger today. The essay he wrote when I assigned "My Grandfather's Job" pays homage to his maternal grandfather for exposing 12-year-old Howard to the merits of quality journalism. After graduating high school, Howard studied at the University of Illinois-Chicago and became editor-in-chief of the student newspaper. From there he worked at the Chicago Today, the Chicago Tribune, and then the Reader's Digest in New York City. He received a Master's Degree in Journalism from Northwestern University and worked for the late Sen. Chuck Percy (R-IL) and was an appointee at the US Department of Agriculture in the Ronald Reagan administration before retiring.

With memoir-writing classes meeting via Zoom now, Howard is able to participate from his home in Washington, DC. We feel lucky to have a pro like him with us!

by Howard Marks

My maternal grandfather, Abraham Prohovnik, was 23 years old when he immigrated to the United States in 1904 hoping for a better life. As he was affectionately known, "Pa" had lived in an area of Poland controlled by Russia. Like many in his family, he became a master baker and found himself conscripted into the Czarist Army. Legend has it that the officers so loved his tasty and moist Russian black bread that at the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War of 1904 they ordered him to accompany his unit when it was dispatched to the Manchurian front. Fortunately, he wisely deserted and escaped from Russia by bribing border guards. The war was a killing field for the Russians, and, of course, Jews were unjustly accused of secretly collaborating with the Japanese enemy.

Pa made his way to Hamburg, where he boarded a passenger ship for Montreal and traveled first class across the North Atlantic. Amongst the 10 percent of European immigrants who bypassed Ellis Island, Pa resumed his journey via the Grand Trunk Railroad and entered the United States at Detroit.

Finally arriving in Chicago, he lived with a first cousin, his sponsor. Pa's wife Sarah and their first-born son joined them soon after. On July 7, 1916, he became an American citizen, requiring him to renounce any allegiance to Nicholas II, Emperor of all the Russias. The family prospered and eventually owned a string of eight bakeries in Chicagoland and northwest Indiana. By then the family had grown to three daughters — including my mom, of blessed memory,



Picture of Abe (Pa) Prohovnik taken in 1946 with four grandsons who later served as helpers at his West Side newsstand. Howard, today's guest blogger, is being held in Pa's left hand. He's the one with a patterned shirt and mock suspenders.

and two sons. They all lived above the main bakery on Maxwell Street and Halsted — Chicago's famous immigrant marketplace.

Then the Great Depression hit.

Pa was forced to sell the bakery, but he later took up a second career that changed his life — and mine, too. He bought a newsstand at Jackson Boulevard and Pulaski Road on Chicago's West Side. Although in his seventies, he sold newspapers seven days a week, arising at 5:00 am each day. He worked on Saturday nights, too. The four male cousins in the photo above served as his helpers. At age 12, I was introduced to a world I never knew existed: the excitement of the newspaper industry.

Before the internet, most Chicagoans got in-depth news from the likes of the Tribune, Sun-Times, and Herald-American. The Sunday newspaper was the most coveted of the week. What bedlam! Bundles of Tribunes were tossed six feet on the sidewalk with a thud from the back of a delivery truck that only slowed down, but didn't stop. My job was to stuff the main print edition with the Sunday supplements. Two more editions were to arrive that evening plus one more the following morning.

After working at the newsstand for more than two years, I decided I wanted to be a newspaperman. Never would I dream that I would work for two of the newspapers I sold. Pa was still selling newspapers in 1958 when he died at age 79, while on the dance floor for his Golden Age club at his synagogue in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. Thanks, Pa, for taking on a second career and thus launching my exciting career in journalism.



Retired in Chicago

Making a reluctant admission about my fellow Americans

By **Marianne**

I really have tried to understand Trumpers. I read J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* and thought he made good points about the economic and social problems of the white working class — disappearing jobs, drug addiction, hopelessness and instability.

I allowed that first-time Trump voters could have fallen for his con in 2016.

But it's four years later, and it's the super rich Trump has benefited, not the people without adequate-paying jobs and health insurance. And yet he received more votes than in 2016.

Evangelicals might claim they support Trump to put conservative judges on the federal courts.

Others claim it's for the economy. Or they never vote Democratic.

Whatever their main reason, Trump voters were willing to support a candidate who called Mexicans rapists and criminals, wanted to ban Muslim immigrants, and said there were good people on the white supremacy side. I am reluctantly admitting what I didn't want to admit: Nearly half of the country will excuse racism.

The closeness of the election surprised me. I expected that if there weren't a Biden landslide, at least there would be a solid repudiation of Trump's cruelty, lies, childishness, and chaos. Americans are better than that, some told us. We've found out that nearly half of voters aren't better than that.

What's This?

My first reaction when it appeared that Biden would win was relief that Trump's damage would end. But as the hours went by, sadness and disappointment took over. I'm finding it hard to feel good about my country.

A couple of commentaries I read blame right-wing media for manipulating people with falsehoods and fear mongering. Can't people see through that? Since I don't want to think so many people are dumb, I conclude that they believe what they want to believe.

