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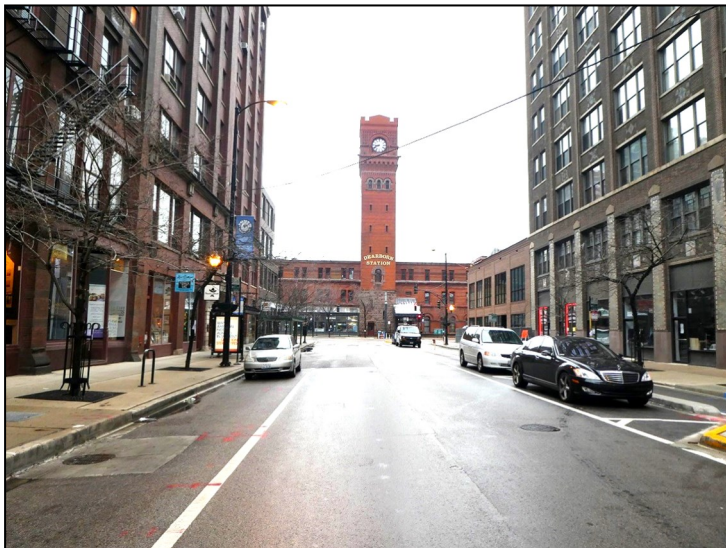
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The New Normal was last week. Now it's the New New Normal

For those of us who are fortunate enough to be on fixed incomes (I never thought I'd say that), consider the check you receive from Uncle Sam as a gift to share. I can't help everybody, but I am going to support the local restaurants in the neighborhood who provide good food and employment for lots of deserving people. When you think about it, buying gift certificates will help them stay afloat but comes back to you when things return to (I almost hate to say it) normal. Back to a place where we can again mingle and dine in. And don't forget our local Jazz venue, the Jazz Showcase. We're fortunate to have this iconic institution here in the South Loop and we hope it stays for years to come. So keep the faith. Stay Calm and "Carry-Out."



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 Sun, Apr 2, 4pm & 8pm.....Isaiah Collier & the Chosen Few
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 Tue, Apr 4, 8pm.....Aimee Gwen Pat Metheny Project
 Wed, Apr 5, 8pm & 10pm....Chicago Soul Jazz Collective with Dee Alexander
 Thu-Sat, Apr 6-8, 8pm & 10pm.....Vocalist Paul Marinaro
 Sun, Apr 9, 4pm & 8pm.....Vocalist Paul Marinaro
 Tue, Apr 11, 8pm.....WDCB 90.9FM
 Wed, Apr 12, 8pm & 10pm.....Jazz Links Jam Session - Julia Danielle Quintet
 Thu-Sat, Apr 13-15, 8pm & 10pm.....Trumpeter Keyton Harrold Quartet
 Sun, Apr 16, 4pm & 8pm.....Trumpeter Keyton Harrold Quartet
 Mon, Apr 17, 7:30pm.....Roosevelt University CCPA
 Tue, Apr 18, 8pm & 10pm.....Petra's Recession Seven
 Wed, Apr 19, 8pm & 10pm.....Bob Lark Septet
 Thu-Sat, Apr 20-22, 8pm & 10pm.....Miguel Zenon Quartet
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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

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

Chicago River to Lake Michigan. www.southloopneighbors.org

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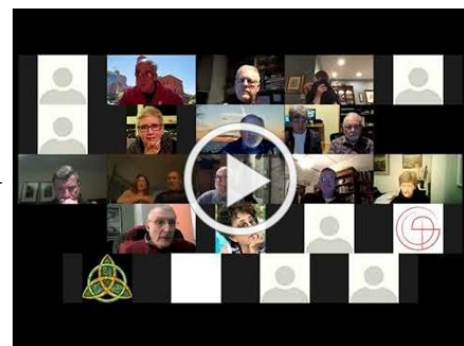
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Development update Presentation

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.



The latest information on planning and development in our area can always be found at our website SouthLoopUpdate.org



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Sincerely Marianne

Is a write-in vote ever a responsible choice?

By **Marianne Goss**,

Back when nine candidates were running for Chicago mayor, I wrote about not supporting any of the front-runners. I voted for someone who the polls showed didn't have a chance, knowing I'd face the dilemma again in the runoff election.

Now it's time to decide between the two candidates who advanced to the runoff. Paul Vallas is former head of schools in Chicago and elsewhere and former Chicago budget director. Brandon Johnson is a Cook County commissioner.

I think Vallas is too cozy with the police union and corporate executives. I don't like his history of shafting neighborhood public schools in favor of charter schools. I don't like the reports from other cities that his tenure left their school districts in poor straits.

I am turned off by Johnson's attempts to cast Vallas as a closet Republican responsible for all of Chicago's financial woes even though three decades have elapsed since Vallas was city budget director. Johnson is slippery about owning his past statements about defunding the police. I distrust the Chicago Teachers Union, which is funding his campaign, and wonder how he'd negotiate with it.

In other elections, I was able to vote for the lesser of two evils. This time, I don't even know who the lesser of two evils is.

