

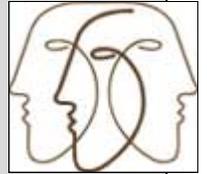


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Many of us ask, "How can the ordinary citizen help? Thanks to Mack Liederman's resource rich article from Block Club, we learn about multiple ways to help following Jane Addams legacy."

Here's How To Help The Latest Wave Of Migrants Coming To Chicago

Challenges are growing, but one leader said her organization is "honored to help and walk alongside these families during their most difficult time."

[Mack Liederman](#) May 3, 2023

CHICAGO — Community organizations across Chicago need more supplies and helping hands to provide the latest wave of migrants with basic needs, medical care and legal help. Chicago has already been pushed to the max trying to find shelter for the waves of migrants who have arrived in recent weeks, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said. Some families have had to [sleep on police station floors](#) as officials try to quickly create more temporary shelters.

Even more migrants are expected to come to the United States in the weeks ahead, with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott writing in a letter to Lightfoot this week his state expects to see up to 13,000 migrants per day. He has said he will resume bussing migrants to Chicago and other cities. "It's an overwhelming situation," said Karina Ayala-Bermejo, president and CEO of nonprofit Instituto del Progreso Latino. "We're gearing up, but the total level of preparedness needed is not there."

Emergency aid efforts are no substitution for additional federal funding and policy changes that create easier pathways to citizenship, local community group leaders and officials said.

"But if it's any silver lining, we're learning how to create wraparound services for immigrants in new ways, addressing their needs how we can," Ayala-Bermejo said. "We're honored to help and walk alongside these families during their most difficult time." CONTINUES ON PAGE 16



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- 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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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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In five days Brandon Johnson will be our new Chicago Mayor....

Here's my humble advice May 10, 2023

First, the cops:

So far, we seem to be on the same wavelength. You hired at least an interim police chief from the inside. Who also grew up in Chicago. Plucking 34-year veteran and retiree Fred Waller out of retirement to serve temporarily as chief (and also third in command before he retired) fits the bill. Growing up in Englewood (where my dad also grew up) and Pullman, too, is perfect. Couldn't think of any better profile, any better combination of what he has to offer.

Maybe things will go swimmingly and Waller will not go back into retirement? If he does go back, don't try what your recent predecessors tried, no matter who the panelists on the commission recommend.

We don't need anyone from Dallas, Newark—or the FBI. Been there, done that, didn't work.

When Lightfoot pick David Brown went out one morning after BLM leveled a strip of black-owned small businesses on the South Side, all he could talk about was himself. At his press conference on site, all he babbled about was how the kids called him an "Oreo" and how insulted he was. And how he wasn't one. I watched this and I knew he was wrong for the job. But he kept it anyway.

A chief has to know Chicago from the ground up, has to have a nice personality (think Terry Hillard) and has to have risen through the ranks. Whoever it is will do fine as long as the the person knows Chicago—from living here and working as a cop here. It just works.

Second, the infrastructure:

Remember the way way Mayor Rudy Giuliani fixed the broken windows in New York and the crime came came down? And the quality of life went up? Well, I spend a lot of time on Chicago's crumbling, uneven and broken sidewalks and you must fix them. Broken windows are not the problem here; broken sidewalks are.

Because navigating them everyday, whether young or old, physically fit or not, is like hiking in the Himalayas if they were also covered with potholes.

Everyone everyday who traverses them is facing an enormous chance of getting severely injured, not to mention overfilling hospitals and overusing painkillers.

Fix them. Every single one.,

Third, to thine own self be true, but to us, BE NICE:

We have been abused by recent mayors. The he corruption under Daley that left us in the lurch; the wise-guy ways of Rahm that proved his utter contempt for us; and Lightfoot yelling at us like a shrew. We have PTSD.



She yelled at those who didn't want to take an experimental vaccine that didn't work. And she closed the doors of private institutions to those people, too—while yelling. She yelled at those who didn't want to vote for her, and then yelled that we shouldn't vote at all if we didn't vote for her.

You seem nice. And you don't seem to be corrupt, and you don't seem to be a wise guy. Or someone who would yell at your constituents. You seem to have a nice family (I know your wife is nice because she was one of my students at Columbia College). And you seem to have a commitment to the City, unlike your runoff opponent who didn't even live here.

If you get the dog you said your kids wanted after the election, I have compassionate animal lover friends who want you to get one from a City-run shelter. One of those friends is freaked out by the number of sweet animals not cared for in the shelters and who are ultimately are killed.

To get pets at a City shelter is a nice way for nice people to prove they are nice.

Looking forward to Monday.

Bonnie McGrath

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OPINION

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Sincerely, Marianne

Vacationing within 300 miles of Chicago

By **Marianne Goss**

Many of us have travel bucket lists, maybe including wows like New York, the Grand Canyon, Paris, a non-Western country, an African safari.

Cincinnati probably doesn't make your list. Neither did it mine until a brief visit to my two early-20s nieces, who both landed their first post-college jobs there. I intend to go back. Because of an aunt's funeral, my sister Pat and I had to cut short our visit. We didn't get to the top attraction on my list, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. There wasn't time for a tour of Over-the-Rhine, whose more than 1,000 historic buildings make up one of the country's largest, most intact 19th-century historic districts. Both attractions meet my criterion for worth seeing: one of a kind, or nearly so.

That outing reminded me that there are unvisited places within driving distance of Chicago that would interest me. After a trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons in September, I expect to be content to take less breathtaking vacations.

This desire to explore my own backyard isn't really new. Twenty-seven years ago, I self-published a book, *Midwest Passage: How Traveling Close to Home Broadened My Horizons*. I wrote about vacationing at the Lincoln sights in Springfield, Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, and eastern Iowa (Mississippi River, Amana Colonies, Grant Wood sights, the National Czech and Slovak Museum).

My thinking then was that I would learn to be a better traveler by visiting places I could easily return to. Instead of rushing around to cross must-sees off a list, I would slow down and be more spontaneous.

