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## Meet The 7 Candidates Running To Replace Ald. Sophia King In South Side's 4th Ward

Seven candidates are vying to represent Kenwood, Oakland parts of Bronzeville and parts of the South Loop in City Council as King mounts her mayoral campaign.

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Seven candidates are vying to replace Ald. Sophia King (bottom row, far right). From top left: Prentice Butler, Khari Humphries, State Rep. Lamont Robinson, Ebony Lucas, Tracey Y. Bey, Helen West and Paul Pearson. Provided.

BRONZEVILLE — With Ald. Sophia King (4th) challenging Mayor Lori Lightfoot in the mayoral election next year, up to seven candidates — including King's longtime aide — are trying to fill her seat at City Council.

Appointed by then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel to replace former Ald. Will Burns in 2016, King won a special election in 2017. She won again in 2019 against challenger Ebony Lucas, getting 66 percent of the vote. [She announced her bid for mayor in August.](#)

The 4th Ward — which includes Kenwood, Oakland and parts of Bronzeville and South Loop — is one of the city's more progressive communities. It is home to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who served as alderperson for 19 years before her election to the board in 2010. The election is Feb. 28. If no one candidate receives at least 50 percent of the vote, the top two finishers will go to a runoff April 4. CONTINUED ON PAGE 15

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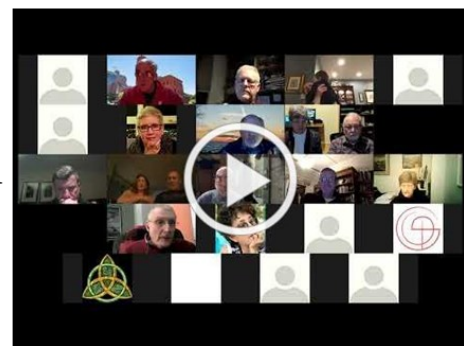
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## Development update Presentation

A roundup of what's proposed and underway for the South Loop was the program at our annual meeting in January. You can watch it on YouTube.



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## Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

### What Do I Do When All the Memoir-Writing Classes I Lead are on Break? Dec. 19, 2022



I sure have been busy lately.

But really? who hasn't been?!

My busy-ness doesn't have much to do with the holidays, though. I've been busy writing, and it's making me feel good!

Let me explain. After decades and decades of querying magazines about story ideas, pleading with agents to give my latest manuscript a read, all that sort of writerly stuff, well, suddenly editors, publishers, and even podcasters are contacting *moi* to ask if I'd be interested in writing for them or appearing on their podcast.

Let's start with [Cherry Lake Publishing Group](#), an educational and children's book publisher based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They found out about me through the work I do for the [Easterseals National blog](#) and asked me to write two textbooks for an "Understanding Disability" series they were putting together for elementary school children. My two textbooks, one called "[What is the Americans with Disabilities Act?](#)" and the other called "[Service Dogs](#)" were released in October, and I've already done a few school presentations to let kids and teachers know about them.

And then, seemingly out of nowhere, a podcaster from the Rocky Mountain ADA Center in Colorado emailed to ask if she could interview me for their *Adventures in Accessibility* podcast. I'd never heard of the podcast before, but when I checked it out and discovered they'd interviewed the likes of Illinois senator Tammy Duckworth for one episode, I said yes. Pretty good company, eh?! You can [link to my episode here](#) — it went live last Wednesday.



Then next thing you know, I was contacted by a site called

[Choose Chicago](#) that is "all about Chicago Things to Do, Events, Restaurants, Hotels & Vacation Planning" and markets

Chicago to visitors, conferences, and conventions. They just started a new blog series on the best accessible spots in Chicago for people with disabilities, and the Senior Content manager emailed me wondering if I would be interested in contributing. If my answer was yes, she'd share more details.

My answer was yes. She shared more details. I enjoy lots and lots of the things Chicago has to offer, I knew it'd be difficult to keep the post short, but I was up to the challenge and got lots of help from the Choose Chicago editors. [Accessibility in Chicago: a local shares favorite spots for blind and visually impaired visitors](#) went live last Friday.

It's been fun – and flattering – to get all this attention right before the holidays, and to top it all off, Cherry Lake Publishing Group has asked me to write another children's book for them, this one for their [Itty-Bitty Bio series](#), and due by January 15, 2023. Happy New Year!



Beth Finke's books: "Safe and Sound", "Long Time No See" and "Writing Out Loud" can be purchased at Sandmeyer's Book Store.

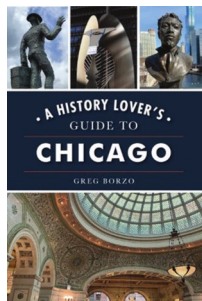


# OPINION

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**Just when I thought I knew absolutely, positively everything about Chicago, I found out I had a few more things to learn....** Greg Borzo's newest book about Chicago has a few things I never knew

Chicago history has always been my thing. I never could get enough. And I still can't. Whenever I see a new book or a new tour or a new topic or a new exhibit about my hometown, I always check it out. There's something compelling, driven and obsessive about it all.



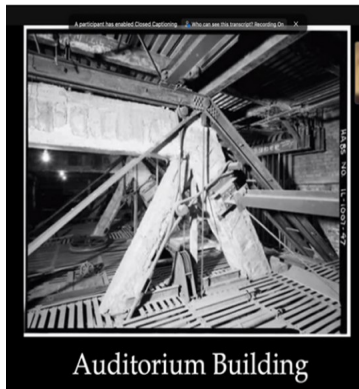
When I read [The Jungle by Upton Sinclair](#) for school in the mid-60s, my dad took me (on demand) to the [Chicago Stockyards](#) to see where it all took place. When I heard about overcrowding in [Chicago's Bronzeville](#) neighborhood in the late 50s, my dad took me there, too, as a little girl on a hot summer night. I was fascinated by the incredible number of people crowded on the back porches of their apartment buildings—that were ultimately razed to make way for things like the Dan Ryan Expressway and expansion of Illinois Institute of Technology.

This past week, I went to an online talk sponsored by [Glessner House](#), a Chicago Landmark. Greg Borzo was the featured speaker, talking about his newest book, [A History Lover's Guide to Chicago](#). Greg and I are fellow docents at the House and we live near each other in the South Loop and have volunteered for many of the same neighborhood organizations and activities together through the years. I've also written about previous books he's written [about Chicago history](#). And [other topics](#).

I wanted to see if there could possibly be anything Greg (or anyone else) could tell me about Chicago history these days that I didn't already know.

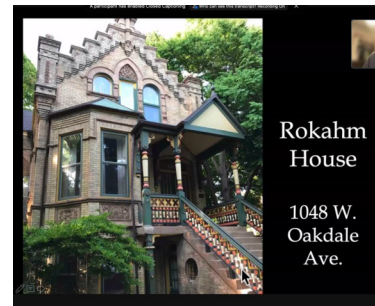
And there were a few things Greg talked about I never knew. I was surprised—but I was also glad that I learned a few new things.

For instance, I never knew what an enormous impact terra cotta had in the construction industry in post-fire Chicago. To retard fire. They actually used it to line the frame of the Auditorium Theatre building when it was under construction.



Auditorium Building

There is even a north side terra cotta neighborhood in Chicago on West Oakdale where the use of terra cotta was extraordinarily common because the makers of terra cotta lived there. I never heard of that before.



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And though I knew about the mass burial of Confederate soldiers in Oakwoods Cemetery on the South Side, I never knew it was the largest mass grave in the Americas!

I also never knew the colors or design of Chicago first flag. (Notice it looks like terra cotta.)



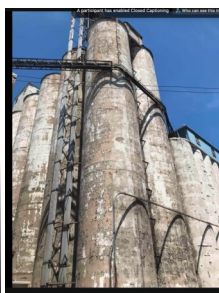
Chicago flag...