This post is not going to wrap up with conclusions. I'm asking for readers' thoughts about the following questions — actually, variations on the same question. Whether you live in Chicago or not, go ahead and weigh in.

Is choosing not to vote ever a responsible decision?

When you have serious reservations about both candidates, should you still choose to vote for the lesser of two evils?

South Looper Marianne Goss blogs at sincerelymarianne.blogspot.com.

What do you think about Michelle Obama's statement during the 2016 presidential campaign that "if you vote for someone other than Hillary [Clinton], or if you don't vote at all, then you are helping to elect Hillary's opponent"?

Is writing in a candidate in a close election any different from not voting?

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ON THE MEDIA

The OTHER Lawsuit Involving the Murdochs

Fox News is in the fight of its legal life right now. Dominion is suing Fox News for 1.6 billion dollars in damages over false claims that it helped rig the 2020 elections for President Biden. Dominion's legal team draws a direct line from the heated rhetoric of Fox hosts to the January 6, 2021 protests that became a violent siege of the US Capitol. And that forms the basis of an entirely different defamation suit, filed roughly 10,000 miles away. This time, the suit was filed by Lachlan Murdoch against a small Australian paper for an opinion piece that implied the Murdochs had some responsibility in the events of the January 6 insurrection. Guest host [David Folkenflik](#) speaks with [Lachlan Cartwright](#), the Editor at Large of the Daily Beast where he covers power, crime, celebrity and justice, to get a look into the lawsuits and what they mean for the future of the Fox empire.

This is a segment from our October 7th, 2022 program, [So Sue Me](#).

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Backstory Essays Regan Burke

Boiled in Anger

March 22, 2023



Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic parish in Winnetka, Illinois, is named for three virgins martyred in second century Rome during the reign of Hadrian. The girls, ages twelve, ten and nine were boiled in tar and beheaded for their refusal to denounce Jesus.

My two sisters and I attended Saints Faith, Hope & Charity school in the late fifties at about the same ages as the boiled virgins. I entered the fifth grade after the school year started, having attended the Cathedral School in downtown Chicago for a few weeks while my parents finagled a new home in the northern suburbs. We'd just been run out of St. Louis for failure to pay our bills.

Outwardly I was accustomed to masking the shame and embarrassment of our alcoholic family life. I donned my most congenial personality for the girls at "Faith Hope". I needn't have. The girls greeted me like a new puppy. Everyone wanted to call me their friend and invite me to their homes after school. At Kathy White's house, we all gathered in the basement and played very competitive dodgeball. But the girls themselves weren't competitive. These girls all seemed like best friends.

The Faith Hope Dominican Sisters, were the kindest of any nuns I'd encountered at the ten or twelve Catholic schools I'd previously attended. Whenever one of the Faith Hope sisters discovered I'd forgotten my lunch, I was treated to a sandwich in the convent dining room. I overheard rumblings at home that the mother superior may have called my parents about the missing lunches but I never heard about it at school.

Faith Hope's lively playground burst into jump rope, hopscotch, steal-the-bacon and ball games. In the winter girls and boys alike played king of the hill on huge snow piles.

One day on the playground, Helen Smith gathered some girls to sneak off to the church. She wanted to show us a secret booklet her older brother told her about. We edged into the vestibule as she reached up to a high shelf and pulled down, "Secrets of Marriage". Helen read aloud descriptions of a man's penis planting a seed into a woman's vagina to form a baby.

"Ewww!" we screeched.

"That's disgusting."

Some of us ran out, hid in the folds of a giant spruce and giggled ourselves into oblivion. Others stayed inside and learned more details.



Faith Hope's pastor, Monsignor Thomas Burke, a charming powerhouse of a priest, didn't evoke fear or condemnation like other priests I'd known. He connected. We weren't related, but Monsignor Burke, who told me Regan means "queen" in Gaelic, joked that all the Burkes in the Midwest were cousins.

During my seventh grade year, our evicted family moved away. I felt like one of those martyred sisters from the first century, boiled in anger. I was certain I'd never find as happy a time as I'd had at Faith Hope.

A Faith Hope friend I hadn't seen in sixty years sent me a note after she'd read my book, *In That Number*. It simply said, "You belonged to us."

And the saints came marching in.

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

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Prentice Butler, candidate for 4th Ward Alderperson, makes his points at a gathering of neighbors in Printers Row. He touched on a number of issues: Grant Park (how many events?); the proposed development at One Central Station (a number of problems); the disconnect between the police and their leadership; and the win-win of the Michael Reese Development. He emphasized that being alderperson is a full-time job. Prentice has been Chief of Staff for Sophia King since 2016. He served with the previous Alderman Will Burns for one year.



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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What if your life depended on them?

Susan Bass Marcus writes and illustrates fiction, essays, and reviews. Her Dragonwolder fantasy novels, *Malevir: Dragons Return* and *Where Dragons Follow*, offer a world of dragon clans, an enigmatic menace the Malevir, sprites, goblins, questing humans, and magical giants. Her musings appear weekly on her blog, "About Susan Marcus," <https://susanbassmarcus.net>. Both paperbacks are available at Sandmeyer's Bookstore.

