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What's New?

Crime news isn't new. It's a big concern for most folks. When we are out after 6pm, we're reluctant to take the subway. The bus seems safer. If you watch the news, you see reports of armed robberies and assaults. The South and West side still see the brunt of shootings and murders. That's not new, but the number of armed robberies on the North and Northwest side is concerning to those who live there. We have escaped much of that for reasons unknown. We have a new Police Chief and he has a very big challenge. But he's a Chicago guy and knows how things work in the department. I attend CAPS meetings and have attended the annual planning meetings when possible. If residents are upset with crime, you wouldn't know by the attendance at the CAPS meetings. At one planning meeting for our sector, we asked for the return of bicycle cops. I am at least grateful that the officers of CAPS and the powers that be listen and do respond. But we have to do more than complain on social media. If you want things to change, show up.



3/23/2024 Bicycle Cops in the South Loop. Next CAPS Meeting at Grace Place on May 8th, 5:30pm

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JAZZ SHOWCASE

Thu-Sat, Apr 18-20, 8pm & 10pmAlyssa Allgood CD Release Party featuring
 Sun, Apr 21, 4pm & 8pm..... Alyssa Allgood CD Release Party featuring
 Kendrick Scott

Mon, Apr 22, 8pm & 10pm.....Gustvo Cortinas Quintet

Wed, Apr 24, 8pm & 10pm.....Bethany Pickens Trio

Thu-Sat, Apr 25-27, 8pm & 10pm.....Marques Carroll Quintet

Sun, Apr 28, 4pm & 8pm.....Marques Carroll Quintet

Mon, Apr 29, 8pm & 10pm.....Bob Lark

Tue, Apr30, 8pm & 10pm.....WDXB 90.9FM Celebrating International
 Jazz Day w/ Dan Trudell Quartet

Thu-Sat, May 2-4, 8pm & 10pm.....Winard Harper

Sun, May 5, 4pm & 8pm.....Winard Harper

Tue, May 7, 8pm & 10pm.....Bob Lark

Wed, May 8, 5pm & 8pm.....Jazz Links Jam Session

Thu-Sat, May 9-11, 8pm & 10pm.....Christian Sands Piano Trio



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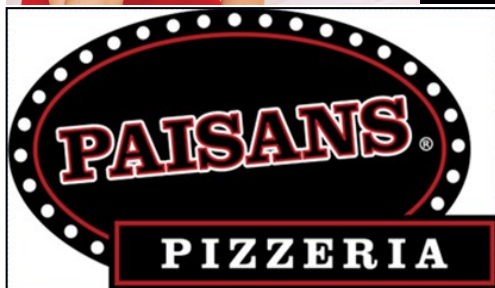
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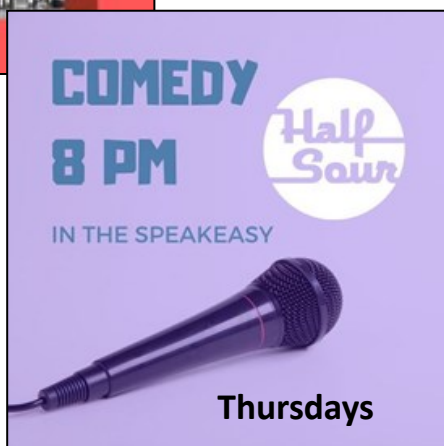
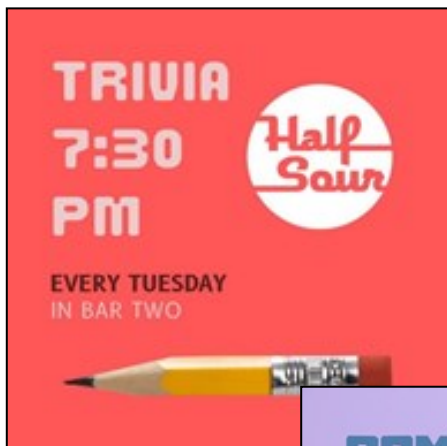


General John Logan statue April 9th, 2024.
Restoration?



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Bingo with Betty

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Tickets are available at the door after 5:00PM

Free Acoustic Set: Fruteland Jackson 5:30-8:00PM

Opening Band: Joe Doyle 9:00-10:00PM

Headlining Band: Cros 10:30PM – Close

21+ After 8:00PM



Nigel Mack

Ages 21 and up
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Free Jazz Set: Hilton/Hart — 5:30-8:00PM

Nigel Mack — 9:00PM – CLOSE

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SEATING POLICY:

All tickets sold are General Admission, which means table/bar seating are on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Buying your ticket online in advance guarantees admission (not seating). We recommend arriving early for seating.

PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY:

No professional photo/video equipment will be allowed without a media pass.

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South Loop Neighbors is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.

