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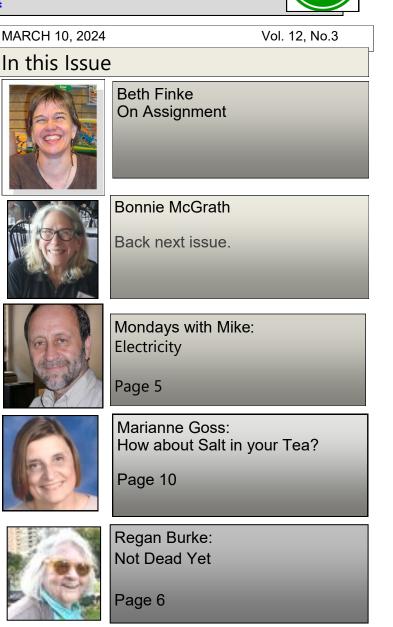
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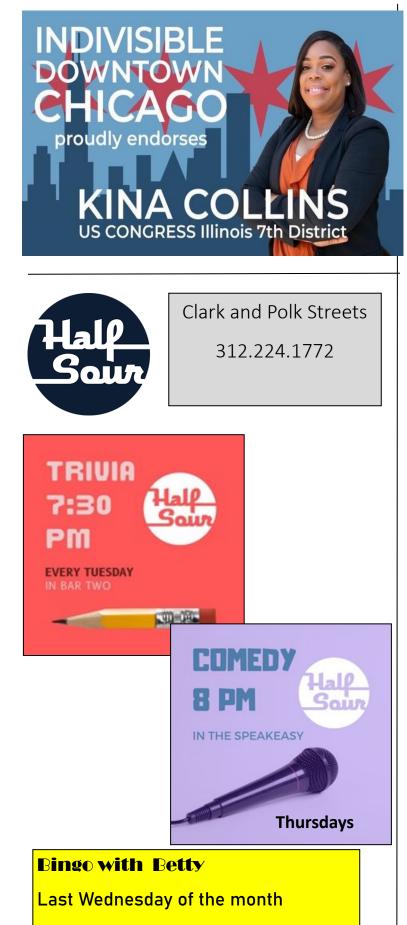
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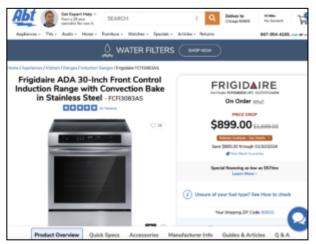
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Mondays with Mike: by <u>mknezo2014</u> <u>Mondays with Mike:</u> <u>Electricity</u> January 8, 2024



Last week I bought myself a post-Christmas gift (although, not post-Christmas by the Orthodox calendar—for my extended Knezovich family, Christmas was yesterday, January 7). I don't have it yet— <u>Abt</u> (a Chicago area retailer that sells appliances, furniture, electronics—you name it) delivers and installs my new toy this Friday. And I'm on pins and needles—can't wait to give it a spin.



Vroom-Vroom!

What is this new toy? It's <u>an induction range</u>. Yep, that's where I am these days. There was a day when it was motorcycles and drugs and rock-an-roll. Now, it's a high-tech electric range.

If you don't know what <u>induction cooking</u> is, think of an electric stovetop on steroids. Each element gets hot faster than a gas stove, and it cools faster. More precisely, these things use magnetism to *heat the pot or pan*—the element doesn't heat up, per se, though it does get warm to hot because of contact with the heated cookware.

I've known about these things for along while. My work at <u>Phius</u> puts me in contact with cool, energyefficient technologies and the cool people who build passive house residences typically go whole-hog with efficiency and install induction stoves and combination cooktop/ovens. (The oven parts are conventional electric.) I've got the combination cooktop/oven coming Friday and I actually am kinda juiced to try it. Because the cookware has to be magnetic, I'm losing use of a saucepan and a couple other pieces of cookware. But that's an excuse for getting a new ones. I've missed cooking on a gas stove—our Printers Row building doesn't have gas service. Especially when it comes to stir frying or pressure cooking, where you want to be able to get something really hot really fast, and conversely, to turn down the heat quickly. All without any fossil fuel combustion or its byproducts. I still wouldn't mind a motorcycle, though.

