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**Mon, Jul 24, 5:30.....Chicago Jazz Orchestra**  
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 Sun, Jul 30, 4pm & 8pm..... G. Thomas Allen Quartet  
**Mon, July 31, 5:30pm.....Chicago Jazz Orchestra**  
 Thus-Sat, Aug 3-5, 8pm & 10pm.....Dee Alexander Quartet  
 Sun, Aug 6, 4pm & 8pm.....Dee Alexander 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](http://www.southloopneighbors.org)

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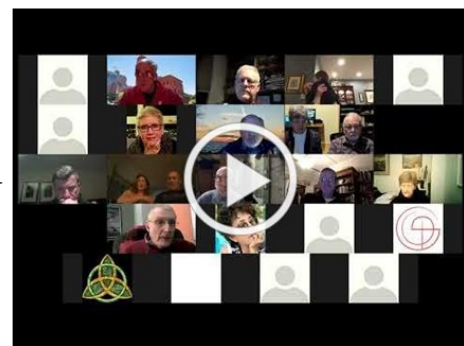
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## Development update Presentation

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](http://SouthLoopUpdate.org)



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# OPINION

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## Backstory Essays

Regan Burke

### Mea Culpa NASCAR

July 4, 2023



Elsa the Westie and I routed ourselves around the sidewalk construction barrier, down the block and around the corner to the park. I'd spent the early morning alone, lamenting this week's Supreme Court decisions that flattened civil and human rights. A fellow dog-walker stopped me mid-thought.

"Now they're giving driver's licenses to those immigrants!"

It mattered not that she was the owner of a cute little dog, she instantly turned savage in my eyes.

"So what?" I said. "Now they can drive to work."

"Work? They're not working. They're just laying around outside the police station."

Elsa and I were both satisfied with her morning duties. I grabbed a coffee at the walk-up cafe. We settled in to soak up the morning airs with a friend on a bench near the tennis courts, dismissing the ugly of the street conversation.

A couple wearing Purdue t-shirts had circled the track and eyeballed Elsa. As they approached, my thoughts turned to the political atmosphere in Indiana. I wondered if they, too, wanted to speak hatefully of the asylum-seekers who made their way from Venezuela to Chicago, mostly on foot.

"We had a 16-year old Westie who just died."

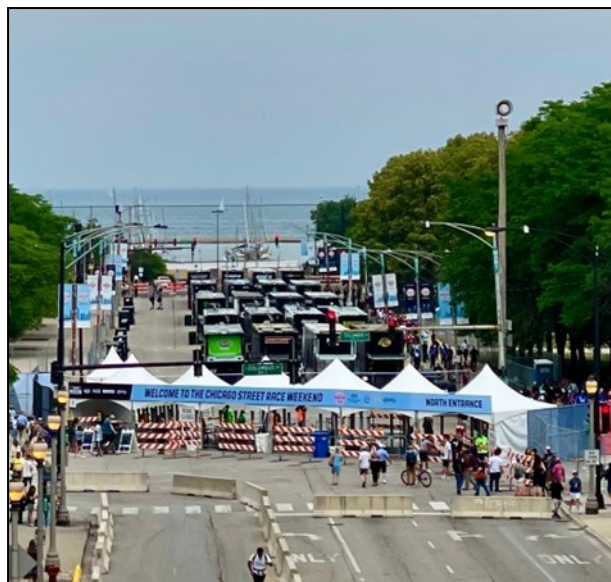
Ah, sweet relief. Dog talk.

After sympathies for their dead dog, my recent dead dog, and all the dogs we've ever owned, the conversation turned to their new home in Carmel, Indiana, where they retired from a life of teaching in central Illinois. An arts colony, they called it. I must give off an it's-ok-to-talk-to-me-about-politics aroma since the conversation led into the difference between the people of Indiana and Illinois. They gave us a for-instance.

"We went to a James Taylor concert a few weeks ago in Carmel," the man said, "when he announced he lived in California, the audience booted."

And there it is again; uninvited discomfort creeping into my life, demanding an audience. More sympathies all around for the Illinois couple and their unanticipated Hoosier life. At least they had a Chicago retreat and park-bench strangers like me to complain to.

But who am I kidding?



I started the weekend so contemptuous of NASCAR coming to Chicago that I was itching to be heard. The sidewalks were so empty at the start of the Fourth of July weekend, I figured all the residents had Air B&B'd their condos to NASCAR fans. Every time I saw people wheeling their suitcases down the street, looking at directions on their phones, I muttered to myself, "NASCAR".

And then it rained. In fact Mayor Johnson said it was the most rainfall on the city since 1987. I turned on the TV to guess what? NASCAR—just as Dale Earnhardt, Jr. announced the cars were passing Chicago Symphony Center. What a thrill to see my city washed clean, a shining backdrop to those who came here to show it off.

I've never been comfortable with monoculturalism, where everyone looks and thinks alike. But contempt for the Other, those with differing views and interests, has given me nothing but backaches.

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

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## Remember when my Starbucks was gone? Well, Sip and Savor is here now to save the day! Jul 20, 2023

Most people in the neighborhood know I was devastated when Starbucks left its corner that was a half block from my house. I didn't even go there much anymore. But I liked having it there, and I loved my memories of its hey-day.

For the last couple of weeks, **Sip and Savor**, [a small chain in Hyde Park and Bronzeville](#) has emerged literally out of Starbucks' urban rubble to possibly take its place as an institution in the neighborhood. And perhaps repair my broken "coffee, sweets and conversation" heart.

So Tuesday afternoon, I decided to visit and see what was going on. It was too late for me to drink coffee, but I did ask the two baristas, Malik and Moesha what they would recommend as far as sweets.

Banana cake and cheese Danish, they said.

**Sip and Savor** has a nice gated patio, which isn't open yet. They are waiting for tables and chairs—and to knock out a window and make a door so customers can go out there from inside the store.

No tables or chairs are inside either. Starbucks' ledge is still there, though.

I vote for seating inside asap. So customers can feel at home—and chat, gossip and make business deals.

Malik and Moesha said things are happening day by day. The store is still developing.

When they opened a couple of weeks ago, they were only open until 3 PM. By the time I made my visit, the sign had changed to 6 PM. Malik said it may change to 8 PM sometime soon. I vote for 10 or even midnight, I told him.

He smiled and didn't say no.

We need life, light and people around here, I explained.

And a new coffee place at Roosevelt and Wabash could be just the ticket for that.

**My Starbucks is gone. . . Kaput, dead, here no more . Sep 30, 2022**

When [Starbucks opened](#) more than 20 years ago, a half a block from my house, all the neighbors agreed that we'd arrived. That's what Starbucks signified back then. That the neighborhood around Roosevelt and Wabash was desirable, stable and one that anyone would want to live in.

Our Starbucks closed a few weeks ago after a nice life at Wabash and Roosevelt. And no one knew what was going on. Was it over and done? Even though we still have a [Sweet Bean](#), a [Stan's](#) and a [Dunkin'](#) within a stone's throw.