South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

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

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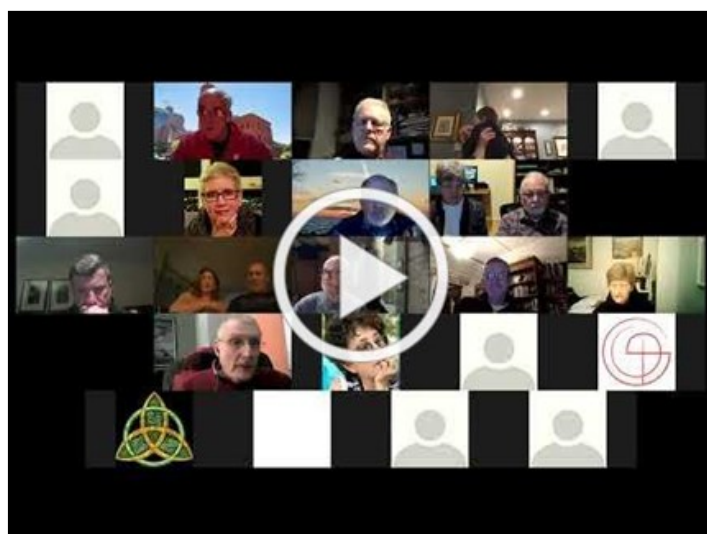
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Development update presentation

A roundup of what's proposed and underway for the South Loop was the program at our annual meeting in January 2022. You can [watch it on YouTube](#).

The latest information on planning and development in our area can always be found at [our website SouthLoopUpdate.org](#)



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Sincerely, Marianne

Coming late to new technology

Monday, April 15, 2024

By **Marianne Goss**

Technology has made everyday tasks easier and simpler. But some of the old ways of doing things were fine too.

Right now I'm thinking about toothbrushes. I was late coming to electric toothbrushes, as with most technology. I wasn't purposely holding out, but I found manual toothbrushes fine and had a large collection of them from the dentist. Hygienists never told me I was doing a bad job of brushing.

I decided to give an electric toothbrush a try after asking the dentist for suggestions for spending an insurance benefit.

It's taking me a while to master the technique. Letting the device do the work doesn't come naturally after a lifetime of moving a toothbrush up and down. I don't know whether the brush is getting close enough or too close to the gums. Brushing in back with the brush held perpendicular to the teeth as instructed is awkward.

All this fuss about a device that's recommended for toddlers because it's so easy to use!

I've been behind the times with other technology too.

I got a smart TV only last fall. I don't talk to Google Assistant. I read books in print rather than on a tablet. I wake to a nondigital clock when I need to set an alarm. I got a Fitbit only because my insurance paid for it and use it only to count steps. I know only a fraction of what my phone can do. Not having owned a car in 15 years, I hope any rental car has a manual should I need to, say, turn on the bright lights.

It sounds like I'm boasting about being a Luddite, but not really. I just don't take the time to find out how new technologies could improve my life. I wait for a need to assert itself rather than look for it. I bought a smart TV, for instance, when I got tired of streaming PBS Passport on my laptop.

On the table next to my reading chair is a 2023 article headlined "My phone can do that?"

Maybe I'll get around to reading it eventually and choose to adopt this or that function.



I'm not alone in being a technological laggard. According to Statista, only four in ten Americans as of 2022 used electric toothbrushes, which have been around since the 1960s. The majority aren't neglecting their teeth; the American Dental Association says that both electric and manual toothbrushes are effective as long as you brush properly.

At my first dental appointment since getting the electric toothbrush, the hygienist was surprised to hear I don't love it. She encouraged me to stick with it. "It does a much better job," she said before finding a couple of places the brush (not me, of course) could do better. Interesting that I was never told I'd missed spots with a manual brush.

COMMENT

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Pilsen’s 18th Street Named Twenty-First Coolest In The World

Pilsen’s “busiest thoroughfare is 18th Street, a corridor lined with businesses, art galleries and much more,” [tallies Time Out](#). “When dinner time rolls around, you’ll be spoiled for choice: 18th Street’s collection of restaurants is second to none.”



New Funding for Dearborn Park

After working with the Park District I am happy to announce that I have secured funding for improvements to Dearborn Park. Now I would like to hear from residents about your desired changes and how this park can best serve everyone. Please join me on April 30 at Grace Place Church, from 5:30-6:30pm, to discuss this exciting development.

