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South Loop votes for Vallas; abandons Lightfoot

Voters in the 20 precincts of the South Loop voted 38.34% for Paul Vallas in the 2023 Chicago Mayoral Primary. City-wide runner-up Brandon Johnson received 10.77% in the South Loop and former mayor Lori Lightfoot 8.48%. Vallas, 33.75% city-wide, and Johnson, 20.27% city-wide, will meet in the Run-Off Mayoral Election on April 4th.

The voting precincts in the South Loop include 12 precincts in the 3rd Ward, 4 in the 4th Ward, and 4 in the new 34th Ward. Total votes across these 20 precincts were Vallas 38.34%, Buckner 12.99%, Green 11.68%, Johnson 10.77%, Lightfoot 8.48%, Garcia 6.72%, Sawyer 5.47%, Wilson 4.22%, and King 1.33%.

Lightfoot's poor showing was in sharp contrast to her results in the 2019 run-off election where she won every South Loop precinct in the 3rd and 4th Wards (those north of the Stevenson Expressway). At that time, the 34th Ward did not include any precincts in the South Loop.

In the South Loop's Aldermanic races, Pat Dowell won the 3rd Ward unopposed. Bill Conway won the 34th Ward with 66.6% ward-wide and 64.1% in the South Loop.

In the 4th Ward, Lamont Robinson will face Prentice Butler in a run-off election on April 4th. In the primary, Robinson received 46.17% ward-wide and 50.13% in the South Loop. Butler received 14.97% ward-wide and 15.77% in the South Loop.

Other 4th Ward candidates included Ebony Lucas (14.45% ward-wide, 10.92% South Loop), Tracy Bey (9.49%, 5.55%), Khari Humphries (9.32%, 6.72%), and Helen West (5.60%, 10.92%).

Roger Marsh, South Loop Neighbors

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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

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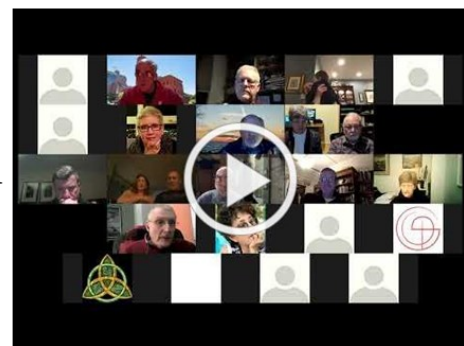
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Development update Presentation

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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Backstory Essays

Regan Burke

[How I love Jimmy Carter!](#)

February 20, 2023



As an eighth grader I entered segregated St. Mary's of the Assumption school for two months at the end of the school year. My family had come apart in the Chicago suburbs and one of my sisters and I were sent to live with relatives in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. I'd never been in a school separated by race. The only time whites and Blacks mingled at St. Mary's happened on the playground where we defiantly integrated ourselves into two mixed-gender baseball teams.

For as long as I can remember my sisters and I followed our parents into the very last pew of church for Sunday Mass. They timed it so we arrived about twenty minutes late, in time for the Consecration of the Eucharist, the attendance marker at the mandatory once a week Mass.

As we approached our first Sunday at St. Mary's Church in Upper Marlboro, my sister and I naturally headed for the pews in the back of the church. A white man ushered us out of our seats into a pew toward the front. Only Blacks sat in the back. The Sunday my mother visited us she pushed the white usher aside and insisted on sitting in the back. Her hangovers were far too severe to suffer through the entire hour of a full Mass. She needed a quick exit after the obligatory Communion.

One day St. Mary's eighth grade class was bussed twenty minutes down the road to Andrews Air Force Base to greet President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Blacks in the back of the bus. Whites in the front. We'd been given little American flags to wave at the president as he deplaned Air Force One. It was 1959 and my first experience at an event for a President of the United States.

Sixteen years after my St. Mary's grade school graduation, I read about Jimmy Carter's campaign for president in Time Magazine. Carter, as governor, in a surprise to fellow Georgians had denounced racism and segregation.



I wrote to him in Plains, Georgia, applauding his positions and volunteered for his presidential campaign. He sent me a hand written thank you note with a postscript to contact the local Democrats in my small New Jersey town.

Around that time, my son's hockey coach was mounting his own campaign for mayor. Eventually the coach endorsed Carter and opened a local campaign office. To the great consternation of my then-husband, I spent all my spare time campaigning for Jimmy Carter. That husband expressed his silent scorn by laying on the couch drinking cases of beer. I, in turn, after a year of abstinence in Alcoholics Anonymous, slipped into the basement with quarts of vodka to escape what looked like a doomed existence.

We both stayed sober for our last family excursion—waving little American flags outside the U.S. Capitol for Jimmy Carter's Inauguration in January, 1977.

A month later I finished my last drink and got a divorce. In years since, I've organized events for many Democrats and eventually worked for President Bill Clinton. I've never failed to distribute small American flags to the diverse crowds.

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

Available at Sandmeyer's Book Store and other places.





Sincerely Marianne

Thoughts after coming close to being a fatality

By *Marianne Goss*,

Many of us have experienced a close call with death. A car just missed hitting our vehicle and plowed into another yards from us. A plane we were supposed to be on crashed. We were present during a mass shooting — an increasingly common occurrence in America.

It's natural to think, it could have been me.

On Monday afternoon, February 20, I walked westward through the intersection of Wabash Avenue and Roosevelt Road less than a block from my home. I had just reached the other side when I heard a thud and screams behind me. Turning around, I saw a FedEx truck — with a body pinned underneath. The victim, who died, must have passed me in the crosswalk. If I'd been a few seconds later, I would have been in the spot where the truck struck her.

We go out to do everyday things in the neighborhood not thinking we might not return. If we live with others, we probably say, "Bye, see you later." I say that to my cat. The accident victim, identified as Marsha Frankel, 72, lived two blocks away. Her crushed walker or grocery cart and shoe were still at the accident site hours later as the police investigated. Since she was walking toward Michigan Avenue, where she lived, she might have been returning home from an errand.

I was grateful to be alive, sad about Ms. Frankel, and guilty about feeling blessed when an unlucky person was dead.

Why her and not me?

I started to ponder that question, but I have a problem with thinking that everything happens for a reason. If that were so, God should be held accountable for the bad events as well as the good. I do not believe that a guardian angel pulled strings for me. I do not believe that a less benevolent spirit decided that the poor woman's time was up.

Advice I read online proposes that we're better off not looking for meaning in a traumatic event: "Whether you survive or not, or are injured or unharmed, often comes down to luck and has no deeper meaning. . . . Try to accept what happened and give yourself permission to stop trying to find meaning in what occurred."

An accident might be defined as being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Sometimes accidents are so freakish you wonder how someone could have been so unlucky. Chicagoans, remember when a woman was killed by a chunk that fell off a South Loop church as she walked by?

I cross the Wabash-Roosevelt intersection multiple times a week to go to the el station, Jewel, Walgreens, and shops farther down Roosevelt. Sometimes I'm just out walking. The morning after the accident, I had to cross there to get to the el. When the walk light came on, I paused for a second or two and looked all around before stepping off the curb.

I intend to continue to be cautious there. It's a dangerous corner, with cars, delivery trucks, buses, bicycles, skateboards, and pedestrians converging. I hope the city can do something to make it safer. But accidents can happen anywhere. We can avoid foolish risks, but we can't guarantee that we'll never have an accident. But neither should we think it's only a matter of time before we are in one. Accidents aren't rational or predictable.

Although I felt extremely unsafe for a time after the incident, my vulnerability hasn't changed. I am no more or less vulnerable than if I had not gone out that afternoon. I am no more or less vulnerable than anyone else. Having a close call simply reminded me of how vulnerable any human is, how fragile life is.

If I take any meaning from the close call, it's to value every day because you never know.