I'm not looking for transformation now; I'm just feeling inclined toward simple vacations. Less planning, fewer timetables, more flexibility. Also, as I get older, I'm not sure that my stamina or my legs can take daylong sight-seeing. Also again, if I rent a car, I don't have to arrange cat-sitting. Fanny can go with me; she travels well for a cat.

I've seen much of the United States and have gone to Europe three times, but I'll miss seeing the rest of the world. However, I experience different cultures in Chicago neighborhoods like Pilsen, Little Village, Argyle Street, Chinatown, and Devon Avenue where immigrants speak their languages, prepare native foods in restaurants, and sell goods imported from their homelands.

A couple of *New York Times* clippings I've saved reinforce my thinking about nearby travel. Tour leader Aziz Abu Sarah said that travel is not distance but a state of mind and suggested volunteering to work with immigrants in one's own community before going abroad. Travel writer Reif Larsen admitted fretting about his contribution to climate change by frequent flying. While he is not ruling out all plane travel, he wrote that "I will try to plan more trips locally."

Where within about 300 miles might I want to visit for the first time or return to?

Besides the places mentioned in *Midwest Passage*, I've enjoyed and would happily return to picturesque Door County, Wisconsin, and Brown County, Indiana; the northern Indiana Amish country; and historic Galena and the Great River Road.

As for never-been places, St. Louis tops the list. The unique Museum at the Gateway Arch covers two centuries of US westward expansion. The city also boasts a number of free museums, a top-rated zoo, and nearby Cahokia Mounds, the largest pre-Columbian settlement north of Mexico.

Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, has been compared favorably with Williamsburg. It brings together more than 100 significant buildings relocated from their original spots or authentically rebuilt. They include Thomas Edison's workshop, the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop, a courthouse where Abraham Lincoln argued cases, and homes of different architectural styles. The adjoining Henry Ford Museum houses vehicles, machinery, and other artifacts of American ingenuity. Dearborn also has the largest Arab community in the country. And as long as I'm there, I might spend time next door in Detroit, too.

Michigan's Harbor Country just over the Indiana border has drawn me more than once, but I've not visited the resort towns just to the north — South Haven, Saugatuck, Holland, and Grand Haven — which are known for beaches, art galleries, wineries, and overall small-town charm.

I spent eight years in Madison without getting to nearby Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo (Circus World Museum, International Crane Foundation), and Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin in Spring Green. I could also revisit old haunts in Madison and see what's new, including the Wright-designed Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. A stop in Lake Geneva, where I've also never been, would not be out of the way.

For a hiking vacation or just time relaxing in nature, staying in a state park puts you where you want to be. Accommodations range from rustic cabins to elegant lodges. Starved Rock, Turkey Run, and Brown County State Parks are known for their charming lodging as well as their beautiful scenery.

And, of course, Cincinnati is calling me back

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



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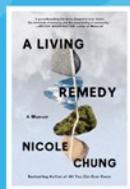
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 Nicole Chung, bestselling author of *All You Can Ever Know*, reads from and discusses her new book, *A Living Remedy*, a searing memoir of family, class and grief—a daughter's search to understand the lives her adoptive parents led, the life she forged as an adult, and the lives she's lost.

Please wear a mask to this program for the safety of the presenters and your fellow audience members.

This is an in-person program at the American Writers Museum. This program will also be livestreamed, and [you can register for the link to the online broadcast here.](#)

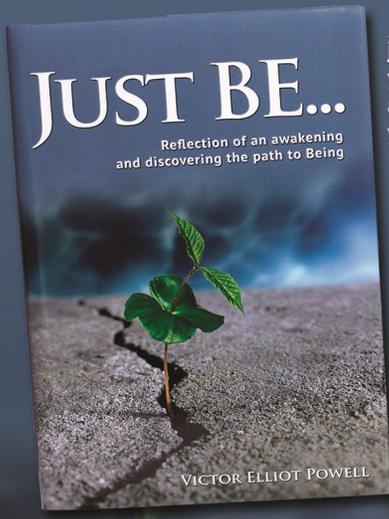
Books will be available for purchase and Chung will sign books following the program. You may also reserve a book ahead of time with your admission at checkout. AWM members, please contact us if you would like us to set aside a book for you, one per member.



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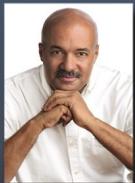
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David Ambroz, *A Place Called Home* (Legacy)

David Ambroz is a serious but interesting guy. His book is graphic, his subject matter grim, and his proposals grounded in the realities of childhood homelessness and foster care in America. ***A Place Called Home*** is not about a home; it is about a child—children—who have no real homes. They have random and temporary roofs, or group homes, or shelters, or detention centers, or fast-food restaurants, or train stations, or church basements, or abandoned cars as respite from the cold, the heat, the rain and snow. Ambroz begins his book describing the Christmas night “he almost died”: a 5-year-old with siblings 6 and 7, a deranged mom with a sometimes loving heart and an often violent hand, walking all night through Manhattan. “In the dark alcoves in corners of the night, are people like us. We drift in circles, making our home everywhere and nowhere. We hunker down in the colorless crevices of the city, in the grey shadows of gray buildings, where the gray snow is piled....” We’ve all seen them, sometimes out of the corner of our eyes and sometimes head-on. We give them a wide berth, and when there are children, we think it’s a con. Because, until we read this book, we won’t know that there are almost a half-million unhoused children in this land of opportunity (not counting the immigrants who are running from things even worse than homelessness). There are almost twenty thousand homeless kids who go to *public school in Chicago*, who look to their schools for food, safety, health care and the book-learning that might—in rare instances—lead them out of poverty. Like David, these kids hang out at the public library until closing time; grab pack ages of creamer and sugar at Dunkin’ Donuts and eat them for breakfast; wash their clothes in the bathroom sinks at the