Nor did I know of several ideas for adding new stars to our current Chicago flag—to signify new milestones in addition to our original four (Fort Dearborn, the two World's fairs and the fire)—from the Cubs winning the World Series in 2016 to Harold Washington's election as mayor in 1983 to our response to Covid 19 when it hit us in 2020.

I also didn't realize that we still have one of the four original Nike defense missiles on display that once stood at the ready on the Chicago lakefront during the cold war. It's at 129th Street.



129<sup>th</sup> Street



And lastly, out of our very, very, very "grainy" past, I learned that we have only two grain elevators still standing in our fair city. I would have thought there'd be more.

Who knew?

**Bonnie McGrath**

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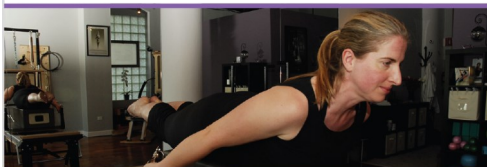


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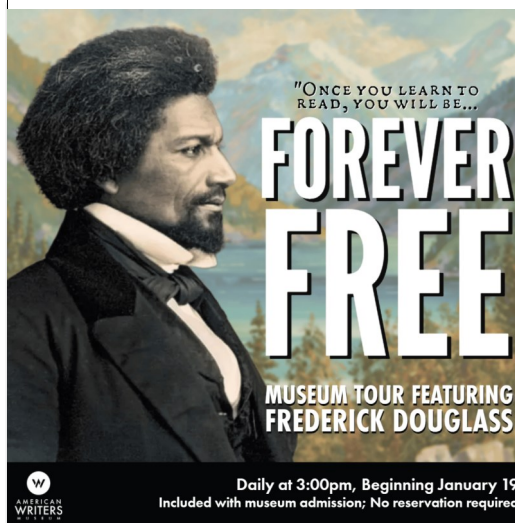
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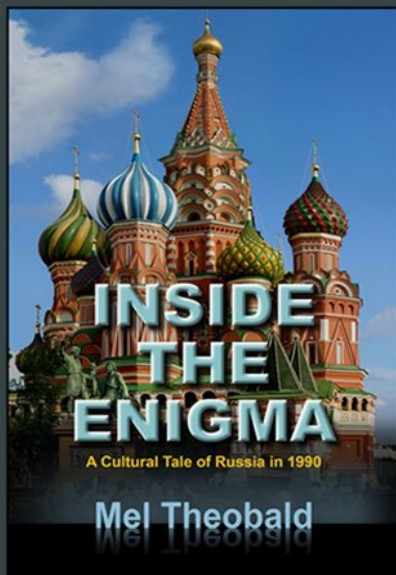


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## Our Missing Hearts, A Novel, Celeste Ng (Penguin Press 2022)

In her latest novel, **Our Missing Hearts**, Celeste Ng writes about the dystopia next door. We live in it now—or will soon—or may have already survived it. It is as frightening as it is familiar: governments suborning almost-hate-speech; books being banned (or “pulped”) and forgotten; a disfavored minority suffering censure as “seditious subversives” or public enemies; citizens turning into vigilantes to save society from harmful threats; families being separated for their own safety or for the efficacy of law enforcement. Ng’s well-written story is about a nice little family—a young poet, the daughter of Chinese immigrants who plants flowers, and plays games, and shares Western tales and Eastern fables with her young son “because she wanted to make sense of the world” for him; her quiet, erudite husband, a youngish professor in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a polyglot who loves etymology and his parents and his nearly-perfect wife and son; and their only child, Nathan, who calls himself and only answers to “Bird.” Subject to State surveillance, they exist quietly under a repressive law called PACT (The Preserving American Culture and Traditions Act), enacted to end “disturbances” caused by “The Crisis,” —a worldwide economic breakdown allegedly caused by China’s market manipulation. Then his mother left. Bird didn’t know why, until a classmate told him his mother was a traitor. “Your mom started riots.” Everyone knew his mother was a *Person of Asian Origin*, (“some kids called them *Kung PAO’s*”). But then, another classmate, his only friend, told him his mother was a hero and a revolutionary and would do something that would

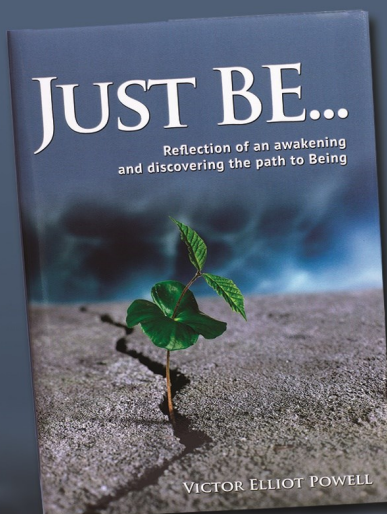
“change everything.” A line from one of his mother’s poems, “Our Missing Hearts,” became the battle cry for folks opposing the part of PACT that mandated “the removal of children [like Bird] from harmful environments [like parents] espousing harmful views.” Upon turning 12, and inspired by what he thinks is a note from his mother, Bird begins his *Bildungsroman*, leaving his father and hopping a Greyhound to find “his mother...so worried about somebody else’s children she’d left her own.” Ng shows us his mother as she wanders from her family, scraping by to resist in her own way. Bird’s adventures, and hers, are as affecting as they are taut with suspense. We learn of guerrilla art, of heart-pounding danger and emotional remembrances, underground resistance movements and life-threatening courage. The climax deals with the power of stories and the persistence of memory. It is reminiscent of the Yemeni *Poems from Guantanamo*, etched in pebbles on styrofoam cups and compiled and eventually published by their lawyer; or “The Letter from Birmingham Jail,” written from prison on April 16, 1963, by Martin Luther King Jr.; or Czech leader Václav Havel’s essay “The Power of the Powerless,” querying whether one soul can undermine the machinery of a repressive state. Ng doesn’t give us an answer, but the journey to the end is worth the worry and sadness and fear. Take it.

Lorraine Schmall

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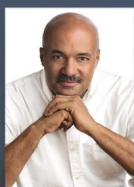


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## Backstory Essays Regan Burke

### [Inching Toward](#)

[Dying](#) January 10, 2023



A friend announced that she's ridding her home of once treasured belongings, little by little.

"Oh yeah, you're in the process of dying." I said.

"What?"

She's past middle age, but not yet old enough to be drawn to articles about purging in AARP magazine under headlines like, "Common Old People Habits."

"I'm just clearing out so my children aren't left with all my junk." She said.

"I rest my case." I said.

I started purging suits and dresses when I was around sixty. I no longer wore them at work and when I retired, well, I no longer wore them period. During the pandemic I bundled up five plastic bags full of old garments that I loved, and sent them off to a resale shop. I then fell for the ubiquitous internet ads luring me into purchasing "casual clothes". The empty space in my closet gradually filled in with comfortable pants, also known as pajamas, and colorful tops, also known as sweatshirts. These are the inching-toward-dying clothes.

Purging includes all the old letters, not because I'll be embarrassed if the uninvited read them, but because the invited won't. I'm counteracting this indifference by writing memoirs. There are other signs of moving toward dying. My friends, like me, have less tolerance for personal dramas. Oh, we may express understanding to our offspring's tears and fears about bad bosses or broken relationships. But really, we know just when to slip out of the room or off the phone to avoid the theatrics. We've been there. We survived. We moved on.

Obsession with the weather is a keystone of my old age. When I acquired a three-wheel electric scooter, I downloaded all the weather apps on my iPhone-five of them. Instant updates, including pollen forecasts, determine if I scoot or take the bus. Happily there's no shortage of old people chewing over the weather.