Annie Hartnett, *Unlikely Animals* (Ballentine 2022).

It is most unusual to label a novel about dementia, the opioid crisis, marital infidelity, heroin addiction, family dysfunction, academic failure, kidnapping, drug crimes and death “hopeful and tender,” as one reviewer concluded. But after listening to Annie Hartnett’s second book, **Unlikely Animals**, I must agree. Generally cottoning to books that depress, disparage and dishearten, this book is advertised as “wondrous, delightful... a big-hearted story about life and death.” It takes place in small town Everton, New Hampshire—long past its prime and unable to hang onto its youth—where a once “timeless village” encircles a glacial pond so polluted that coppers tell kids to “get out of the water unless you want to have a baby with three legs”; where no secret is safe and no shame can be hidden. Hartnett digs a greek chorus out of their graves at the Maple Street Cemetery to narrate the story. The Starling (the worst nuisance bird species in North America) family is at the center of the action. Clive is a long-haired poetry professor, retired and expelled from the Black Sabbath tribute band he founded after an unfortunate and frightening hallucination—quadruply married and still attached to the long-suffering mother of his two children. Emma is the gifted daughter, called “G-G” by her brother Auggie, which she thought meant “Golden Girl” and which he ultimately explained meant “Giant Grouper.” Emma fled to Pomona College, a very pricey, outrageously selective liberal arts college in California and returned in infamy after dashing her own, her parents’ and the town’s hopes. Her brother Auggie, deadbeat turned director, lately entered recovery after years of battling addiction, exhausting his family’s resources and compassion. There are zanier and scarier

characters, like the ghost of Ernest Harold Baynes, the “Doctor Dolittle of Everton,” a handsome, womanizing naturalist, who let wild animals live in his house; a missing 22-year-old woman with a smack problem and dark roots—a homegrown wiccan; the CEO of the gun factory—the town’s biggest employer; Syd Wish, the purported drug-dealer married to the pretty, popular 5th-grade teacher; Rasputin, a mail-order Russian fox; Moses, a lost-then-found Great Pyrenees; and Corbin Woods, a place so large and wild it has its own persona—currently a private hunting reserve for one-percenters who copter in and out of Everton without getting involved. Readers learn so much. Soul-searching: “Secretly, she thought it would be nice to believe in God...really go whole hog on the Jesus thing. It would be so great if you really believed there was someone out there, who listened to your bargains, pleas, and promises, that someone somewhere was keeping a lookout.” Disappointment: “We all hoped, *just this once*, we’d be overlooked by the grim reaper.” Discovery: “Not knowing what happens next and the fear associated with the not-knowing, that uncertainty and anticipation is what makes us human.” And hope: “That’s why we like living with animals so much; they exhibit their joy so outwardly, remind us how to be better alive.” This book gives it all—and makes us chuckle when we’re in-line at the Jewel. Grab it.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park / March, 2023



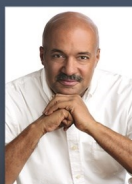
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Reruns: At my movie club discussion last night of "Night Train to Munich," I told the group about my dad, who was one of the liberators of Ahlem-- a concentration camp near Hanover--in 1945....

Then I decided to put two old posts about Ahlem from my old blog up today.

April, 1945: Ahlem concentration camp outside Hanover, Germany was liberated--and among the liberators were Vernon Tott, Henry Kissinger and my dad

On April 10, 1945, [Ahlem](#), a concentration camp near Hanover, Germany was liberated by the [US 84th Infantry Division](#)—nicknamed “The Railsplitters” because its roots went back to Abraham Lincoln.

The 84th entered France in 1944, following in the bootprints of the Normandy Invasion and fought the Battle of the Bulge. They soldiered on into Germany where they met the Russians and won the war.

My dad was one of the soldiers who liberated Ahlem and earned the Bronze Star; former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was another one. But there was one other soldier who was there that I've gotten to know in the last few days from Sioux City, Iowa: [Vernon Tott](#).

His role was such that a 2007 documentary came out about him: “[Angel of Ahlem](#).”

When the 84th arrived, Tott pulled out a pocket camera and took a lot of pictures of the prisoners. He was shocked and horrified and sickened by what he saw. But he was a hero.

[My dad, Lew Taman](#), also a hero, said they sent him in first. He thought because he was Jewish. But the fact that he was a medic makes more sense to me. He and his fellow soldiers had never seen people in such bad shape, and had never experienced the cruelty and barbarism that one group of people could do to another. They had never seen anything like it—the starvation and emaciation and the despair that the nazis were capable of inflicting and were totally responsible for.

My dad always said the prisoners didn't want any food or drink when he went in. Even though they were just skin and bones. And so weak, some couldn't even stand up.

All they wanted was cigarettes. Just cigarettes, which my dad gave them. All they wanted. His fellow soldiers were sickened, humbled and compassionate—and, as one can imagine, never the same. The horror stuck.

At some point during Vernon Tott's humble later life working in Sioux City at a local Swift meatpacking facility and raising a big family, he decided to make use of his pictures. He made it his mission to find as many of the prisoners that he photographed as he could—while battling, and eventually succumbing to stomach cancer in 2005. He made it his mission to meet them again, pay his respects and give them pictures of themselves from that horrid episode in their lives.