Jewel, and move from school to school like bunnies traipsing through gardens looking for food until they’re trapped, shooed away, or killed. They are always at risk. “Homeless prey on the homeless; criminals prey on the homeless; officials harass the homeless. And the public insists we stay out of sight.” Sometimes, responsible adults notice that these children are abused by their parents; sometimes, like David Ambroz did after an especially vicious beating, they “tell on” their parents to escape. Then they enter “a fundamentally flawed system where neither child nor parent have enough help, or the right help, to break the cycle of poverty.” The author tells us what we already know—even if it is never part of our own lives: “Rising from homelessness and poverty is a fight against gravity.” But David Ambroz has a myriad of good suggestions: recruit middle class and diverse foster parents (including LGBT+ parents so that queer kids aren’t further victimized); increase their payments; offer them pensions and free public college for their foster and their biological children. Social workers need higher pay or meaningful benefits like school loan forgiveness or subsidized mortgages, and more power and autonomy to do their jobs. He’s seen improvements in the system, and believes what playwright Tony Kushner told David’s class at their commencement: “Hope isn’t a choice, it’s a moral obligation, a human obligation, an obligation to the cells in your body.” Read it and *do something*, or at least understand that this isn’t fiction.

Lorraine Schmall

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Writing Out Loud

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

Beth Finke

A new novel by local author,

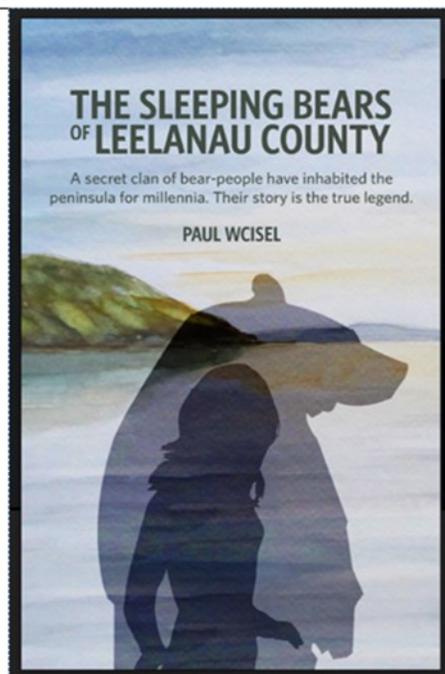
Paul Wcisel

(paulwcisel.com)

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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

Questions Kids Ask: Do you pick your clothes at random?

April 22, 2023



Luna and I had a great time at Oak Terrace. This past Tuesday Seeing Eye dog Luna and I had the honor of visiting third-graders at Oak Terrace Elementary school in Highwood, Illinois to talk about what it's like to be blind and how service dogs help us get around.

Oak Terrace is a Spanish dual language school: students there are provided daily instruction in both English and Spanish. I am no expert in the benefits of bilingual education, but based on some of the words the kids used when asking questions, I'd say it really helps with vocabulary! Some examples:

- o Did you just wake up one day and all you could see was black?
- o Did you have previous experience with any other dogs before you got your first Seeing Eye dog?
- o How do you eat, I mean, how do you use utensils?
- o Were you terrified when you woke up and all you could see was the color black?
- o How do you play video games?
- o How do you eat when your husband isn't around to cook?
- o What if there's a natural disaster?
- o How do you swim without running into the wall at the end of each lap?
- o How do you use the bathroom?
- o Do you choose what to wear, or do you just pick your clothes at random?
- o How do you drive?

What happens when your dog retires?

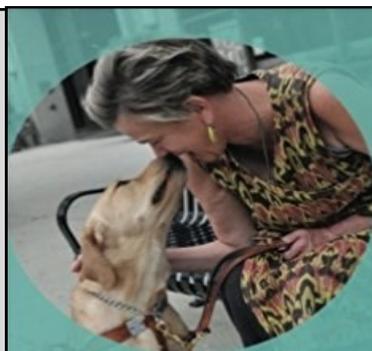


"At random?" "Terrified?" "Natural disaster?" "Previous experience?" "Utensils?" What sort of eight-year-olds use sophisticated language like that?

Eight-year-olds who go to dual-language schools, I guess. Hearing both languages spoken there was music to my ears. When it was time to leave, I leaned down to pick up Luna's harness, stood back up and used one of the very few sentences I know in the Spanish language: "Mi perro es muy inteligente!" The cheers from the third-graders tell me I must have gotten it right.

COMMENT

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



Writing Out Loud

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

Beth Finke

Storied Standard Club latest to house asylum-seekers

The shuttered club near the Dirksen Federal Building is being used to house 761 migrants now and up to 1,200 in the coming months.



By [Fran Spielman](#) May 5, 2023 Chicago Sun-Times

For 150 years, the Standard Club was a mecca for Chicago's business titans, many of them Jews who were banned by the discriminatory membership policies of the University Club and Union League Club.

Now, the shuttered club near the Dirksen Federal Building is being used to house 761 asylum-seekers, a number that could grow to as many as 1,200 in the coming months.

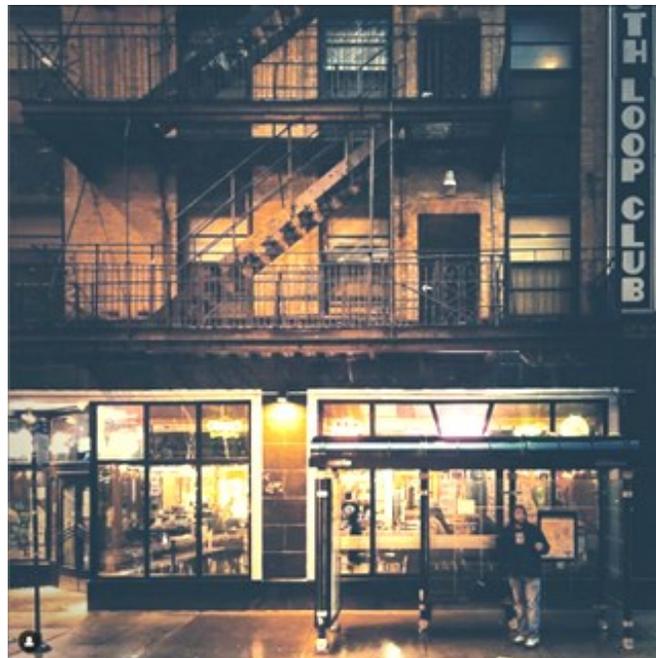
"As the city continues to respond to this humanitarian crisis," the club is one of the sites being used as a temporary shelter to support new arrivals, a city statement said in response to questions from the Chicago Sun-Times. It's been a temporary shelter since March 1, the city stated.