(Here a conservative might hurl the same accusation at me. My chief source of news is the *Chicago Tribune*, hardly a bastion of liberalness. The *Tribune* is classified as a right-center newspaper, a bent that is apparent in the editorials, which I mostly read.)

It looks like Trump is defeated, but his supporters aren't. Joe Biden will take on the burden of healing a divided nation, trying to appeal to our better natures. It's hard to see how he will do that when so many people seem to prefer an appeal to their worst natures.

ANTI-TRUMP COMMENTS: 136TH IN AN ONGOING SERIES

"Trump is the most morally defective human being ever to hold the office of the presidency, worse by every measure than any of the rascals, satyrs or racists who have sat in the Oval Office."

— Tom Nichols, self-described conservative, *USA Today*

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This Is Us

With Joe Biden approaching victory, Donald Trump and his political allies flooded the internet with conspiracy theories. This week, On the Media examines the misinformation fueling right-wing demonstrations across the country. Plus, why pollsters seemed to get the election wrong — again. And, how the history of the American right presaged the Republican Party's anti-majoritarian turn.

1. John Mark Hansen, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, explains what exactly it would take to steal a presidential election. [Listen.](#)
2. Zeynep Tufekci [[@zeynep](#)], associate professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, argues in favor of doing away with election forecasting models. [Listen.](#)
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Teens Attacked After Chalking 'Biden 2020' In South Loop Park, Video Shows

A woman and man harassed the teens, who were babysitting, and then hit them, pulled them down and kicked them, one of the victims said.

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SOUTH LOOP — A woman and man attacked two teens who charked "Biden 2020" Wednesday at a South Loop park in an incident caught on video, according to the video and a victim.

Alexis Hadac, 19, said the attack left her with several injuries. She's trying to find the woman and man who attacked her and her friend, Haylee Sandoval, 19, as they were babysitting children Wednesday at the park.

Hadac said she's received support from South Loop residents, including people who said the woman has harassed them before. Neighbors are planning a socially distant sidewalk party Saturday to show support for Hadac and Sandoval.

About 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Hadac and Sandoval were babysitting and playing with bubbles and chalk at Chicago Women's Park & Garden, 1801 S. Indiana Ave., when they wrote "Biden 2020" on the sidewalk next to a "Black Lives Matter" sign that had already been there.

Hadac said a woman who had previously passed by came back around, read the signs and said, "What is this bulls-t?" Hadac and Sandoval felt uncomfortable since they had children with them.

The woman, who was with a young man, told Hadac and Sandoval the chalk art was insulting vandalism and didn't belong in a public park.

Hadac [recorded a video of the confrontation](#).

Watch the video here:

In the video, Hadac defends her message and says there's freedom of expression.

The woman, who tells them her husband is police officer, says, "This is my park," and ask the teens what they pay in taxes before saying, "I'm sure I pay a lot more than you."

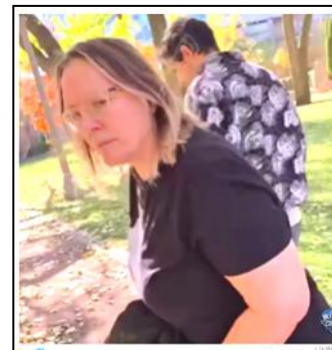
The exchange grew heated, the video shows. Hadac pointed out the woman was coming up to them while not wearing a mask, and the video shows the woman then go up to Hadac and hit her.

Hadac asked Sandoval to call the police as she followed the woman and the young man, who tried to walk away.

But the video shows the woman then turn around and walk back up to Hadac. The two appear to get into a struggle. Screaming can be heard, and Hadac repeatedly yells for someone to call the police before the video abruptly ends.

Hadac said the woman grabbed her hair and hit her multiple times before she was able to push her off.

The young man then came up to Hadac and threw her to the ground, she said. To continue click on link.



https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/11/06/woman-man-attacked-teens-who-charked-biden-2020-at-south-loop-park-in-incident-caught-on-video/?mc_cid=517b0103b5&mc_eid=e0677f46e4

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Natasha Trethewey, **Memorial Drive**
(HarperCollins 2020)

Georgia is home to **Memorial Drive**, a street that begins in downtown Atlanta and ends at Stone Mountain, a monolith etched with Brobdingnagian images of Civil War heroes Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Jefferson Davis. The monument was finished in 1972, eight years *after* the Civil Rights Act prohibited racial discrimination; six years after the Supreme Court found anti-miscegenation laws unconstitutional; and the same year Natasha Trethewey's mother would move to **Memorial Drive** and meet the man who would murder her. Natasha Trethewey, born mixed-race in Mississippi; half-sister to the murderer's son and namesake; Pulitzer-prize winner; Poet Laureate of the United States; and Northwestern professor, returned to **Memorial Drive** 30 years later to try to undo the "willed amnesia buried deep in me like a root." Not only a psychological thriller, this is a map of the enduring effects of racism and domestic violence. The language is beautiful, the writing emotional, and often elegiac, but **Memorial Drive** is *only* a memoir, not a biography. Trethewey barely hints at her own feelings. She begins her book with a metaphor for her role as a skilled observer—even an outsider—in the tragedy. "I keep an image in my head of myself from that first day after her death, at the apartment. There's a video recording of my arrival made by a local news station and so the image is