Alderman Lamont J. Robinson

Invites you to the

Dearborn Park Community Meeting

Purpose: Alderman Robinson has secured funding for Dearborn Park and is asking the public to provide feedback on desired changes to Chicago Park District officials.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Grace Place Church
637 South Dearborn Street

For more information, please email us at:
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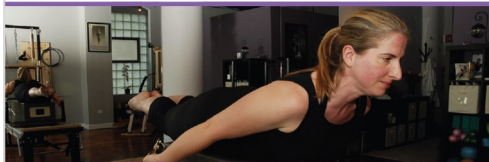
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Brontez Purnell, *Ten Bridges I've Burnt* (Macmillan 2024)

Two gorgeous books arrived on the shelves on our local library just in time for National Poetry Month: *The Swan's Nest*, a novel that begins in 1845, when Elizabeth Barrett, a young poet in possession of a significant fortune but confined to her room for four years with a chronic disease, received a letter from Robert Browning, whom she'd never met: "I love your verses with all my heart, Dear Miss Barrett, and I love you too," and *Ten Bridges I've Burnt*, a 21st-Century memoir in verse by Brontez Purnell, a poet, punk-rocker, dancer, actor, screenwriter, handsome, Queer, "troubled Negro Youth in his forties." I chose *Ten Bridges* because we all know how *Swan's Nest* turns out and because the publisher has a blurb about certain "sexcapades." Now that I've read the book, I love Brontez Purnell. I want to be his grandmother (I just became one; it's divine), and feed him baked ham and apple crisp and tell him to be safe, that he's perfect, and must love himself more. Most readers will agree. Purnell says the title is "a line describing how the person being interpreted has been misunderstood. And I think only the people that actually catch that, I think that's who this book is truly for." He addresses his parents, his sister, his uncles, his lovers, his friends: "You deliberately misinterpret me, like, constantly see me only as the man who represents the 10 bridges I burnt but not the hundred that I've built." His life has not been easy: Brontez grew up gay in Triana, Alabama (population: 400), an experience he calls "its own specific brand of horror." Triana is an EPA Superfund site,

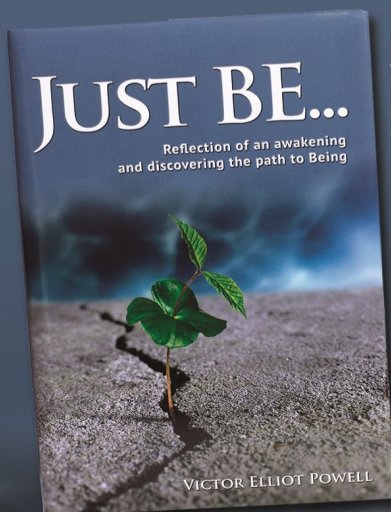
and DDT and PCB's are as numerous as mosquitoes down there. His family life sounds challenging. "Oh, my poor father, all he wanted me to do was like p-ssy and shut the f-ck up." His mother is not left alone. "She doesn't raise hell with me anymore...simply because she doesn't have the energy...what we call "wisdom" could easily be called "fading of hormonal response." He's mockingly grateful he has never had to deal with the disappointment of "the lie of the nuclear family" because "my parents never married and I had the privileged position of being a pagan love child." Hysterical, right? But he jumped on a train to Oakland, California, as a fairly young man "to breathe the air." Oakland. If Brontez has to deal with "whose fault my childhood was all I can say is "it took a village." "The most high-risk homosexual behavior I engage in," Purnell writes, "is simply existing." He cannot be happy with his weight and tries to change it to get the "compliments [that] are signifiers that we are participating in capitalism picking ourselves up by the boot straps taking control of the fact that if our bodies are unpleasant to the eyes of the average stranger it can only mean a moral deficit. I do work on my body to attract members of my same sex when I could just as easily pray for the courage to die alone." No, Brontez. Keep on.

Lorraine Schmall

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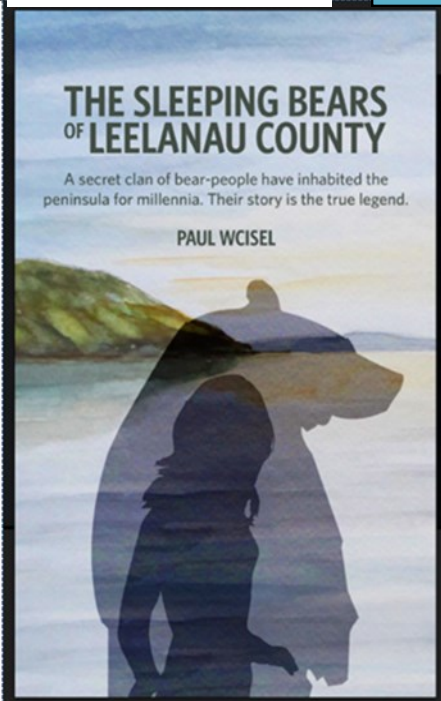
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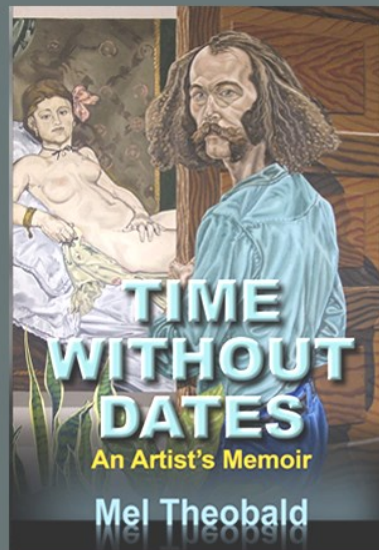
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by Mel Theobald