It was always the place to meet your friends for coffee. Like after we power-walked in the morning. It didn't even matter that our Starbucks never had a public restroom because if we had to go, we just walked home to use our own facilities. And then came right back.

My house was the closest one to our Starbucks. But no one was very far. And we were probably as close as the restroom in a much bigger Starbucks that had a restroom way across the store. It was probably closer and faster to go home from ours—instead of across a much bigger Starbucks.

Actually, it was after one of those power walks with a couple of friends that I realized that our Starbucks was destined to die. I'd been going there for years in the morning after our walk/talk/sightsee/spying time with my two girlfriends and I always paid with the same credit card that I kept in my pocket. The card and my keys were the only things I had.

One morning, an older male barista refused to take my card unless I showed him my ID. My card wasn't signed. Nope, I said. "This is how I travel in the morning while walking with my friends. And I've been a customer here for many years. Everyone recognizes me. And if you make a big deal out of this I am going to Dunkin'."

Which I did. For a while. When I saw through the window he wasn't there anymore, I started back up.

Starbucks was perfect for so many things. From a quick wedding shower gift of two cute cups and an array of freshly ground coffee to accompany that. To popping in before a birthday party and filling up a nice gift card for the celebrant.

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Bonnie McGrath

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Alderman Lamont Robinson, right.

Police Commander Harris 1st District on left.



Alderman Lamont Robinson held a Town Hall Meeting on Monday evening, June 26th at Jones High School. Among other things, he promised some TLC for Dearborn Park, and urged citizens to report cars parked in bike lanes or fire lanes. Illegal racing call 911.

Ward Superintendent Nick travels the ward every day looking for things that need fixing or cleaning. The Alderman mentioned that Dearborn Park needs a little TLC.. He is proposing an ordinance imposing fees on events in Grant Park so that the park benefits as well. He supports a South Loop High School. He sees issues with cleanliness on the CTA. He will be serving on the Public Safety Committee.

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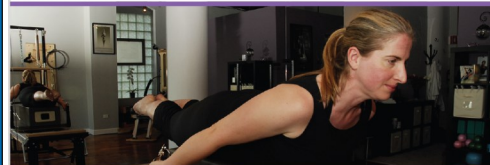


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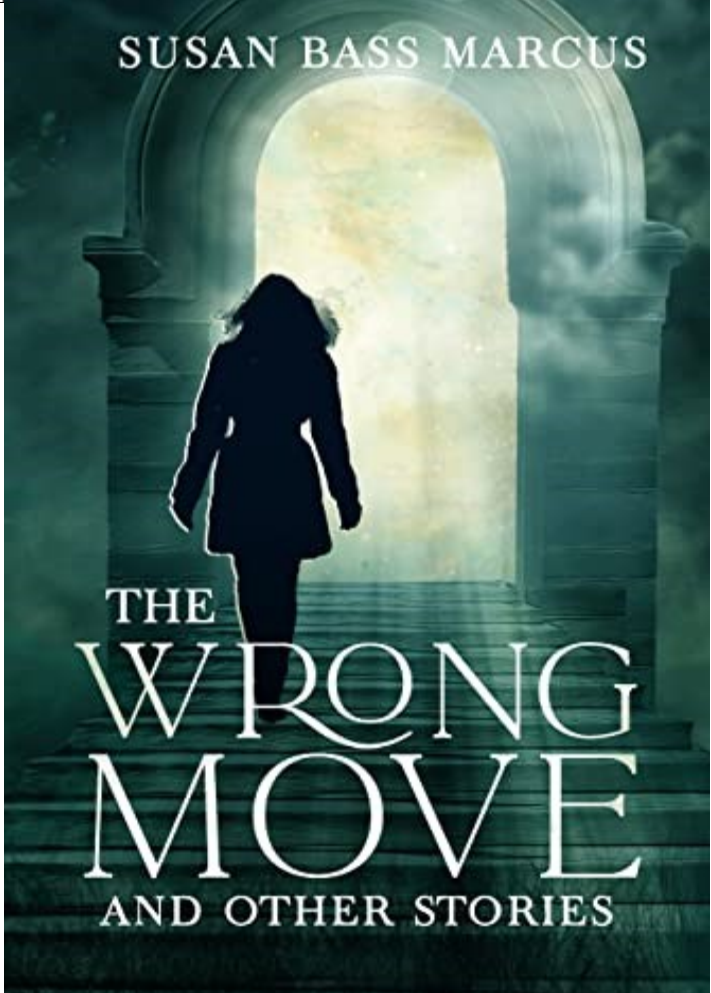
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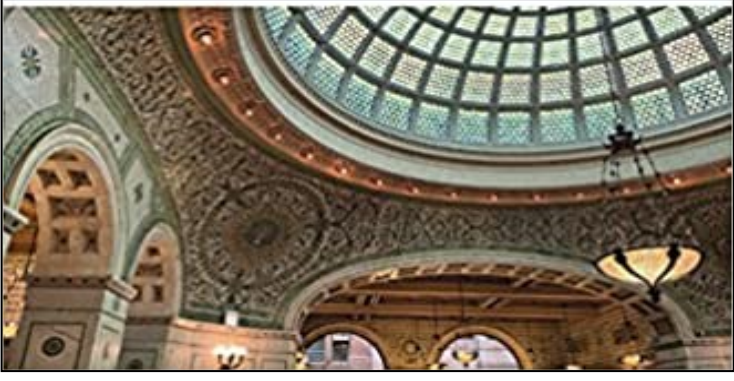
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Ann-Helen Laestadius, **Stolen** (Scribner 2021, newly available at the CPL)

Who knew a novel about *reindeer* would become an international bestseller, winner of literary prizes and literally the talk of the town in such diverse places as Helsinki, Sydney, Delhi, Vancouver and New York? But **Stolen**, by Ann-Helen Laestadius, is more than just a story. It is a love-letter to a way of life on the far edges of the world—its flavors, smells, sounds, colors, customs and clothes—in a land that is harsh, snowy, silent and both closer and farther from the sun that shines on almost all the rest of the planet. It is a prayer to Nature and the beloved reindeer who provide the people in the narrator's world their livelihood and everything else they need to eat and wear and hunt and and warm themselves. It demonstrates a reverence for their almost-mythical herd, which the United Nations proclaim as critical to stem further harm to the human environment. And it is an introduction to a "hard-working, endearing people...who lead an honest, humble existence...based on...a love for their herd." The young narrator is a member of the Sami, an Indigenous people numbering about 80,000 who live in a vast territory that crosses the Arctic regions of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia's Kola Peninsula. For centuries, their language and culture have been forcibly suppressed by church-schools and national governments who take or repurpose the habitats on which they depend. Even now, their closest neighbors hold them in ignorance, disregard, or contempt. **Stolen** also sounds a repeated, oft-denied, caveat of the tragedy of global warning. "For years we've been warning you that the climate is changing. But as always our voices were too weak and the