South Looper Marianne Goss blogs at <https://sincerelymarianne.blogspot.com/>



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John and Mary Jones are significant figures in the abolitionist movement in the early history of Chicago. John Jones was the undisputed leader of Chicago's emerging black community from the 1850s through the 1870s, rising to national prominence as an abolitionist and an early civil rights leader. Together with his wife, Mary Jane Richardson Jones, herself an abolitionist and early suffragette, the couple became central figures of the abolitionist movement in Chicago. John and Mary Jones used their home on Edina Place (now Plymouth Court) as a "station" on the Underground Railroad, which helped hundreds of fugitive slaves find freedom in the North and Canada. Their Chicago residence also served as a meeting place for locally and nationally prominent abolitionists and was the center of their life-long efforts to achieve greater civil rights for enslaved and free blacks alike. John Jones was also the first African-American to hold elected office in Illinois as a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

[#BlackHistoryMonth](#)



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April 1, 2023

10 am
 Cotton Tail Park

Join SLN for our annual Easter egg hunt in Cotton Tail Park. Children should bring a basket and be prepared to scoop up plastic eggs with a candy or prize inside. There will be three separate egg hunts for different age groups: 4 and under, ages 5-8, and ages 9-12.

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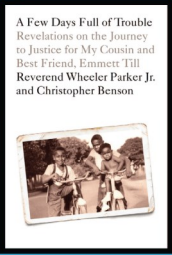


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Rev. Wheeler Parker, Jr., Emmett's Till cousin and the last living survivor of the night of terror when Till was lynched, shares his story and that of his cousin in *A Few Days Full of Trouble*, a powerful work of truth-telling. Rev. Parker discusses the book and Till's life and legacy with co-author **Christopher Benson** at the AWM.



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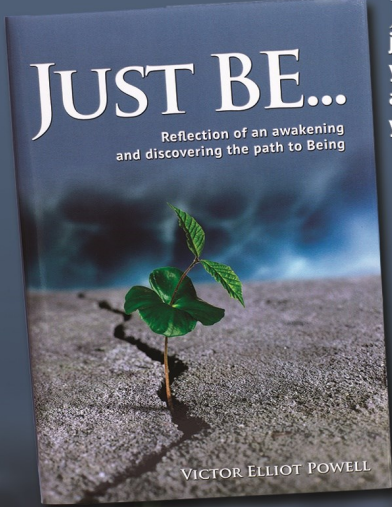
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Blind Owl, by Sadeq Hedayat, translated by Sassan Tabatabai in 2022 (Penguin Classics).

It's women's history month—an appropriate time to look at a recent, horrific event that, in retrospect, is much less surprising after reading **Blind Owl**, a classic of modern Persian literature that gives historical depth to a civilized nation's treatment of women. Six months ago, Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurd, died after her “violent arrest” for infringing *hejab* rules amid an on-going Iranian crackdown on women's dress. An eerie, psychological, confessional thriller, written in 1936—long before the revolution brought power to the religious leaders who suborned Amini's death—recently translated and brought to the “Staff favorites” shelf at the Chicago Public Library, **Blind Owl** exemplifies the pervasive and discrepant views of the “fair” sex. Hedayat lived under a Shah, who wanted Iran to enter the modern Western world, who ordered “mandatory unveiling” and invited women to join society. Men, both hoity toity and the hoi poloi, became drawn, confused, fearful, and disgusted by the liberated woman. The unnamed narrator suffers from those emotions. Addled by opium and alcohol, the protagonist, a destitute painter of lacquered pen boxes, has a vision of a beautiful woman with whom he becomes—or always has been—obsessed. The pen case painter is uncertain if he wants to understand or exorcise the demons he carries, the memories that depress him, and the crime he may, or may not, have committed. We feel (and perhaps succumb to) his madness by the brilliant literary techniques Hedayat employs: repeating the same set of mental images—an old man with a “dry, disturbing laugh that made the hair on your body stand up

on end,” four cadaverous black horses with rasping coughs that deliver dead lambs every day to a butcher who “caresses their thighs” and “maybe, when he caressed his wife's body at night...imagined how much money he could make if he were to slaughter her;” a hidden urn of poisoned wine prepared for the painter by his own mother, an ancient earthen jug with an image of the woman with slanted, Turkmen eyes, “like two black diamonds that had been dropped in tears”—a woman he hates or loves—wrapped in a filthy rag. His metaphors are sensual, offensive and unceasing. His room, “like a tomb,” holds the “smell of sweat, the smell of ancient diseases, the odor of moles in feet, the sharp smell of urine, the smell of stale oil, the smell of rotten straw, burnt eggs, the smell of fried onions, decoctions, the smell of a babies' regurgitations and pacifiers, the smell of a boy's room who has just reached puberty, vapors from the street, the smell of the dead and those still alive but on their deathbed.” The slender volume overflows with bizarre, disturbing energy, that hearkens to Poe or Kafka, and which makes William S. Burroughs ramblings sound sane and sober. It is captivating and terrifying, and adds context to the modern world. Read it, and read it again, and stay up all night.



Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park / March, 2023

A new novel by

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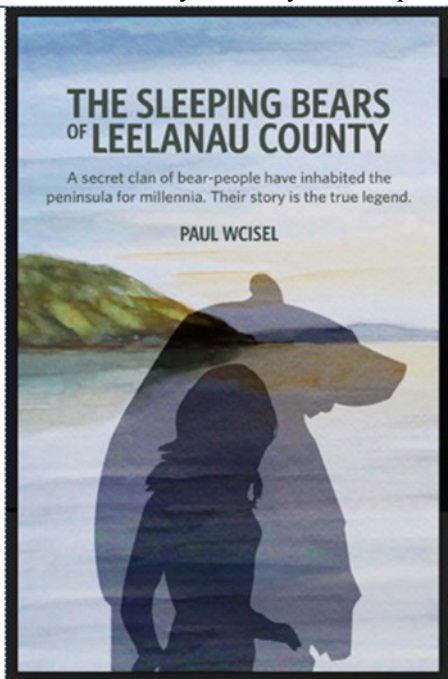
Paul Wcisel

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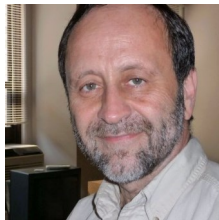
Beth Finke

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) November 7, 2022



Humbled

On September 28 last year, Beth and I were in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, thanks to the generosity of her nephew Ben—who owns a sweet little condo right off the lake, and who let us take a break from downtown Chicago.

We got a call – our friend Brad had died after having seemingly survived lung cancer, only to have it roar back in multiple forms. Beth and I were scheduled to stay another night in Wisconsin, but after a very brief talk, we decided to head home to be with our friends, friends who had rallied around Brad to the very end. It was really no decision at all so much as a need.

I'd been working at my laptop at the breakfast bar, and when I stood from the stool to start packing to leave, I was frozen in excruciating pain. My lower right back and hip just radiated misery, and I couldn't bear weight on my right leg. I remembered that the condo had a jacuzzi—Beth started the hot water and I more or less crawled to the tub. She found the switch for the jets, and I got in and curled up so that they fired on my back and hip.

It worked—I managed to get in the rental car and get us home, and we met our friends at the local watering hole where we'd hung out with Brad. It was therapeutic.

My back remained irksome—and I lost feeling in a couple toes and my foot flopped, so I saw my Dr. I had an MRI and got a call with the results—I had a herniated disc that was pushing on nerves. These nerves, the Dr. explained, controlled my leg, as well as my bodily functions, so I'd best see the spinal surgeon ASAP. Two weeks later, Beth and I sat in the specialist's office. He showed me the images of my spine and my hoodlum disc. After some conversation, we decided I'd try physical therapy and then come back.

After two weeks, I was still limping, but my foot and leg were measurably stronger, so we stayed the course with PT and no surgery. It was a slog. I was restricted from lifting or any physical vigor. In our household, that required a lot of creativity. Beth has always been able to take the garbage to the chute just down the hall. But recycling requires navigating to the bins in our loading dock. Where there is recycling, there is a way. We got the communal cart that we typically use for groceries and big packages. Beth loaded the recycling bag, and I pulled the cart with Beth in tow. I guided us to the recycling bins, and Beth lifted and emptied the bags.

And so it went. I had groceries delivered and transferred them from a table in the lobby of our building to the cart by more or less tipping the bags over onto the cart. I unpacked the light-weight stuff and Beth took care of the rest.

Come Thanksgiving we ordered a fresh local turkey from our little market down the street. When it came in Beth brought her big backpack and I guided her and our turkey home. Beth put it in the fridge and when it came time to dry brine it, she lifted it out of the fridge and put it on the counter. When I was done, she returned it to the fridge.