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He became a university professor and graphic designer before receiving an invitation to Russia in 1990. This book is a prelude to *Inside the Enigma*, an intricate account of that transformative year, and defines the complexity of his foray into the inner workings of an art museum, university and the people who represent the heart and soul of his creativity. Art, science and religion are the cornerstones of his belief that creativity, technology and faith in nature will lead man to a higher consciousness.

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Backstory Essays

Regan Burke

Sensemaking: The Eclipse

April 10, 2024



From my window, I can see Lake Shore Drive's curve at Oak Street, an "S" curve fraught with danger. Some days, as many as five separate car crashes occur from unsuspecting or inexperienced drivers speeding toward the curve and sliding off the road. Heavy gauge ribbed steel barriers prevent errant vehicles from jumping the curb, flying off across a small park, and crashing into the Drake Hotel and vintage apartment buildings on East Lake Shore Drive.

On eclipse day, April 8, 2024, an East Lake Shore Drive building was an arrival point for President Joe Biden's visit to Chicago. To augment the threat of car bombs speeding down Lake Shore Drive and intentionally barreling off into the building, city salt trucks lined up bumper to bumper on a half-mile stretch of the S curve that hugs the small park on one side and Lake Michigan on the other.

At 2:07 pm, the moon blocked the sun by 94% as I waited in the park with my dog Elsa. A few other dogs tethered to humans stood nearby.

"Is the eclipse happening soon?" I called out to one.

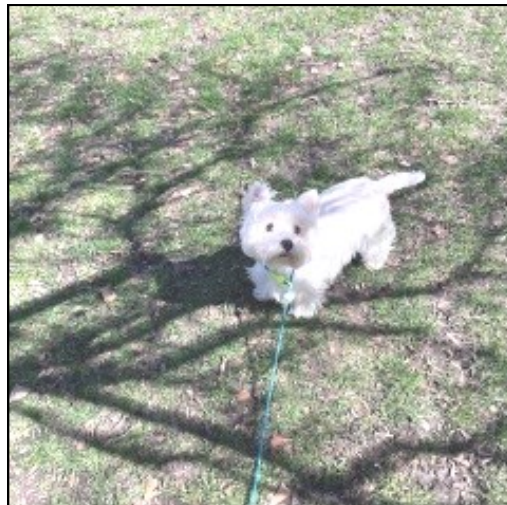
"Yes, right now," a neighbor announced.

"Here!" He rushed over and handed me his solar glasses so I could see the shadow of the moon crossing the sun.

"Oh, there it is," I whispered, "I thought the sky would be dark."

At 94% sunshine, the sky doesn't turn dark. Even a tiny sliver of the sun is so bright it can light up the sky. I hadn't been paying much attention to the details of the solar cycle or lunar eclipses. I knew light from that 6% sunshine is so intense it can fry your eyeballs, but I didn't know that 6% sunshine gives off an intense, vibrant light capable of eliminating shadows.

As I handed the solar glasses back to my neighbor, I looked down at Elsa, standing in the projection of overhead tree limbs. April brought out buds, but still no shady foliage. The images of the boughs, branches, and



Elsa in the eclipse

twigs on the ground were as clear as they were on the trees, like a photo. A perfect mirror image of the deep brown arbor architecture above. Nothing in my memory compared to this. I sensed, though, a deep knowing, as if ancient benevolent familiars had brought me the seeing of a thousand ancestors.

"The sun is about a million times brighter than the full moon," explains Angela Speck, an astronomer at the University of Texas at San Antonio, "So if 99.9% of the sun is obscured," she says, "there will still be a thousand times more light than the full moon.

I read that in the days before the eclipse, but it held no meaning and slipped my memory. I still had a preconceived notion that the sky would turn black. Experiencing the solar light on the ground, mine and Elsa's ground, in the valley between the salt trucks and the highrises, revved up my consciousness.

Now it makes sense.

COMMENT

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

Available at Sandmeyer's Book Store and other places.





Time & Location

Apr 24, 2024, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Weather Mark Tavern, 1503 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

About the event

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to Regan Burkes 3/8/2024 column "Not Dead Yet"

I was surprised to read such an opinion since I believe the opposite is true. Yes, there is senior housing, but most of Chicago remains open to -- and is patronized by -- old folks. I see nothing blocking me from visiting a library, going to the theater, eating at any restaurant I choose. I'm even free to buy a ticket to Lollapalooza (not that I'd necessarily want to).