Retiring 4th Ward Ald. Sophia King, whose ward includes the club, said she "did not pre-approve any of the locations" in her ward. But there were "several meetings and concerns with residents after migrants arrived," and the decision to use the shuttered Standard Club "shouldn't be a surprise anymore," King wrote in a text message.

"This is an issue that needs a collaborative approach. ... Accountability has to be spread across the country, state and city and with the migrants, as well as the countries they are fleeing from," King wrote. "We can't all say, 'Not in our backyards.' But by the same token, we should be better prepared for this human crisis."

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South Loop Club and building sold.



Farewell [@southloopclubchicago](#).

701 S State Street, the home to 36 studio apartments and South Loop Club has sold for \$6 Million Dollars. Nicholas Vranas owned the building for over 40 years. The new building owner plans to open some sort of restaurant and bar in the ground floor retail space.

I'm sad to see South Loop Club go, but excited to see what might replace them. Mr South Loop

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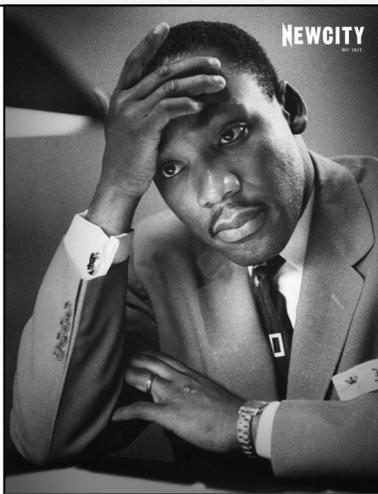
Editor's Letter: May, 2023

May 1, 2023 by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

Longtime Newcity contributor Scoop Jackson's father, Robert Jackson Jr., was a reporter for the Chicago American in the sixties and early seventies and one of the first recognized Black reporters in the city.

A two-time Pulitzer nominee, he ended his career as a columnist for the Rocky Mountain News.

In covering the civil rights movement for the American, Jackson reported on Martin Luther King Jr. on marches in the South and when he came to Chicago. So when it came time to interview Jonathan Eig about his major new MLK biography, Scoop was the natural choice. You won't find a more provocative and insightful discussion of King and his legacy anywhere.



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My father had some influence on this story, too, though with far less substance than Scoop and his father. I was five years old when King was assassinated, too young to understand or pay attention to much news. But with the tragedy blanketing the media, I asked my dad about it. His response, that it was a greater loss than the murder of JFK, would shape my perspective on the world in many ways. King became an early idol for me, a white boy then living in Lincoln, Nebraska; I cut out his picture from the newspaper and hung it on the wall like I would football stars. Years later, when we started a newspaper for the nascent South Loop, I used the fact that his march from Soldier Field to City Hall passed through the neighborhood as a rationale for writing my first story, about him and that day, in the first issue of Newcity. I am so proud that we can publish a definitive story now, and wish my dad were still around to read it.

This one's for the fathers, and the wisdom they pass on to their sons.

Shards of personal history run through the other major features in this issue, too. I live just a few blocks south of the Monadnock Building, where the Optimo Hat store has long intrigued me with its cool design elegance shining through its wide storefront windows. Dave Hoekstra's story goes deep into its history of perfected craftsmanship and its connection to iconic blues musicians. And Ted C. Fishman, who's written for Newcity since our neighborhood days, started out covering art for us, so it's great to see him back in that world with his interview with Jaume Plensa in this issue. We have a photo on our wall from Newcity's earliest days of the late artist Robert Rauschenberg, taken when Ted interviewed him when he was in town for a gallery exhibition.

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And so much more...

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

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

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

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

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

Chicago Cooks



45 PERFECT Recipes for the PASSIONATE Palate

Jonathan Horwich & Carol Montag

OPINION

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Backstory Essays

Regan Burke

[Green-eyed Monster](#)

April 25, 2023



During my First Grade year I spent most of my schooldays in bed with all the feverish childhood diseases— measles, mumps, chicken pox—an inauspicious beginning to my school career.

Memories of the year are bereft of detail. My family moved within the boundaries of the District of Columbia that year so my sisters could stay in their school. I think we lived with relatives or friends, then a hotel. Different sick beds float around in my consciousness—or is it subconscious?

Having exhausted all resources in Washington, my father moved us to his hometown, Terre Haute, Indiana. My poor mother was an east coast snob, a New Jersey socialite, if there is such a thing. Drinking was her solution to surviving the dregs of Terre Haute. She enrolled my two sisters and me in the local parochial school, then left it to us to find our way there and back.

I went directly into to Second Grade because of my age. When the St. Joseph nuns discovered I couldn't read or write, they sent me back to the First Grade. Fine with me. My sister was there, a comfort blanket. In order to thwart any trauma, my mother took me to the bike shop.

"What's your favorite color?" The clerk asked.