COMMENT

LETTER TO ALDERMAN BILL CONWAY On Mon, Mar 4, 2024 Patricia Methven wrote:

It it highly disappointing that our neighborhood has to endure the presence of a cult organization, but also extremely frustrating that we encouraged them by closing Clark street — road and sidewalks — for the entire weekend. Sad for the businesses who exist there and the tax paying residents.

What did we get from this organization in return? Are they helping our local homeless? Anything?

I watched a man get arrested on Saturday. I cannot confirm, but he appeared to be autistic, and was only trying to get to Dunkin Donuts. It was not a good look for the city.

Kindest regards, Pat Methven

Thank you for reaching out to our office. Anyone organizing an event in our community must be respectful of neighbors and follow permitting rules, and we are working to investigate what happened.

This was a one-time event permitted for the Church of Scientology. It was approved by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Streets and Sanitation, and the Chicago Police Department. Our role in this was acknowledgement of the application. Based on the level of complaints for this event, we will be working with event coordinators to significantly limit impacts to neighbors should future event permits be filed.

We have reached out to the Church and the Police Department to address constituent concerns about event impacts. In the future, we will encourage greater notice of these events and more collaboration with neighbors and local businesses to lessen the impact of events like this.

Kind regards, 34th Ward team

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Backstory Essays Regan Burke **Not Dead Yet**



March 3, 2024

(written for Skyline Village Chicago March-April 2024 newsletter)

Robert Kramer, 74, talking to students at the University of Southern California: "You have far more at stake in changing how we approach aging than I do. You are far more likely, statistically, to live past 100 than I am. If you don't change society's attitudes about aging, you will be condemned to lead the last third of your life in social, economic, and cultural irrelevance."

A KFF News article, *Do We Simply Not Care About Old People?* lays out the blatant disregard for our citizen elders, citing covid-19 statistics.

Around 900,000 older adults have died of covid-19 to date, accounting for 3 of every 4 Americans who have

perished in the pandemic. In the last week of 2023 and the first two weeks of 2024 alone, 4,810 people 65 and older lost their lives to covid — a group that would fill more than 10 large airliners.

Yet, where is the outrage? Experts in the field of aging from around the country all agree ageism has always existed, but the pandemic elevated an intense, hostile prejudice against us.



"The implied mes-

sage to older adults is: 'Your time has passed, give up your seat at the table, stop consuming resources, fall in line,'" said Anne Montgomery, 65, of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. She says that baby boomers can "rewrite and flip that script if we want to, and if we work to change systems that embody the values of a deeply ageist society."

In the years I've tried to advocate against ageism, I've heard everything from "I'm 80 years old, and I've never experienced ageism" to "Ageism? What's that — not admitting how old you are?" Gay rights leader Harvey Milk famously said in the 1970s, "Come out to your parents." He knew, and he was right, that if people got to know gay people (can I say "queer" now?), their bias toward them would diminish.

Anti-ageism advocates say, "integrate, don't separate." The best way to overcome the ageist stigma is for the people who are stigmatizing you to get to know you. Don't put "old" in the closet. Go out. Speak out. Be old.

Chicago has separated the old from the rest of the population — in housing, in social groups, in churches, and in health care. "They" don't see us. 'They" look through us. We defend ourselves by saying: I wrote a book! I walked the Camino! I volunteer! I have wisdom! I babysit! Walk dogs! Ride my bike!

Reminding people that we are still here, part of the human experience, walking through life like everyone else at any other age, is the best way to flip that script, not by bragging about our credentials but by our visible presence. And when we can't hear or when our brain energy gets depleted at 3:00 in the afternoon, we ask people to speak up, and we excuse ourselves to take a nap.

We're old. Say it. Be it. It's OK.

COMMENT

by Regan Burke <u>In</u> <u>That Number: One</u> <u>March From the</u> <u>Streets of Protest</u> <u>to the Halls of</u> <u>Power (And Be-</u> <u>yond)</u>

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Women's History Month: When the Pope said "You have to" While You Were Out: An Intimate Family Portrait of Mental Illness in an Era of Silence by <u>Meg Kissinger</u> (Celadon Books 2023).