Chicago bends over backwards to provide senior discounts, to make the city accessible to the elderly, and to offer intergenerational opportunities. If an old person feels invisible to the young, engage them, get to know them, and find a way to lend them a hand. Stand up to stand out.

Many elderly people move far away from Chicago to retirement complexes or gated communities. They inflict an age-segregated lifestyle on themselves. To stay young, stay among the young. Chicago makes such a thing easy and attractive. This is especially true of the South Loop, an old neighborhood full of history and inhabited by talented, experienced long-time residents. It's also inhabited by bright, active, young students making history. If I may borrow from the 1971 Stylistics song, "Stop, Look, Listen" to your neighbors -- all of them, any of them.

Greg Borzo, South Loop Neighbors board member
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Editor's Letter: April, 2024

April 2, 2024 by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

With Expo Chicago debuting its first edition as part of the Frieze family of global art fairs, the expectation is that an already-powerful locus of focus in the Midwest will get a greater global gaze. Alignments are stronger than ever, with major shows opening at the art museums and galleries putting forth marquee exhibitions built around a newly energized Art After Hours event during Expo Art Week.

But April, too, is for Spring, and our Breakout Artists feature nurtures new growth, rooted in the artists and their work and offering a refreshing respite in a month that seems more often concerned with the market than the art.

April is also for Jason Pickleman. It's his birthday month. Jason is the beloved creative force behind the visual energy of Expo Chicago and so many other Chicago entities. For the last year, Jason has been fighting an unwinnable war against brain cancer. F. Philip Barash spent some time with his friend Jason in order to share his story in this issue, in an unwinnable attempt to capture in print Jason's singular space in the life of Chicago.

April is actually for Arts with an "s," as other spaces and places are far from dormant this month, whether it's the theaters bringing August Wilson to life, the Joffrey Ballet dancing to Alexander Ekman's mind-boggling creativity, or the Chicago Humanities Festival bringing thinkers and celebrities to town while places like the Seminary Co-op offering two dozen author events in the course of what for them is a normal calendar, ranging from leading novelists to the deepest thinkers about science, global affairs and culture.

—BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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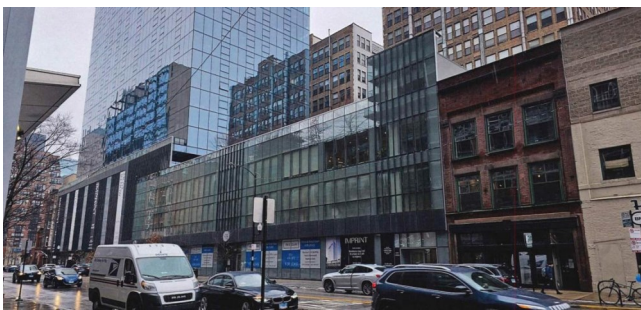
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ZBA approves residential conversion at 739 S. Clark

The office space will become 68 residential units

April 09, 2024, 7:00AM Lukas Kugler

The Zoning Board of Appeals has approved a set of variances for the planned office to residential conversion at 739 S. Clark. Planned by CMK Companies, the existing office building was part of the Imprint development completed just before the COVID-19 pandemic. The three-story commercial building was re-clad and listed for office leases but got no tenants as a result of the pandemic.

739 S. Clark CMK Development

Designed by Osterhaus McCarthy Architects, the conversion will renovate the interior of the structure and add 68 apartments. In the basement, the conversion will provide tenant storage and 68 new bike parking spaces, but no new car parking will be added. Five residential units will duplex down from the ground floor into the basement as well.

739 S. Clark Osterhaus McCarthy Architects

On the ground floor, there will be 13 units in addition to the duplexes, as well as some small offices and a mailroom. The second and third floors will each have 25 residential units. Residential units will range from 320 to 700 square feet and be mostly studios and convertibles.

739 S. Clark Osterhaus McCarthy Architects

The Zoning Board of Appeals has approved a special use to establish residential use below the second floor for the project. Two variations will allow for the reduction of the minimum lot area from the required 31,270 square feet to 30,776 square feet and to allow alternate compliance with the open space requirements of section 17-4-0410.

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With the approvals from the ZBA, the project can move forward with permitting and construction. Permits for the project have been filed and are awaiting issuance.

https://chicago.urbanize.city/post/zba-approves-residential-conversion-739-s-clark?utm_source=Urbanize+Newsletter&utm_campaign=201f9bbf6b-news-chicago-weekly-2024-04-15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f2c8779a36-201f9bbf6b-199731392

Glessner House Craft Group

1800 S. Prairie Avenue
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Located on Historic Prairie Avenue in the South Loop, Glessner House, which was completed in 1887 is a National Historic Landmark. It is widely regarded as the urban residential masterpiece of architect H.H. Richardson, who had a lasting impact on architects such as Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright. The Glessner family called this house their home for nearly 50 years. Mrs. Glessner was a talented crafts woman engaging in activities such as needlework, and silverwork. She was also an avid knitter and purportedly knitted more than 500 sweaters for children, employees, and servicemen. In her lifetime she was also an active member of the several other social and philanthropic organizations, including Antiquarian Society of the Art Institute of Chicago, and its predecessor, the Chicago Society of Decorative Art.