Wind hadn't been strong enough to carry them where they needed to go." What's more, **Stolen** is a *girl's* coming-of-age story, a genre which, though gorgeously introduced in such classics as **Jane Eyre**; **The House on Mango Street**; **The Color Purple** and **The Complete Persepolis**, remains rare. Elsa comes of age fighting two wars: one within her community, where men demand young women know their place—and that is *not* staying single and herding reindeer; and against the ever-escalating wave of prejudice and violence against the Sámi and their animals. Elsa is nine when she witnesses the brutal killing of her reindeer calf by a man who points puts his finger to his lips then mimics a knife slicing his throat. As she grows up, the trauma of that moment, coupled with other brutalities—hate speech and ostracism at school, a friend's suicide, (and that of the author's two reindeer-herding cousins, btw) and a police force unable or unwilling to investigate the ongoing reindeer killings—create the tension that eventually leads to a startling—and bloody—ending. "They kill our reindeer...because they can't kill us." But Laestadius' thrilling prose and her early career as a crime writer for several Swedish newspapers are the likeliest reasons

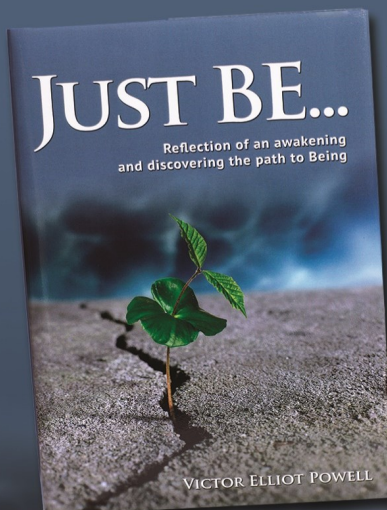
**Stolen** is supposed to become a Netflix original film. Must read now; the Hollywood strike could last forever.

Lorraine Schmall

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**Beth Finke**



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*Sincerely, Marianne*

**Walgreens**

By **Marianne Goss**

Digital shopping at revamped Walgreen's is not an improvement

The nearest Walgreen's, at Roosevelt Road and State Street, is the first in the chain to move most merchandise behind locked doors. Customers must shop online or at self-serve kiosks at the entrance, except for a couple of aisles labeled "The Essentials." Store employees retrieve the purchases.

My first experiences with the new system did not go smoothly.

Walgreen's website advertised a two-for-\$8 sale on 42-ounce containers of Quaker's Oats. Shopping online from home, I submitted an order and received a message that there is a \$10 minimum. I added two packs of Wrigley's Extra sugar-free bubble gum. A message came back that the gum wasn't available. It didn't say how to substitute another gum, but then I was able to check out with just \$8 in purchases.

Minutes later, an email arrived saying that my order had been changed to one container of oats for \$4. The single container was ready for pickup.

Arriving at Walgreen's, I noticed a few 42-ounce containers of oats on "The Essentials" shelves and asked why I couldn't get two. "Sorry for the confusion," the clerk said. "We found more right after you got that email." She let me buy a second container, but I had to resubmit my credit card because the original purchase price had already been adjusted.

What about the \$10 minimum? "That's if you order online," she said. "If you order at the kiosks, there's no minimum." I suspect that the \$10 minimum takes advantage of customers finding it more convenient to have their purchases waiting for them when they get to the store.

She went into the back room where most of the inventory is stocked to look for the gum I'd wanted and didn't find any. Wanting to leave by then, I didn't go to a kiosk to buy another gum.

I went back later to test the wait for an order submitted from a kiosk. I ordered two packs of another Wrigley's Extra gum on sale for \$2 total. Although there was no line, it still took five minutes for my name to be called. "We don't have that gum," the clerk said. I asked about

substituting another Wrigley's Extra at the sales price. "The only sales are for online orders," she said. I assume online includes the kiosks, but I wasn't going to return to a kiosk and start over.

Walgreen's corporate management says that customer convenience, not deterring shoplifting, is the reason the store was redesigned. This is convenience?

For the environmentally conscious, there's another drawback to the new store format: collecting, and paying for, more paper bags because online orders are bagged before you get to the store.

Even though most of what I buy at Walgreen's is in The Essentials section, which carries over-the-counter medicines and a limited selection of cosmetics, groceries, toilet paper, and cleaning products, I expect I'll rarely shop there. The prices seem high. The oats costing \$4 online were \$8.29.

A customer satisfaction survey about the new design was waiting on my computer when I returned home. The only good thing I can say is that a store that was cramped and dingy is now clean and bright.

Will every Walgreen's eventually change? Management has said only that the 2 East Roosevelt store is the first to test a new system.

Leaving Walgreen's after the second frustrating experience with the new system, I headed for CVS to buy gum off the shelves.

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

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## Editor's Letter: July, 2023

July 7, 2023 by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

### July might be the best

**month.** The middle of the season, with the topsy-turvy weather of June finally settled and August with its looming sense of September growing each day: *in July, summer is on.* Laziness is acceptable, hanging out with family and friends at a BBQ or just on the patio is expected.

And for Newcity, too, July is a publishing month without a big special feature built in, so we can be a bit crazy, or simply put together a mix of fresh stories. Like Dave Hoekstra's delightfully meandering journey in journalism, which travels from The Mob Museum in Las Vegas to one of the most colorful couples to ever grace Chicago's suburbs (as long as that color is red), to the legendary, for many of us early-television creation Garfield Goose. If we needed a theme, maybe it would be the summer reading issue, a beach companion with stories like this: long and enrapturing enough to ensure sunburn if you're not careful.

Or maybe it would be the road-trip issue, with John Greenfield's unlikely foray into the nearby fields of Indiana, where he discovered a theme park (of sorts) dedicated to Jesus, or with Megan Bickel's slightly further foray to the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Kentucky, where a local couple's magnificent art collection is on one-time display before it is dispersed statewide.

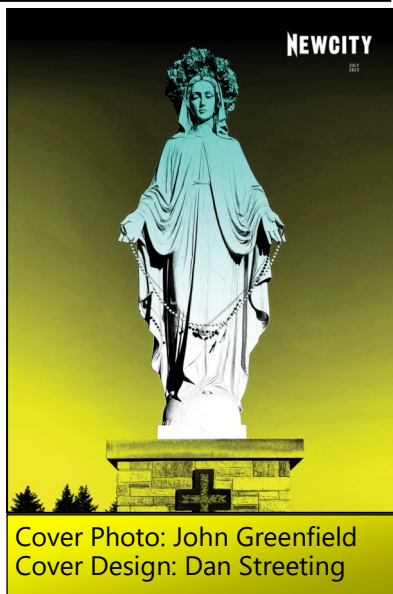
Or it could be our outdoor culture issue, featuring Dennis Polkow's in-depth conversation with Ravinia chief conductor and possible Riccardo Muti heir apparent at CSO Marin Alsop, and others, about all things classical now and in the future.

But where to put Vasia Rigou's conversation with the artist Gary Simmons about his magnificent new exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art?

I guess it will just have to be the issue without a theme. It's time for me to go find a hammock and take a nap.

BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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

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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



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March for Our Lives Demonstration at Federal Plaza  
June 27, 2023



On the same day Federal Court was hearing a challenge to Illinois' Assault Weapons ban.

State Representative Kam Buckner was a speaker



- March for our Lives
- Moms against Gun Violence
- St Sabina Church
- Indivisible Chicago
- And others



Additionally, SLN will be incorporating a Bags Tournament (known elsewhere as cornhole) into the Grills Night Out event. So grab a partner and let's see what team will be the winners of the inaugural SLN Bags Tournament! We will have several bags sets on hand so just bring your energy! Single elimination, rules will be provided on-site and emailed to those registered. So that the brackets can be developed beforehand, [please register](#) to play [here!](#) (And make sure you give us your team's name!) Tournament will start promptly at 7 pm!



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## Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

July 11, 2023



### Senior Class: Back to School with Mel

*The two memoir-writing classes I lead in person are both starting up again this week after a month-long break. I don't give writing prompts during breaks, but I encourage writers to write about whatever they'd like and read it at the first class of the new six-week session. Mel Washburn came back with this fast-paced, impressionistic vignette about college life in the early 60s and generously offered to let me share it here with you Safe & Sound blog readers.*

#### **Back to School**

**by Mel Washburn**

Early in September 1963, I travelled 340 miles from my family home in Kentucky to northern Indiana.

In Kentucky, I had worked all summer – three hot and humid months – as a laborer for the City Department of Streets and Sewers – shovels, hot tar and jack hammers. I sweated like a pig

When I got to Indiana, the weather was cool. The leaves on the trees were changing color. The air was dry and fresh. It smelled like Autumn, and I loved it.

I was eighteen years old, a college sophomore, a fraternity member, a competent Bridge player, and adept at throwing a frisbee. I was in a good place, with good people. In the year ahead, I would learn new things, have new thoughts, and work on becoming the grown-up I was meant to be.

The evening of the first Monday of that school year, I sat down on the couch in my room and began to read the Shakespeare play we'd been assigned by Professor Baker, who was known to give surprise quizzes early in the semester, just to keep us on our toes. Sometime around midnight I fell asleep over my book. When I woke up the next morning, I had sniffles and a sore throat. Nothing serious, but it took the thrill out of Autumn.

Six days a week, I went to class, then to the library to study, then to the frat house for dinner and cards. As a sophomore, it was my duty to harass the fraternity's first-year pledges, and I did so, with unbecoming zeal. I also wrote and directed our fraternity's scatological entry in the Blue Night sketch competition.

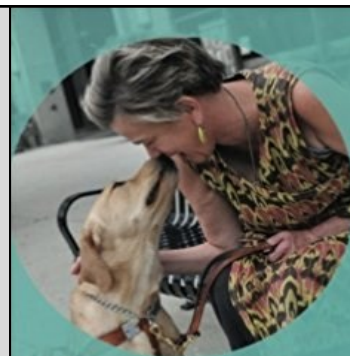
In the months to come, President Kennedy would be assassinated, and I would drive all night with some buddies to attend his funeral. My hometown girlfriend would write that she was in love with someone else, and I would lose several nights' sleep over it. President Johnson would declare a war on poverty and sign the Civil Rights Act. The Beatles would appear on Ed Sullivan.



At the end of the school year I went home to another summer of working on the streets and sewers. I also searched, unsuccessfully, for a new girlfriend. That summer, three civil rights workers were murdered in Mississippi, and Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution. I got a letter from my fraternity brother, Dave Kendall, which he had written in pencil on a sheet of toilet paper. He was in a small town in Mississippi, working to register Black people to vote, and the sheriff had locked him up in jail.

In September 1964 I returned to college for my Junior year. Dave Kendall was back, safe and sound, from Mississippi. The air was cool; the leaves were changing color and it smelled like Autumn. But I wasn't thrilled. People like Kendall were doing important things, while I was just a school boy who played bridge and could read Latin. It didn't seem like enough.

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

## More rooms with a view coming to classic stretch of Michigan Avenue

### A high-rise tower designed by the late Helmut Jahn is expected to welcome its first renters in 2024.

By [David Roeder](#) Updated Jul 10, 2023, 11:29am CDT

NASCAR weekend is over, and Chicago survived. NBC Sports' dreamy, panning shots of downtown and Grant Park, despite the foul weather, delivered for city officials eager to boost tourism.

The shots also bestowed attention on a flashy addition to the skyline — an apartment tower going up at 1000 S. Michigan Ave., an address that will make the 73-story building prominent in the postcard image of Chicago. It joins the towers that serve as bookends for the northern and southern ends of Grant Park and the Historic Michigan Boulevard District.

Many people noticed something unusual about the design: It angles out over its shorter neighbor to the south at 1006 S. Michigan Ave., so at higher levels the building seems to burst the boundaries of its property lines.

#### [Chicago Enterprise](#)

The design is the result of a zoning deal that increased what the developers could build on a location with lake-front views that cannot be blocked. Conveniently, both buildings are under the same ownership, so dealing with air rights for the shorter property was easy.

Work by McHugh Construction is moving along, and the building, called 1000M, is expected to welcome the first tenants next spring. The owners — Time Equities, JK Equities and Oak Capitals — said they expect the rest of the 738 units will be ready by the end of 2024.

It will be the last Chicago building by Helmut Jahn, an architect of local residency and international renown who died in 2021. Jahn's other works in Chicago include the Thompson Center in the Loop, now under renovation, and the United Airlines terminal at O'Hare Airport. His namesake firm continues. Jahn Managing Director Philip Castillo carried 1000M to the finish with necessary changes but said the final product is true to Jahn's ideas. The two men worked on designs for the site starting in 2015.

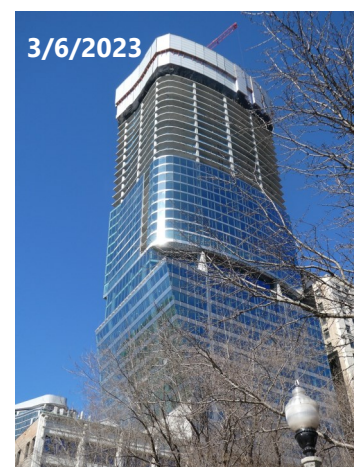
Castillo said the building widens on both its south and north faces, allowing a greater variety of unit sizes, many with corner layouts. Jahn "didn't want this to be just another glass box," he said. Rather than just an east-west orientation, the building has 360-degree views. There was enough of a setback on the north side to avoid going over the top of another neighbor.

"The building has a robust concrete core [with] heavier slabs at certain key points" to allow the widening from the base, Castillo said.