Except for doctor appointments, I have no responsibilities to manage in the early morning. And yet, the older I've gotten, the earlier I wake up. I listen to the radio, drink coffee, read the news. Audio

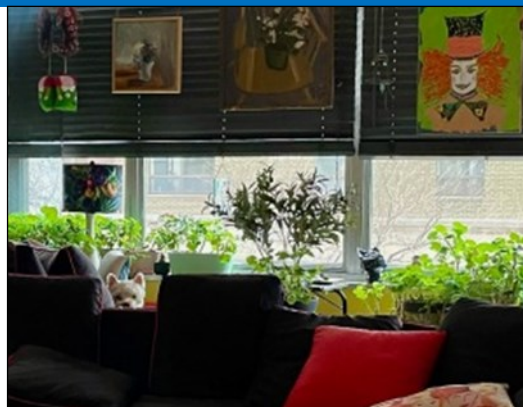
books and podcasts are a great comfort to sleepy eyes at 5:00 am. A young friend once asked why old people get up so early.

"Because we're all afraid we're gonna die." I said

I used to walk Henry, the best dog on the planet, in the early morning. His process of dying was short-lived. He turned his tail under, dug in the closet, slept standing up, clung to me. At the last, he cried to be put out of his misery. One might say he purged himself from my life. But he was supposed to last longer—maybe longer than me. The actuarial tables on my life expectancy indicate it would be imprudent for me to have another pet.

Submitting to the idea of growing too old to have another dog is a new item in the burgeoning process-of-dying tote bag.

I suspect the resulting sorrow will follow me to the grave.



Henry the dog social distancing

by Regan Burke [In That Number: One March From the Streets of Protest to the Halls of Power \(And Beyond\)](#)

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Junius Paul performing on the bass guitar with Marquis Hill-Composers Collective. Marquis Hill is a horn players who attracts full house audiences when he's in town. He grew up in Chicago and makes frequent trips back from New York, his new home base. Photo is from December 29th. Junius Paul is local and performs with groups regularly at the Jazz Showcase.

## TWO (2) Duo Minute Review



On Christmas, my wife's family likes to go to Chinatown. Our favorite restaurant is no longer "eat-in." What to do? What we ended up trying is a restaurant right in our neighborhood. I ordered Sesame chicken and my wife the Moo Shoo Pork, both on the lunch menu. Let me first say the chef who owns the restaurant owns nine other restaurants in the Chicago area. His reputation precedes him. The food was good. The menu huge. Nice interior remodel from the previous restaurant. Many patrons were Chinese. Carry out is popular. Service was pleasant. We'll be back.

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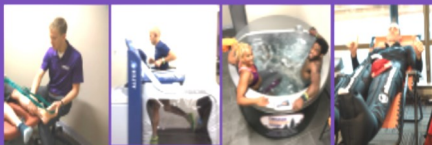
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## Editor's Letter: January 2022

January 6, 2022 by [Brian Hiegelke](#)

**January. It's the calendar equivalent of "Another Op'nin', Another Show," the line made famous by Cole Porter in "Kiss Me Kate."**

Newcity's opening in 2023 is, as always, our Players 50 list of the moment's top performers in theater, dance, opera and comedy.

I got a note the other day from Bette Cerf Hill, the founder of Printers Row Lit Fest and herself a regular on our Lit 50 list, with a vignette she'd written. Bette, along with her husband Bruce Sagan, who has played a major role in the development of Steppenwolf Theatre and the Joffrey Ballet, is an old friend we regularly see at dance and theater openings. Bette had written an appreciation of another Players 50 Hall of Famer, Barbara Gaines, the retiring founder of Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and with Bette's permission, I share it here. It gets at the essence of what we do with these lists; that is, honor the artists who light up our stages.

*She is alone walking her dog. The setting sun turns the Chicago sky and clouds vivid pink and dark gray. Pink and silver are reflected in the windows of the skyscrapers and the lake itself becomes a giant reflecting pool.*

*She is in a secluded area walking in irregular circles. Behind me, as I watch her, is the babble of merrymakers, and in front of me, alone with her dog on a slack string is the builder of theaters, the master producer of magic.*

*At Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier in Chicago, the opening of a play is always preceded by drinks and dinner. Food and celebration, new works, new interpretations of Shakespeare, cultivating supporters and critics and fellow artists, acting, envisioning theater space with endless wings and movable seats, and exploiting the very limits of imagination is what Barbara Gaines has done for years and years and years.*

*But now in the midst of yet another one of those celebrations, the first play of her last season as the artistic director, she speaks a few words of welcome to the guests. Her appreciations and invitation to enjoy are followed by endless congratulations and adulations of each other, by others involved in tonight's production. The party goes on. She disappears.*

*Below us, on the Pier, she is making loops around the planters of flowers and trees. At peace or in turmoil, I cannot tell. Either would be appropriate. With her profound sense of history, she knows what she has created will live after her and yet how hard it is to keep the past from fading into the fog of just things past.*

*I wonder what she thinks as she walks with her dog in the fading sun and becomes part of the pink and gray and silver that is changing the ordinary into the spectacular with the trick of lighting and staging, the magic she crafts and gives to us.*

—Bette Cerf Hill



Lenny Bruce backstage in December 1962 at the Gate of Horn nightclub, 755 North Dearborn\*/Photo: Jeff Lowenthal  
Cover Design: Dan Streeting

And so, curtains up on 2023 and the January issue. I hope your reviews are good.

BRIAN HIEGELKE

\* Jeff says, "That was the engagement where he was arrested for obscenity, and began a string of arrests which killed his career. One observer said 'Lenny Bruce died from an overdose of police.'"

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*In Chicago Cooks: 45 Perfect Recipes for the Passionate Palate, the basics are covered for any kind of meal.*

Not every food category is included here, but the ones we have chosen represent a foundation any cook will need to provide for a family or to entertain brilliantly. We hope you will trust

us and try these recipes so that you can experience food made with care and passion, food that stimulates your palate, and inspires you to share each recipe with those you love.

The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago. Returning to Chicago after 40 years in California as a jazz producer and recording engineer, **Jonathan Horwich** has continued pursuing his passion for music and high quality sound. **Carol Montag** grew up in St. Louis, MO and came to Chicago to attend The University of Chicago and never left. She has been an educator for 52 years as a classroom teacher, school administrator, and educational coach. <https://www.chicagocooks.net/> Available at Sandmeyer's and Amazon.

## Chicago Cooks



45 PERFECT Recipes for the PASSIONATE Palate

Jonathan Horwich & Carol Montag



## Retired in Chicago

### Seniors may need more protein

By **Marianne Goss**,

Back when I gave up eating meat almost a half-century ago, it was common to be asked how I got enough protein. I would reply that I ate dairy and soy products, nuts, and beans. I'd add that we need less protein than we might think — an opinion that came from researching vegetarianism.

As meatlessness became more common, the question was asked less, and I never doubted that my protein intake was adequate. If anything, I've thought that I eat too much cheese and yogurt. But *The Whole Body Reset* program promoted by AARP judges at least my breakfast as too low in protein.

My morning cereal or oatmeal with milk supplies about 11 or 12 grams of protein. According to *The Whole Body Reset*, a senior-focused book by AARP health editor Stephen Perrine, women should eat 25 grams of protein at each meal and men 30 grams. A breakfast high in protein, which takes longer to digest than carbohydrates, is especially important because it staves off hunger later in the day.

I'd known I should have protein at every meal but thought that the daily total was more important than protein timing. Maybe eating less than half the amount Perrine says is needed to start the day is why I'm always hungry, snack often, and have not been able to lose 10 pounds. I don't believe in miracle diets, but increasing protein at breakfast is worth a try. Adding a half-cup of cottage cheese, which packs a walloping 14 grams of protein, gets me up to the 25-gram goal.