not only of those few moments, but of watching myself — from a distance...." Trethewey, was "too young to remember" the Klan's cross-burning outside her home, and hides her reaction to the discrimination she witnessed. When she was alone with either of her parents, she describes a "profound sense of dislocation. If I was with my father, I measured the polite responses from white people, the way they addressed him as Sir or Mr, whereas my mother would be called Gal." After her parents' divorce, Natasha never told her mother of her step-father's torment; nor did her mother speak of how often or how violently she was beaten. Trethewey learns most about her mother's tragic life from murder trial records, including a wrenching 12-page letter her mother was writing to the police, and a harrowing 27-page transcript of a call between her psychopathic stepfather and the mother who couldn't leave in time. If not her prose, Trethewey's poems whispers how she feels:

**Keep an impassive face whenever you hear
Stand by Your Man, and let go your rage
when you recall those words were advice
given your mother.**

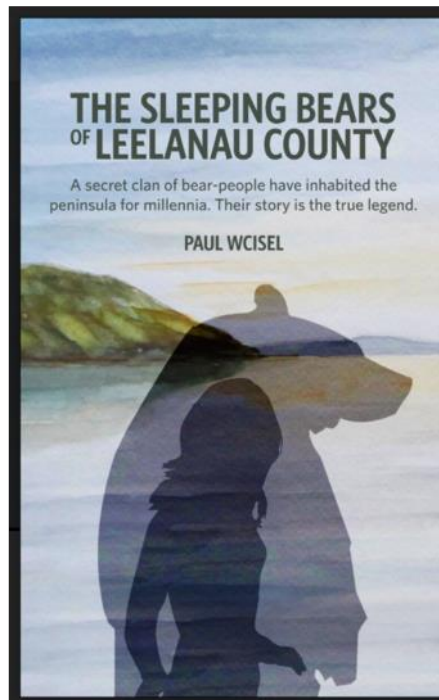
Lorraine Schmall

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Writing Out Loud
what a blind teacher learned from
leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke



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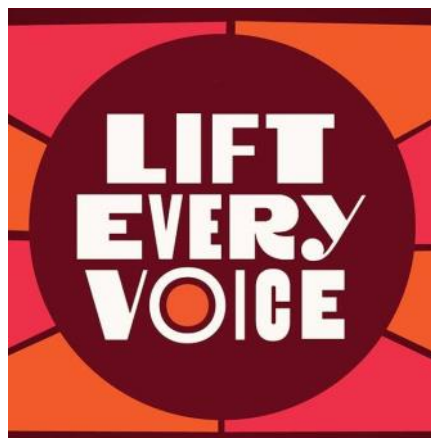
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and Schomburg Center Director Kevin Young. This event will take place live on [CPL's YouTube channel](#) and will be archived on YouTube to watch later as well.

When the world as we know it is disrupted in so many ways, the power of the arts is a balm in Gilead. While we can't be together in person we invited a few of our favorite voices to bring powerful poems from the new anthology to life. Kevin Young, Billy Branch, Pemon Rami, Roy Kinsey, Avery R. Young, Emily Hooper Lansana and Eve L. Ewing are part of the line up who sent us their heartfelt readings to create an intimate evening of words and music.

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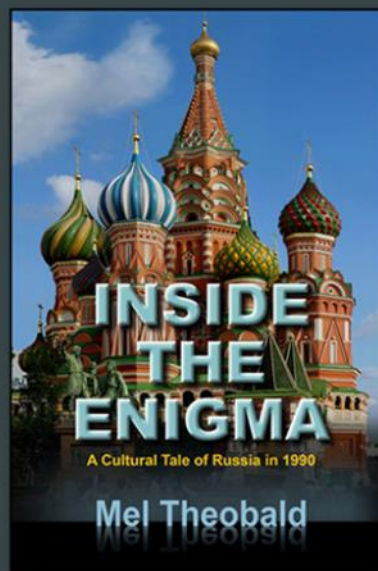
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A Cultural Tale of Russia in 1990

by Mel Theobald



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It's Official!



Jim Rice, President of the Printers Row Park Advisory Council unveils the New Sign. Photo by Jim Wales

Park #543 has a New Name! Printers Row Park



Jim Rice being presented with a check from Baird & Warner's "Good Will Network."
Photo by Jim Wales

On November 7, 2009 Park #543 held a dedication ceremony. Eleven years have passed and the park has been enjoyed by many coming and going through Printers Row. While the park has always been known as Printers Row Park by those in the neighborhood, it still remained Park #543 on the books. On October 14th, 2020, the park name was officially changed to Printers Row Park.