On Thanksgiving day, she lifted it into the roasting pan. Together, we lowered the roasting pan into the oven—she grabbed one handle, I grabbed the other and I guided us onto the baking rack.

That's also how we took it out—teamwork—and for the record, the turkey was fantastic (not dry) and also yielded some great broth.

And that's how it was for several months. Together we applied the same kind of creativity that Beth and I had to find when she lost her sight nearly 40 years ago, the kind of ingenuity that Beth has to employ to navigate her life to this day.

On December 23 (Beth's birthday and Festivus!) I had a routine skin check. I've had some pre-cancerous stuff removed in the past, so these checks have become a regular ritual. My regular dermatologist was on leave so I saw a different doc. She introduced herself and said, "Word on the street is you have a lot of moles." Not exactly the reputation I'd cultivate but she wasn't wrong.

Two spots were suspicious, and both were biopsied and I got stitched up and went home. A week later the results indicated one of the two areas was a real problem. The good news is it was caught early, the bad news is it sits in an awful spot—just above the knee on the inside of my thigh, where things bend.

I'll save you the gory details save to say—they're gory. I have a gazillion stitches that bark at me every time I move. They're coming out Friday but it'll be awhile before I can do stuff like exercise. This after finally being cleared for the treadmill after months of PT for my back.

And just to top things off, on Saturday, I was making room in the refrigerator to store a big old pot of sloppy Joe's that I'd made for a neighborhood get-together Saturday night.

As I pushed stuff back on the left side of the shelf, a giant jar of pickles squirted out the right side and landed squarely on my barefoot right big toe. I screamed. Beth ran out of her office to find out what was wrong. I cursed. I iced.

I returned to our chaise lounge, which has been my nest for the past several week. Leg extended, ice pack on my stitches, and now, frozen peas on my toe. A thoroughly inglorious existence.

At this point I was pretty sure I'd skip the party and send the sloppy Joes with Beth and stay on the chaise where I could do no more harm. One of our friends, Steven, offered to drive me the two blocks and promised to take me back home whenever I needed to go.

Ultimately, I donned my sweats, and slippers (regular shoes were too painful for the toe) and Steven brought me door-to-door. I hobbled to a couch, our party host Ruth brought me an ice pad, and I roosted.

Our friend Jim brought me food, our friend Laura brought me beverages, and I had a great time, much better that I would've had moping on the chaise.

That very morning our friend Colleen had delivered a care package that included her world famous minestrone (along with some grated parmesan), frozen pesto, and fancy dried pasta. Beth had engineered her visit, which was a surprise, and I about cried. OK maybe I did a cry little bit.

I've had some very painful and low-spirited times in the past few weeks. Ultimately, they've left me humbled and more grateful for life than I've ever been.

I'm lucky because I have good health insurance. It would've been easy to avoid that skin check, and if I weren't insured, there's no doubt I would've skipped it or put it off. And that probably would've been it for me.

I've got kind, sharp-witted friends who are steps away, and who made me completely forget my stitches and my toe Saturday night.

And best of all, I have a beautiful and intrepid partner who can help me get a turkey in and out of the oven. What else do you need?

Call for Volunteers!

Is there an SLN event you would like to volunteer for this year? The following are some of the events being planned by SLN and we can certainly use additional volunteer help for many of these events.

- Candidates Forum
- Trivia Night
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Ice Cream Social
- Grills Night Out Cotton Tail
- Yard Sale
- Pickleball Clinic
- Park Cleanup
- Printers Row Art Fest
- Grant Park Neighborhood Ribfest
- Pet Pageant
- Pub Crawl
- Pictionary Night
- Holiday Cookie Contest
- Loft Walk

Interested in volunteering with any of the above events, let us know which events [here](#) and we will get you the details!



Tia Fuller performing with the Columbia College Jazz Ensemble last weekend for a four day performance and workshop.

When Grammy-nominated Mack Avenue recording artist, composer, educator and bandleader **Tia Fuller** picks up her saxophone, something amazing happens. Currently, Fuller balances the worlds of performance and education, *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, and *summa cum laude* with a Master's degree in Jazz Pedagogy and Performance from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Fulfilling a demanding schedule as both a busy touring, recording artist and a full-time professor at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

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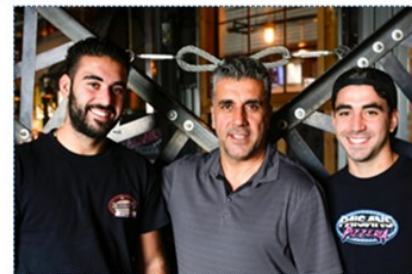
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Editor's Letter: March, 2023

March 2, 2023 by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

How did this month's once-in-a-lifetime cover come about? To explain, I have to describe how the sausage—er, hot dog?—is made.

We've gradually done away with the "cover story," a central part of our existence for the last three decades, in favor of a cover that draws from aspects of a feature story or two for design inspiration, but that lives as its own thing. There are many reasons for doing this, not the least of which is that every issue, including this one, has typically four or more stories that could have been cover stories in our past.



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Most of our bigger feature stories come together for us in a straightforward way; a writer pitches an idea to an editor, or in some cases an editor pitches an idea to a writer. But that does not explain where those ideas come from.

Take this month's "Paper Chase," for example. Writer Dave Hoekstra is friends with photographer Paul Natkin. Paul introduced Dave to his neighbor, Tom Greensfelder, who told Dave about his lifelong obsession with paper models and showed them to him. Dave then pitched us the story. The story then inspired us to create a cover that is a functional paper model that is the first fold-out in our history.

Matt Bergstrom is a creator of paper models—he's mentioned in Dave's story—who has created a number of extraordinary paper models of Chicago, including the Thompson Center, the Metropolitan Correctional Center and the Ohio House Coffee Shop. (See them at [buildyourownchicago.com](#).) We asked Matt to create something for us, perhaps drawn from Chicago's iconic vernacular, like a hot dog or Italian beef stand. Matt responded with the idea of a full-scale replica model of a Chicago hot dog, and we bit.

We then asked longtime contributor Monica Kass Rogers to photograph it like she would other food arrangements, and here you go. To add relish to the whole thing, it turns out that dining and drinking editor David Hammond's new book, with co-author Monica Eng, about iconic made-in-Chicago foods is coming out this month, so we asked him to craft an excerpt that included the hot dog. And voila, two stories converge in one cover. We hope you have fun assembling it after you read the issue.

—BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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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.

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Jonathan Horwich & Carol Montag

The Taxonomy of Peggy Macnamara

March 9–April 28, 2023

The Department of Exhibitions, Performance and Student Spaces' [Glass Curtain Gallery](#) is pleased to present a solo exhibition by Peggy Macnamara. Come celebrate the opening on Thursday, March 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the artist will be present.

The Taxonomy of Peggy Macnamara features an immense array of artwork that has been created during Macnamara's tenure as the only artist in residence at the Field Museum. This exhibition focuses on her relationship to observing and working among the collections over decades where practice as an artist, teacher, and collaborator has developed a process of long looking that has created a taxonomy of its own.

Macnamara has traveled across the world, geared with her pencils and watercolors, investigating the fascinating intricacies of nature alongside scientists and peers from the Field Museum. Although her work uses the academic approach of illustrating, her savvy is evident in her loose handling of her art materials to document plants, animals, and related conservation work.

Macnamara's work artfully captures living things (or in some cases—once living), educates us, and sparks interest in the complexities of the natural world.

This exhibition hones in on a tapestry of works that inspire curiosity and deep looking at plants, animals, and the dynamic relationships between them. Macnamara's attention to detail, and skilled hand at analytically dissecting plants and animals is revealed through the works that leave the stages of the development of a piece

Peggy Macnamara,
"Flock Left," 2011
watercolor, 30"x41,"
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visible. We engage with her work for the love of looking, but inevitably discussions about nature, extinction, conservation, and collections permeate its surface. Come take a peek behind the scenes of the Field Museum's collections through Macnamara's work, and through special tours accompanying this exhibition.