In honor of Mrs. Glessner and her skills and talents as a crafts woman, the Glessner House Craft Group was started in October of 2023. You are invited to join us at Glessner House for this free craft group to work on your own projects. We are meeting once per month on Thursdays. The dates so far for 2024 are April 18, May 16, June 20, and July 18. Two sessions are available for each of the dates, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. You can come for one or both!! Individuals are encouraged to bring their own knitting, crocheting, sewing, and/or needlework projects to work on while enjoying the historic Arts and Crafts interior of the Main Hall of Glessner House just as Frances Glessner (shown above) and many of her friends and family did. If you are interested in attending, please email Cari Dudich at cdudich@glessnerhouse.org. We look forward to seeing you!

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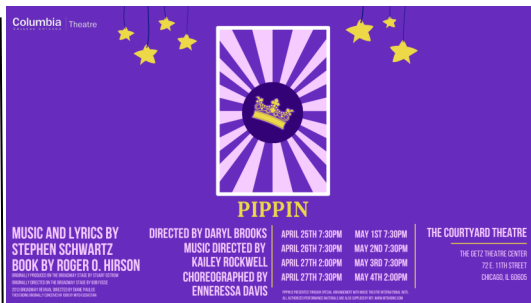
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CTA's New 'Dynamic' Schedule Adds Little Train Service To Struggling System

The new rail schedules are more accurate for riders, which agency officials hope will eliminate “ghost” trains. But the problem of too few operators remains.

by [Mack Liederman](#) Updated April 16, 2024

CHICAGO — The CTA's new rail schedule aims to combat service issues reported by riders across the city — but it doesn't add trains.

The new “dynamic” rail schedule for the spring and summer went into effect last week with a promise of “gradually increasing” service through the seasons as the agency looks to bring on more rail operators, according to a news release.

The CTA [began adding some pre-pandemic bus runs back to its schedule last month](#), but its new train schedule shows no significant additions, transit advocates and a train operator said.

“It's pretty much the same,” a train operator said. “But [more people are riding](#), and we need to see a service increase.”

During [a City Council hearing in February](#), CTA President Dorval Carter promised to restore rail service to pre-pandemic levels by the end of the year. The number of scheduled trains running across the system is still 20 percent below pre-pandemic levels, said Brandon McFadden, a cybersecurity analyst [who tracks CTA reliability](#).

All agree the problem comes down to staffing. Four years after the pandemic, the agency continues to lose rail operators faster than it can hire them.

There were 285 CTA rail operators in February — down 18 since December 2023, [according to the latest data from the Regional Transportation Authority](#). The CTA had 361 rail operators in December 2019.

Transit agencies in other major U.S. cities have been faster to recover their workforces.

The BART in San Francisco added 65 rail operators over the last year and now has a higher headcount than it did pre-pandemic, a spokesperson said. The MTA in New York City has 79 more rail operators than it did in the first quarter of 2020, a spokesperson said. Washington D.C.'s Metro is seven operators under its required headcount to run full service, which includes a buffer for vacation time and days off, a spokesperson said.

The CTA says help is on the way, with 67 hires currently in rail operator training.

“Overall, the levels of service will have some immediate improvements, especially along the O'Hare Branch of the Blue Line, but much of the scheduled service is similar to the service we were providing prior to the new schedule,” CTA spokesperson Maddie Kilgannon said in a statement.

CTA staffing levels for bus operations are recovering but are still about 150 positions below pre-pandemic levels, [according to agency data](#).

A [hiring report last year by TransitCenter](#)

credited the CTA for streamlining “short-term capacity problems” by putting applications and assessments for bus operators online.



Chicago Cubs fans jockey their way through the narrow Addison CTA Red Line station's platform on Sept. 10, 2023.

Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

“Agencies are currently faced with the need to recover from slower hiring during the pandemic, higher attrition rates, and a challenging labor market — all while preparing for the coming wave of retirements,” according to the study. “Many transit agency human resource teams cannot keep up with the hiring needed to address the current vacancies.” Yonah Freemark, a research director studying transit systems at D.C.-based think tank Urban Institute, said the CTA's pandemic recovery still trails behind its counterparts in other major U.S. cities, which have increased staff and in [some cases expanded rail service](#).