The documentary follows a series of “reunions.” Tott did his research through holocaust organizations that were keeping track of those abused so awfully by the nazis, and had gathered a lot their contact information.



Tott was able to not only visit the remnants of Ahlem (including bones and teeth beneath the ground), he was also able to get the pictures to several of those still alive, and he even met some of those living overseas. A group even came to the US to honor Tott with a sterling silver [Kiddush](#) cup before he died.

As for me, I found out about the video very recently, sent for it, received it and watched it, all in a matter of days. And now I know what my late dad was talking about, thanks to Vernon Tott. I am another person grateful for his picture-taking, his determination and his diligence. Now I have seen actual pictures of exactly what my dad saw when he liberated Ahlem, and of what he tried to describe over the years.

It was horrific. But I also know that my dad—one of their liberators—when he gave the prisoners the cigarettes they so desired, also gave them sympathy and support and food and water and friendship. And he probably kidded them and laughed with them and told them a few jokes to lighten their load.

I know he made them feel human again; he made them find humor and fun and hope for the future again. And thanks to Tott, we know at least some were able to go on and live as full-fledged human beings who had overcome the worst.

I know what my dad always did for me and other people: he made us feel safe, and through his humor I always saw the absurd and truly funny side of everything in life. Until he died on my 65th birthday in 2015, waiting until I was ensconced as a full-fledged senior citizen.

I don't think that was any coincidence. My senior years were officially beginning, just as death at the age of 92 ended his.

Bonnie McGrath

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- 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

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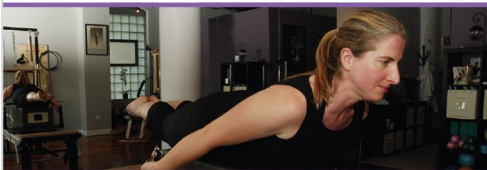


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March 23, 2023 at 7:00 am by [Brian Hieggelke](#)



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[S.L. Wisenberg](#)

(Women and Children First)

Launch event for the longtime Newcity essayist's collection, "The Wandering Womb: Essays in Search of Home."

April 11, 7pm

2

[The Interview Show](#)

(Fitzgerald's)

Mark Bazer's long-running live talk show returns with Nora O'Connor, Rebecca Makkai and Ricky Cobb.

April 12, 7:30pm

3

[Spring Festival](#)

(Chicago Humanities Festival)

Three months of high-energy events kick off with April appearances by Michio Kaku, Miranda July, Rebecca Makkai, Ayad Akhtar, Susanna Hoffs, Rainn Wilson and many others.

Starts April 13

4

[Dina Elenbogen and Dipika Mukherjee](#)

(Seminary Co-op)

The two poets, both published in Newcity, read from and discuss their new collections, Elenbogen's "Shore" and Mukherjee's "Dialect of Distant Harbors."

April 20, 6pm

5

[Independent Bookstore Day](#)

(Independent Bookstores Everywhere)

Readers and booksellers celebrate the vibrancy and vitality of independent bookstores with special events and shopping.

April 29

Look for Newcity's April 2023 print edition at over 300 Chicago-area locations this week or subscribe to the print edition at [Newcityshop.com](#).

Book Banning At Record Rate Across Nation

"Attempts to ban books are accelerating across the country at a rate never seen since tracking began more than twenty years ago, according to a new report from the American Library Association," [relays the The New York Times](#). "So far in 2022, there have been attempts to ban or restrict access to 1,651 different titles, the group found, up from challenges to 1,597 books in 2021, the year with the highest number of complaints since the group began documenting book challenges decades ago... 'It represents an escalation, and we're truly fearful that at some point we will see a librarian arrested for providing constitutionally protected books on disfavored topics,' said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, the director of the office of intellectual freedom at the library association. 'They're being threatened with prosecution, attacked on social media, harassed for simply doing their jobs by trying to meet the information needs of their communities.'"

NEWCITY [newcity.com](#)

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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



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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

The Brief but Shining Life of Paul Laurence Dunbar, a Poet Who Gave Dignity to the Black Experience

Paul Laurence Dunbar became the first Black writer to earn international acclaim through his poetry, essays and musical lyrics.

[The Conversation](#)

Minnita Daniel-Cox

[Paul Laurence Dunbar](#) was

only 33 years old when he died in 1906.

In his [short yet prolific](#) life, Dunbar used folk dialect to give voice and dignity to the experience of Black Americans at the turn of the 20th century. He was the first Black American to make [a living as a writer](#) and was seminal in the start of the [New Negro Movement](#) and [Harlem Renaissance](#).

Dunbar also penned one of the most iconic phrases in Black literature – “I know why the caged bird sings” – his poem [“Sympathy.”](#)

“... When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore, When he beats his bars and he would be free; It is not a carol of joy or glee, But a prayer that he sends from his heart’s deep core, But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings – I know why the caged bird sings!”

Published in 1899, “Sympathy” inspired acclaimed Black writer and activist [Maya Angelou](#) to use Dunbar’s line as the title of [her seminal autobiography](#).