During the run of *The Taxonomy of Peggy Macnamara*, a full-color catalog will be issued that includes essays by DEPS Executive Director, Meg Duguid and Senior Exhibitions Coordinator, Mark Porter. This exhibition runs from March 9 through April 28, 2023, with a catalog release party on Thursday, April 27 from 4–7 p.m. Public programming includes an artist talk on demystifying watercolor on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m., and two chances for a Behind the Scenes Tour at the Field Museum on Thursday, March 23 at 1 p.m., and Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m.

This project is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

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March 9–April 28, 2023

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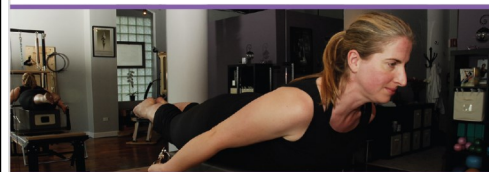
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Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

Senior Class: José's First Kiss



What a pleasure it is to feature José DiMauro as our guest blogger today. Born in Argentina, José graduated from medical school at Univ De Buenos Aires and left home in 1963 to start his medical career at Chicago's Mercy Hospital. From there he became a board certified pathologist at University of Illinois in Chicago.

After retiring, Dr. DiMauro and [his wife Kate](#) moved to [Admiral at the Lake](#), where I lead a weekly memoir-writing class. For Valentine's Day this year the prompt was "Before I Met You." This exquisite essay José read out loud in class wowed us all, and he has generously agreed to let me share it with you Safe & Sound blog readers here, too.

Greta

by José DeMauro

Trying to stop the passage of time, an old memory lingers Between 1943 and 1946, when I was somewhere between nine and twelve years old. It was then that I met you, Greta.

Remember?

My father had bought that lot with the old house in the back. We moved into that old house while he built the new one up in front, the one your parents rented. That rental was meant to be temporary, until father recouped some of his expenses. It lasted for a couple of years, not more than 3, I believe. We moved into the new house after your family left.

Your parents spoke Spanish with an accent. It was said that your father was French and your mother Russian. But that could have meant anything: in Argentina we called anybody from Eastern Europe "Russian." At the time many people were coming to Argentina from eastern Europe. I didn't know about those things, but I suspect now that your parents may have been Jews escaping the pogroms.

Your parents looked somewhat out of place in the neighborhood, particularly your father, the owner of that hair styling salon on the main street.

You were their only child, at least two years older than me, weren't you? You were tall, thin, vivacious, and smart. At least I thought so! You had short hair, most likely your father cropped it, didn't he?

Let me tell you why I am thinking of you now. There was a patio inside that house my father built. We used to play there. My sister would play with us, too. Do you remember?

When I think of that patio, I mainly see the light, particularly that summer. It was vacation



José with his wife, Kate .

time. I'm guessing it was noon and the sunlight came straight down, leaving no shadows. It was hot, too. You and I were left alone on that patio, seated on the tiles with our backs against a wall and you, you suddenly turned towards me and said, more of an order than a request, "Kiss me!"

At the time, I only lived to run around with the neighborhood boys. I was not troubled by the thoughts of girls.

That day we were two children seated side by side, and suddenly quiet under the bright hot sun.

"Kiss me!" you almost commanded. I hesitated, kept looking straight ahead to something that I was not seeing. But there was an urgency in your voice.

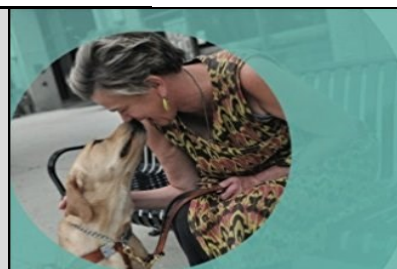
So I turned my head and kissed you. On your cheek as I remember. Maybe it was the heat or the sweat, but it tasted salty.

Your family moved out of the house shortly afterwards. Only once, soon thereafter, we crossed paths on a sidewalk. You were with your mother, and I was with mine. Our mothers ignored each other, but you waved your hand to me with a smile, and I did the same.

I still keep an old small black and white photograph of you standing side by side with my sister and me. It is a bit out of focus, like my memories.

But I still clearly remember that kiss.

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



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what a blind teacher learned from leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke



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During the week of April 16-April 22, Rotary Districts around the Great Lakes will conduct cleanup projects in the Great Lakes watershed to celebrate Earth Day and the Seventh Area of Focus for the Rotary Foundation

With this in mind, the Rotary Club of Chicago Citywide Service has coordinated a partnership between Rotary, The Chicago Park District, the Grant Park Advisory Council and the South Loop Neighbors. On April 22, volunteers will be spending the morning cleaning up the front yard for the City of Chicago, Grant Park!

Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Volunteers can sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-earth-day-cleanup-at-grant-park-tickets-525760031407>

For information or large group sign-ups, please contact Jim Wales at Jim.rotary6450passport@gmail.com

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Rerun, 1993: My piece about Marianne Williamson that ran in my regular Sunday column in the Chicago Tribune....

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HELLO, GODDESS, ARE YOU IN THERE?

By Bonnie McGrath

Chicago Tribune

• May 30, 1993 at 12:00 am

You might say that through the years, my female peers and I have had to be flexible. Ready for change. Quick to react. It's been a challenge keeping up with new expectations from a demanding world that never seems to just let us be.

Even a steel core is meltable if there's a fiery smelter of radical change outside, right? So what do we have to do to survive? Tap into our inner core and recognize it for what it is: a reservoir of female strength and individuality.

At least that's what Marianne Williamson says in her new book "A Woman's Worth" (Random House, \$17). There's a "goddess" within every woman, she claims, who can weather a frantic, changing world of pressurized demands. (And maybe even put shrinks and Prozac-purveyors out of business.)

You know Williamson. She's the inspirational lecturer, author, non-denominational minister (she performed Liz Taylor's latest marriage) and "gospel singer who doesn't sing," as she refers to herself. Oprah bought 1,000 copies of Williamson's first book, "A Return To Love," to give to her friends.

A lot of people I know are awed by Williamson, the latest guru of inner fulfillment. She's not from a Tibetan mountaintop. She doesn't speak in voices of ancient wise people. She speaks simply and passionately with a very slight Texas twang.

She kind of reminds me of me. And some of the women I know: Around 40. Has a kid. Keeps herself up. Although she-unlike me who only has four girlfriends who call nightly for love/work/kid/makeup/medical/legal advice-is revered by millions for her wisdom and inspiration.



Marianne Williamson

So how and when did Williamson discover the "goddess within" idea? "When I sat down to write a book about me and my girlfriends," she said sleepily one morning from a New York hotel while book-touring. "We were looking constantly to the world for permission-and to give us the gift of our own value."

My new pal Williamson says I need look no further than myself to find a soothing and ancient nobility, that I should get to know the depth of my feeling and passion-and my own intuition. Each woman's goddess "is like a flower," she says. "But there is a similarity. Every flower is different-but all flowers are flowers."

Williamson is a good cheerleader. She made me want to get in touch with my flower/my power. To boldly weather the storms of a sometimes-harsh world. I want to cultivate the kind of confidence that can save a business; the kind of passion that can save a relationship; and the kind of intuition that can save the world. Not to mention the kind of positive thinking that lasts more than five seconds.

Bonnie McGrath

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Youth climate activists march against fossil fuel investments

By [Elizabeth Rymut](#), Managing Editor, March 3, 2023

Chants from hundreds of protestors calling for fossil fuel divestments filled the frigid air Friday afternoon in front of the Chase Tower in downtown Chicago.

Jose Dominguez, 11, an elementary school student from

Schaumburg, stood among the crowd holding a sign that read “keep Mars a second choice.”

“I think it’s sad we have to look at Mars as a second planet when we could remain on our planet,” Dominguez said.

“It’s our choice to remain on our planet or not for the remaining, who knows how long? And we’re throwing it away. I want to keep our planet, and Mars should stay our second choice.”

Dominguez said he skipped school today to attend the protest with his mom.

An ideal world, he said, would be “when people don’t use cars of gas, and places like Antarctica weren’t melting and we weren’t so worried about stuff.”

The event was organized by [Fridays for Future](#), a global climate activist movement founded by Greta Thunberg in 2018. It included representatives from at least nine other organizations, including Chicago Climate Youth Coalition. Natasha Patia, 17, a high school student from Hinsdale and leader of Fridays for Future Chicago, has now organized her second climate strike. She said the event this year targeted JPMorgan Chase Bank because it is one of the biggest fossil funders.