“CTA has blamed challenges on attracting conductors, but other transit agencies seem to have gotten over that problem,” Freemark said. “Chicago's excuses don't add up anymore.”

At the February council meeting, Carter said [he aims to make the CTA rival transit systems in London and Paris](#) and has worked to address retirement and attrition issues. But attrition at the CTA continues to be a problem as rail operators deal with inconsistent schedules, “swing” shifts that are only hours apart, limited vacation and the agency's reliance on workers picking up overtime, a rail operator said.

Data shows the CTA's hiring efforts are being offset by rail operators who choose to quit or transfer to other departments within the agency. One rail operator told Block Club they're interested in a less demanding role as a supervisor or as a switch or control tower worker.

“The culture right now is ‘get in, get out.’ Just keep your head down,” the rail operator said. “People want to just get off the trains, honestly. It feels like they haven't done anything to improve quality of life.”

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Potential sale of the 624 S. Michigan building could mean the library's resources get moved to multiple different spaces on campus

By [Maya Swan-Sullivan](#), Reporter March 18, 2024

The library would relocate to different places on campus if the college sells the 624 S. Michigan building that currently houses it, its director told the Chronicle in an exclusive interview.

No place on campus is big enough for everything currently housed on the library's five floors, said Jo Cates, director of the library. "I can't imagine a place on campus that would hold us right now."

But it would not close.

"The idea of us moving isn't upsetting," Cates said. "Except for the fact that nobody wants to move a library."

President and CEO Kwang-Wu Kim has proposed to sell both the 624 S. Michigan building and his residence in the Gold Coast neighborhood.

The recommendations are part of a draft advisory report the Board of Trustees requested to address the \$38 million deficit.

"Should it happen and if there is a buyer, we have to be very nimble about getting our act together to get moving," Cates said. In an [interview](#) with the Chronicle earlier this month, Kim said the sale of the building is not imminent because the commercial real estate market in Chicago is at a historic low.

The 15-story 624 S. Michigan building was constructed by Eckstorm in 1908 and originally housed the Chicago Music College. Columbia purchased the building in 1990. In addition to the library, the building also has department offices, faculty lounges, the college's bookstore and classrooms.

About 86 courses are being held in the building this semester, with class sizes ranging from 12 to 41 students. Some of the courses include "Writing and Rhetoric I" and "Foundations of Creative Writing" and "Introduction to Cultural Studies."

In addition to books and other resources, the library has a food pantry on the second floor, with snacks, granola bars and fresh fruit. Cates said it was created to address some of the food insecurity on campus. Donors donate snacks, and anyone is welcome to help themselves.

"What we love about it is that it's anonymous," Cates said. "You don't have to just put your name down anywhere. You don't have to sign up for anything. If you need some sustenance to get you through class or something because you didn't have breakfast."

The college's library, which includes archives, computers and printers and study rooms, is open about 75 hours a week Monday through Saturday.

<https://columbiachronicle.com/potential-sale-of-the-624-s-michigan-building-could-mean-the-librarys-resources-get-moved-to-multiple-different-spaces-on-campus>

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Secret Service Meets With South Loop Businesses About DNC's Security Impact

About 300 businesses are slated to be affected by the convention footprint, officials said Monday.

by [Melody Mercado](#) April 9, 2024

DOWNTOWN — Downtown businesses and residents are learning more about how they'll be affected by the Democratic National Convention.

On Monday, teams began walking door to door around McCormick Place, handing out flyers with information on the [Aug. 19-22 Democratic National Convention](#).

The teams were made up of members from the Secret Service, FBI, representatives from the city of Chicago, the Chicago Police Department, Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and the Chicago 2024 Host Committee.

The DNC is considered a "national special security event," which means the Secret Service will be in charge of safety inside the designated footprint of the convention, primarily taking place at the United Center and McCormick Place. Chicago police will be in charge of safety outside the footprint.

On Monday, the Secret Service released tentative maps that show what areas around the United Center and McCormick Place could be affected by the security footprint. The final footprint will be released in July, officials said.

Nearly 300 businesses within the boundaries could be affected by the convention, said Jeff Burnside, DNC coordinator for Secret Service.

Around the United Center, impacted areas include Ashland Avenue west to North Leavitt Street and West Maypole Avenue south to West Van Buren Boulevard.

Affected areas around McCormick Place include the convention center west to South State Street and East Cullerton Street south to East 26th Place.

A team of law enforcement agents stopped by Pizano's Pizza, around the corner from McCormick Place at 2106 S. Indiana Ave. A member of the team collected contact information for the business in addition to dropping off flyers for restaurant patrons.

"Objectives today are to begin the conversation with the community. We want to listen to their questions and concerns while receiving their input to further assess the security planning efforts for the two designated ... venues," Burnside said.

Holly Malnati, communications director for the restaurant, was there to greet the team. She said she's glad the group has started outreach early. Top of mind for the restaurant includes how staff will be able to get to and from the restaurant.