The property for years was vacant, a missing tooth in the famous Michigan Avenue street wall. Developers couldn't get a deal going there. The [current investors were sidelined for more than a year](#) early in the pandemic

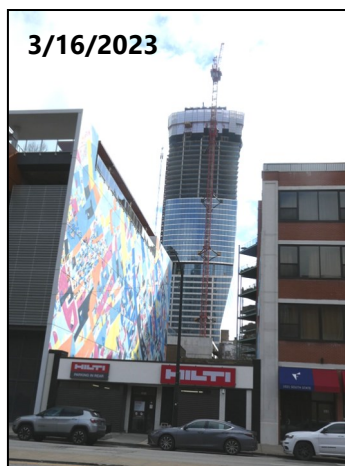


From Michigan Avenue



From Michigan Avenue

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From State Street



From Wabash



From 11th and Michigan



From 11th St Pedestrian Bridge

when financiers got nervous about empty downtowns and inflation in real estate construction.

In late 2021, Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs rescued the project with a \$304.5 million construction loan. The developers used the break to shave the building's height and switch it from condos to rentals. The city signed off on the changes that year.

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(Continued from previous page; 1000 S. Michigan Avenue.) Castillo said the project also advanced because the developers owned the 1000 and 1006 S. Michigan parcels and another on Wabash Avenue that provides vehicle access to the high-rise. He said that solved the complication of being unable to put curb cuts on Michigan.

Living in the clouds commands sky-high rents, and that's to be expected at 1000M. The only exception is that 23 units will be marketed as affordable under terms of a city ordinance. The developers are paying \$828,000 to support off-site affordable housing and \$407,000 into Chicago's Neighborhood Opportunity Fund that supports projects outside of downtown.

Tamina Sheikh, senior regional property manager at Lincoln Property, said the project will start marketing to renters this week at [1000mchicago.com](http://1000mchicago.com). People can put their names on a list, but rental amounts won't be quoted until early September, she said.

For a comparison in the luxury market, the taller NEMA Chicago tower at 1210 S. Indiana Ave. quotes monthly rents from about \$2,000 for a studio to almost \$8,000 for the largest three-bedrooms.

Sheikh said she expects strong demand despite worries about the economy and the litany of issues with dense urban living.

"I believe there will be a demand for a unique product with apartments that are very well thought out," Sheikh said.

1000M will have more than 80,000 square feet of amenities, including private dining on the 73rd floor. Robert Singer, director of development at Time Equities, said in a statement, "We've had the benefit of time to completely redesign the apartments and public areas — every detail has been carefully optimized. We hope to exceed resident expectations, which is, of course, not an easy thing to do." The South Michigan area is "maybe the premier residential neighborhood in the city," Singer said. He'll get an argument on that, but for now, he's entitled to boast.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/7/10/23787516/high-rise-helmut-jahn-apartments-michigan-avenue?>



What do you do when you arrive at Pritzker Pavillion for a concert and the heavens open up? We were herded into the parking garage to wait it out. This photo is of "lawn folks" who brought their dinner. They found a suitable spot and set up their chairs and tables and brought out the food. As it turns out, the concert was canceled. It was the night of many tornados and the sirens continued to blare. *Al Hippensteel, editor*



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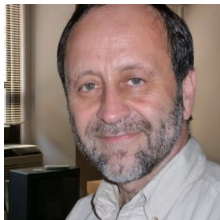
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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#)

## Worlds Collide

July 3rd, 2023



I really don't much like it when Chicago takes a major public space like part or all of Grant Park out of public commission for events like Lollapalooza or, this past weekend, NASCAR's Chicago Street Race. And I never trust the numbers that the organizers or the city provides in terms of economic gain—they're notoriously overstated.

They typically don't account for the economic activity that gets displaced: the people who avoid downtown who would otherwise have come down for dinner or a concert.

I also spend my working days to lower greenhouse gases from buildings, so burning fuel for fun ain't in my wheelhouse.

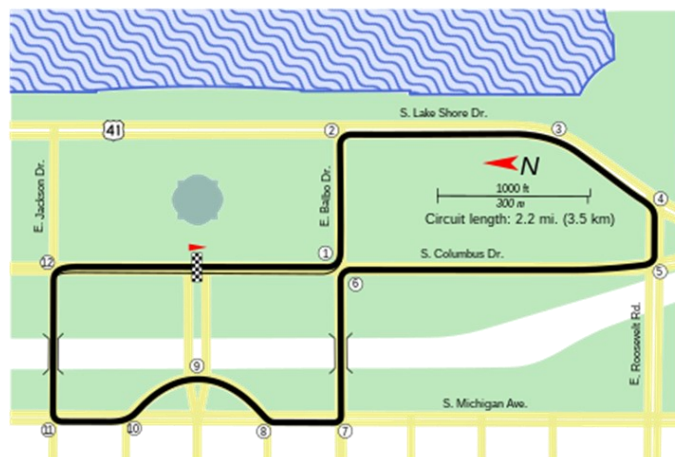
So it might not make sense but I have to confess: I enjoyed the goofy NASCAR thing this past weekend. It might be because I'm a bit relieved that it's over and while there was one casualty, it was an accidental electrocution of a contractor. That's not cool but we feared worse could happen—a crash into spectators or worse, and what we all fear these days when there are big crowds—a mass shooting.

But it's also because I'm a casual racing fan. Watching the drivers figure out a track that wasn't a track so much as a driver's nightmare was fully interesting—these guys were really good.

And because I met several really nice people from NASCAR who were here in Chicago working the event. Also symbolically, it was heartening that somehow Red Staters and Blue Staters could not only get along, but have fun together, for at least for a few days.

Beth and I watched TV coverage and what struck us both is how excited the announcers and commentators were to be in Chicago. The production crew had done its homework—they peppered airtime with bits of Chicago history and trivia. They raved about the food and the views and it seemed like they were sincerely tickled to do something so different and new. And cameras are always kind to the Chicago skyline and lakefront, even on an overcast day.

Chicago is a stunning city, with all its warts, and it was gratifying think about all those people who'd only



heard about the warts getting a chance to see it shine.

It was also fun to see the folks who didn't buy a ticket—but who were curious—find ways to peek in. For example, the distinguished [Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership](#) operates in a beautiful, multifaceted building on South Michigan. On a Saturday stroll I noticed their outdoor roof space was absolutely packed. Other rooftop decks were also popular perches.

And hearing the TV announcers calling “and now they're coming down DuSable Lake Shore Drive” instead of they're “coming down the back straightaway” was a hoot. My favorite comment regarded spotters. Spotters are race officials stationed at key corners and other spots around the track. If something bad happens—like a crash or a spinout—they're on their radio immediately and a caution flag will come out, telling the drivers to slow down. At one point, one of the commentators—Dale Earnhardt, Jr.—casually commented that, “The turn 6 spotter is on the roof of Chicago Symphony Center.”

I know that might abhor some people, but I just got a kick out of it.

Overall, even with the rain, NASCAR pulled off quite a feat—as did the Chicago Police and Streets and Sanitation crews. What I feared would be an absolute shit show turned out to be a nice surprise (in my estimation).

It still doesn't change my mind about taking Grant Park out of commission for events, but it could have been worse.



# How to Help Migrants!



**Credit:** Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago Members of the Southwest Collective have organized food drives and other services throughout the pandemic. Now, they are building on those programs to help migrants arriving in Chicago.