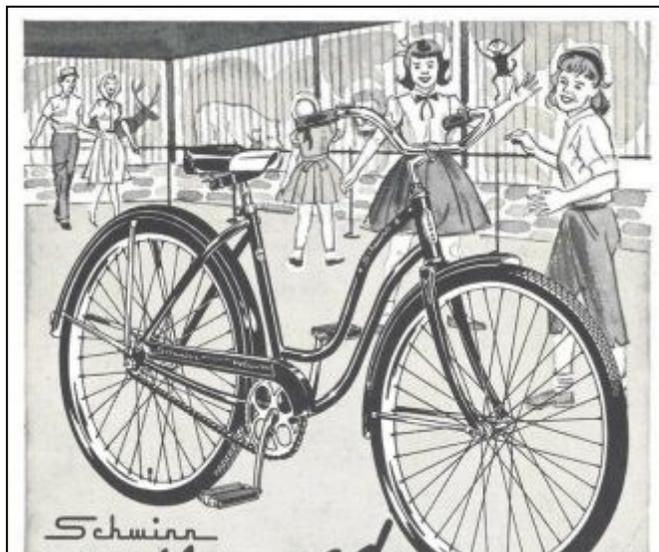
"My favorite color?"

I didn't know I could have a favorite color, didn't know anyone could have a favorite color.

"Do I have a favorite color?" I asked my mother.

"Green," she said, "Like the trees."

We walked out with my green Schwinn Roadmaster, garnished with a straw basket, chrome horn and a Rocket Ray headlight soldered to the front fender. My mother thought I knew how to ride a bike, like she thought I knew how to read and write. She got in the car, waved and said, "see you at home!" I climbed on and off, balanced and pedaled, fell off, climbed back on and pedaled home.



From that time on, it was well-established that green was my favorite color. When I was a young wife and mother living in married student housing at Spartan Green Michigan State, my mother sent me a birthday gift—green pleated skirt, green sweater and green beret.

Within a few weeks of receiving my green bike, bikes mysteriously appeared for my sisters in their favorite colors, blue and red. The favored status I'd held for the humiliation of having to repeat the First Grade perverted into favors for those two. That green-eyed monster laid low in my soul for years until it materialized at the bottom of a vodka bottle. I squashed it forevermore in a Twelve-Step program.

Susan B. Anthony once said, "Bicycling has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world. It gives freedom and self-reliance." I can vouch for that. I freely bicycled all around any town I've ever lived, until at last, I put a permanent lock on my bike at age seventy-five.

Self-reliance, however, is a two-faced virtue, not one for an eight year-old, girl or boy, to have to learn.

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.





900 S Wabash earlier in April has been transformed and remodeled into a new retail shop.



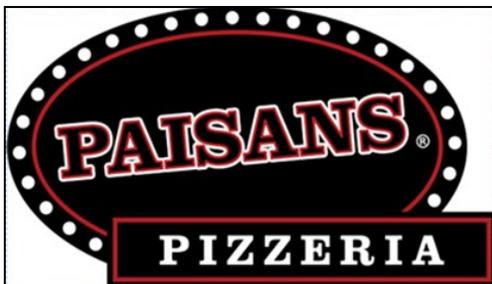
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STREET CLOSURES				
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Congress Circle	Harrison St	Van Buren St	6/26/2023	7/6/2023
Ida B Wells	Michigan Ave	Columbus Dr	6/10/2023	7/10/2023
Jackson Dr	Columbus Dr	DuSable Lake Shore Drive	6/28/2023	7/10/2023
Jackson Dr	Michigan Ave	Columbus Dr	6/25/2023	7/10/2023
NB Columbus Dr	Roosevelt Rd	Jackson Dr	6/25/2023	7/10/2023
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NB DuSable Lake Shore Dr	McFetridge Dr	Randolph St	7/1/2023	7/2/2023
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11th St	Wabash St	Michigan Ave	6/29/2023	7/5/2023
Balbo Dr	Wabash St	Michigan Ave	6/29/2023	7/5/2023
Harrison St	Wabash St	Michigan Ave	6/29/2023	7/5/2023
Ida B. Wells	Wabash St	Michigan Ave	6/29/2023	7/5/2023
Jackson Blvd	Wabash St	Michigan Ave	6/29/2023	7/5/2023
NB Michigan Ave	Roosevelt Rd	Balbo Dr	6/29/2023	7/5/2023
SB Michigan Ave	Monroe St	Jackson Dr	6/29/2023	7/5/2023
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Top This, a new Mac & Cheese restaurant from James Beard award winner Erick Williams and Demarr Brown opened in late October. Provided

South Loop's Top This Mac 'N Cheese Launches Free Meal Fridays To Thank The City's First Responders

The free meals will be available the first Friday of each month for professionals in uniform — or with ID — while supplies last.

[Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#) May 3, 2023

SOUTH LOOP — [Top This Mac N' Cheese](#) is celebrating Chicago's police officers, firemen and emergency technicians with First Responder First Fridays.

Those workers can pick up a free meal 11 a.m.-8 p.m. — or until supply is exhausted — the first Friday of every month at the restaurant, 51 E. Cermak Road. First responders must be in uniform, and health care providers must have ID.

Co-owner Damarr Brown [opened the delivery and takeout restaurant in November](#). It offers patrons an “upgraded” version of mac and cheese with toppings like buffalo chicken and roasted vegetables.

Brown said First Responder First Fridays is a continuation of friend and partner chef Erick Williams' efforts to give back to the community. Brown has served as chef de cuisine at Virtue, Williams' signature restaurant since 2018.

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2023 ANNUAL BETA CONVENTION

MARCH 23, 2023

Earlier this week, SLES Beta Club attended the Junior Beta Club Convention in Springfield, IL. This year, the theme was the "Power of Beta". Over the last few months, SLES Beta Club worked so hard to plan and prepare for various competitions in art, design, academics, dance, and more! We are so proud of the hard work and dedication our Beta Students have committed to and we are excited to share that we came home with 19 plaques and 3 golden tickets to the National Convention!