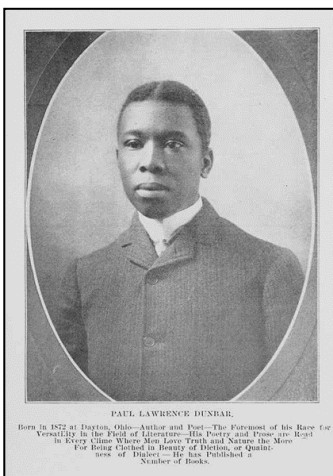
But Dunbar’s [artistic legacy](#) is often overlooked. This, despite the fact that his work influenced a number of other great African American literary giants, including [Langston Hughes](#), [Nikki Giovanni](#), [James Weldon Johnson](#), [Zora Neale Hurston](#) and [Margaret Walker](#).

In a very real sense, Dunbar is your favorite poet’s favorite poet.

A blooming life of writing

Born on [June 27, 1872](#), to two [formerly enslaved](#) people from Kentucky, Dunbar was [raised by his mother](#), and they eventually settled in Dayton, Ohio.

While there, Dunbar [attended the integrated Dayton Central High School](#). An exceptional writer, Dunbar was the [only Black student](#) in his class and became editor-in-chief of the high school newspaper as well as a member of the literary and drama clubs and debating society. He also [became friends](#) with a white classmate who, with his brother, would later invent the airplane – [Orville Wright](#). **CLICK FOR THE REST OF THE STORY**



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A 1902 portrait of Paul Laurence Dunbar. Smith Collection/Gado/Getty Images

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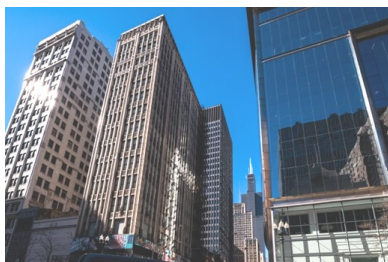
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Here Are Chicago's 7 Most Endangered Buildings And Destinations

Preservation Chicago's 2023 list of endangered buildings includes the Century and Consumer Buildings, Taft Hall and Jeffery Theater Building and Spencer Arms Hotel.



Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago
The Century and Consumers Buildings, 202 and 220 S. State St. in the Loop.

[Melody Mercado](#) 12:00 PM CST on Mar 8, 2023

This year's list:

The Century and Consumers Buildings

The Century and the Consumers buildings, at 202 and 220 N. State St., are making their fourth appearances on the list. Built in 1915 and 1913, respectively, the buildings suffer from deferred maintenance and vacancy, according to Preservation Chicago.

The federal government [took ownership of the buildings](#) through eminent domain in 2005 to shore up security near Federal Plaza. A federal infrastructure bill earmarked funds last February for the buildings' demolitions, according to Preservation Chicago.

The preservation group has called for the buildings to be reused, and it has pitched having the buildings house a project called the Chicago Archives Center. There are solutions that satisfy the government's security needs while restoring the century-old high-rises, according to Preservation Chicago. **MORE**



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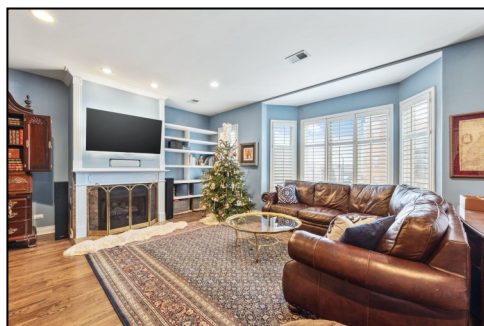
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Candidates for 4th Ward Alderman want to address crime, housing, education in South Loop

By [Zoë Takaki](#), Staff Reporter
 the Columbia Chronicle
 March 24, 2023 [Kailey Ryan](#)



2023 ELECTION

A new 4th Ward alderman will be elected next month in the April 4 runoff election.

Every four years, the city elects 50 alderpersons, each representing a different ward, to make up the City Council. The alderperson is responsible for representing their community's interests, and they do this through distributing the wards annual budget from the city, as well as voting on laws, grants and more.

Columbia is in the 4th Ward, which contain parts of the South Loop, Bronzeville, Oakland and Kenwood. In February, [an aldermanic forum](#) put on by South Loop Neighbors allowed 4th Ward alderperson candidates a chance to discuss concerns of South Loop residents.

Lamont Robinson and Prentice Butler are the two 4th Ward candidates facing off in the runoff election.

The race has been contentious. Four of the candidates who didn't make the run-off — and one candidate who was removed from the ballot — [endorsed](#) Butler for alderperson. One of the former candidates also is suing Robinson for [alleged defamation](#) stemming from a campaign mailer.

“Although they might not be supporting me, I look forward to working with each of them as I become alderman of the 4th Ward,” Robinson told the Chronicle.

Meet the candidates

[State Rep. Lamont Robinson](#)

Robinson has been a state representative since 2019. An insurance agent, he is the owner of The Robinson and Caban Insurance Group. He is the first LGBTQ African-American person to serve in the Illinois legislature.