The government's daily Recommended Dietary Allowance is .36 grams for every pound of body weight, which for many people is less than Perrine's guideline. Older bodies process protein less efficiently and so need more than the RDA.

I'm not going to bother counting protein grams at lunch, which is my main meal and changes every day, but I could drink a cup of milk to up the protein intake. At dinner, which is usually a salad and bread, a hard-boiled egg can go on the salad and peanut butter spread on the bread.

Snacks are also an opportunity to add protein (cheese, yogurt, edamame, nuts, peanut butter, hummus), but in theory, I'll want to snack less if I eat enough protein at meals. Protein keeps us feeling full longer. It also boosts metabolism and calorie burn, so I could lose weight. We'll see. A future post will report how it's going.

It's interesting that *The Whole Body Reset* prescribes generous protein portions at breakfast while adherents to a popular diet plan, intermittent fasting, usually skip breakfast. Intermittent fasting — eating only within an eight-hour window — usually means having only two meals a day. Other plans recommend consuming more healthy fats to prolong fullness. Whatever works; there isn't one nutritional plan that suits everyone.

Comments? Send to [thedearbornexpress@gmail.com](mailto:thedearbornexpress@gmail.com)

## MOST RECENT EPISODES

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### [Caution: Fragile!](#)

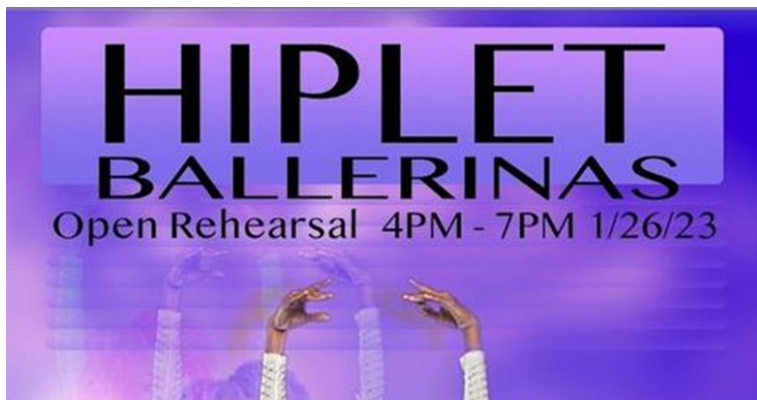
[The Big Sigh: An Assessment of Our Economic Future](#)

[Why We Need to Study Climate Worst-Case Scenarios](#)

[What Science Says about the Birth of the Universe](#)

The start of a new year is a time to look both forward and back. On this week's On the Media, hear how facing our climate's fragility could inspire hope, instead of despair. Plus, a physicist explains how creation stories help us understand our place in the universe.

1. Luke Kemp [[@LukaKemp](#)], a Research Associate at Cambridge's Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, on a new study that says we need to put more attention on the possibility of human extinction and other climate catastrophes. Bryan Walsh [[@bryanrwalsh](#)], editor of Vox's 'Future Perfect,' also explains why our brains have a hard time processing catastrophes like climate change. [Listen](#).
2. Mark Blyth [[@MkBlyth](#)], professor of International Economics and Public Affairs at Brown University, on how the economy is ultimately a mirror of our accomplishments, advances, fears, and mistakes. [Listen](#).



Jan 26

## The Hipler Experience

Observe floor barre, exclusive look into the creating of a new Hipler piece, and audience Q & A.

By [Hipler Ballerinas](#)

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Tuesday, January 10, 2023

### [Slick Promotional Video Envisions a New Soldier Field and Surrounding Area](#)

The video says a lot:

<https://youtu.be/PB-Svx85Uxc>

It's easy to get swept up in the excitement of shiny new things, but the reality is this seems extremely unlikely on many fronts.

The Chicago Tribune Editorial board probably summed it up best with their headline "[A fantasy Soldier Field video brightened a gray January weekend. Don't be fooled.](#)" It's a good read and this statement probably sums it up best:

The video features Bill Kurtis, the city's most respected baritone booster, coaxing us to live up to our potential. "Chicago," it begins, seductively, "the model of a world-class city."

Whenever you hear the adjective "world-class" (or anyone quoting Daniel Burnham) in a proposal, watch your wallets and purses. And know that anyone using the phrase is about to argue that "world-class" (whatever that means) might just go away without whatever megaproject they are hyping.

There are a lot of great points in the piece - including some interesting nuggets about the Bears move to Arlington Heights potentially running into some snags.

Look - the idea of Soldier Field being revamped is great on paper (or in a video) - but the chance of this happening seems less than 1% (and that's generous).

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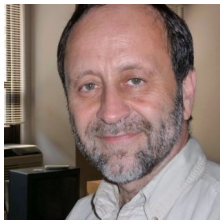
# OPINION

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## Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) January 2, 2023

### [Counting blessings](#)



Happy New Year from our friends' place in Urbana, Illinois!

Beth and I have been bathroom refugees since December 26. That is, we're having our bathroom redone, and since we only have the one, we got outta Dodge while the work is being done.

Our adventure started with a staycation of sorts—I used credit card miles that piled up over the shut-down to book four nights at the [Hotel Essex](#) on Michigan Avenue about three blocks from home. The whole thing kind of flummoxed Luna at first. Where they usually made a right, Beth commanded her to make a left, and they zigged where they usually zagged. But it was pretty terrific. The hotel was right across from the Hilton, where Beth swims, so that was convenient. (We would've stayed at the Hilton, but I didn't have enough miles.)

Plus, the [hotel restaurant](#) had a great happy hour, so we invited friends from the hood to join us at our swank new digs.

On Friday, a generous friend loaned us her car and we drove south to Urbana to visit our friends [Steven and Nancy](#), who were Hanni's people after she retired. We also saw my nephew Aaron and his children and his fiancé.

We ate great Chinese takeout, and yesterday, I whipped up the best batch of black-eye peas and collards I've ever whipped up.

It's been swell.

Eating black-eye peas and collards is [a Southern tradition](#) that is believed to bring good luck and good fortune (literally). I learned about that tradition decades ago from my friend Pick, who grew up in Virginia.

Here's to a prosperous and happy 2023!



Driving around Urbana-Champaign always is sort of paradoxical—our former long-time hometown feels totally familiar, but what with the new high-rises, campus buildings, and new restaurants and shops I'm not familiar with, I feel like a ghost.

But overall, it's pretty wonderful, and I'm at a point in life where what familiar things remain trigger an avalanche of memories. Which trigger other memories (like eating black eye peas and collards with Pick.)

The past year has been paradoxical, too. My work is meaningful and [the non-profit organization I work for is thriving](#). Beth is going strong, [as she posted just last week](#). We're mostly healthy (but for a herniated disc that is steadily improving thanks to my physical therapist.)

But there was loss, a lot of it. There was our friend and neighbor [Janet](#), Beth's niece Stacie (not all that long after the premature loss of her nephew Robbie), my Urbana friend [Barry](#), the irascible and inimitable [Brad, Flavio of Printers Row Wine](#), and the regal, one-and-only [Wanda Bridgeforth](#).

A couple of these losses are felt more intimately—because of the frequency with which we saw them and their proximity, I keep expecting to run into Janet and Brad when Beth and I stroll around the neighborhood. I can recall their gaits; I'd recognize their silhouettes as I squinted to see them approach from down the street. Every once in awhile I think I see them.

When Beth and I experience a loss, our friend Hank, of Jewish heritage, always sends the most comforting of thoughts: May their memory be a blessing.

Their memories are indeed blessings. As was the good fortune of knowing them.

Here's to a safe, healthy, and happy 2023.