When Meg Kissinger was born, Roman Catholics were nearly 60% of all church-goers in the US, and 70% of the country went to church...so the rules in place for those Catholic women like Meg's mom and sisters- increase and multiply; don't talk about anything; grief is self-indulgent; mental illness is a moral failure; and suicide is a mortal sinwere followed by multitudes. No surprise that, when Meg. the fourth child of very devout Catholics, was in class, she was left a bright pink, While You Were Out message from a pad that lay in front of every switchboard in America: "Grandma died." No time for, "Honey, call me" or "We have sad news." No mention of the messenger or the circumstances of her grandmother's death. But that loss was important enough for Meg to write a book by that name. While You Were Out is an intimate personal story of the author's family struggles and a powerful indictment across-the-board of religious, familial, communal and institutional perspectives and practices around mental health. Kissinger had already won awards for her extensive reporting on the subject for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, which she admitted was inspired by her home life. Outwardly she was part of one of the myriad large, affluent Catholic families living in Wilmette, Illinois. But a closer look showed a harsher truth: "We were a family of eight children, born over a span of twelve years, [and] two parents with serious illnesses who gobble tranguilizers and drink themselves silly many nights; as you might imagine



Writing Out Loud

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

Beth Finke

there was a great deal of chaos in our house." Her sometimes loving, often wildly entertaining, bipolar father traveled weekly for work and when he was home was frequently violent and abusive. Her mother suffered crippling anxiety, postpartum depression, and more than once disappeared (to a mental hospital, we learn later) with no explanation to her children where she was or how long she'd be gone. When one of her sisters tried to harm herself, she was rushed to the hospital, had her stomach pumped, and transferred quietly to a psych ward. "Back at home we resumed our normal pace as if nothing had happened." After one brother started failing all of his classes, couldn't sleep, and complained of loneliness, his sibling told him to see a college guidance counselor, whose "solution was to join a fraternity, get drunk, have more fun." After each subsequent problem—suicide attempts, illegal abortions, disappearances— "another family secret had been swallowed whole, undigested," but neither forgotten nor dealt with. Some forty years later, with her parents dead, upon her siblings' approval, and after finally seeking her own therapy, Kissinger writes with love and wonder about family traumas that evoke our sympathy, empathy, and hope, and just might be uncom-

empathy, and hope, and *just might be* uncom fortably close to our own. It's a painful but worthy read.

Lorraine Schmall

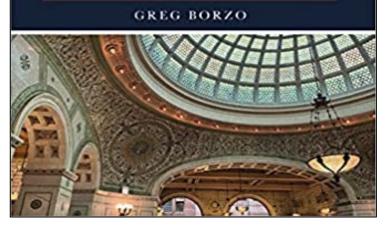
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Sincerely, Marianne

How about Salt in your Tea? Monday, February 26, 2024

By Marianne Goss

"Tempest in a teapot" ... "In hot water" ... "Stirred the pot" ... "Getting salty over tea" Headline writers had a field day with the British response to *Steeped: The Chemistry of Tea*, published January 24. Author Michelle Francl, a professor of chemistry at Bryn Mawr College, wrote that a pinch of salt improves the taste of tea. Francl looked into that tip from an eighth-century Chinese manuscript and found that salt blocks tongue receptors for bitterness. "Absolutely outrageous," railed an anchor on Good Morning Britain. "That's lunacy," harrumphed a host on BBC Radio Coventry.

The American Embassy in London deadpanned that "adding salt to Britain's national drink is not official United States policy and never will be."

On this side of the pond, Francl likely was happy for publicity in a nation that prefers coffee. As a tea-drinking outlier, I hope to learn more about my habit from her book, which is based on three years of research. Her exploration of the chemistry of tea went way beyond the effect of salt. Francl investigated the more than 100 chemical compounds found in tea. (For those who don't know: All varieties of real tea — including black, oolong, green, and white — come from the *Camellia sinensis* plant. Herbal teas aren't actually tea.)

According to the publisher, *Steeped* "puts the chemistry to use with advice on how to brew a better cup." Americans apparently need advice. "Americans have some truly awful tea-making habits," Francl told the BBC, including heating the water in a microwave. "I have had better cups of tea at service stations in Ireland than I have had at fancy restaurants in the US."

Francl's formula for the perfect brew includes warming the pot or cup, boiling water on the stove, and using loose tea. Since maximum contact between the leaves and the water is desired, an infuser, if used, should be large, and the leaves should be agitated during a fourminute steep. If you must use a teabag, dunk it. Whether loose or bagged, tea shouldn't be reused.