[Prentice Butler](#)

Butler is Sophia King's chief of staff, the outgoing 4th Ward alderwoman who lost her bid for mayor in February. Prior to that, he was a legal assistant at a Chicago bankruptcy law firm.

He is also on the board for several not-for-profits like [New Leaders Council Chicago](#), [SOUL](#) (South-Siders Organized for Unity and Liberation), [100 Black Men of Chicago](#) and more.

*The Chronicle asked a series of questions to both candidates on the topics of crime, housing and education in the South Loop area. **Crime in the South Loop is a concern for some Columbia students. How will you address this as Alderman?***

Robinson said he wants to:

- Meet with students of Columbia.
- Work with Columbia's public safety department to determine how more resources can be provided, such as “making sure that the cameras that are on Columbia buildings are connected to the city of Chicago's [OEMC](#).”

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<https://columbiachronicle.com/candidates-for-4th-ward-alderman-want-to-address-crime-housing-education-in-south-loop>

OPINION

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For immediate release March 8, 2023

INDIVISIBLE
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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."

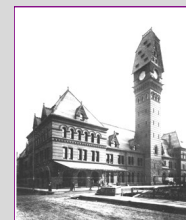
About Indivisible Chicago

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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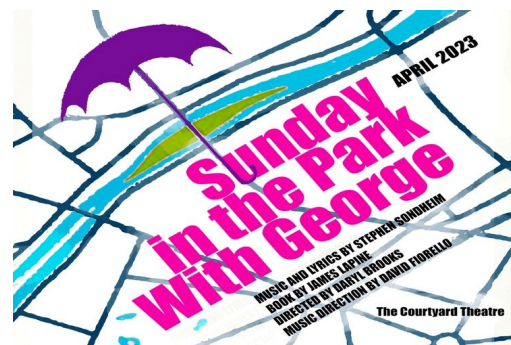
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Winter Enrichment Brochure for Seniors

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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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](#)

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Carjacking Prevention Tips

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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.

Lendlease launches pre-leasing for The Reed

Apartment move-ins are expected in late May



February 28, 2023, 8:00AM Lukas Kugler

Lendlease has announced the commencement of pre-leasing at The Reed. Located at 234 W. Polk, The Reed is the second installment of the larger 7-acre Southbank masterplan that overlooks the south branch of the Chicago River.

“The apartments at The Reed are coming online at a time when interest from renters has never been higher and inventory of newly constructed units is historically low,” said Ted Weldon, executive general manager of development for Lendlease’s Chicago office. “In contrast to the typical urban landscape, The Reed offers the best of both worlds with its connectivity to Southbank Park and the Chicago River, in addition to its premium finishes and amenities.”

Designed by Perkins & Will, The Reed features 224 apartments on floors nine through 22, including studio to three-bedroom floor plans. Ranging from 544 to 1,417 square feet in size, prices begin at \$2,160 for studios, \$2,230 for convertibles, \$2,500 for one-bedrooms, \$3,710 for two-bedrooms and \$5,325 for three-bedrooms. First move-ins are expected in late May.

In-unit finishes and features reflect the industrial-modern aesthetic of the building, including exposed concrete ceilings, wide-plank wood flooring and expansive floor-to-ceiling windows. Kitchens feature stainless steel appliances, honed black granite countertops and flat-panel, soft-close cabinetry with under-cabinet lighting. Baths include frameless glass showers, quartz countertops, and Hansgrohe and Kohler fixtures. Nine-foot ceilings optimize natural light and views of the downtown skyline, adjacent Southbank Park and Chicago River, per plan. Select units also include balconies.

<https://city.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54fdf630bfe1d3bef5091ba59&id=83792cb153&e=5eb3895d4d>

Police Beat 0132: Roosevelt Rd. to Stevenson Expressway, State St. to the Lake

2021-22 % Change

Overall, there was a 33% increase in the number of Beat 0132 crime reports from 2021 to 2022. The top half of the right-hand column shows the percent 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. Criminal Sexual Assault and Robbery (which includes carjacking) actually decreased. Battery remained flat while Assault increased moderately. There were two Homicides.

I added Weapons Violations to this list as it has become a major issue for Chicago. Beat 0132 showed a significant increase in this crime type.

"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 Police Beat 0132. Then I compared that average with the "Covid" years of 2020, 2021, and 2022.

The overall totals for the Covid years show a dramatic drop in total crimes in 2020 and then coming back up in 2021.

2022 certainly reversed that downward trend with a climb of 21% over the pre-Covid average and 33% above 2021.