Aldermanic Candidates from page 1 from Block Club

## Here's a look at the aldermanic hopefuls.

### Prentice Butler

Prentice Butler, King's chief of staff, announced his bid in October.

The South Shore native has long worked behind the scenes in the 4th Ward, joining the office in 2011 under Burns and remaining through King's tenure. Now, the University of Chicago alumnus hopes to strike out on his own.

"This is part of a lifelong commitment to public service," Butler said in October. "My family was always involved in the community. My mom ran a day care, and she and my dad were always going to the polls on Election Day. I picked up the bug at a young age."

Butler is looking to continue the work of his predecessor, focusing on economic development and strengthening the middle class through progressive policies that help with upward mobility, he said.

[Prentice Butler, Ald. Sophia King's Chief Of Staff, Will Run For Boss' 4th Ward Seat As She Takes On Lightfoot](#)

### Khari Humphries

Political neophyte [Khari Humphries](#) may be new to campaigning, but the Bronzeville native has more than 20 years of public sector experience under his belt, from serving as director of the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago to his most recent stint as the city's senior director of Youth Policy. Humphries, a South Side native, said he also wants to foster economic growth through living wage jobs and affordable housing.

[Chicago Youth Policy Director Khari Humphries Running For 4th Ward Alderperson](#)

### Lamont Robinson

State Rep. Lamont Robinson [joined the race in October](#).

The Chatham native has represented the 5th District — which includes parts of Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, Douglas and The Loop — in the Illinois House since 2019. He is also the state's first openly LGBTQ+ lawmaker.

Robinson [secured \\$15 million in state funding](#) for construction of a South Side community center as part of his efforts to create more resources for queer and trans residents.

The Allstate Insurance agency owner already has the support of Preckwinkle and the 4th Ward Democratic Organization.

"I would like to have a more immediate impact on the needs of my neighborhood," Robinson said in a statement when he announced his bid. "It's hard to focus on localized issues on the state level and really bring the targeted support that my community needs. I would like to do that as the next 4th Ward alderman."

### Ebony Lucas

This is the third run for real estate attorney Ebony Lucas, who challenged King in 2017 and 2019. The Oakland resident [told the Hyde Park Herald in September](#) one of her

primary priorities as alderperson would be affordable housing and commercial development. She said it is key to create programs to give renters the opportunity to buy homes via down payment assistance initiatives.

Lucas also said the city should give incentives to landlords to encourage keeping rents low.

A real estate attorney, Lucas is managing partner of The Property Law Group and former president of the Mandrake Park Advisory Council. She said her professional and community background has prepared her for the work of helping constituents as alderperson.

"I pride myself on providing quality housing to people, and I live in the community," she told the Herald. "It's important to me to see all of those things taken care of, making sure that our trash is picked up, making sure that our trees are cut."

### Tracey Y. Bey

Tracey Y. Bey is making her second run for the seat after losing in 2015 to Burns.

[In a 2015 ABC7 candidate questionnaire](#), Bey said she "wanted to work with the community to establish a system of accountability, transparency and equality."

Bey told ABC7 she supports a livable wage and sees mental health services and employment opportunities as a way to address public safety issues. She's against privatization of city assets and red light cameras.

### Helen West

West got her love of politics from her father, who stumped for Mayor Richard J. Daley and was the first precinct captain in the 24th Ward, [according to her campaign website](#).

This is the first run for West, who has survived cancer. She gained attention in 2020 for being [part of the trial for remdesivir — now used widely to treat COVID-19 — while she had a serious case](#) of the virus.

The retired educator supports community policing, the expansion of educational opportunities in STEM and the trades and ward cleanliness, taking an "all hands on deck approach" to keeping sidewalks and lots clean, she said. West also said she'd "advocate and restrict granting of city permits" for additional fast-food eateries along 4th Ward thoroughfares to attract more business services and promote the arts and rich culture of the ward and fine dining restaurants.

### Paul Pearson

Bronzeville native Paul Pearson hopes to address inequities in education and housing, advocating for a home-purchase program — a collaborative, multiagency effort — for descendants of enslaved people living in the community for more than one year to receive affordable home loans, [according to his campaign website](#).

The DePaul University doctoral candidate is in favor of broadening access to preventative health care through community clinics.

## Donation and Volunteer Support for New Arrivals from Texas

Since Wednesday, August 31st, the City of Chicago has welcomed hundreds of migrants bused from Texas to Chicago. Our city greeted them with dignity and respect, and the City government, in collaboration with local, state, federal, and community partners, continues to take action to ensure they have access to shelter, food, and other resources. We anticipate that the state of Texas will continue to bus migrants to Chicago and we remain committed to providing support and resources to our newly arrived neighbors during this transition period.

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### VOLUNTEERS

At this time, our shelter partners cannot accept “walk-up” volunteers, and due to security and safety concerns for minors on-site, there is a registration process to become a volunteer. If you wish to volunteer, please complete the [volunteer registration form found here](#).

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### DONATIONS

As a welcoming city, we know Chicagoans are ready to show their generosity and are looking for ways to support. Below please find more information about how you can help Chicago’s newest arrivals.

#### Amazon Wish List

To have a quick and direct impact, now, residents and organizations can also support asylum seekers by purchasing items directly from an Amazon Wish List set up in partnership with Instituto del Progreso Latino. You can find the Wish List by clicking [Rapid Response Wish List on Amazon](#) or at [InstitutoChicago.org](#)



#### ***ONLY NEW ITEMS CAN BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME***

*\*List subject to change based on supply and demand. Please check this website regularly for the most up to date info.*

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- Women’s sizes small, medium, and large—in particular medium
- Men’s underwear

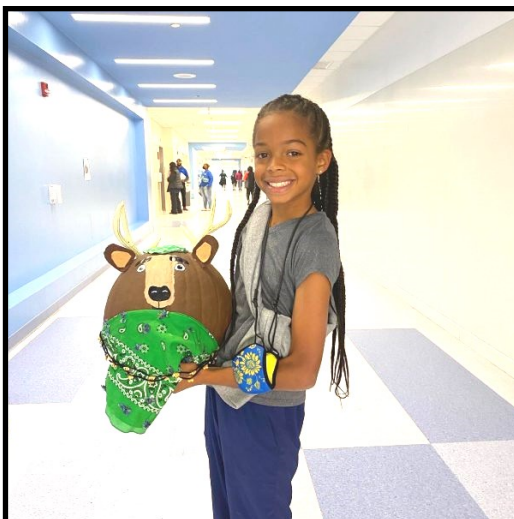
- Women’s underwear
  - Women’s sports bras
  - Long sleeve shirts (men, women, unisex)
  - Sweatshirts/sweaters (men, women, unisex)
  - Sweatpants (men, women, unisex)
  - Pants (men and women)
  - Socks (men, women, unisex)
  - Shoes (closed toe gym shoes) (infants, boys, girls, men and women)
  - Shoelaces
  - Winter coats (men, women, children, infants)
- Other items needed:
- New hygiene kit items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo)
  - Feminine hygiene products
  - Preference for sanitary pads and pantyliners
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  - Backpacks
  - Bath towels (large towels, hand towels, wash cloths)
  - Baby bottles
  - Baby carriers
  - Baby formula
  - Pedialyte
  - Diapers
  - Vaseline / diaper ointment
  - Baby wipes
  - Blankets
  - Nail clippers
  - Pack n’ plays
  - Razors
  - Hairbrushes
  - Chapstick
  - Ace bandages
  - Antibacterial cream
  - Antifungal cream
  - Band-aids (all sizes)
  - Calamine lotion
  - Calcium antacid (e.g., Tums)
  - First aid tape
  - Gauze
  - Heartburn medication (Famotidine)
  - Hydrocortisone cream
  - Tylenol/Ibuprofen
  - Toys and activity books
  - New clothing for children
    - 6 months-teens
- Underwear for children and teens
- We will update this list as we continue more detailed needs assessments. For additional inquiries, please email: [DONATIONS@cityofchicago.org](mailto:DONATIONS@cityofchicago.org).