Despite drinking tea for more than half a century, I am not a connoisseur like Francl. She has preferred varieties for different times of day; I drink the same black tea all day. I use loose tea leaves but don't dump out all the leaves in between every pot. That way I get less caffeine (good) but, according to Francl, also less taste. When served teabags away from home, I don't object to even plain old Lipton, although I'll take Earl Grey or English Breakfast if given a choice.

I did try adding a pinch of salt to a cup of tea. I noticed a difference but don't prefer it. I'm unfussy about my tea. The only time I recall being served tea I disliked was in a London café, and my objection was that it contained milk. The server informed me that it is expected that tea is taken with milk. Milk is okay, but don't put salt in it. The British don't like to mess with tradition.

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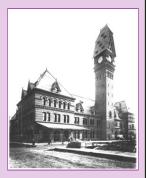
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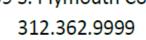
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lege dorm for footloose tech workers, will now instead be a conventional apartment building.

A drugstore of some type has been approved at 717 S. Clark.

Since both CVS and Walgreen's already have stores nearby, it's unclear if this would be a specialty compounding pharmacy or something else.

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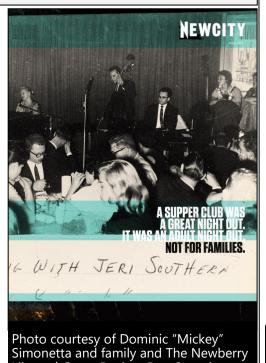


Editor's Letter: March, 2024 March 5, 2024 by Brian Hieggelke

The rollercoaster whims of popular culture fascinate me.

In college, we were obsessed with the movie "The Blues Brothers." We memorized whole scenes and acted them out. at football practice, in our dorm rooms. at the bars. Rhythm & Blues as articulated by John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, were the epitome of cool.

Early in the film, Jake and Elwood



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Blues are racing around greater Chicago putting the Blues Brothers band back together after Jake's stint in the Joliet penitentiary. They find the "backbone of the band" performing together at a suburban Holiday Inn supper club under the name Murph and the Magic Tones, with matching suits, a disinterested audience and even a late-night dance party set teased on a stage sign.

They were the epitome of uncool.

But with the passage of time, blues bars have become mostly the purview of tourists and, as Dave Hoekstra and Hugh Iglarsh hint at in their stories in this issue about a golden era of live music —both in the city at Mister Kelly's and throughout the suburbs at the supper clubs that once flourished—there's a nostalgic "cool factor" connected to that bygone era.

Watching the Murph and the Magic Tones scene from "The Blues Brothers" today, after reading Dave Hoekstra's definitive story about such bands, the movie seems pretty accurate. Except now the guys in the black suits, trilby hats, skinny black ties and sunglasses seem a lot less interesting than the ones in the "candy-ass monkey suits."

In fact, I'd like to see that movie: "Murph and the Magic Tones."

-BRIAN HIEGGELKE



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When the supper club was king

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Kina Collins speaks to the Indivisible Downtown Chicago group on February 19th, 2024 at Necessary and Suficient Coffee Shop.





Kina Collins is running for the Representative of the 7th District in the U.S. Congress.

She was the guest of Indivisible Downtown Chicago. The event took place on February 20th at the Necessary and Sufficient Coffee Shop in Printers Row. She is running, along with several other individuals, against long time Representative Danny Davis. She ran against him in the last election and garnered 45% of the vote. Danny's support from other Democratic office holders stems mainly from the fact that he is head of the important Ways and Means Committee. Kina grew up in the Austin neighborhood. Because she witnessed a murder when she was young, she is a very strong advocate for gun violence prevention. She was active in One Aim Illinois. As a young activist, she was instrumental in establishing the Illinois Commission on Women and Girls during the Rauner years. He signed the legislation. She says she respects Danny Davis' work. But she feels she can provide new energy. The average age of the people in the district is 35 years old.

She has been endorsed by over 20 elected officials. She has over 100 paid canvassers Plus volunteers.

The three main points she will emphasize during the campaign is

- She doesn't accept Corporate Pak money
- Will actively show up; Davis misses votes in Washington
- If Illinois sends more dollars to Washington than many states, then why aren't more dollars coming back to Illinois?

Regarding the Migrant issue, she emphasizes that the West and South side need better resources. She points out that migrants from the Ukraine assimilate into the Ukrainan Village almost seamlessly. We need to provide migrants with work visas. And she supports the Bring Chicago Home proposal.