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See Stats following page

URBANIZE

Crime Reports in Beat 0132	"Normal " Years				"Covid" Years		"Normal"	2021-22
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change	% Change
Jan	52	49	55	57	37	73	40	97
Feb	57	50	51	65	37	64	22	73
Mar	58	59	60	39	53	70	19	32
Apr	65	72	67	38	50	64	-6	28
May	67	63	73	34	48	80	18	67
Jun	92	66	93	44	66	93	11	41
Jul	63	69	70	48	79	92	37	16
Aug	71	55	58	50	54	103	68	91
Sep	79	63	93	38	71	81	3	14
Oct	74	55	54	50	76	76	25	0
Nov	66	68	76	53	65	83	19	28
Dec	49	44	78	66	71	62	9	-13
Total	793	713	828	582	707	941	21	33
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	1		
Assault	32	37	59	35	54	67	57	24
Battery	131	106	150	85	136	136	5	0
Burglary	31	17	15	19	11	12	-43	9
Concealed Carry Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Criminal Damage	59	72	58	63	57	88	40	54
Criminal Sexual Assault	4	3	2	3	7	4	33	-43
Criminal Trespass	32	28	25	13	14	26	-8	86
Deceptive Practice	121	116	139	122	81	98	-22	21
Homicide	0	0	1	1	0	2		
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Interference Public Officer	1	0	0	0	0	2		
Intimidation	0	2	0	0	1	1	50	0
Kidnapping	0	0	1	0	1	1	200	0
Liquor Law Violation	0	1	0	0	3	1	200	-67
Motor Vehicle Theft	34	23	26	30	87	155	460	78
Narcotics	4	4	7	7	3	2	-60	-33
Non-Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Obscenity	1	0	0	0	0	0	-100	
Offence Involving Children	5	4	4	7	5	1	-77	-80
Other Narcotics	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Offense	54	45	55	35	48	52	1	8
Prostitution	5	0	0	0	0	0		
Public Indecency	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Public Peace Violation	4	2	4	1	6	1	-70	-83
Robbery	27	12	16	17	22	19	4	-14
Sex Offense	6	4	6	2	7	4	-25	-43
Stalking	1	0	0	0	3	1	200	-67
Theft	238	230	256	130	151	250	4	66
Weapons Violation	2	6	2	12	9	17	410	89
Total	793	713	828	582	707	941	21	33

Shedd Aquarium Could Lose Millions Because Of NASCAR Race, Officials Worry As They Ask For Answers

Officials don't know how road closures will impact access to the Shedd during what's usually one of its busiest weekends. Leaders say they are still waiting for key information from NASCAR so they can plan.

[Melody Mercado](#) 8:52 AM CDT on Mar 16, 2023

Race cars sit parked during a press event announcing that Chicago will host a first-of-its-kind NASCAR Street Race, on July 19, 2022. Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

DOWNTOWN — Leaders with Shedd Aquarium and the Grant Park Advisory Council are pressing for more details about the summer's NASCAR race in Grant Park as concerns grow about the expanded presence of the event.

Officials say they are worried about the race's impact on park grounds and how road closures will affect the number of visitors to Shedd Aquarium on one of its busiest weekends. The aquarium is located just south of Grant Park at 1220 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

[Grant Park will be booked 84 days between May 18 and Aug. 13](#) for setting up, hosting and teardown for special events, according to Park District records obtained by Block Club Chicago. Nearly half of those days will be dedicated to preparing, running and cleaning up the July 1-2 NASCAR race, despite reports from Crain's last summer [forecasting a two-week takeover of the park for the race](#) and later [21 days before the race and 10 days after](#).

Now, race leaders can start setting up 26 days in advance, and they have 13 days to clean up, records show. Park officials have stressed the time allotted for setup and teardown does not necessarily mean the entire park will be closed.

Typically Shedd Aquarium sees at least 10,000 guests a day during Fourth of July weekend, officials said. Aquarium leaders estimate the Shedd could lose \$2-\$3 million during race weekend, setup and teardown if parts of the museum campus are cut off or harder for visitors to reach, which may force the building to close.

"That's a mix of days that we imagine it would be very difficult to be open during the days of the race. We are going to have less attendance on some of the days ... with the road closures as well as one week less of our summer camp for children," said Meghan Curran, chief marketing and experience officer for the Shedd Aquarium.

But aquarium leaders are still waiting for key information to prepare, like when nearby roads and sidewalks will close to accommodate the race, Curran said.

"We've been asking since learning the news about NASCAR for a more focused meeting on those logistics. We're very interested in how we might mitigate the impacts and make sure that we think about the actions that might make it better for guests that want to come to the museum," Curran said. "... At this point we've not yet had that meeting. We've been told it's coming. We've not had it yet."

Leslie Recht, president of the Grant Park Advisory Council, told Block Club her group hasn't received many more details about the race outside of what's been shared publicly, dating back nearly a year.

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<https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/03/16/shedd-aquarium-could-lose-millions-because-of-nascar-race-officials-worry-as-they-ask-for-answers/>



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.