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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



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## Beloved Printers Row Fountain Is Back In Action After Almost 2 Years Of Repairs



The Printers Row Fountain is back to its former glory after a nearly two-year-long restoration. Jamie Nesbitt Golden/Block Club Chicago

The 25-year-old fountain was fully restored in late June with a new filtration system, LED lights, restored brass fixtures and other upgrades.

[Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#) Jul 12, 2023

SOUTH LOOP — Printers Row’s favorite fountain is back.

[After a nearly two-year effort](#) by the Printers Row Park Advisory Council, the 4th Ward service office and neighbors, the 25-year-old structure returned to Printers Row Park, 632 S. Dearborn St., in late June.

Over 150 people came out for the community celebration, including [Edward Windhorst](#), the architect who designed the fountain in 1999, Printers Row Park Advisory Council President James Rice said.

“It was a really great turnout. It shows you how committed our neighbors were,” Rice said.

Harsh Chicago winters and lackadaisical maintenance contributed to the fountain’s deterioration. The interior parts had rusted, making the fountain no longer functional, and the lights that drew visitors to the park on hot summer nights were in desperate need of repair.

The park advisory council kicked off the restoration project in September 2021 with a crowdsourcing campaign to raise \$110,000 to upgrade the lighting, repair the pump and pipes, replace the colored enamel reliefs and polish the fountain’s bronze highlights. The 4th Ward office, then led by Sophia King, followed through on a promise to match a \$10,000 donation from the Chicago Park District.

It took a year for the park advisory council to meet its goal, Rice said.

“The Chicago Parks Foundation was our first fundraiser. Then we did a second fundraiser where we actually sold the ceramic tiles with engravings that are now mounted all around the base of the fountain,” Rice said. “We did that ourselves through a company called [That’s My Brick](#) in Wisconsin that provided them and did all the accounting for it in the process.”

Windhorst also helped, sharing his original drawings and offering recommendations for companies that specialize in restoration. The council eventually chose Wheeling-based [Fountain Technologies](#) to lead the project.

But why a fountain? And why there, of all places? You can thank former Mayor Richard M. Daley for that, Rice said.

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 “Before the park was even built, there was a small right of way that was owned by the the city, but not officially a Chicago Park District park. It was just a small space,” Rice said.  
 “Apparently Daley used to work out at a gym across the street from it. So the story goes that he thought it would be a nice place to have a fountain because he had become enamored with fountains while in Paris.”  
 The city first installed an “off the shelf” wrought iron statue and plumbing, but Daley, who envisioned a city filled with fountains, took one look at the finished product and ordered its removal, according to Rice.  
 “He wanted something more fitting to the area, a little more Art Nouveau. So, they set about commissioning to have it made, which it was by [DeStefano and Partners](#),” Rice said.  
 Rice and the park advisory council had been pushing for repairs since before the council formed a decade ago.

Fountains are supposed to work on a filtration system, re-pumping the water through it, Rice said. If the water level gets down to a certain amount, more water is supposed to be filled in. Instead, those in charge of maintaining the fountain poured Lake Michigan water straight into the end of the fountain and out the drain, Rice said.

The fountain has a new filtration system, new control panels, restored brass fixtures, new LED lights and fresh paint — along with protective coating to keep it fresh for years to come.

For Rice, the fountain not only symbolizes the neighborhood’s transformation from vice district to family-friendly enclave but also serves as a sign of stability, a sentiment echoed by [Tours With Mike](#) Founder Mike McMains when Block Club interviewed him in March 2022.

“A lot of the buildings were vacant, including the building I’m in, the transportation building. It sat vacant for years except for homeless occupants, and it was converted in in the late ’70s along with most of this area ... [Printers Row] was brought back to life and now it’s a very vibrant community. The fountain kind of brings together the whole Art Nouveau feeling of the neighborhood,” Rice said

<https://blockclubchicago.org/>



Malik and Moesha run the show at the new Sip & Savor Coffee Shop at Roosevelt and Wabash where the Starbucks once occupied. See page 5 Photo by Bonnie McGrath

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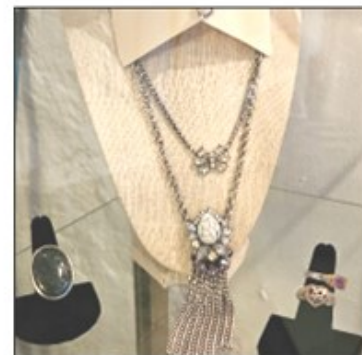
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Celebration and Ceremony for the Fountain Restoration in Printers Row Park sponsored by the Printers Row Park Advisory Council. July 15, 2023. Photos by Margaret McGregor



Photographer of the day Margaret McGregor and Greg Borzo, author of [Chicago's Fabulous Fountains](#) available at Sandmeyer's Book Store.



Colleen Wales, Secretary Printers Row Park with Jim Rice, President, Printers Row Park. Photo Mary Ivory



Kathy Peterson, Mary Schoeder and Pam Clark.



Justin Hauad from Fountain Technologies and Ernest C. Wong, park designer/architect and Principal and President of Fountain Technologies.



Janice Koeber



Mary Ivory, Virginia Witmer and Margaret McGregor



Left. Jim Rice addressing the crowd.



Janice Koeber, Jim Rice, Susan Ohde, Colleen Wales, Greg Borzo, Mary Ivory, Susan Rice, Pat Methven and Marilyn Vala



Susan Ohde and Susan Rice, Refreshments



Mike Colombatto w/ Selfie Sign



Doug McConnell with Greg Borzo's books— Chicago's Fabulous Fountains.



Susan Rice, Mike Colombatto and Genita Robinson.



Mina Pradia with Selfie Frame



Ceremony Crowd Shot



Susan Rice (right) with her grand-daughter



The Wales Family

## Daley Plaza City Market

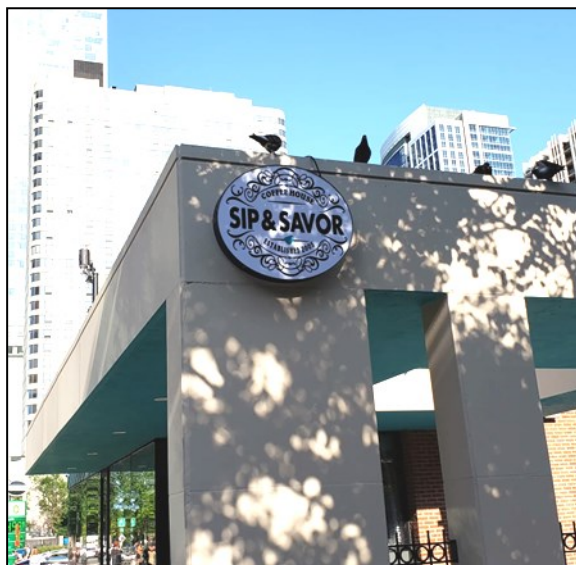
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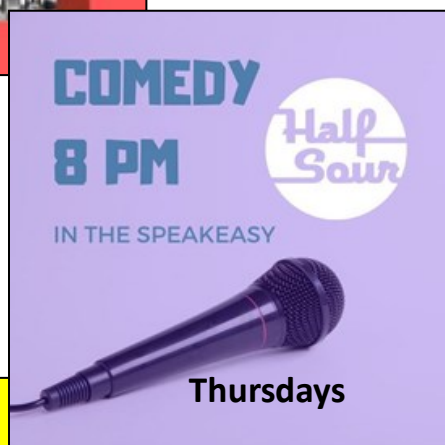
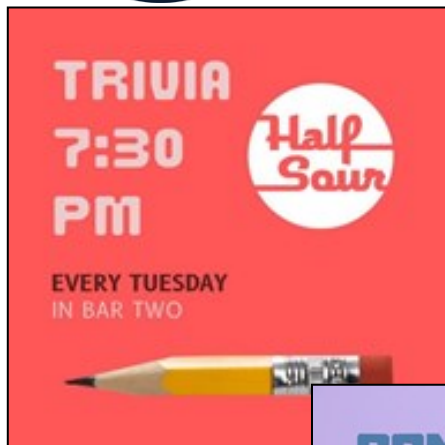