“We want to show them we want to get our message across, and we’re not going to stop,” Patia said.

Since 2016, JPMorgan Chase bank has invested over [\\$382 billion in the fossil fuel industry](#). Its chief executive, Jamie Dimon, [told Congress](#) last year that the US needs to invest in the fossil-fuel industry to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions in the long term.

Beginning at Heritage Green Park, an urban green space in the Near West community, the marchers then stopped at the BP Headquarters, the headquarters of BP’s North American fuels business. Participants performed a die-in at Chase Tower, where they lay prone as if dead to symbolize what will happen to them if companies do not cease fossil fuel financing.

The march ended at Federal Plaza on South Dearborn Street, where climate activists spoke about a Conoco Phillips [drilling plan](#) that proposes introducing a massive oil drilling operation off Alaska’s North Slope.

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Bronzeville, Chinatown Activists Push City Officials To Consider Alternate Site For Near South Side High School

Community leaders who don't want the school on former public housing land said a site near 17th and Canal streets would be a better fit.

[Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#)

8:57 AM CST on Feb 21, 2023

A vacant lot at 18th and Canal streets, as seen from above Chinatown on Feb. 20, 2023. Organizers who have opposed plans for a new high school want city officials to consider this lot as an alternative location. NEAR SOUTH SIDE — [Planning is underway](#) to build a \$150 million Near South Side high school — but the coalition of activists and residents opposing the plan is floating another site to avoid using public housing land for the project.

The group — led by Lugenia Burns Hope Center and People Matter — held a news conference Monday at a lot at 17th and Canal streets. Joined by Rep. Theresa Mah and Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez (25th), organizers said that land would be a better fit for the community high school, which would serve families in Armour Square, Bridgeport, Chinatown, Bronzeville and the South Loop.

The lot between 17th and 18th and Canal and Stewart Avenue is northwest and across the Chicago River from Chinatown and Ping Tom Memorial Park.

The current plans would see the school built near 24th and State streets on vacant land formerly home to the Harold Ickes Homes public housing site, which was razed in 2011.

Mah, who fought to secure \$50 million in state funding for the school, has [threatened to yank that support](#) because of the city's process to choose the site. On Monday, she

said the city should've made a better effort to "engage community members authentically" to decide on a site. Mah said the area still needs a school — just not on former public housing.

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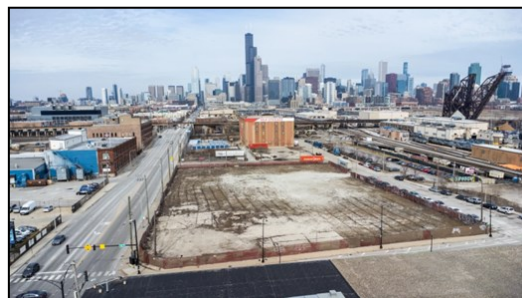
"This site really wasn't given consideration by the city because they were so quick to choose the one they decided on without consulting the community. As I understand it, the city had planned to do something with it that was related to CDOT," Mah said. "I asked folks in the administration ... about the feasibility of this site being used as a high school but never got a satisfactory reason why it wasn't being considered."

The land appeared vacant Monday, but it was not immediately clear what it is used for. Previous Google Maps images appear to show freight shipping containers there.

Some organizers said the land is city-owned, but property tax records point to New Chinatown Real Estate at 2168 S. Archer Ave., which is the location of Chinatown's MingHin Cuisine. The owner did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. The Mayor's Office declined to comment and deferred to Chicago Public Schools. In a statement, CPS spokesperson Samatha Hart did not specifically address the 17th and Canal site.

For the rest of the story, click below.

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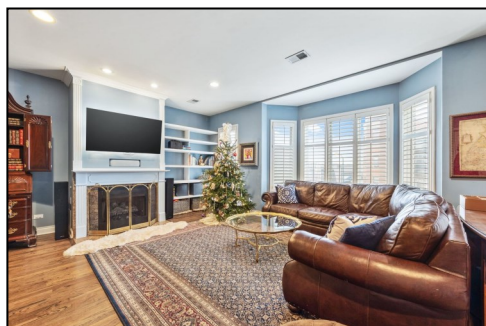
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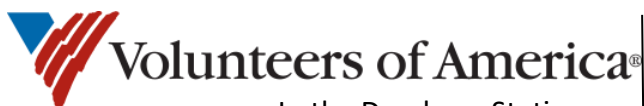
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Indivisible Chicago Alliance Endorses Brandon Johnson for Mayor

Will campaign for new leadership in this pivotal moment for public safety, education, equity

Energized by the promise of a bold new direction for our city, Indivisible Chicago Alliance leaders have unanimously voted to back **Brandon Johnson** for Mayor. The endorsement includes a commitment to mobilize Indivisible's powerful field operation on behalf of Johnson's campaign, with canvassing, text and phone banking expertise that helped propel Delia Ramirez, Sean Casten, Lauren Underwood, and Marie Newman to Congress as well as helping secure victories for candidates up and down the ballot in Michigan and Wisconsin.

"**Brandon Johnson** stands alone in this race as a leader whose progressive policies will create opportunities and a Chicago that works for us all," said Indivisible Chicago Alliance Board Chair Kathy Tholin. She points to policies to re-allocate the city's budget to better serve under-resourced communities and generate added revenue by increasing taxes on the wealthiest residents. "In addition," Tholin adds, "we whole-heartedly endorse Johnson's evidence-based public safety policies as those that will best uphold the commitment of the Chicago Police Department to serve *and* protect all residents."

Johnson's public safety platform includes working with police and first responders to invest in community-based interventions that de-escalate conflict, reduce violence, and make our communities safer. He'll invest in more detectives to improve the rate at which police solve crimes and close cases. Most importantly, he'll direct funds to the root causes of everyday gun violence, investing in housing and economic development, good schools and year-round youth employment, expanded access to health care, including reopening the city's mental health clinics.

"This is the right vision for a Chicago where we can all feel safe and enjoy equal access to the services of a city that functions for all of us," Tholin said, contrasting Johnson's platform with the dangerous and divisive positions espoused by Paul Vallas that would trample civil rights in the name of a so-called "law and order" platform.

Indivisible has issued a [statement](#) warning that Vallas' platform consists of policies that have failed around the country and will provide neither law nor order to Chicago's diverse communities, catering instead to his leading sponsor, the Fraternal Order of Police, led by right-wing extremists. Indivisible further challenges Vallas' claims of a strong education management track record, noting that it was on his watch that Chicago Public Schools paused payments to the teachers' pension fund, creating a massive debt Chicago taxpayers are still paying off today at a rate of about a half-billion dollars annually.

The Indivisible statement further calls out Vallas' record of "smoke and mirrors budgeting" while running school districts around the country into the ground. In Philadelphia, the City Council fired Vallas once they discovered his claim to have balanced the schools budget actually [covered up a \\$73 million deficit](#). His term in New Orleans ended after four consecutive years of audit failures, revealing ["sloppy record keeping"](#) and millions of dollars unaccounted for.

"Vallas has vast sums of money for ads that won't tell the truth about his failed record and failed platform," Tholin said. "Brandon Johnson has the power of people who will tell the truth and spread a new, progressive vision for our city and we're proud to be part of this movement."

About Indivisible Chicago

Indivisible Chicago is a progressive coalition of neighborhood chapters and individuals throughout the Chicago area, launched in January, 2017. We are leaders in the grassroots movement to advance progressive values, candidates, and elected officials who will join us in supporting policies and programs that align with these values. To join our efforts as a member of an Indivisible Chapter or sign up for our mailing list, visit indivisiblechicago.com

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Theatre. . . . In the South Loop



Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:30PM
- Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:00PM

Freshman Footlights 2023

Come see CCPA Freshman Musical Theatre Dance Majors share their talent with you in our Miller Studio Theatre!

All venues are accessible through the 425 S. Wabash Ave entrance. Photo ID may be required. Additional COVID-19 safety protocols may be put into place. Masks are optional. For accessible seating, please contact the house manager upon arrival.