**Thank you for all your efforts.**



## Pumpkin Decorating Contest & Harvest Fest

We are SO proud of all the students who participated in the Pumpkin Decorating



Contest. The submissions were amazing and it was definitely hard to just pick one pumpkin from each building. However, after much deliberation, we were able to choose our winners:

Pre-K Winner: **Ryan Shahbazian** Room 105

Primary Winner:

**Nyla Gandhi** Room 225

Middle School Building

Winner: **Lola Odugbesan**

Room 115



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## Rush Hour Riders Face Longer Waits As CTA Aims To Stop Ghost Buses, But Burned-Out Operators Nervous About Change

The agency is betting that less frequent peak service will improve the reliability of the system overall. Operators say it'll force many to work harder hours.

[Mack Liederman](#) 9:50 AM CST on Jan 12, 2023

A CTA bus drives on Clark Street in Lincoln Park on March 28, 2022. Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

CHICAGO — The CTA has reshuffled its bus schedules in hopes of providing more reliable service with its depleted workforce, but some operators fear the changes will make things even harder on them.

Commuters might be “ghosted” by buses less — but they should expect fewer buses at rush hour, longer average wait times and busier buses, bus operators and a data expert said. Bus operators said they’re also concerned the new schedules will stretch them thinner and force them into picking more dangerous routes and less desirable shifts.

Riders will immediately feel changes across 52 main routes — but service has only been moved around, not cut, CTA spokesperson Maddie Kilgannon said.

Generally, there will be fewer buses picking up people in the morning and evening rush hours, but buses will now come at larger intervals that are more uniform throughout the entire day, according to schedules reviewed by Block Club.

MORE

<https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/01/12/cta-rolls-back-rapid-transit-for-9-5-riders-in-new-schedules-aimed-to-stop-ghost-buses/>

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Aldermanic Candidate Dr. Helen Y. West Charges Democratic Committee with Undermining the Voice of the People in Upcoming Election *Inconsistent and Contradictory Endorsement of a Recently Elected State Representative*

Chicago, IL (January 9, 2023) -- 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Aldermanic Candidate Dr. Helen Y. West has announced that the Cook County Democratic Committee is overstepping its boundaries by endorsing a candidate for the vacant aldermanic seat who was recently elected as the Ward's State Representative. Dr. West asserted, "Voters of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward spoke loudly with their nearly 24,000 votes on November 8, 2022 when they re-elected the incumbent State Representative Lamont Robinson."

She cautions voters in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward to not allow the power of the Cook County Democratic Committee to undermine and silence their voice or to rescind their choice for State Representative. If Representative Robinson is now running for a seat on the City Council and he wins that seat, the voters of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward will be left with a vacancy in the State House. That vacancy will then be filled by an appointed State Representative that 4<sup>th</sup> Ward voters will have no voice in selecting. Unfortunately, it becomes a selection, not an election!

These are the facts: Lamont Robinson was uncontested and had the option to withdraw from the general election for State Representative if he did not want the job. Voters in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward could have mobilized in favor of a write-in candidate. But that did not happen! Instead, he continued to campaign for State Representative with the support of the Democratic Committee. In other words, Robinson intentionally and deliberately mitigated his risk by assuring he would have a job if he lost the Aldermanic race. It's time for the voters in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward to show Representative Robinson it was a smart bet by letting him do the job he campaigned for and was elected to do. Send him back to his self-made security blanket in Springfield! There are qualified candidates for the aldermanic seat in Chicago.

Dr. West further states that if elected Alderman of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, she promises "to make certain that all residents' voices are heard at every table in every room." The time is now, prior to the February 28, 2023 election, to begin fulfillment of that promise. "The 4<sup>th</sup> Ward voters need responsible, accountable, and honest representation in the Chicago City Council. That includes not being afraid to speak "Truth to Power," she said.

Dr. West feels it's her obligation to keep the voters in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward informed. "The voters have already given Lamont Robinson a job to do. Let's make him do it and hold him responsible and accountable for the State Representative job he asked for."

--more--

Dr. Helen Y. West Questions Candidacy of Lamont Robinson/2

Dr. West acknowledges that more work needs to be done in Springfield and that Representative Robinson has done the job well to date. "I know Lamont personally and agree that he has done a great job representing us at the State level. I am eager to work with him to represent the people in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward on a local level. Together, Lamont Robinson and I can work toward a better Chicago and a better Illinois."

In conclusion, Dr. West states, "It is in the best interest of the voters to insist that their voices not be silenced and that their representatives in government not be appointed. That diminishes the role of voters and disrupts the democratic process."

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- ◆ **Prioritize improvements and access to educational resources**
- ◆ **Improve 4<sup>th</sup> Ward cleanliness**
- ◆ **Stimulate Economic development**
- ◆ **Advocate for affordable housing**

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# Ten year anniversary

We started this publication on February 1, 2013. It was no accident. We heard that the local newspaper, the Chicago Journal, was going to cease publication in the South Loop. We decided that it would be a worthwhile effort if we tried to, in some small way, replace some of the news that was lost. We don't pretend to be the Journal's equal. They were a "for profit" publication with a paid staff. This is strictly a non-profit effort. Our goal is to support local businesses and local organizations and provide news of Printers Row and Dearborn Park. It is sponsored by the South Loop Referral Group, a networking group of small business owners. We would like to thank those who have contributed to providing quality, lively reading. **Bonnie McGrath** has been in most every issue, **Beth Finke** joined us in September, 2013 with her wit and wisdom. Later, **Mike Knezovich** began contributing his "both feet on the ground" commentary of common sense. **Marianne Gosse** writes about Retirement. Our newest contributor is author **Regan Burke**. Thank you to **Brian Hieggelke**, editor of **Newcity** for allowing us to use selected excellently written pieces. Thank you to our book reviewer: **Lorraine Schmall**. Thanks to the property managers who help distribute the Dearborn Express to their residents. Thank you to **Janice Koerber** for information gathering as Assistant Editor. And finally, thank you to the support from the South Loop Referral Group. Our first issue honored **Roy Svenson**, branch manager of then, Community Bank inside the Dearborn Station. He helped me cobble together the very first issue. As stated in that article, "Roy has tirelessly promoted relationships by bringing people together for a mutually positive impact. He sat on a number of boards and seemingly knows everybody. A few years ago, the Chicago City Council named a 'day' after Roy by proclamation." Roy retired in December, 2012.

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**LEAVING THE STATION**  
Roy Svenson, Branch Manager of Chicago Community Bank, new Metro Bank, located in the old Dearborn Station, has retired as of Jan. 1, 2013. Roy is known for being "Mr. South Loop". Roy has tirelessly promoted relationships by bringing people together for a mutually positive impact. He sat on a number of boards and seemingly knows everybody. A few years ago, the Chicago City Council named a "day" after Roy by proclamation. When First Chicago Bank vacated the location in 1999, Argo Savings Bank opened a branch in Dearborn Station and brought in Roy to run the operation. When Argo sold several of its branches to Chicago Community Bank, Roy stayed on to continue on as Branch Manager. Several farewell events were planned to give an appreciation to Roy and all that he has done. The South Loop Referral Group had a breakfast at Blackhawk. A reception was held at the bank on Dec 27 for customers and friends. All the reception a limited edition post card was created showing a view from the south of the bank approaching and leaving Dearborn Station. Roy is moving to the bank to be deployed on the west side near the entrance. Chicago Roy lives in Hoffman Estates, he promises to return and keep a presence in the community. Our sincere hope is that Roy will find new channels for his energy in retirement while keeping the link to the South Loop.