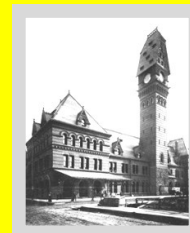
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Next CAPS Meeting 2023

May 10, 5:30pm IN-
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caps.001district@chicagopolice.org

Police Blotter



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

3/17/2023 8:50am 10 W Harrison
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Retail store Beat 123

3/17/2023 8:32am 40 E 8th
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, Knife retail store Beat 123

3/16/2023 Midnight Roosevelt & Wabash
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Knife sidewalk Beat 131

3/15/2023 8:20pm 500 S State
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Knife Restaurant Beat 123

3/15/2023 3:05am 1100 S State
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT of a Police officer, Knife
Beat 123

3/14/2023 10:51AM Roosevelt and State
ARMED ROBBERY Knife Drug store Beat 123

3/13/2023 12:17am 1100 S State
AGGRAVATED BATTERY, Subway platform Beat 123

3/12/2023 10:40am Roosevelt & Wabash
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, knife Restaurant Beat 131

3/17/2023 3pm Michigan and Roosevelt
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

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AUTO THEFT Com. Parking Garage Beat 123

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AUTO THEFT Com Parking Garage Beat 131

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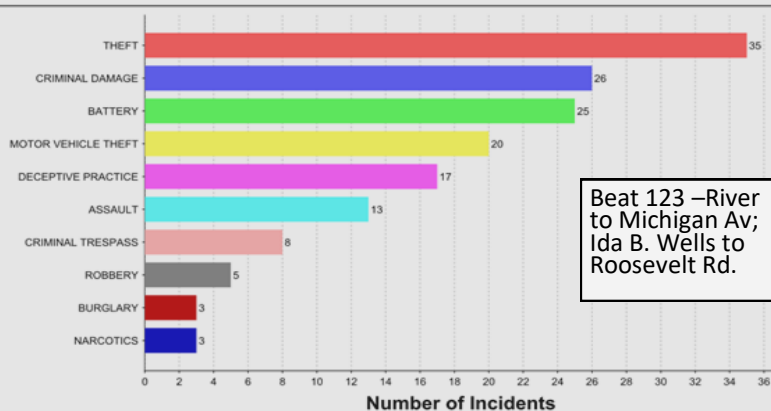
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Top Ten Crimes From 01-Feb-2023 To 28-Feb-2023 On Beat 0123

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CPD officer hit by fleeing car near Grant Park

Another officer opened fire during the downtown encounter, but no one was hit, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)

Mar 18, 2023, 10:50am CDT

A Chicago police officer was hit by a vehicle Friday night near Grant Park.

Sun-Times file

A Chicago police officer was hit by a vehicle Friday night in Grant Park, prompting another officer to open fire, authorities said. About 8:10 p.m., officers on patrol in the 1100 block of South DuSable Lake Shore Drive saw a vehicle thought to have been involved in the assault of an officer that occurred in early March, according to a statement the department released hours after Friday's encounter. Trying to get away, the driver of the car hit a curb, reversed and struck one officer before taking off, police said. That officer's leg was broken.

Another officer then opened fire, but no one was hit, police said.

The wanted vehicle came to a stop in the 7200 block of South Vincennes Avenue, police said. All passengers were arrested soon after.

The injured officer was taken to a hospital in good condition.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which investigates whenever an officer opens fire, is reviewing the use of force.

The CPD statement was vague on where the officer "discharged their weapon."

Department policy prohibits officers from shooting at moving vehicles "unless such force is reasonably necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to the sworn member or to another person."

Anyone with information is asked to call COPA at (312) 746-3609.

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

2/26/2023 4am 700 S State
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

2/25/2023 11:01am 1900 S Archer
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 131

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2/16/23

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2/15/23

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2/14/23

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2/8/23

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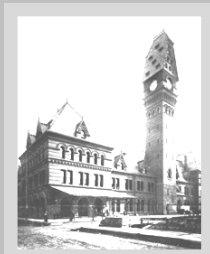
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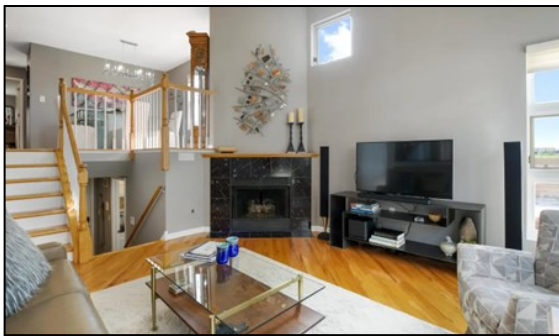
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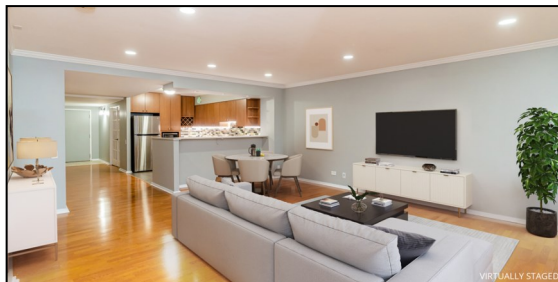


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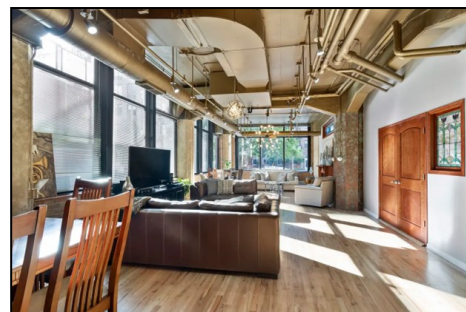
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