For tickets, [click here](#)

[Friday, March 17, 2023 7:30PM](#)

[Saturday, March 18, 2023 2:00PM](#)

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[Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:00PM](#)

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by Madeleine L'Engle
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directed by Jeff Mills
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April 13, 2023 - May 20, 2023
DePaul's Merle Reskin Theatre

Special Events:

Saturday, April 22 - Post-Show Discussion
Thursday, April 27 - Post-Show Discussion
Saturday, May 6 - Sensory Friendly Performance
Tuesday, May 9 - Audio-Described Performance
Thursday, May 11 - ASL Interpreted Performance

DePaul University

Merle Reskin Theater
60 E Balbo Dr.



DANCE NATION

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Written by Clare Barron
March 15-25, 2023

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[Dramaturgy](#)

Pre-teen competitive dancers plot to take over the world on their way to the Nationals in Tampa Bay. Navigating ambition, growing up, and finding their souls in the heat of it all.

PERFORMANCE DATES

Wednesday, March 15th - 7:30PM
(Preview)

Thursday, March 16th - 7:30PM
(Preview)

Friday, March 17th - 7:30PM (Opening)
Saturday, March 18th - 2:00 PM and 7:30PM

Wednesday, March 22nd - 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 23rd - 7:30 PM

Friday, March 24th - 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 25th - 2:00 PM

Columbia College

The Getz Theatre Center
72 E 11th Street, Chicago

MINDWORKS

Did you know the world's first & only museum all about the science of decision-making recently opened in Chicago? And did you know that our Dearborn Park neighbor Jasmine Kwong is the director there?

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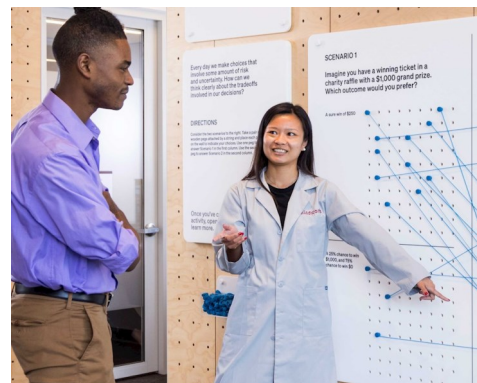
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Jasmine Kwong
explaining a
chart



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2023 Women's MAYORAL *run off* FORUM

**Brandon Johnson or Paul Vallas,
who can best deliver what
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Register now!

Join moderators **Cheryl Corley & Joan Esposito**
for an in-depth look at the candidates and
their positions on issues you care about.

March 11, 2-4 pm

Chicago Temple, Clark & Washington

Reserve free tickets, seating is limited
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Questions for the candidates? Send them to
CWTAAlliance@mkcpr.com

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TV27, streamed on cantv.org, CAN TV's
Facebook page, and the new CAN TV+ app



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April 4

Sponsoring Organizations: Aids Foundation Chicago - AKArama Foundation, Inc. - American Association of University Women (AAUW) Illinois - AAUW Chicago - Center for Personal Change - Chicago Abortion Fund - Chicago Foundation for Women - Chicago Hyde Park Village - Chicago NOW PAC - Chicago Women Take Action Alliance - Chicago Women's History Center - Coalition of Labor Union Women - Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) - Courts Matter Illinois - EverThrive Illinois - Greater Chatham Initiative - Health and Medicine Policy Research Group - Hustle Mommies - Illinois Democratic Women - Illinois NOW - Illinois Psychological Association, Women's Issues Section - Indivisible Chicago Alliance - IVI-IPO - Movement for Black Lives - Mujeres Latinas en Accion - National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW) Chicago Metropolitan Chapter - National Council of Jewish Women, Chicago North Shore - The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence - One Fair Wage - Personal PAC - POWER-PAC Illinois - Protest to the Polls - Rainbow PUSH Coalition - Resilience - SEIU Healthcare Illinois - Voices and Faces Project - Women & Children First - Women Employed - Women of the 7th Congressional District - Women to Win - Women's Business Development Center - Women's March Chicago - Workers Rights Board of Chicago, Jobs With Justice - Working Women's History Project - YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago



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South Loop Infrastructure Meeting

On Monday, residents of the South Loop area joined Chicago Police Department, Chicago Department of Transportation, Chicago Park Districts, and our office in a virtual meeting to discuss a span of topics on public safety and infrastructure. Residents voiced their ideas on ways to better facilitate a response from CPD on incidents and create a direct dialogue between building security officers and the CPD. Additionally, the group discussed ways to prevent loitering and crime, such as adding lighting around Roosevelt park. [Residents who missed the meeting can watch the recording on our website.](#)

Winter Enrichment Brochure for Seniors

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) provides programs and supports to older adults aged 60 and better. DFSS offers a range of programs and services throughout the year to keep older adults healthy, active, and engaged. More information can be found in the ["Chicago Seniors Connected" Winter 2023 program brochure.](#)

Find Food Now with Chicago

Food Bank

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Chicago Food Bank's website allows you to enter your area code, and then directs you to a list of food banks in the area as well as their hours of operation. There are many food banks in the 4th Ward - [find food in your area now.](#)

Teen Opportunity Fair

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

The Chicago Park District is excited to announce three Teen Opportunity Fairs taking place over the next few weeks. These fairs are perfect for youth aged 13-19 who are looking to network, apply for summer jobs, and learn about available resources. Best of all, admission is free! [The Teen Opportunity Fairs will be held at the following locations:](#)

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](#)

Citizen App

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The popular app Citizen is not always reliable for police information, and we ask that you call the CAPS office at 312-747-5109 for clarification on anything that you may be concerned about.

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.

Prentice Butler Unites Former Candidates for Fourth Ward Alderperson with Endorsement from 4 Former Opponents.

(CHICAGO, IL - March 9, 2023) — Today, the former candidates for fourth ward alderperson endorse Prentice Butler for Alderman over State Representative Lamont Robinson. The press conference was attended by former candidates Dr. Helen West, Ebony Lucas, Tracey Bey, and Paul Pearson. Mathew "Khari" Humphries was not in attendance but has stated he is personally supporting Butler for fourth ward alderman.

Former fourth ward aldermanic candidate Dr. Helen West said, "I have absolute trust in Prentice Butlers' commitment, dedication, and capacity to serve the People. Prentice has the strongest public policy background and exemplifies honesty, fairness, accountability, and independent thought. I am confident he will utilize these qualities in fulfillment of his obligation to the people of the 4th Ward." Dr. West continues, "He is incorruptible and will not compromise the needs of the People in favor of the longstanding machine politics and politicians that have too long dominated and exerted their power and energy to advance their own agendas to overshadow the will of the people. Please join me in casting your vote for Prentice Butler on April 4th!"

Butler is a Chicago-born civic leader who has served in the office of the 4th ward for two administrations. He has received endorsements from former Cook County Clerk David Orr, Alderwoman Sue Sadlowski Garza, Alderwoman Monique Scott, Alderman Felix Cardona Jr., Alderman David Moore, Alderwoman Sophia King, Alderman Roderick Sawyer, and former Alderwoman Shirley Newsome.

Ebony Lucas, who came in third during the February 28th elections, said, "As a State Representative, Lamont Robinson sponsored a truth in politics bill vowing not to spread false or misleading information and acknowledging that negative campaigning results in voter suppression. He is now being sued for spreading false information about my business, a Black, woman-owned business that has positively impacted the community. Distributing false information about a local business in an effort to suppress the voice of the community, is not what the 4th Ward is about. Our community is not a stepping stone on a political journey; we are real people deserving of authentic representation. I support Prentice Butler because he is committed to representing the community's voice and will operate with integrity."

Before serving the 4th ward, Butler provided financial consultations for low- and moderate-income residents as a legal assistant at the Law Offices of Ernesto D. Borges Jr. P.C., organized at SOUL (South-Siders Organized For Unity and Liberation) and served as District Executive with the Chicago Area Boy Scouts of America.

Tracey Bey added, "my support of Prentice Butler comes from knowing he has a real heart for the 4th Ward, which I've seen through his years of service here. He will be committed, community-focused, a leader we can count on and trust."