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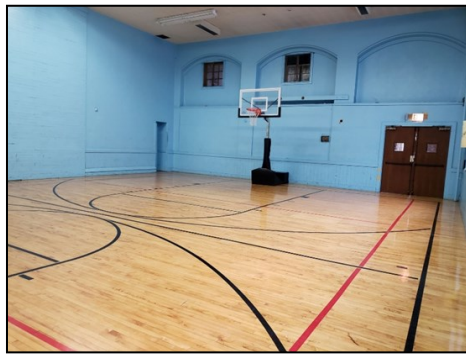
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**Ashley McLean | Office Administrator**

Second Presbyterian Church

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1000 S Michigan Av is starting to create more of a presence as it rises to 73 stories. Looks to be about half way there. It will contain 738 rental apartments, 320 parking spaces, and 356 bike parking spaces. No retail space. Notice how it cantilevers over the building next door.

Photo January 10, 2023



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# Theatre. . . . In the South Loop

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O'Malley Theatre, 431 S Wabash, Chicago



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### DePaul University

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## Good Grief

by Ngozi Anyanwu

directed by Aurelia Clunie

Matthew Jason George is a celestial king with a James Dean vibe. At least that's how Nkechi (N) decides to conjure him in an attempt to stop time and mourn her best friend. Somewhere between the concrete and mythical, N, an immigrant daughter, weaves her feelings into the factual to rewrite the love story she never got.  
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## Chicago Poet Laureate Program

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[The Chicago Public Library, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, and Poetry Foundation have announced the creation of the Chicago Poet Laureate program.](#) The program aims to increase awareness of Chicago's literary history and honor the work of local poets. The Chicago Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term, receive a grant of \$50,000, and create a series of public programs. The public is invited to submit nominees for the role until January 18, and the Laureate will be formally appoint-

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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

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## 2023 MENU Request

4TH WARD

Chicago Aldermen are allocated roughly \$1.5 million dollars of discretionary funds to use for infrastructure repairs and enhancements throughout their wards. Alderman King and her staff engage in a rigorous review process to ensure these funds are distributed in an equitable manner to areas of greatest need. [If you would like to make a request for the 2023 menu fund, please fill out the form on our website.](#)

## Office of the Inspector General

CITY OF CHICAGO

The Office of Inspector General's Public Safety section has posted its Draft 2023 Outlook on Police Oversight and Accountability for Public Comment. [Please see the report in its entirety to view statistics, metrics, and other data collected.](#)

Additionally, the Office of Inspector General's Audit and Program Review (APR) section has posted its APR 2023 Draft Audit Plan for Public Comment. [Please see the report in its entirety to view statistics, metrics, and other](#)

## Virtual Alderman 'On the Block'

MEET WITH ALDERMAN KING ON ZOOM

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For more City info, click [here](#)

## Carjacking Prevention Tips

ADDRESS YOUR SAFETY CONCERNS

There have been several instances of carjackings in our community this year, and while we are working with the Chicago Police Department to keep our neighborhoods safe, we hope that you will take heed of these [carjacking prevention tips](#) to keep yourself from being a victim.

## CPD District Meetings

ADDRESS YOUR SAFETY CONCERNS

Use the CPD's online [tool](#) to find your district and beat.

## COVID-19 Boosters

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 boosters are now available for everyone 16+ at CDPH-sponsored clinics and programs. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## [South Loop](#)

# DAC buys land for 424 S. Wabash

## The tower will host 270 hotel rooms

January 09, 2023, 8:00AM Lukas Kugler

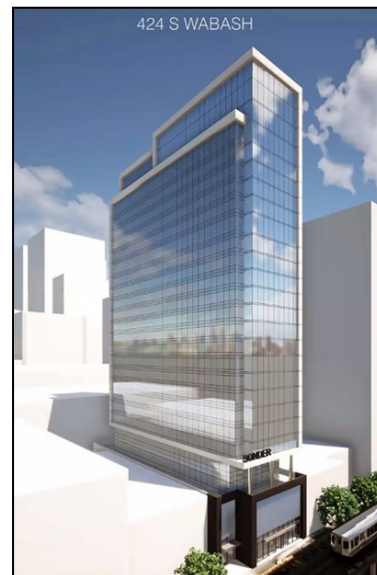
DAC Developments has acquired the site for their upcoming development at 424 S. Wabash. Located between E. Van Buren St and E. Congress Pkwy, the midblock site is directly across the street from the Roosevelt University tower. The property is currently occupied by a vacant parking lot and one-story brick structure.

Designed by Pappageorge Haymes, the site will become home to a 26-story mixed-use tower. Set to rise 285 feet, it will hold 1,800 square feet of ground floor retail space, office space and 270 hotel rooms. The hotel portion will be run by The Sonder Group, a hotelier that specializes in rooms that are akin to apartments, offering visitors spaces that can be larger and more suitable to families and groups. Considering this distinction, the hotel rooms are split into 190 studios, 16 one-beds, and 64 two-bedroom suites.

At the ground floor, retail space will face S. Wabash Ave with the hotel lobby sitting at the south end of the street frontage. Loading, services, and parking will be accessed from the alley. 40 parking spaces will be located within the second and third floors of the podium, with an amenity deck on top. Above the amenity deck, Sonder will occupy two floors as office space.

Proposing a fully glazed enclosure, the architects aim to create a glass portal to The Loop between the Roosevelt University tower and this new project. The northern facade will feature a two-toned glass curtain wall, referencing the design of Roosevelt University's tower. With a context of rich, historic brick buildings, the glass design aims to contribute to the area by reflecting those structures rather than competing with them.

With the site already zoned as DX-16, the hotel use is permitted by-right on the property, allowing the developers to proceed without any city review. After securing the site for \$7.5 million according to The Real Deal, the developers can look towards securing financing and moving to begin construction. Permits for the building have been filed and are awaiting issuance.



424 S. Wabash  
Pappageorge Haymes Partners

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## Historic mural restored at Second Presbyterian Church. After more than 100 years, the vibrancy of the windows and the mural were hidden by dirt, leading supporters of the church to embark on a campaign to restore the artistic treasures to their original glory.

By Bob Chiarito | Special to the Sun-Times 1/6/23

The theme of the New Year's Day service at Second Presbyterian Church was a call to parishioners about renewal in their lives. Titled "A New Heaven and a New Earth," it could have been about the historic church itself.

The church at 1936 S. Michigan Ave. — both a Chicago landmark and a national historic landmark — recently restored a mural considered a treasure among lovers of both art and history.

The church was designed by architect James Renwick and dates to 1874; the sanctuary dates to 1901 because it was rebuilt after being destroyed by a fire a year earlier. At the time, the Prairie District neighborhood was home to prominent Chicago industrialists and business people like the Fields, Kimbells, Pullmans, Armors and Swifts who expected nothing short of the finest.

The rebuilt sanctuary met their expectations with an edifice modeled after the English Gothic churches of the early 15th century and constructed with rusticated Illinois limestone. The facade had a massive wall with buttresses and pinnacles, relieved by Gothic-arched windows, horizontal bands and four large sculptured medallions symbolizing the four evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

As impressive as the building is, it's what's inside that makes it truly special.