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## Who's behind the so-called 'teen takeovers' downtown?



In recent years, large groups of teens have started gathering in downtown Chicago. We spoke with some of the young people behind these events.

By [Adriana Cardona-Maguigad](#)

July 13, 2023,

It's summertime in Chicago and, once again, large teen gatherings are making headlines.

It got one *Curious City* listener wondering who's behind the social media push for these so-called "teen takeovers." These meetups [have been happening](#) for years, and they are especially popular among Black teens. The gatherings are known as "trends," a word that often appears on flyers, usually signaling a large meetup at a public place, like Grant Park or North Avenue Beach.

But in some instances these large gatherings have gotten out of control. Recently, an 18-year-old woman was run over with a car and a couple was assaulted in the Loop. Last year, 16-year-old Seandell Holliday was shot and killed during a gathering in Millennium Park.

*Curious City* spoke with teens and youth advocates to understand who is behind these flyers, why these meetups are happening and what the city's response should be.

Teens post flyers for meetups on social media.

Lil Troup, a 20-year-old who works for C.H.A.M.P.S, a youth mentoring program, said he understands why kids organize and attend these gatherings. He asked to only use his artist name to protect his privacy. He hosted a house party for his 17th birthday. Between 50 and 100 young people showed up.

He said there weren't any fights during the event, and he told people to "leave the B.S. at home."

Lil Troup described his teen self as angry, with little support or structure. With a lack of guidance, he often went to "trends" meetups hoping to find positive connections. He said other teens might be experiencing similar struggles.

In hindsight, he says he recognizes that he was lucky nothing happened during the event he organized. "I can say I did a lot of dumb things that I thought [were] fun," he said.

Nineteen-year-old Quan said he and his friends have gone to "trend" meetups at movie theaters, the beach and downtown.

"People just want to go hang out," Quan said. "We're just trying to have fun, that's all we want to do."



## South And West Side Youth Are Patrolling The Loop This Summer Under Street Ambassador Program

The Chicago Loop Alliance will add 10 young people to its Downtown street ambassador patrol, where they'll greet people, offer help to tourists and provide resources to people experiencing homelessness.

[Melody Mercado](#) Jul 17, 2023

Chicago Loop Alliance ambassadors Aaron Woolridge and Ronnae Lockette — part of the youth ambassador program — interact with people along State Street in the Loop on July 13, 2023. Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago  
DOWNTOWN — Chicago's Downtown street ambassador program has expanded to include 10 youth ambassadors through the city's One Summer Chicago jobs program.

The Loop street ambassadors patrol the Central Loop area from Dearborn Street to Canal Street and along State Street from Wacker Drive to Ida B. Wells Drive. The ambassadors greet people, offer help to tourists and provide assistance and resources to people experiencing homelessness.

Headed by the Chicago Loop Alliance, the program runs year-round with about 16 ambassadors. The alliance announced in June a [temporary expansion to 40 ambassadors](#) to help during Downtown's busy summer season.

The 10 youth ambassadors will join the roster for the next month through One Summer Chicago, which offers jobs and internships to young people ages 14-24.

Youth street ambassadors are between 18-24, with some exceptions, and are partnered with senior ambassadors as mentors. The youth ambassadors are Chicago locals primarily from the South and West sides.

Youth ambassador Ronnae Lockette of Auburn Gresham is partnered with mentor Aaron Woolridge, who has been with the Loop Alliance for two years. Lockette, a site lead for Chicago Public Schools, said she was looking for a summer job where she could interact with people.

Lockette received deescalation and violence intervention training at the beginning of the summer and has been working with Woolridge for these past few weeks.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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## Students ‘disheartened’ after Supreme Court strikes student loan forgiveness

By [Patience Hurston](#), Copy Editor June 30, 2023

The US Supreme Court struck down President Joe Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan Friday, June 30. The debt relief program was an effort to ease financial strain on Americans by eliminating up to \$20,000 per person.

While the decision was a blow to a major campaign promise for the president, for students, many of whom are either close to graduating or recently graduated, it’s back to the drawing board on future financial stability — or a future of being debt free at all.

Django Wilson, a senior music major, said even though the ruling was expected, it was nonetheless a “kick in the teeth.”

“I think there will be outcry, but I think there already was. It feels like being on the left feels like being held hostage with how you vote,” Wilson said. “It’s the choice between do you want someone who is openly a bigot or do you want someone who sucks and doesn’t represent your values but at least pretends.”

The court’s decision on student loans follows a ruling a day earlier that prohibits [affirmative action](#) in college admissions. The conservative majority court also sided with a Christian website designer who did not want to create wedding websites for same-sex couples.

Molly Brennan, a senior arts management major, said the denial of the student loan forgiveness plan was the “least impactful” of the three for them.

“The LGBT protection being stripped away and affirmative care yesterday, those two I’m more worried about. I think those two decisions coming before the student loan one kind of made me expect it,” Brennan said. “But it was definitely frustrating.”

Brennan called the whole thing “disheartening” but is still trying to see past the immediate decision and stay optimistic.

“In the back of my mind, I’m trying to be realistic. And the way the Supreme Court decisions have been going I’m not necessarily hopeful that student loans are going to be forgiven. But there is still a little part of me that thinks maybe Biden will step up and actually put the plan he said into place and we’ll have it canceled. And that’s what’s pushing me forward.”

Not all who have heard the decision find the future as promising. Kori Lindsay, who just finished her fashion studies degree at Columbia in May, said she’ll continue to “do what she has to do” headed into graduate school.

“I think that I’ve lost faith in the government. I’ve lost faith in the system. I’m not looking to them to solve any of my problems or to save me. I’ve kind of given up on that,” she said.



Students gather outside the US Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C., in support of President Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan on June 30, 2023. The Supreme Court struck down the plan in a 6-3 decision.

Lindsay, one of many students putting herself through school, said the decisions the Supreme Court have been making are “unhinged.”