Butler has served as a board member of many not-for-profit organizations, including New Leaders Council Chicago, and as president of the University of Chicago's Association of Black Alumni. As a 100 Black Men of Chicago member, Butler mentors African American youth. Butler also served as the Chair of Young & Powerful Chicago and Free Lunch Academy, a non-profit Calvin L. King III founded to provide social-emotional programming to Chicagoland youth.

Paul Pearson, who circulated for fourth-ward Alderman but was knocked off the ballot through a signature challenge by representatives of Robinson's camp, said, "we are united behind Prentice because we know his commitment is to fourth-ward residents, not insider political interests. Prentice has been steadfast in serving our community full-time for over a decade. We need a public servant like Prentice, who has already shown his commitment to our neighborhoods and is prepared to prioritize our communities."

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Police Beat 0131: Roosevelt Rd. to the Stevenson Expwy, State St. to the Chicago River as far as 16th St. and then along the Metra tracks

2021-2022 % Change

Overall, there was a 38% increase in the number of crime reports in Beat 0131 from 2021 to 2022. The Top half of the right-hand column of the accompanying chart shows the percentage increases month by month.

The bottom half shows the percentage change for each type of crime. I have deleted figures for crime types with numbers too small to calculate meaningfully.

Percentages in **Bold Type** indicate "violent Index Crimes" which are used to compare crime reports across the country. All of these Violent Crime types increased less than the Beat's 38% overall average; with the exception of Homicide. Therefore, even though there was an increase in Beat 0131, the types of crime less violent.

I added Weapons Violations to this violent list as it has become a major issue for Chicago. But again, the increase in this category was less than the total crime average increase for Beat 0131.

"Normal" % Change

For those of you who have followed my previous reports, I have compared the crime reports of the "Covid Years" with the previous "Normal Years" in the second column from the right.

I used the three "normal" years of 2017, 2018, and 2019 to determine the average amount of crime reports for Beat 0131. Then I compared the average with the "Covid years" of 2020, 2021, and 2022.

In contrast to the other South Loop Beats (0123 and 0132), the number of crime reports in Beat 0131 dropped in 2019 and 2020 and then returned to "normal" in 2021. In 2022, Beat 0131 did follow the upward pattern in the 1st District, but to a much smaller percentage (38%) than neighboring Beat 0123 (up 59%) and the entire 1st District (up 60%).

Roger Marsh, Beat 0123 CAPS Facilitator

Butler earned the certification of Civic Leadership from the University of Illinois Chicago's Institute For Policy and Civic Engagement; completed the Leadership Greater Chicago fellowship program; was invited to serve at the Truman National Security Project, and was a fellow in the prestigious University of Chicago's Civic Leadership Academy.

"I've had the honor to work with everyone who ran for alderperson and have deep respect for their collective commitment to our residents. Together we will continue to build upon our vision for a city that serves, welcomes, and protects all its residents. The fourth needs an independent leader who will always put our shared community first and above insider dealing and politics." said Butler.

Butler was born and raised in Southside Chicago and resided in Bronzeville. He graduated valedictorian of his class at Hales Franciscan High School before attending the University of Chicago and receiving a degree in Political Science. He holds a Master's Degree in Urban Life Learning: Chicago Studies from Loyola University Chicago and a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy Studies. Butler is an Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member, the oldest collegiate fraternity in the United States dedicated to public service.

[For more information about Prentice go to: https://prentice4ward.vote/](https://prentice4ward.vote/)

| Crime Reports in Beat 0131 | "Normal " Years | | | | "Covid " Years | | "Normal " % Change | 2021-22 % Change |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | | |
| Jan | 74 | 100 | 58 | 81 | 66 | 138 | 78 | 109 |
| Feb | 83 | 70 | 83 | 85 | 61 | 94 | 19 | 54 |
| Mar | 76 | 71 | 64 | 81 | 66 | 129 | 83 | 95 |
| Apr | 81 | 65 | 70 | 42 | 57 | 125 | 74 | 119 |
| May | 82 | 110 | 78 | 86 | 66 | 119 | 32 | 80 |
| Jun | 102 | 114 | 99 | 75 | 82 | 138 | 31 | 68 |
| Jul | 91 | 101 | 80 | 76 | 97 | 134 | 48 | 38 |
| Aug | 93 | 106 | 80 | 105 | 97 | 125 | 34 | 29 |
| Sep | 76 | 88 | 80 | 69 | 122 | 115 | 41 | -6 |
| Oct | 89 | 90 | 85 | 78 | 128 | 124 | 41 | -3 |
| Nov | 99 | 66 | 80 | 64 | 106 | 108 | 32 | 2 |
| Dec | 90 | 72 | 83 | 86 | 95 | 92 | 13 | -3 |
| Total | 1036 | 1053 | 940 | 928 | 1043 | 1441 | 43 | 38 |
| Arson | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Assault | 60 | 81 | 78 | 69 | 117 | 143 | 96 | 22 |
| Battery | 152 | 155 | 156 | 123 | 198 | 238 | 54 | 20 |
| Burglary | 27 | 17 | 25 | 29 | 26 | 30 | 30 | 15 |
| Concealed Carry Violation | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Criminal Damage | 77 | 103 | 78 | 90 | 87 | 115 | 34 | 32 |
| Criminal Sexual Assault | 4 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 15 | -17 |
| Criminal Trespass | 46 | 24 | 34 | 36 | 33 | 44 | 27 | 33 |
| Deceptive Practice | 174 | 152 | 134 | 127 | 90 | 110 | -28 | 22 |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | | 150 |
| Human Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Interference Public Officer | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 157 | 200 |
| Intimidation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Kidnapping | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Liquor Law Violation | 0 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 51 | 46 | 29 | 65 | 119 | 175 | 317 | 47 |
| Narcotics | 12 | 12 | 22 | 16 | 7 | 18 | 17 | 157 |
| Non-Criminal | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Obscenity | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Offence Involving Children | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 0 | -67 |
| Other Narcotics | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Other Offense | 55 | 53 | 55 | 49 | 66 | 78 | 44 | 18 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Public Indecency | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Public Peace Violation | 0 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 67 | 0 |
| Robbery | 59 | 34 | 28 | 30 | 42 | 41 | 2 | -2 |
| Sex Offense | 9 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | -10 | 50 |
| Stalking | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Theft | 291 | 338 | 273 | 238 | 184 | 373 | 24 | 103 |
| Weapons Violation | 6 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 38 | 42 | 530 | 11 |
| Total | 1036 | 1053 | 940 | 928 | 1043 | 1441 | 43 | 38 |

Delivery Truck Driver Hits, Kills Woman Crossing Street In South Loop, Police Say

A man driving a box truck was making a turn when he hit the 72-year-old woman in the intersection, trapping her underneath the truck, police said.

[Melody Mercado](#)

6:10 PM CST on Feb 20, 2023

SOUTH LOOP — A 72-year-old woman died Monday after a delivery truck driver hit and pinned her under the truck in a South Loop intersection, officials said.

About 2:22 p.m., the 31-year-old man driving the truck was turning north onto Wabash near the 1100 block of South Wabash Avenue when he hit a woman crossing the street, trapping her underneath the truck, police said.

The woman was taken to

Northwestern Hospital in critical condition, police said.

Marsha Frankel, 72, of the 1200 block of South Michigan Avenue, was pronounced dead at 2:35 p.m., according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

Detectives are investigating.

Kyle Lucas, an avid cyclist and [Better Streets Chicago cofounder](#), was biking to a nearby Trader Joes when he came across an ambulance near where the crash happened, he said. Lucas said he saw what appeared to be a mangled wheelchair in the intersection.

"It was really beat up and broken," Lucas said.

Police and fire department officials could not immediately confirm what that object was.

The area where the crash occurred is a "very scary intersection" overrun with delivery trucks during the day, Lucas said.

"Anytime I have to go through those intersections ... anywhere along Wabash ... it raises my blood pressure a little bit. It's a pretty scary area," Lucas said.

Christina Whitehouse, founder of Bike Lane Uprising, said the area near the crash and that intersection have caused problems for bicyclists and pedestrians, in part because drivers routinely block bike lanes.

Whitehouse also said some advocates have contacted Ald. Sophia King (4th) with concerns about the "dangerous intersection."