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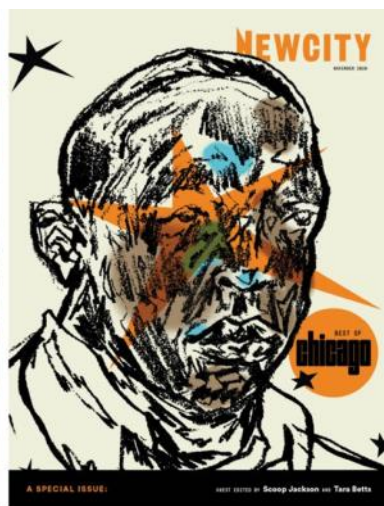


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Editor's Letter: November 2020

October 29, 2020 at 11:00 am by [Newcity](#)

We are looking at Chicago long after Jean Baptiste DuSable witnessed this land, long after the Great Migration fanned out from train stations to Chicago's South and West Sides, and almost a century after Robert Johnson's rendition of "Sweet Home Chicago" became a citywide anthem played on televised events to celebrate this city's rich cultural and historic heritage, long after the 1919 Red Summer that set the uncomfortable stage for the city's racial divide and dynamics that, to this day, still exist. Newcity approached us to co-edit a landmark Best of "Our" Chicago issue that isn't just about declaring a Black "Who's Who" listing that celebrates who's the hottest, best, most popular and where you should spend your money.

We wanted to assemble a Best of Chicago issue that celebrates some of the people, places, creative landmarks, food and history threaded through the cloth of the entire city interwoven by a Black Chicago fabric. Imagine trying to pull that thread out of the city. You can't. Everything that makes it robust, vibrant and memorable depends on that thread, but if you took it out, Chicago wouldn't be that rich, vibrant weave. It would be a jumbled mess of material, sitting there. Accomplishing nothing. Instead, Chicago is a city that always feels like home, even with its segregation, its neighborhoods that unfold around CTA color-coordinated lines and roll through surrounding suburbs, and its yawning absence of Black communities in its mainstream media.

For this issue, we wanted to address that absence. We wanted not only to be more than a promotional moment and dodge the positioning of acting as a tastemaker. We wanted to talk about how the city is the residence and birthplace for so many places and people that never made the Newcity lists before, but also we wanted to use this space to talk about how Chicago ain't Chicago without the places and people you only know *if you know*.

With that said, this is not a comprehensive, tell-all Best of Chicago guide to Black Chicago. It is only a beginning. We would've loved to do more. (And we will.) We would have loved to include more firsts, more surprises, more surprise leaders. We wanted to include more of what's on the West Side, more people who function in the shadows, more unsung heroes,

more businesses shaping change. (And we will!) What we did cover represents the soul of this city, which led to amazing contributions from Black writers, photographers and artists across the city. There are names that you might expect, of course, like Eve Ewing, Noname, Theaster Gates, Lena Waithe, Eric Williams of The Silver Room and Ayana Contreras. There are longer features by Isaac Perry, Bryan Crawford, Raymond Alexander, F. Philip Barash and Bayo Ojikutu, as well as Frank Tempone's profile of author and radio journalist Natalie Y. Moore. There are lots of places to see and people to know better in this issue, but we also want to extend the affirmations with a "We See You" section. Whenever you tell someone "I see you," it's that head nod, that greeting that acknowledges you without a word, a quiet affirmation, a li'l bit of love.

As the city creeps through the ongoing pandemic, continued protests and the pending elections, we finally hear people who've never before acknowledged police brutality *finally* talking about #BlackLivesMatter, Black businesses, universal health care, and #DefundThePolice. We wanted to celebrate the activists, old and new, places and people who are connected to this concrete—working, thriving, and adding to the shimmer and snap of the bright bolt of cloth unfurled along Lake Michigan, stitching itself into that name expelled from DuSable's lips so long ago, of the sweet home he discovered—Chicago.

Much Love,
Robert "Scoop" Jackson + Tara Betts

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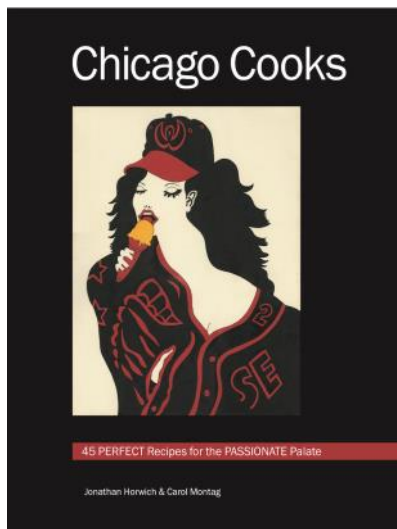
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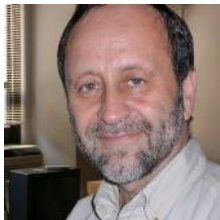
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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | September 14, 2020

Fine Females and Farewell to Alex Trebek



As is common these days, my thoughts are fragmented. And so is today's post: I give you a sample of females that are by my lights, fantastic.

First, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot was asked whether she was an originalist when it comes to interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. Originalism aims to follow how the constitution would have been understood or was intended to be understood at the time it was written.