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Meet The 2 Democrats Running For Cook County State's Attorney

Retired judge Eileen O'Neill Burke is facing off against university lecturer Clayton Harris III in the March 19 primary. State's Attorney Kim Foxx is not running for reelection.

by Quinn Myers

COOK COUNTY — Two Democratic candidates with different approaches to criminal justice are vying to become the next Cook County state's attorney in what may be the most high-profile — and most contentious — local race in the March 19 primary.

Retired appellate court judge Eileen O'Neill Burke is facing off against attorney and university lecturer Clayton Harris III. Both worked early in their careers as assistant state's attorneys in Cook County.

Along with Republican Bob Fioretti and Libertarian Charles Kopiniski, the Democratic candidates hope to replace outgoing State's Attorney Kim Foxx, who <u>announced</u> <u>last year she would not seek reelection</u>.

Since ousting Anita Alvarez to take office in 2016, Foxx's hallmarks as top prosecutor have included overturning wrongful convictions, advocating to end cash bail and other reforms.

But Foxx's two terms have also been marked by controversy and widespread criticism. That includes accusations Foxx mishandled the infamous case of actor Jussie Smollett, who was convicted of disorderly conduct for fabricating a hate crime in early 2019.

Now, the State's Attorney's Office will have a new leader for the first time in eight years.

O'Neill Burke has highlighted her experience as a lawyer and judge, where she's spent her entire career "in the courtroom." Harris has emphasized his role as former chief of staff at the Illinois Department of Transportation and other management jobs in government on top of his work teaching public policy.

Harris has been endorsed by the Cook County Democratic Party, whose leader, Toni Preckwinkle, is often cited as Foxx's political mentor. O'Neill Burke has gotten backing from wealthy businesspeople, <u>some of them with ties to</u> <u>conservative candidates</u>.

With two weeks to the election, the race has turned negative, with each campaign releasing ads attacking the other's record and views. Both candidates spoke to Block Club Chicago about their experience and vision for the State's Attorney's office, which plays an enormous role in how criminal justice is meted out in Cook County.

This is part of Block Club's ongoing coverage of the 2024 elections. Block Club will publish in-depth information on Republican Bob Fioretti and Libertarian Charles Kopiniski later in the election cycle since they are unchallenged in their respective primary elections.



Clayton Harris III and Eileen O'Neill Burke, Democratic candidate for Cook County State's Attorney, on March 4, 2024. Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago



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- * Photo Contest * Football Watch Party
- * Pickleball Clinic(s) * Pub Crawl
- * Pet Event at Fred Anderson Park
- * Movie Night(s) in the Park

So if you have an interest in volunteering at one or more of the above proposed activities, <u>email here</u> advise which activities you are interested in working on!

Eileen O'Neill Burke

O'Neill Burke worked for a decade early in her career as a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. That was followed by a stint as a criminal defense lawyer until O'Neill Burke was elected as a judge to the Cook County Circuit Court in 2008. In 2016, she was elected judge of Illinois' First District Appellate Court, a role she held until stepping down to run for state's attorney last year. In an interview with Block Club this week, O'Neill Burke said her focus as the county's top prosecutor would be "upholding the law" in cases related to automatic weapons charges, retail theft, robberies and more. She stressed that she plans to expand restorative justice courts and extracurricular programs for kids caught up in the criminal justice system.

"I would not say that I'm 'tough on crime.' What I do believe is that the state's attorney's role is to uphold the law. And I will uphold the law, but I also believe in the restorative justice programs," O'Neill Burke said. "I'm a big believer in these programs because I've seen them work. Their repeat offenders rate are significantly less than the other felony trial courtrooms. They're actually getting people back on track."

O'Neill Burke also wants to create what she's calling a <u>"choice protection unit"</u> that would organize training for prosecutors to charge people with a range of crimes if they try to "thwart a woman's right to choose" near abortion clinics or elsewhere.

Another change O'Neill Burke would make as state's attorney is to prosecute retail thefts of \$300 or more as felonies, in line with a state threshold. That would reverse Foxx's 2016 decision to charge most retail thefts under \$1,000 as misdemeanors, not felonies.

O'Neill Burke said the stricter standard would help hold repeat criminals accountable, although first-time offenders could be sent to "theft school" and have their records wiped before her office would "gradate up" to supervision or jail time.