"Especially once it gets to be delivery hours ... for a good solid couple of blocks, it's just completely filled with vehicles and pickups in the bike lanes on both sides," Whitehouse said.

King could not immediately be reached for comment.



Police respond to a pedestrian hit by a FedEx truck in the 1100 block of S. Wabash. Kyle Lucas



Did you know the South Loop Neighborhood Watch - Police Beat 123 has a facebook page?

We do!...and we encourage you to use it!

The South Loop Neighborhood Watch – Police Beat 123 Facebook Page is a crime communication tool intended to enable the rapid sharing of crime alerts and crime prevention news specifically for Police Beat 123. This area is the section of the South Loop that is bordered by Ida B. Wells on the north, Roosevelt Road on the South, the Chicago River on the west and Michigan Avenue on the east.

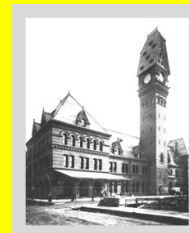
Link to Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1475398529519963/>

Please stay engaged! The safety and security of our neighborhood is everyone's business!

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Next CAPS Meeting 2023

May 10, 5:30pm ZOOM

caps.001district@chicagopolice.org



Police Blotter



<http://home.chicagopolice.org/>

2/24/2023 6:45am 1100 S State
STRONG ARM ROBBERY no weapon Subway
Train Beat 123

2/21/2023 6:15pm 1100 S Clark
ROBBERY Small retail store Beat 123

2/21/2023 12 midnight 600 S Michigan Ave
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT College Campus
Beat 123

2/20/2023 7:54pm 1100 S Clark
ARMED ROBBERY at Target Beat 123

2/20/2023 Roosevelt and Wabash
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT handgun Restaurant
Beat 131

2/19/2023 10pm Roosevelt Collection
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT handgun Parking lot
Beat 123

2/18/2023 4am 500 S Michigan Av
ARMED ROBBERY Hotel Beat 123

2/16/2023 9:39pm Target
AGGRAVATED BATTERY employee Beat 123

2/16/2023 1:18pm 300 E Cullerton
ROBBERY alley Beat 132

2/15/2023 1:30am 1300 S Wabash
ATTEMPT ARMED ROBBERY apt Beat 131

2/15/2023 12:01am Roosevelt Collection
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT handgun hall Beat 123

2/22/2023 9:45pm 700 S Plymouth Ct
AUTO THEFT street Beat 123

2/22/2023 7:30pm 8th/ Wabash
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT Non-Res Parking lot
Beat 123

2/20/2023 3pm 800 S Financial Pl
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

2/20/2023 1:30am 1500 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT Non-Res Parking lot Beat 131

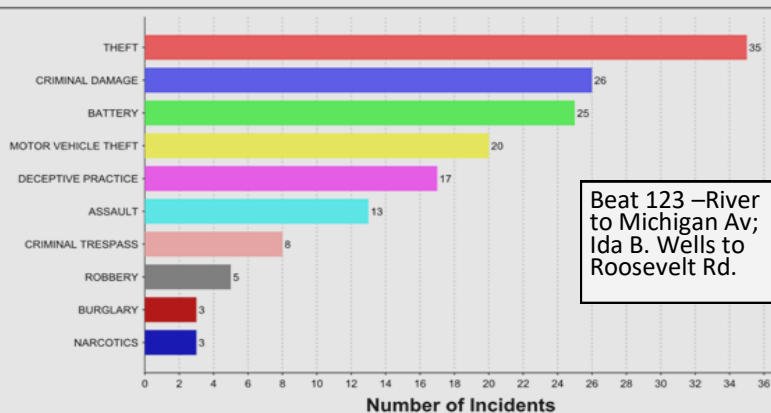
2/18/2023 3am 1100 S Wabash
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

2/17/2023 11:30pm 600 S LaSalle
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

Report Date: 07-Mar-2023
Report Time: 14:38:31
Prepared By: Information Services
Division:
PC03511
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Top Ten Crimes From 01-Feb-2023 To 28-Feb-2023 On Beat 0123

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Man shot during attempted robbery at party in South Loop apartment

The man, 27, was attacked in a 14th floor apartment in the 1300 block of South Wabash Avenue, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)

Feb 15, 2023, 6:19am CST

A man was shot and seriously wounded during an attempted robbery at a party in a South Loop apartment early Wednesday, police say.

The man, 27, was attacked in a 14th floor apartment in the 1300 block of South Wabash Avenue about 1:40 a.m., Chicago police said.

The man was shot in the neck and was taken in serious condition to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. SWAT officers were called to the building to secure the scene but did not make any arrests, police said.

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

2/17/2023 8:30pm 1800 S Michigan
AUTO THEFT/RECOVERY Street Beat 123

2/17/2023 6pm 100 E 18th St
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

2/15/2023 12 Midnight 200 E 18th St
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 132

2/14/2023 9pm 1000 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT Non Res Garage Beat 123

2/12/2023 12:24pm Roosevelt Collection
AUTO THEFT RECOVERY Non-Res Parking Garage
Beat 123

Strategic Plan for District 001, [click here.](#)

<https://home.chicagopolice.org/community-policing-group/consent-decree/strategic-plans/>

Real Estate Transactions

\$1,725,000
1531 S STATE ST P1
1/6/23

\$300,000
1133 S STATE ST B607
1/25/23

\$2,075,000
232 E 14TH ST 5E
1/25/23

\$330,000
732 S FINANCIAL PL 102
1/24/23

\$240,000
600 S DEARBORN ST 1903
1/23/23

\$357,500
161 W HARRISON ST 803
1/23/23

\$280,000
523 PLYMOUTH CT 202
1/18/23

\$770,000
1344 S INDIANA PKWY
1/17/23

\$365,000
1111 S WABASH AVE 703
1/13/23

\$1,625,000
1250 S MICHIGAN AVE 2801
1/12/23

\$520,000
100 E 14TH ST 1602
1/12/23

\$205,000
633 S PLYMOUTH CT 706
1/11/23

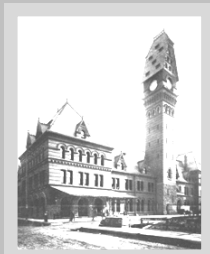
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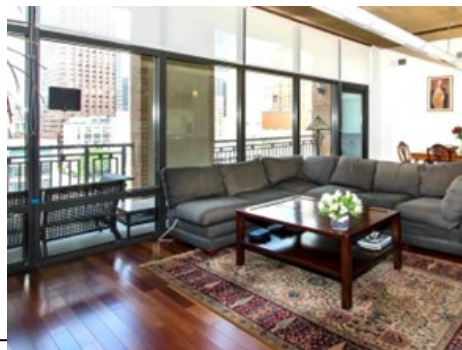
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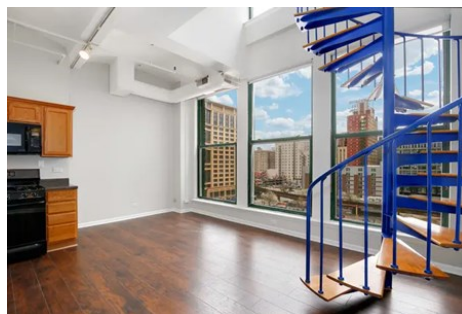
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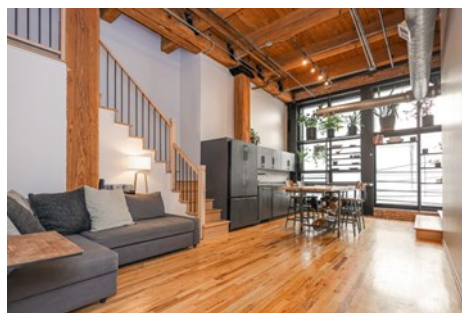
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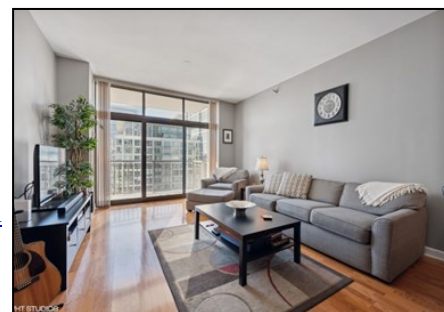
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