“People go to school because education is important and they value that and that should be honored and not punished and I think that education should be encouraged and it’s not,” Lindsay said. “I think that is a big reason why our country is the way that it is and there is a lack of understanding because there is a lack of education. Education isn’t valued the way that it should be. There should be more support overall.”

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<https://columbiachronicle.com/students-disheartened-after-supreme-court-strikes-student-loan-forgiveness>

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## Armed suspects riding Divvy bikes wanted in Loop robberies, Chicago police say

In a community alert distributed Saturday, Chicago police said 15 robberies have occurred in recent weeks across the Loop, particularly in the morning hours.

Published July 8, 2023 • Updated on July 8, 2023

The Chicago Police Department has issued a warning to residents regarding more than a dozen robberies that occurred within the last month, with the majority involving armed suspects using Divvy bikes, according to authorities.

In a community alert distributed Saturday, Chicago police said 15 robberies have occurred in recent weeks across the Loop, particularly in the morning hours. The armed suspects, according to police, approached unsuspecting victims on the public way and took possession of their property by threatening force. A victim's vehicle was taken in one particular instance.

The robberies were reported between June 19 and July 7 at the following times and locations:

- 100 block of South State Street - June 19 - 2:30 a.m.
- 400 block of South LaSalle Street - June 25 - 1:50 a.m.
- 0-100 block of North Michigan Avenue - June 25 - 2:04 a.m.
- 0-100 block of West Congress Parkway - June 25 - 2:16 a.m.
- 100 block of North Dearborn Avenue - June 25 - 2:40 a.m.
- 0-100 block of East Madison Street - June 25 - 3 a.m.
- 0-100 block of South Wells Street - June 25 - 4:22 a.m.
- 600 block of South Plymouth Court - June 26 - 5:20 a.m.
- 600 block of South State Street - June 26 - 5:30 a.m.
- 0-100 block of South Michigan Avenue - June 26 - 5:35 a.m.
- 1100 block of South Michigan Avenue - June 26 - 5:50 a.m.
- 1100 block of South Michigan Avenue - June 26 - 6 a.m.
- 1100 block of South Wabash Avenue - June 26 - 6:50 a.m.
- 100 block of North State Street - July 7 - 1:05 a.m.
- 0-100 block of West Washington Street - July 7 - 1:45 a.m.

Anyone with information about any of the incidents or possible suspect information is asked to call Area Three detectives.

<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/armed-suspects-riding-divvy-bikes-wanted-in-loop-robberies-chicago-police-say/3182556/?fbclid=IwAR27zYu3TFBKChwdn2KihmMQ6NSzGwZ0Q8JzJzFlsr-wq7upHyc9N8Eo>



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

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

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

Link to Facebook group:

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

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

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7/8/2023 3:52pm 20 W Cermak Rd  
1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE MURDER on street Beat 131

6/19/2023 8:46pm 1600 S Clark St  
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Parking lot Beat 131

6/30/2023 9:14 am 50 E 16<sup>th</sup> St  
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Hand Gun on Street  
Beat 131

6/20/2023 11:35pm 1400 S Michigan Ave  
ARMED ROBBERY on Sidewalk Beat 131

7/2/2023 12:30pm 1200 S Wabash  
ARMED ROBBERY Parking Lot Beat 131

6/26/2023 12:50am 1100 S Michigan Av  
ARMED ROBBERY Hand Gun Grant Park

6/26/2023 1:50am 1100 S Wabash  
CARJACKING Parking Garage Beat 123

6/29/2023 9:51pm 1100 S State St  
ARMED ROBBERY Hand gun CTA Train Beat  
123

6/21/2023 2:43am 1100 S Delano Ct W  
ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY Knife Roose-  
velt Collection Garage Beat 123

7/8/2023 11:55pm 700 S Michigan  
ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY Hand Gun on  
Street Beat 123

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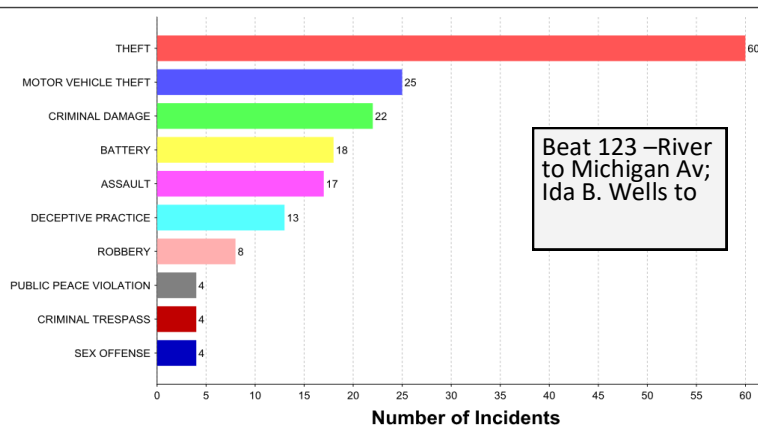
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6/26/2023 12:20am 600 S Plymouth Ct  
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### Top Ten Crimes From 01-Jun-2023 To 30-Jun-2023 On Beat 0123

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CHICAGO (WLS) -- Two people were shot, one fatally, after a shooting near a homeless encampment in the South Loop Wednesday morning, Chicago police said.

The shooting occurred just after midnight in the 1100-block of South Des Plaines Street, police said.

One victim, a man in his 40s, was shot in the torso and transported to Stroger Hospital in critical condition, where he later died, police said.

The second victim, a 32-year-old man, was shot in the head and transported to Stroger Hospital in fair condition, police said.

Video from the scene shows police investigating near a homeless encampment.

Area Three detectives are investigating and no one is in custody.

The shooting came after a violent 4th of July in Chicago, with 20 people shot, two fatally, on Tuesday, police said.

OEMC, Chicago police and OEMC plan to hold a news conference Wednesday afternoon to discuss safety efforts over the 4th

7/3/2023 8am 1300 S Wabash  
AUTO THEFT Res. Garage Beat 131

6/25/2023 7am 1300 S State  
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7/3/2023 4:30pm 1200 S State  
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6/30/2023 4:30am 1100 S Wabash  
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7/3/2023 9am 1100 S Delano Ct E  
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

6/21/2023 1am 60 E 9<sup>th</sup> St  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

6/29/2023 11am 900 S State  
AUTO THEFT Alley Beat 123

6/22/2023 5pm 800 S Wabash  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

6/30/2023 10am 800 S Wabash  
AUTO THEFT/RECOVERY Parking Garage

6/29/2023 3:15pm 700 S Plymouth Ct  
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6/22/2023 4pm 600 S State St  
AUTO THEFT Parking lot Beat 123

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801 S PLYMOUTH CT P159  
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6/9/23

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6/7/23

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6/6/23

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1530 S STATE ST 15R  
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680 S FEDERAL ST 603  
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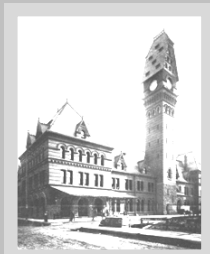
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