"The law as it stands is \$300 or above. You can clear out several aisles of Walgreens or a mom-and-pop grocery store before you get to \$1,000. We've all seen the ramifications of this policy," she said. "CVS, Walgreens, Target, Walmart, we're seeing them close, they're closing because of theft."

A juvenile murder case O'Neill Burke prosecuted in the mid-'90s has garnered widespread media attention since late last year. The case was the subject of <u>an attack ad</u> released by Harris' campaign this week.

In 1994, O'Neill Burke won the conviction of a 11-year-old Black boy who told a police officer he had murdered his elderly white neighbor in Marquette Park. That detective's work in another case involving two young Black boys led to those charges being dismissed, according to WBEZ and the Tribune. That prompted a federal judge to throw out the 11 -year-old boy's arrest and confession, saying it had been coerced. FOR THE REST OF THIS ARTICLE, CLICK ON LINK ON PREVIOUS PAGE. BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO

Clayton Harris III

Harris worked as an assistant state's attorney for about four years early in his career. His subsequent job experience has mostly been in various government roles, including stints in former Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration and as the chief of staff at the Illinois Department of Transportation.

In late 2008 and early 2009, Harris also served as former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's final chief of staff, helping to run the state after Blagojevich was arrested on corruption charges. Harris was never accused of wrongdoing, <u>according to the</u> <u>Sun-Times</u>.

Since 2009, Harris has lectured on public policy at the University of Chicago. He also worked as a director of public policy and government affairs for rideshare app Lyft from 2020-2022.

A resident of Washington Park, Harris said he and his family frequently hear gunshots, an experience that will inform his work at the State's Attorneys Office.

"When I talk to people about my platform being one of safety and justice, it's a combination of both of those things, without it being an extreme on either of those," he said. "We're going to focus on crime, safety and justice at the same time. And the way we achieve it is by holding people accountable appropriately."

Harris wants to set up programs for kids charged with crimes to keep them off the streets as well as expand restorative justice courts, he told Block Club. He also plans to add staff for the state's attorney's Special Prosecution Unit to go after gang leaders who send kids to rob people or steal cars because the consequences are lighter for minors. "We have to hold these individuals accountable, but we need to work up and to cut off the heads of these gangs or crime syndicates, whatever you want to call them, to make sure we're addressing the problem," he said.

When it comes to retail theft, Harris would maintain Foxx's \$1,000 felony threshold, although he said that doesn't mean lesser crimes can't be prosecuted as misdemeanors. He also said smash-and-grabs and thefts with a weapon would be charged at higher levels.

Speaking with Block Club this week, Harris used the example of a child who might steal a cellphone while shopping with parents as one reason to keep the threshold where it is.

"I'm telling you flat out that we're not going to charge a 10year-old girl with no background, who's never done anything before, as a felon for stealing. We're going to hold her accountable appropriately. But do you think [it is] appropriate to put a felony on a 10-year-old or 11-year-old child's record?" he said. "I'm not that state's attorney." Harris' work for Lyft has come under scrutiny during the campaign, particularly for his role as president in 2022 of a group called the <u>Illinois Coalition for Independent Work</u>, which has opposed proposals to establish minimum pay for drivers and to have them classified as employees, <u>according to the Tribune</u>. BLOCK CLUB LINK ON PG. 15



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Jasmine with Wayne Segal, owner of the Jazz Showcase

Jasmine Kwong celebrated her birthday on January 10th by inviting everyone to a Jazz concert at the Jazz Showcase featuring the best talent in Chicago and participating in a fund raiser for **Kids In Danger**. The charity works towards education and safety of children's products.

She said, "we raised approximately \$7500 and about 110 guests attended - both exceeding my expectations since I had much less time to plan and produce the party this time.

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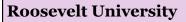
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All performances will take place at the Courtyard Theatre at the Getz Theatre Center located at 72 E. 11th Street in Chicago.

Hortensia and the Museum of Dreams will run from March 16 to March 26,

General admission tickets are \$15. Discounted tickets for students and senior citizens are \$10. Ticket are available on the <u>Theatre Depart-</u> <u>ment's website</u>. Information about tickets is available at 312 369-6101 during weekdays.