Lightfoot was direct. To paraphrase, she said that at the time, the framers did not recognize her as a human being. So, that would be no. Case closed. [You can listen to it here.](#)

Then I came across a comment on the abortion issue from a Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister. It actually dates back to 2004 but the [National Catholic Reporter](#) wrote a story when it went viral recently. It goes as follows:

I do not believe that just because you are opposed to abortion, that that makes you pro-life. In fact, I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, a child educated, a child housed. And why would I think that you don't? Because you don't want any tax money to go there. That's not pro-life. That's pro-birth. We need a much broader conversation on what the morality of pro-life is.

Here, here, sister.

Then, Beth got an email from the Chicago History Museum. Since the pandemic started, the Museum has emailed little nuggets of history to members and email subscribers. Here's an excerpt:

In 1992, when Dr. Mae Jemison became the first Black woman to travel into space, she fulfilled one childhood dream while highlighting another interest—dance. Both of these lifelong passions began while growing up in Chicago.

Mae Jemison was born in Decatur, Alabama, on October 17, 1956. The youngest of three children, she was three years old when her family moved to Chicago, first living in Woodlawn and eventually settling in Morgan Park. It's titled A Dancer among the Stars. It's worth the full read.

Finally, several years ago I wrote a piece for [University of Chicago Magazine about the study of cephalopods](#)—octopuses in this instance. (If you click on that link to article, be sure to watch the video at the top of the story.) It

To watch trailer <https://youtu.be/3s0LTDhqe5A>

was a terrific experience as it taught me how remarkable the creatures are. So much so that my editor on that project and I, to this day, share any new discoveries we come across about octopuses. The other day she texted me: *You've got to see this movie. It's called "My Octopus Teacher."* Among other things, she said it was heartbreaking.

Hmm. My memory went back to my childhood, sobbing uncontrollably after reading the end of *Charlotte's Web*. But, Beth heard the filmmaker interviewed on NPR and was also intrigued.

So yesterday, we watched it on Netflix.

It's absolutely stunning. Short story: A man snorkels every day for a year, observing and befriending a female octopus. The filmmaking is superb, but while it's definitely visual, the filmmaker narrates his experience beautifully, so Beth could enjoy it in her way.

It isn't just about the creatures in the sea, it's a spiritual investigation into humans' relationship with nature.

It's inspiring, and provides a great escape in these times. It's titled A Dancer among the Stars. [It's worth the full read.](#)

Farewell to Alex Trebek

When I was a child, my mom watched Jeopardy! whenever she could. I can't remember how often or when it aired; I just know I knew Art Fleming's and Don Pardo's voices very well.

At first watching was largely aspirational—it seemed like a grownup thing to do. Eventually, it was competitive: every once in a while I'd be right where my mom was not.

Back in the 90s, I actually passed the Jeopardy! test and made it into the pool of potential contestants. Alas, I never got the call. At the time, I had to travel to take a written test in person. Those who made the cut did trial runs. Today, the test is online. I've taken it a couple times, but I've not made the cut. Either I've gotten dumber or it's gotten harder—I think it's both.

During Covid work-at-home days I've been able to regularly peek in on the show as a break. I'm glad, too. I came to fully appreciate the staff that writes the answers, and the incredible performance of Alex Trebek. Impeccable pronunciation always. Unflappable. That he's been doing the past couple years while being treated for cancer is almost unbelievable. But I've seen it with my own eyes.

He's going to be impossible to replace.

As is Sean Connery, the best Bond ever. Sad as their passing is, it's funny that they left about the same time: one of the funniest recurring Saturday Night Live skits featured a fictional celebrity round of Jeopardy! that had [Darrell Hammond playing a surly, foul-mouthed Connery](#) and Will Ferrell playing Trebek. [\(Trebek apparently loved the SNL skits but believes that Eugene Levy did the best impersonation of him.\)](#)

RIP to Trebek and Connery, and here, have a laugh.



Sofi Italian Restarant, 616 S Dearborn St.

Monday, November 2, 2020

[Restaurants Gear Up for a Challenging Winter as Covid-19 Cases Increase & New Rules Are Implemented for Public Safety](#)

We know winter is upon us and with rising Covid-19 cases in and around Chicago we all are preparing to move indoor. With that in mind, [the state has put in place new measures to mitigate spread of the virus](#) and that impacts indoor dining/drinking.

It's a tough move that no doubt has drawn criticism from restaurant owners and others. As we look around the Sloop, some restaurants are uniquely positioned to offer outdoor dining. Places like Flo & Santos, Chicago Firehouse and Roots Pizza have ample outdoor space and seem able to offer outdoor dining (although it's not without challenges and uncertainties).

We noticed [Sofi](#) - the Italian Restaurant on Dearborn in Printers Row - has constructed tents on the sidewalk with heaters inside:

We applaud these businesses for trying to soldier on through these difficult times.

As residents in the Sloop, we highly encourage everyone to try your best to support these businesses. Even if it doesn't mean eating at the restaurant outside, takeout & gift certificates will go a long way.