JEWELRY ELEMENTARY

1st Place: Camilla Zuffo

MUSICOLOGY ELEMENTARY ORAL

1st Place: South Loop Elementary School
(Kyler Charles, Nate Majerus, Camilla Zuffo, Hazel Wolfe)

PERFORMING ARTS ELEMENTARY - SOLO, DUO, TRIO & PREMIER PERFORMER ELEMENTARY DANCER

1st Place: South Loop Elementary School
(Ira Pandya)

POETRY ELEMENTARY

1st Place: Hazel Wolfe

QUIZ BOWL ELEMENTARY ORAL

1st Place: South Loop Elementary School
(Lola Odugbesan, Kiefer Carlson, Zidan Mahmoud, Ira Pandya)

RECYCLABLE ART ELEMENTARY

2nd Place: Malvika Ramdurkar

SPELLING BEE ELEMENTARY ORAL

1st Place: Zidan Mahmoud

CLUB TRADING PIN ELEMENTARY

2nd Place: South Loop Elementary School
(Lola Odugbesan)

CREATIVE WRITING ELEMENTARY

1st Place: Ira Pandya

FIBER ARTS ELEMENTARY

1st Place: Hazel Wolfe



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CREATIVE WRITING JUNIOR

1st Place: Finley Brown

DIGITAL ART JUNIOR

2nd Place: Analee Cruz

MATH 6TH GRADE

2nd Place: Eleanor Rhodes

MUSICOLOGY JUNIOR ORAL

3rd Place: South Loop Elementary School
(Caroline Price, Eshan Abuzayd, Kayla Cruz, Stella Caliendo)

ONSITE ART PAINTING JUNIOR

2nd Place: Zuri Johnson

PERFORMING ARTS JUNIOR - SOLO, DUO, TRIO

& PREMIER PERFORMER JUNIOR DANCER

1st Place: South Loop Elementary School
(Eshan Abuzayd and Chase Carlson)

POETRY JUNIOR

3rd Place: Savannah Carter

SOCIAL STUDIES 6TH GRADE

3rd Place: Joshua Brown

SPANISH 6TH GRADE

1st Place: Makena Tutt



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Here's how Chicagoans can help migrants in the short term.

Donate Basic Supplies

The city has partnered with Instituto del Progreso Latino to create an Amazon wishlist where people can buy supplies for migrants, including pants, shoes, shirts, hoodies, backpacks, razor blades, shower shoes and laundry bags. The wishlist is [online](#).

Ayala-Bermejo said the items bought off the wishlist will be shipped to a secure location, with city workers and nonprofits distributing them to shelters and respite centers, including some police stations where migrants are taking temporary shelter.

People are also encouraged to donate "pricier but essential items" for families, including diapers and baby formula, Ayala-Bermejo said. The nonprofit, 2520 S. Western Ave., has a dropoff box outside and workers inside who can accept items.

Volunteers interested in helping distribute donations with Instituto can fill out an intake form [online](#).

Hygiene supplies like sanitizers and medical kits, diapers and baby formula can also be donated to the [Pilsen Food Pantry](#), 1850 S. Throop St., which has mutual aid networks to connect the items to migrants across the city, said Director Evelyn Figueroa.

Ayala-Bermejo and Figueroa said people should only donate new, unopened supplies and clothing.

And well-intentioned Chicagoans should not take supplies directly to police stations.

"The police stations are not their final destination, and it becomes more cumbersome for packages to be dropped off there and creates further clutter," Ayala-Bermejo said. The Southwest Collective, an organizing group of neighbors and activists, is also asking for help to get supplies to migrants awaiting housing. Direct donations can be made [here](#).

The group is also accepting small blankets, toiletries like toothpaste or toothbrushes, sanitary pads and dry shampoo. Items can be dropped off on the bench during business hours outside Southwest Collective's suite at 6500 W. Archer Ave.

Neighbors in the 40th Ward can also drop off supplies 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday at Ald. Andre Vasquez's office, 5620 N. Western Ave. The ward is looking for blankets, rolling suitcases, menstrual pads, diapers, juice boxes, yoga mats or sleeping bags, fever reducers for kids, compostable utensils and pre-paid gift cards. Volunteers of all kinds can also [sign up here](#).

Several North and Northwest Side elected officials are collecting supplies like hygiene products, medicine, food and other essentials are their local offices. [Find out more here](#).



<https://blockclubchicago.org/2023/05/03/heres-how-to-help-the-latest-wave-of-migrants-coming-to-chicago/>

Give To Food Pantries Serving Migrants

Officials at food pantries across the city said they've responded to a significant increase in need over the past year, including from Venezuelan migrants.

The [Sun-Times](#) reported earlier this week that some migrants at police stations were given expired food by well-wishers, so pantries are encouraging people to provide new, unopened food or donate directly.

"Cash is king when it comes to helping feed people," Figueroa said. "It gives us the infrastructure to provide healthy food, like fruits, vegetables and hot meals."

Donations to Pilsen Food Pantry can be made [online](#). Donations to Nourishing Hope, a food pantry which also [serves people with Spanish language services in Humboldt Park](#), can be made [online](#).

Both organizations also try to match people with dignified and culturally appropriate food. Volunteers to pack and distribute food can sign up [here](#) or [here](#).

People interested in making direct dropoffs should check their labels and look for "shelf-stable stuff" like peanut butter or boxed premade meals like sandwiches and salads, Figueroa said. Hours for dropoffs at 1850 S. Throop St. are [online](#).

The Pilsen Food Pantry has stocked up on some items in preparation of another wave of migrants, Figueroa said. Families entering shelters often cannot bring food with them, making the need ever more constant, Figueroa said. "People who come often have the clothes on their back and whatever little money they've saved in their pockets," Figueroa said. "We want to help so folks don't have to spend their already limited dollars on eating."

Support Medical Care

Many migrants come to Chicago after fleeing persecution in Venezuela, which has struggled with political upheaval and an economic crisis resulting in severe food and medicine shortages, surging inflation and rising unemployment and violent crime.

The long, arduous and often dangerous journey through South America, across the border and then by bus to Chicago can leave many people with injuries and trauma, said Laura Ciresi Starr, external affairs director at CommunityHealth, a volunteer-based health center.

CommunityHealth has three clinics in Chicago: 2611 W. Chicago Ave., 2759 S. Harding Ave. and 5413 W. Diversey Ave., which is connected to [Onward Neighborhood House](#), a "welcoming center" for immigrants.