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The CTA's Oversight Board Is Filled With Political Insiders, Not Transit Experts

As the CTA struggles to recover from the pandemic, the mayor and governor won't explain how they pick people for the agency's board.

by Manny Ramos 2 hours ago

CHICAGO — Last month, Mayor Brandon Johnson sent a two-sentence letter to the City Council informing alderpeople he was filling a year-old vacancy on the CTA board.

Most transit advocates welcomed the mayor's selection of Roberto Requejo, founding director of advocacy group Elevated Chicago and a respected voice on accessible and safe transportation issues. But the mayor's letter said nothing about how Requejo was chosen or why Johnson had waited nine months to fill the position while the CTA struggled to deliver basic services to riders.

It's the latest example of how the process of picking the CTA board is shrouded in secrecy — and leads to the board's failure to provide oversight.

By law, the mayor and governor choose who's serving on the CTA board, and they don't have to explain how they made their picks.

And for decades the board has more often been filled with their political allies than policy experts.

The CTA is at a crossroads as dysfunction has become synonymous with the service it provides. Trains <u>and buses are running far less</u> frequently, C<u>ity Council leaders are routinely calling</u> <u>on the mayor</u> to replace its leadership and the agency is <u>facing a fiscal cliff with pandemic aid</u> soon running dry.



Roberto Requejo, founding director of advocacy group Elevated Chicago and Mayor Brandon Johnson's selection for the CTA board. Credit: Provided/Chicago Community Trust



Chicago Transit Authority Board members Lester Barclay and L. Bernard Jakes converse during a board meeting on September 22, 2023, in Chicago. Credit: Alex Wrobewski/Block Club Chicago



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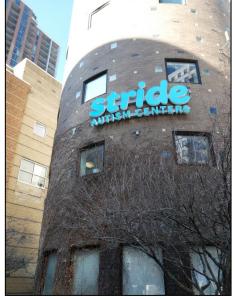
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Washington, D.C. – November 30, 2023 – South Loop Elementary School has been ranked No. 319 and No. 301 in Illinois among the 2024 Best Elementary and Middle School rankings by <u>U.S. News & World Report.</u> The rankings include more than 79,000 public elementary and middle schools across the country. Schools are ranked at the state and district level, with Best Charter Schools and Best Magnet Schools ranked as stand-alone categories. South Loop Elementary School has been ranked No. 21 in elementary schools and No. 57 in middle schools within Chicago Public Schools.

Principal Tara Shelton attributes the success of South Loop School to the hard work, and dedication of South Loop Teachers and Support Staff, Parent involvement, and Community Partnerships. "This extraordinary achievement would not be possible without our commitment to success from our stakeholders."

The <u>methodology</u> focuses on state assessments of students who were proficient or above proficient in mathematics and reading/language arts while accounting for student backgrounds, achievement in core subjects, and how well schools are educating their students. Student-teacher ratios are applied to break ties in the overall score.

The 2024 Best Elementary and Best Middle Schools rankings are based on publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Education. For district-level rankings, at least two of the top performing schools must rank in the top 75% of the overall elementary or middle school rankings to qualify for district-level recognition.

"The 2024 Best Elementary and Middle Schools rankings offer a way for parents to get a snapshot of their child's school and how well it is doing compared with other schools in their community," said LaMont Jones, managing editor for education at U.S. News. "In addition, U.S. News provides easily accessible data on student-teacher ratios, district spending, and the number of counselors a school makes available to its students."

Parents, educators and students can see how South Loop Elementary School compares to other institutions and how the rankings are calculated on USNews.com.

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South Loop Elementary School 2024 Rankings

South Loop Elementary School is ranked #319 in <u>Illinois</u> <u>Elementary Schools</u> and ranked #301 in <u>Illinois Middle</u> <u>Schools</u>. Schools are ranked on their performance on staterequired tests, graduation, and how well they prepare their students for high school. Read more about how we rank the <u>Best Elementary Schools</u> and Best Middle



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Exclusive: Chair of Columbia's Board of Trustees optimistic about college's future but said changes will be 'tough'

By <u>Olivia Cohen</u>, Editor-in-Chief February 27, 2024

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Columbia's Board of Trustees did not force out President and CEO Kwang-Wu Kim, the board chair told the Chronicle. In an exclusive interview on Monday, Feb. 26, John M. Holmes said Kim's decision to resign on July 1 was his alone.



After Kim shared his intention with Holmes on Feb. 9, five days before the campus-wide <u>announcement</u>, Holmes said he called current Senior Vice President and CFO Jerry Tarrer to ask him to be interim president following Kim's departure.