Stay safe and support our local business and restaurants!

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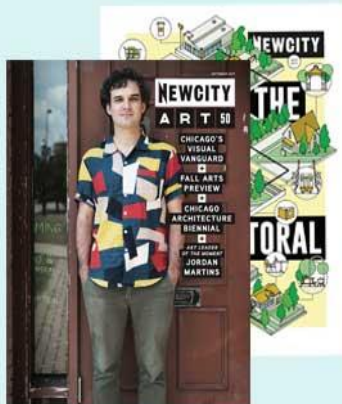


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1-Nov-20 - A mural honoring the 370,000 people who work in the Loop has been installed on a building along **Ida B. Wells Drive**, formerly known as Congress Parkway. The mural was commissioned by **Chicago** Loop Alliance as part of its "Loop Employee of the Month" program that has been ongoing since March 2019.

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Friday, October 30, 2020

[Everest - Michelin Starred Restaurant at 425 S. Financial - to Close at Year's End After Three Decade Run](#)

It looks like one of the neighborhood's top restaurants is closing at years end (via [Tribune](#)):

After more than three decades as one of Chicago's peak dining experiences, Everest is stepping down. The four-star restaurant will serve its last meal on New Year's Eve.

"Many times in life, you have to know when it's time for something to end," said chef/proprietor Jean Joho. "It feels good, after all this time, to close."

This year has seen a number of high-profile Chicago restaurants announce their departure. But in the case of Everest, Joho said, the coronavirus pandemic was not a factor.

"It's all about the lease," he said. "The lease was up, and I was in negotiations way before COVID. But the building didn't want to renew the lease. I've known for a while we would close — I knew before COVID — but then COVID came and I didn't want to close then, I wanted to wait. I wanted to be open for my customers, my staff."

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While it's debatable if this is really a "Sloop restaurant", it is certainly close to the neighborhood and one that has stood the test of time. We never actually went to this restaurant (French cuisine isn't really our thing), but it was one we kept our eye on.



It's sad to see them close up shop, but it sounds like it was just a matter of time. Couple this news with [the uncertainty of Michelin starred Acadia on south Wabash](#) and the Sloop's fine dining scene has taken a big hit. That said, it seems like fine dining is of small concern in the era of Covid-19, but something tells us that on the other side of the pandemic these ones will hurt.

Regardless, congrats to Chef Joho on an amazing run (35 years!!!) and best of luck in your next chapter.

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Thursday, November 5, 2020

[State Legislature Allocates \\$50 Million for High-School Aimed at Sloop, Chinatown and Bridgeport](#)

A new article talking about a high-school for the Sloop and other neighborhoods ([via Gazette](#)):

The Illinois General Assembly earlier this year set aside \$50 million in its capital budget to construct a new high school in the Near South area to service Chinatown, Bridgeport, and South Loop.

"I was really pleased that it did make it into our capital budget," said Representative Theresa Mah (D-2nd), who proposed the appropriation. She noted Chicago Public Schools (CPS) administration "is on board, and we will be starting the process of planning for the high school with robust community engagement. The origin of this project comes from the desire from the community to have a high school.

"There are a number of leaders in the Chinatown community—leaders and organizations—that have been involved over the years," Mah continued, citing David Wu, Pui Tak Center executive director, and the Coalition for a Better Chinese-American Community (CBCAC) as local stakeholders who have helped realize the vision for a high school.

Mah stated she has not heard of any opposition to the high school from constituents or other stakeholders. "I would be surprised, just because there's been years and years of activism around this," she said, noting that, when CPS tried to convert the National Teachers Academy into a high school, "there was opposition to the conversion." CPS abandoned the effort after a court injunction halted it.

The article doesn't provide a ton of additional info on timetables or next steps, but good to see this news. Where the highschool would be located is also uncertain but given that it's intended to serve Chinatown and Bridgeport as well we assume it might be outside of the traditional Sloop boundaries or maybe towards the southern edge.

[Parents at Old St. Mary's Church Write Letter Opposing Marijuana Dispensary](#)

Looks like the parents of Old St. Mary's Church and School are the latest to oppose a proposed Marijuana dispensary on south Michigan (via. Fox 32):

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Fight Over Police Funding Shows Divided Council, With Some Calling For Cuts As Others Beg For More Cops

The differing opinions on police are evident in Ald. Jeanette Taylor's 20th Ward. "Half of my ward hates you, and the other part loves you, so I'm somewhere in the middle," she said.

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[Justin Laurence @jus10chi](#)

CHICAGO — Following a summer of protests against police brutality and waves of looting that rocked the city, Chicago aldermen offered up contrasting visions for the future role of the Chicago Police during a marathon budget hearing Thursday.

Proclaiming "police officers are not our enemies," Mayor Lori Lightfoot rejected calls to "defund the police" in her [\\$12.8 billion pandemic budget](#), but it does eliminate 614 vacancies from the department, angering aldermen who want more police officers in districts serving their wards.