CommunityHealth has helped the uninsured migrants get vaccinations, primary care physicians, dentists, speciality care doctors, health education and counselors, among other services, Starr said. Children and pregnant mothers are connected to partners at Lurie Children's Hospital and Cook County Health, Starr said.

All medical care is free and supported by volunteers, Starr said.

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- o 50 W. Washington St.

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10—Asylum Seekers/Standard Club Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson echoed that sentiment in a statement that followed this week's furious opposition to the city's plan to use shuttered South Shore High School as a respite center.

Johnson promised to work with residents and their local alderperson to "make sure every community, and every person in it, is protected."

"Many communities have for too long been denied basic amenities and resources that could help strengthen them, but the stronger our communities are, the better position we are in to support both newcomers and current residents and families," the mayor-elect said.

The Standard Club is on Plymouth Court in the shadows of the federal building complex.

Chief U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer alerted her colleagues to the designation in a recent email.

"Some of you have observed increased activity at the building formerly occupied by the Standard Club, 320 South Plymouth Court. We have learned that the City of Chicago is using the

building as temporary housing for newly-arrived migrants. There are 700 new residents, and the number is expected to rise to 1200, at least for several months," Pallmeyer wrote.

"Some of these new neighbors are likely to be frightened and anxious. Please exercise caution and courtesy whenever you are in the areas surrounding the Courthouse."

The Federal Protective Service and the U.S. Marshal Service "are monitoring the situation and will continue to advise me of any noted changes," the chief judge wrote.

At a joint City Council committee hearing last week, alderpersons were told [Chicago is out of money, space and time](#) to handle the humanitarian crisis caused by asylum-seekers descending on the city, with 40,000 people waiting at the border and a surge that has yet to peak.

The calamity is so dire — with young families sleeping on the floors of police stations and "walk-ins" rising from 10 to 125 a day —

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Chicago Sun-Times



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the city is now being forced to make “hard decisions” that include taking Brands Park Field House and Leone Beach Field House offline and using shuttered South Shore High School as emergency shelter for asylum-seekers.

With “zero dollars” from the federal government for 2023 costs and a \$53 million shortfall to meet the surge through June, the Budget Committee will meet Tuesday to consider a “mid-year budget amendment” that uses 2021 surplus funds to plug the gap.

The Standard Club’s 150-year history dates to the days when Chicago’s most exclusive private clubs prohibited Jews and women from joining.

The discriminatory policies gave birth to the Standard Club, which included a similar offering of restaurants, athletic facilities, meeting and banquet space and rooms for overnight stays.

All of the private downtown clubs were forced to adapt to aging demographics and changing styles for dining and entertainment when three-martini lunches and generous expense accounts were eliminated.

When revised menus, redesigned facilities and programs and reduced membership dues for younger members didn’t work, the Chicago Athletic Club, 12 S. Michigan Ave., closed and was converted into a hotel.

In 2019, the Standard Club asked its members for extra money to keep it going. It wasn’t enough. The storied club closed for good in March 2020 and was sold for \$9 million to hotel investor Remo Polselli, who served time in federal prison for income tax evasion.

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SOPHIA KING

Dear Residents,

As my term comes to an end, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Alderman for the past 7 years. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the 4th Ward, and I will forever cherish the memories and experiences I have gained during my time in office.

Since taking office, my main focus has been on developing the 4th Ward, prioritizing public safety, and strengthening our history-filled communities. It has been my goal to make this community a place where hardworking families can settle and be a part of something special. Through collaborative efforts and hard work, we have been able to make significant strides in achieving these goals.

I am proud of the work we have accomplished together as a community, from passing the Fight for \$15 and ensuring that every Chicagoan makes a livable wage to the naming of Ida B. Wells Street, a trailblazer deserving of being recognized and acknowledged by every American.

The 4th Ward has improved our infrastructure, created more affordable housing options, and increased access to quality education and job opportunities. Our parks and open spaces have been revitalized, and we have worked diligently to attract new businesses to the area.

None of this could have been achieved without the support and dedication of our residents, community leaders, and city officials. I am grateful for your input, feedback, and commitment to making the 4th Ward a better place for all who call it home.

As I step down from my position as Alderman, I am filled with a sense of nostalgia and appreciation for the journey that we have taken together. I am confident that the 4th Ward will continue to thrive and flourish, and I am excited to see what the future holds for this community.

Thank you again for entrusting me with this important responsibility and for the privilege of serving as your alderman. It has been a truly humbling and rewarding experience that I will never forget.

Sincerely,

Alderman Sophia King

SLFM

PRINTERS ROW

South Loop Farmer's Market
Saturdays

May 27 to October 14, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Printers Row Park

Days: Saturdays (rain or shine)

Dates: May 27 - October 14

Times: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: 632 S. Dearborn St. Printers Row Park

Free entrance | No parking provided |

Paid parking nearby

NO Bathrooms on site, Pet Friendly

Most vendors accept credit cards, some only cash



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INDIVISIBLE DOWNTOWN CHICAGO

Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, May 16th @ 7pm

Sociale at 800 S. Clark

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RSVP to kathy@lewisadvantage.com

We have a reservation near the front entrance. Please RSVP so we have enough seating. Order your own beverages and snacks.

Teen killed, another wounded in shooting involving stolen car on Near South Side

The men, both 18, were in a car in the 1900 block of South State Street when a stolen white Kia approached and someone inside opened fire Thursday afternoon, Chicago police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)
Updated Apr 28, 2023, 8:07am CDT



Police investigate the scene of a shooting Thursday in the 1900 block of South State Street that left one man dead and another wounded.

Tyler Pasciak-LaRiviere/Sun-Times

An 18-year-old man was killed and another man was wounded in a shooting involving a stolen car on the Near South Side Thursday afternoon.

The men were in a car in the 1900 block of South State Street when a stolen white Kia approached about 3:30 p.m. and someone inside opened fire, Chicago police said.