In a wide-ranging conversation that took place off-campus, Holmes talked about the impact of the historic part-time faculty strike, his optimism for the future of the college and his perspective that among the college's general education offerings, there are "a lot of courses that are underutilized and requirements that are outdated."

The board has asked Kim to prepare a report with recommendations for how the college can address a \$38 million deficit. Kim has said the college will make <u>\$19 million in initial cuts</u> and may need to <u>merge or close academic programs</u> and lay off full-time faculty with tenure appointments.

He is scheduled to present the report to the Faculty Senate on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The senate will review and provide feedback by April 10. Kim then will present his final recommendations to the board on May 2.

Columbia's deficit is at a "crisis," Holmes said. "Time is of the essence."

The strike

Holmes said last fall's seven-week strike by the part-time faculty union played a "significant" role in Columbia's conversation around curbing the deficit.

"The strike accelerated the timeline of this conversation," Holmes said, adding that he was disappointed by the length of the strike and its possible harm to the reputation of the college. The union, which is planning a town hall on Friday, March 1, said in an email this week that the college is "on the verge of disaster."

Holmes said the current financial concerns are "not overstated." "It's very real," he said.

Asked why the college didn't simply settle with the Columbia Faculty Union, ending the strike sooner, Holmes said the union was asking for "guaranteed employment" and "essentially giving tenure" to part-time instructors.

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More than 20 cars vandalized on Near South Side Three vandals smashed in the driver's side windows of more than 20 cars around 2 a.m., police said.

By Sun-Times Wire Feb 16, 2024, 7:57am CST

Nearly two dozen cars were damaged early Friday when a group of vandals smashed in their windows on the Near South Side, police said.

Around 2 a.m., three males got out of a black car and demolished the driver's side windows of 20-25 vehicles in the 1600 block of South Indiana Avenue, a witness told Chicago police.

A motive for the incident was not clear and police did not say if anything was taken from the damages vehicles, all of which were legally parked.

No injuries were reported and no one is in custody.

18-year-old charged with attacking woman in South Loop

Brianna Owens allegedly attacked and punched a 26-year-old woman several times in the head and body Friday in the first block of East Roosevelt Road on Jan. 8, according to police.

By Sun-Times Wire Feb 14, 2024, 8:07pm CST

An 18-year-old woman is facing charges after a woman was attacked last month in the South Loop.

Brianna Owens allegedly attacked and punched a 26-year-old woman several times in the head and body in the first block of East Roosevelt Road around 9:30 p.m. Jan. 8, Chicago police said. Owens was arrested Tuesday and was charged with aggravated battery in a public place, police said.

She faces a detention hearing Thursday.

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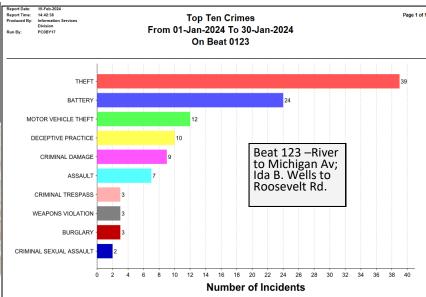
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UPDATE: 17-year-old killed, 15-year-old injured in South Loop shooting, police say

by: Gabriel Castillo, Michael Johnson Posted: Mar 2, 2024 / 10:40 PM CST

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CHICAGO — One teenager was killed and another was injured after gunfire erupted in the South Loop on Saturday night.

According to Chicago police, officers were near the 500 block of West Roosevelt Road when shots were fired near West Roosevelt and Canal streets just after 8 p.m.

Responding officers found two male teenagers in the parking lot of a bank with gunshot wounds, police say, and began performing lifesaving measures on the victims before the Chicago Fire Department arrived on the scene.

According to police, one victim, 17, was taken by CFD to an area hospital with gunshot wounds to the chest and neck, where he was pronounced dead.

The vicitm was later identified by the Cook Country Medical Examiner as Jeremy Smith.

The other victim, 15, was taken by CFD to an area hospital with a gunshot wound to the leg and is listed in fair condition, police say. Officials did not provide details on what led up to the gunfire, but police say there is a suspect in custody and a weapon was recovered at the scene.

Community outreach partners were also on scene providing interven-

tion to the teens, and Area Three detectives continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the shooting.



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