Her decision goes against the wishes of more than 85 percent of respondents to a citywide survey of 37,000 residents that called for money to be reallocated from the department to fund public health, infrastructure and other social services. Progressive aldermen cited that figure when pressing Police Supt. David Brown to help them reimagine the role of the police department Thursday.

The differing opinions on police are evident in Ald. Jeanette Taylor's 20th Ward, she said.

"I have a ward that's split, half of my ward hates you, and the other part loves you, so I'm somewhere in the middle," she told Brown. "It seems like every major city around the country is doing something different than just investing in police, and we're not."




Police Supt. David Brown City of Chicago


While the department's \$1.7 billion 2021 budget is a 3.3 percent reduction from 2020, the \$58.9 million cut stems from eliminating 614 vacancies and shifting administrative costs to the Public Safety Administration, created to streamline administrative functions across the city's public safety departments.

Ald. Marty Quinn (13th) said that would leave the city with a "blind spot" as districts across the city starved for officers, a complaint shared by many aldermen who asked for more resources for the individual districts that serve their wards.

But Brown conceded the department would struggle to fill the vacancies with a dearth of applicants and coronavirus restrictions limiting the number of recruits who can pass through the academy. See next page



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Progressive aldermen pressed Brown to commit resources to a co-responder program that would see mental health professionals respond to 911 calls for health emergencies rather than police officers.

Brown backed a pilot program backed by Lightfoot that would be planned and implemented in select police districts in 2021, but few details were shared.

“Officers are being asked to do things we were never meant to be doing,” he said. But Brown suggested officers should respond in coordination with medical professionals to “make sure everyone’s safe, including the mental health professional, the family, and the person experiencing that episode.”

Many aldermen critiqued the department for shifting officers downtown, away from the districts that serve their ward, a common complaint throughout the year that Lightfoot and Brown have argued isn’t accurate.

Chicago Police Chief of Operations Brian McDermott said the “vast majority” of officers remain outside of downtown, but four to six officers from each district have been transferred downtown to deter mass looting.

With almost 70 percent of the city’s revenue generated downtown, “we can’t just sit back and wait for another looting incident to occur,” McDermott.

Ald. Sophia King (4th), who chairs the Progressive Reform Caucus, said that decision leaves neighborhoods outside of downtown vulnerable and questioned why officers are “waiting” for something bad to happen downtown while people are being killed in other communities.

Brown blamed the looting and ongoing protests for causing the department to blow through overtime in 2020, with the department having spent \$125 million thus far, a number that could balloon further if the city sees unrest following the election, Brown said.

Aldermen also zeroed in on what Brown is doing to meet the requirements of the court imposed consent decree that mandates reforms of the department.

The department has failed to meet 70 percent of the deadlines for reform in the first and second reporting periods for the decree, and the department is tracking over 800 items of reforms for a third reporting period that comes due before the end of the year.

The 2021 police budget allocates \$7.7 million towards meeting the requirements, and Brown told aldermen his department is making progress, but he also suggested the “spirit” of change within the department is just as important as meeting the legal requirements.

“I think we’re not going to get to a safe place, a safe community until we have that trust and until we implement those elements of the consent decree,” Ald. Harry Osterman (48th) told Brown.

Supt. Brown said more than 1,000 officers have tested positive for coronavirus and three have died. Police officers have been seen throughout the summer not wearing masks to prevent the spread of the virus. Brown said the department “recently” put out an order that includes progressive discipline for those caught not wearing a mask. <https://blockclubchicago.org/>

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The parking lot at Wabash and 9th streets in the Loop. | Google

Police are warning about a series of auto thefts from Loop parking lots over the past month — including at least one in which the offender posed as a lot attendant. All of the thefts have taken place on parking lots in the 800 and 900 blocks of South Wabash.

Last Thursday, [CWBChicago reported](#) an auto thief wore a reflective safety vest and posed as a parking lot attendant to steal a 42-year-old woman's car from a lot in the 900 block of South Wabash around 8 a.m. on October 21.

The man told the woman where to park, instructed her to leave her keys in the car, and then apparently stole the 2008 silver Nissan Armada while she attended to business nearby, a police spokesperson said.

Now, police say six other cars have been stolen or damaged while parked on that lot or another one that's nearby. Sometimes, the vehicles remain on the lot, but items are missing. From inside, police said.

Cases were reported on lots in the 800 block of South Wabash on September 25, between September 30 and October 1,



twice between October 6 and October 7, and once on October 8. In addition to the previously-mentioned case, another incident was reported on the 900 block of South Wabash between October 8 and 9, according to CPD's alert.

The phony lot attendant was a Black male in his early- to mid-30's who wore black dress pants, black dress shoes, a black and white winter cap, and a neon yellow-green safety vest, police said.

So-called roving "attendants" are more likely to be scammers, police said. Genuine lot employees are more likely to stay in a parking booth than walk around the property.