Cameron Rayford, 18, was taken to Stroger Hospital, where he died, according to police and the Cook County medical examiner's office. The other victim, also 18, was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with a gunshot wound to his hand, police said. He was listed in good condition.

The Kia was found abandoned near Cermak Road and State Street about three blocks away, officials said. No one was in custody.

<http://chicago.suntimes.com>

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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/>

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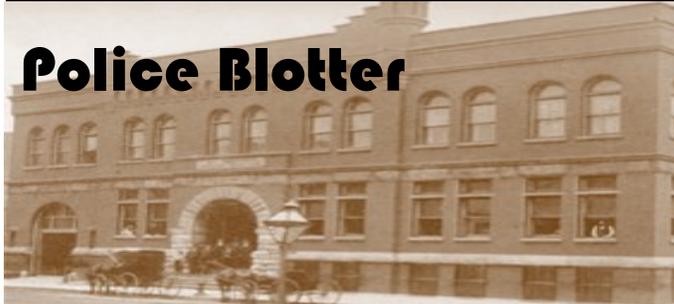
Next CAPS Meeting 2023

May 10, 5:30pm IN-
PERSON Beat 123



caps.001district@chicagopolice.org

Police Blotter



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

4/11/2023 6:35pm 600 E Solidarity Dr
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, Knife on Street Beat 132

4/12/2023 7:17pm 1100 s Columbus Dr
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY in Park Beat 114

4/10/2023 11:40am 1100 S State
AGGRAVATED BATTERY No weapon Subway Plat-
form Beat 123

4/8/2023 10pm 800 S State
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No weapon Subway Train

4/14/2023 7:30am 700 S Wabash Ave
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Senior Citizen College
Grounds Beat 123

4/23/2023 1am 600 S Federal St
DOMESTIC BATTERY Apartment Beat 123

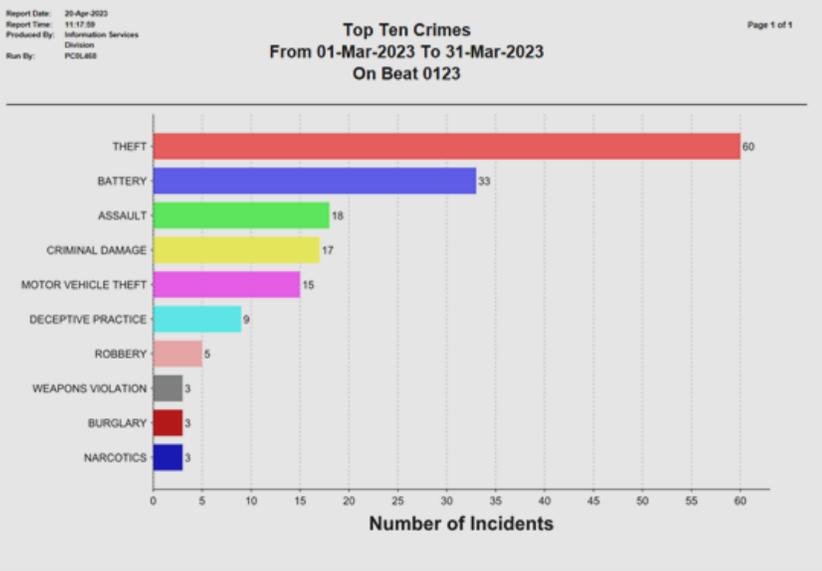
4/8/2023 4pm 1200 S Michigan Av
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT on Street Beat 131

4/19/2023 3:42pm 1600 S Wabash
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Hand gun on Street, Beat
131

4/8/2023 12Noon 600 S LaSalle
AUTO THEFT Parking Garage Non-Res Beat 123

4/26/2023 4pm 600 S LaSalle
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT Parking Garage Non-Res
Beat 123

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AUTO THEFTS IN Beat 123, 131, and 132

4/15/2023 6:30am 600 S LaSalle
AUTO THEFT/ RECOVERY Parking Garage Non-Res Beat 123

4/7/2023 7pm 600 S Federal
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

4/25/2023 4:50am 600 S State St
AUTO THEFT Parking Garage Non-Res Beat 123

4/17/2023 8pm 500 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

4/19/2023 5am 60 E Harrison
AUTO THEFT Parking Garage Non-Res Beat 123

4/13/2023 6pm 800 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

4/20/2023 10:45pm 50 E 11th St
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

4/14/2023 6PM 1100 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT Parking Garage Non-Res

4/9/2023 3:30pm 1100 S Michigan Ave
AUTO THEFT Parking Garage Non-Res Beat 123

4/25/2023 3:30pm 1200 S Prairie Ave
AUTO THEFT Res. Garage Beat 131

4/17/2023 9am 1400 S Indiana
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 131

4/20/2023 11pm 1400 S Michigan
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 131

4/21/2023 1:20pm 1400 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT Beat 131

4/17/2021 3:10 am 1500 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 131

Real Estate Transactions

\$435,000
523 S PLYMOUTH CT 804
3/16/23

\$391,000
111 S WABASH AVE 2301
4/10/23

\$387,000
41 E 8TH ST 1602
4/10/23

\$385,000
340 S STATE ST H-1403
4/7/23

\$6,000,000
701 S STATE ST
4/7/23

\$400,000
547 S CLARK ST 604
4/6/23

\$375,000
5 E 14TH PL 1506
3/30/23

\$299,000
801 S PLYMOUTH CT 801
3/27/23

\$715,000
1235 S PRAIRIE AVE 3509
3/23/23

\$240,000
600 S DEARBORN ST 1110
3/22/23

\$381,000
1345 S WABASH AVE 1503
3/20/23

\$420,000
1400 S MICHIGAN AVE PH6
3/20/23

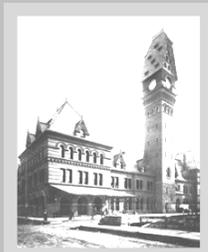
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