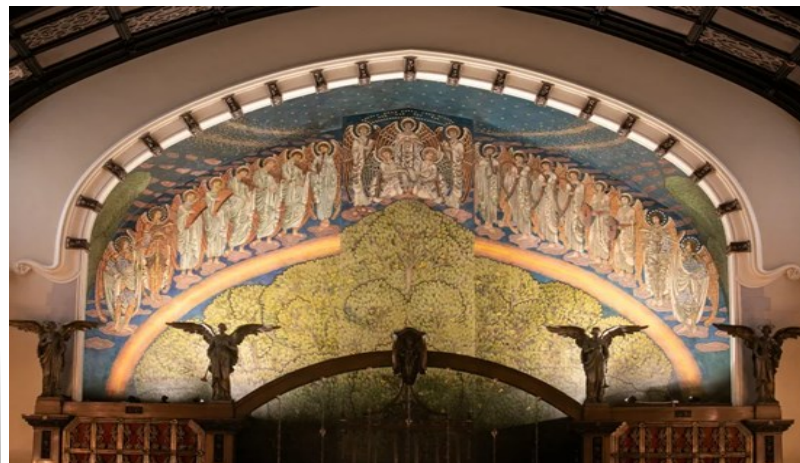
The church sports seven large Tiffany stained-glass windows and the 40-by-30-foot "Tree of Life" mural high above the altar by renowned painter Frederic Clay Bartlett.

"It's one of Chicago's most amazing arts and crafts interiors," said Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago.

After more than 100 years, the vibrancy of the windows and the mural were hidden by dirt, leading supporters of the church to embark on a campaign to restore the artistic treasures to their original glory.

Two Tiffany windows were cleaned in October and there are plans to finish the rest over the next year, according to Linda Miller, president of Friends of Historic Second Church, a group dedicated to restoring Second Presbyterian Church.

The largest project was restoring the "Tree of Life" mural, which wrapped up in mid-December. Preservationists worked 10 weeks meticulously cleaning the mural, stripping layers of dirt and repainting to show it in its original splendor. The project cost about \$500,000 and was financed by donations and a \$256,364 Save America's Treasure Grant received in 2021, Linda Miller said.



The mural restoration was done by Chicago-based Parma Conservation, run by the husband-and-wife team of Peter Schoenmann and Elizabeth Kendall.

Parma, which has restored Depression-era murals in Chicago Public Schools and post offices around the country, said the restoration of the Tree of Life mural was a challenge because of its age and frailty.

"It had over a century of dirty air on it, and we also found when we started cleaning that there was repainting and a heavy amber, varnish layer," Schoenmann said. "So, all of that was removed to get to the original 1903 layer."

The project was harder than it sounds.

Setting up the scaffolding took three weeks. It needed to stretch 65 feet high to enable conservators to reach the mural. And it had to contend with light fixtures, wood arches and a metal organ screen.

Then, Schoenmann and Kendall had to figure out what solvents would safely remove whatever wasn't original.

Miller said watching the Parma team reminded her of stories about the Sistine Chapel. "It was painstaking work that reminded me of Michelangelo, working millimeter by millimeter."

Schoenmann said there were several "Christmas morning moments."

"Discovering what's underneath all these layers of dirt and darkness is kind of like opening a present because you're revealing a prize. This was one of the most satisfying wow factors because the change between what it was and what it became was so dramatic," he said.

Among the surprises were uncovering Italian gold leaf, finding out the sky in the mural was blue, not green as it appeared, and discovering vibrant yellow lemons on the trees.

"In our line of work, you never really know what you're going to uncover or reveal, so you have to proceed very slowly and cautiously until you understand all the layers that are there."

Schoenmann said it was amazing to see how vibrant the mural was in 1903. "It almost looks like it was painted yesterday."

Kendall called the result "amazing" after seeing the mural on Friday for the first time after the scaffolding was removed.

"You can see the lemons on the trees," she said. "Wow."

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## Video Shows Driver Crashing Into Light Post And Ghost Bike Where Cyclist Was Killed In Grant Park

Advocates urge the city to better protect bikers near the Lakefront Trail after the latest DuSable Lake Shore Drive Crash. It was "a painful reminder more needs to be done."

[Kayleigh Padar](#) Jan 13, 2023

**DOWNTOWN** — A driver smashed into a light post at the same lakefront spot where a driver hit and killed bicyclist [Gerardo Marciales](#) about a year ago — highlighting the dangers bicyclists and pedestrians face there, local activists say.

The Dec. 11 crash on DuSable Lake Shore Drive at Balbo Drive severely mangled a white ghost bike set up to honor Marciales' memory. Local advocacy group Bike Lane Uprising shared video of the incident this week, saying the light post still hasn't been replaced — further endangering people trying to cross there.

The crash and video have left Chicago's biking community frustrated yet again after years of pleading with the city to make the area safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.



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ARMED ROBBERY Handgun Street Beat 123

12/25/2022 Midnight 600 S Federal  
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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Handgun Apt Beat 123

12/23/2022 6:50pm 1100 S Lakeshore Drive  
STRONGARM ROBBERY No weapon Sidewalk Beat 132

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12/21/2022 4:46pm 1100 S State  
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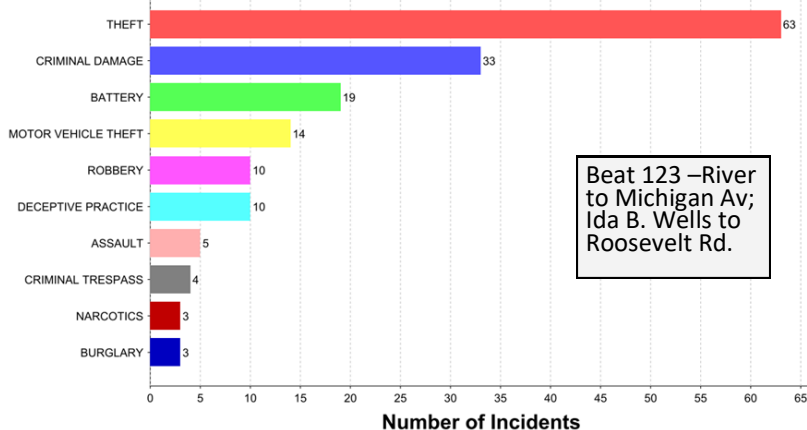
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### Top Ten Crimes From 09-Oct-2022 To 09-Nov-2022 On Beat 0123

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## Fatal shootings of couple found in South Loop home ruled murder-suicide

Leticia Zaragoza, 45, and Joseph P. Fry, 36, were discovered in their apartment in the 2000 block of South Indiana Avenue around 3 p.m. Monday, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)

Updated Jan 10, 2023, 4:20pm CST

Sun-Times file

Authorities have ruled that the fatal shootings of a woman and a man in their South Loop apartment was a murder-suicide. Leticia Zaragoza, 45, and Joseph P. Fry, 36, were discovered in their home in the 2000 block of South Indiana Avenue around 3 p.m. Monday, according to Chicago police. Both had been shot in the head, police said. The shooting happened sometime after 2 p.m. on Sunday and before 3 p.m. on Monday, according to police.

Zaragoza's death was ruled a homicide, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Fry's death was ruled a suicide.

Zaragoza's brother, Tony Garcia, told reporters he went to the apartment after getting a call from their father.

"She never bothered anybody," Garcia told reporters outside the apartment building. "She was loved by everybody. She was a beautiful person."

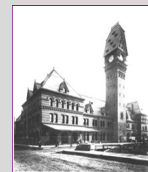
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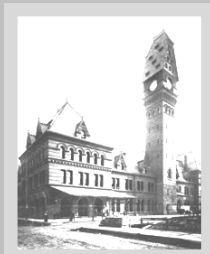
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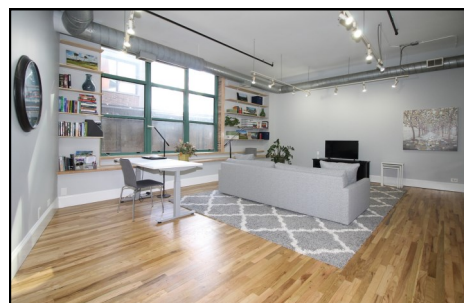
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