Police encouraged drivers to closely examine parking lot signs that explain payment arrangements and fees

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By age group

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No data on deaths per zip code

<https://www.wbez.org/stories/map-by-zip-code-of-coronavirus-covid-19-cases-illinois/90ca85cd-bdf4-423a-a7bc-924fcee9d0f3>

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Loop: Man shot near Chicago Board of Trade

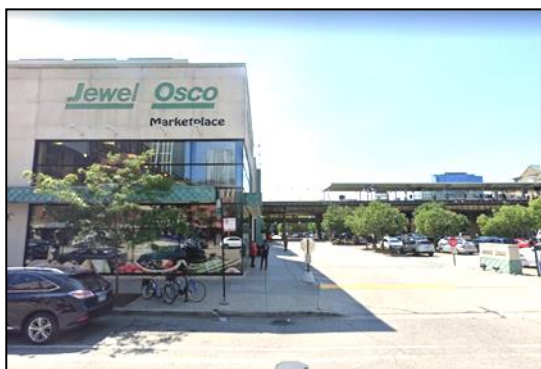
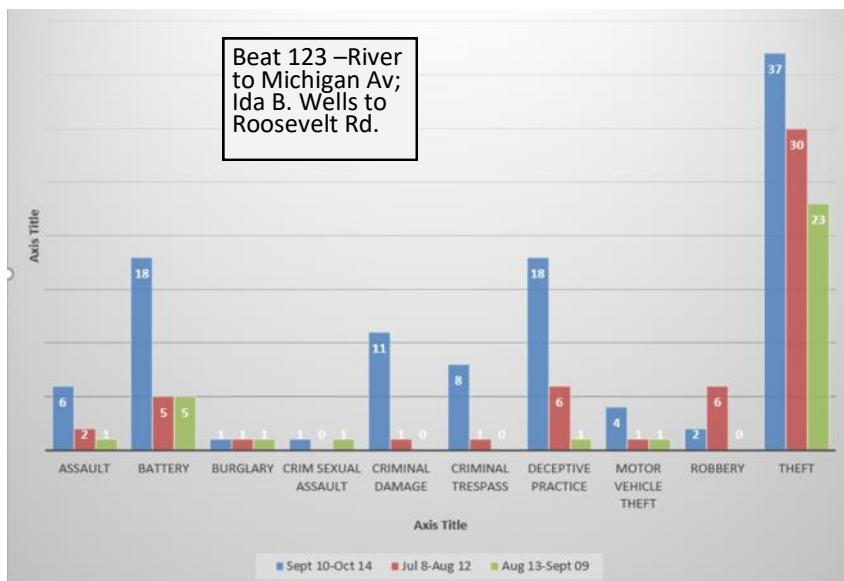
[November 5, 2020 CWBChicago Loop](#)



A 25-year-old man was shot on a Loop street corner Thursday evening, police said. No one is in custody. He is the third person to be shot in the Loop since October 11.

According to police, the victim was on the corner of Clark and Van Buren, across the street from the Chicago Board of Trade, when a gunman approached and fired shots around 5:14 p.m.

<https://cwbchicago.com/>



Man carjacked at South Loop Jewel-Osco

The 21-year-old was approached by six suspects, one of whom hit him in the head with a gun, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#) Oct 30, 2020, 1:54pm CDT

A man was carjacked Oct. 30, 2020, in the parking lot of a Jewel-Osco in the South Loop. [Google Maps](#)

A man was battered during a carjacking early Friday at a Jewel-Osco in the South Loop.

The 21-year-old parked his Jeep Cherokee SRT in the parking lot of the store in the 1200 block of South Wabash Avenue just after midnight when six suspects approached him from behind, Chicago police said.

One of the suspects hit the man in the back of the head with a gun, causing him to fall to the ground, police said. The suspects continued to beat him and took his car keys before fleeing in the Jeep.

The man refused medical attention at the scene, police said.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/>

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1115 S PLYMOUTH CT 126

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1322 S WABASH AVE E

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\$399,000

1075 S PARK TERRACE 208

8/21/20

\$232,000

600 S DEARBORN ST 207

8/10/20

\$252,000

910 S MICHIGAN AVE 1214

8/7/20

\$280,000

680 S FEDERAL ST 401

8/3/20

\$420,500

41 E 8TH ST 3207&P182

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170 W POLK ST 1202

7/30/20

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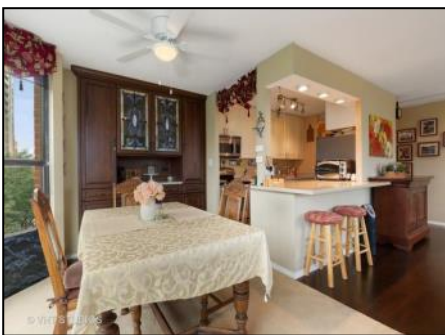
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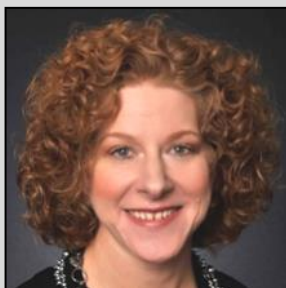


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