"Obviously, we are in very close proximity to the convention center. So just understanding the shutdown and what that means for us being in such a high security zone. ... Other than that, I think we're in a great spot. We're just



Members of the Chicago Police Department, FBI and Secret Service canvass the neighborhood surrounding the McCormick Center ahead of the Democratic National Convention. Credit: Melody Mercado, Block Club Chicago

excited to see the foot traffic and what all the convention will bring for our business," Malnati said.

Teams will canvass the area around the United Center on April 11. Officials said another canvassing will take place after the security footprint is announced in July.



[Secret Service Meets With South Loop Businesses About DNC's Security Impact](#)
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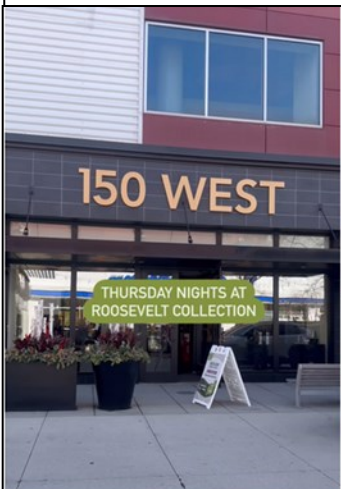
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Illinois moves one step closer to removing ‘forever chemicals’ from state drinking water

Advocates say the federal government’s new rule to get rid of harmful synthetic chemicals is a public health win.

By [Juanpablo Ramirez-Franco](#) April 15, 2024, 6:00am CT

The federal government is issuing historic standards to keep harmful, synthesized chemicals out of drinking water. Advocates across the country and Illinois are calling the new regulations a major win for public health.

Exposure to the so-called “forever chemicals” — found in everything from dental floss to non-stick cookware — is linked to increased risk of cancer and other [serious medical complications](#). The new rules give all public water systems three years to comply with initial monitoring of these chemicals. The Environmental Protection Agency is funding this revamp with close to \$1 billion; [\\$21.8 million](#) is allocated for the state of Illinois.

The technical name of these man-made chemicals is PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl. PFAS is so pervasive today that it can be [found](#) in the blood of nearly all Americans. The first ever nationwide regulations come into effect over 70 years after its initial discovery and widespread use across industrial processes and commercial products. Previously, only [11 states](#) set limits on PFAS in drinking water, not including Illinois.

If sampling returns levels of PFAS above the new standard, water systems have another two years to implement technology to reduce PFAS. The new guidelines apply to 66,000 public drinking water systems across the country, but the EPA estimates only 6-10% of those public water systems will have to take action to reduce PFAS levels to meet the new requirement.

The new drinking water regulations “will change some things” in Illinois, according to [Ariel Hampton](#), of the [Illinois Environmental Council](#).

“We will certainly see changes in about three to five years,” Hampton said.

PFAS is shorthand for a massive family of approximately [15,000](#) carbon-fluorine bonded compounds. The popularity of the class of chemicals is because of their ability to impart water and grease repellent properties onto goods. Today they can be found in everyday products such as guitar strings, sticky notes, food wrappers, cleaning products, shampoo and toilet paper.

But the carbon-fluoride bond that makes the toxic compounds so useful to manufacturers is the same reason they don’t break down in the environment or in human bodies.

“Everyone in the U.S., regardless of what state they will live in, will benefit from this rule,” said [Katie Pelch](#), a scientist on the toxics team at the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#). “It means that within the next five years, treatment has to be installed if these PFAS chemicals are found to be in the drinking water.”



The 3M facility in Cordova, Ill. is where the Minnesota-based company agreed to widespread testing and treatment for PFAS after contamination was identified in drinking water near the site.

Juanpablo Ramirez-Franco / WBEZ

Chicago’s drinking water comes from Lake Michigan. As recently as January, the city’s drinking water was measured as nondetectable for “forever chemicals.” Testing will occur again this month and then in July and October.

Approximately 45% of the nation’s tap water has some kind of PFAS contamination, according to a 2023 [study](#) by the U.S. Geological Survey. The Illinois EPA began testing Illinois community water supplies for PFAS back in 2020. The state agency identified some concentration of PFAS at [149 sites](#) out of the more than 1,400 sites sampled.

IEPA said it plans to work closely with the federal EPA to reduce impacts from these chemicals in drinking water.

“Illinois EPA supports the action taken by U.S. EPA to introduce the first national drinking water standards for some Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS),” the agency said in a statement.

In 2022, the EPA [ordered](#) 3M, the Minnesota-based PFAS manufacturer, to begin widespread water testing and treatment near its northwestern Illinois factory after the federal agency found that PFAS contamination from the site created “an imminent and substantial endangerment” of nearby drinking water.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul filed a [lawsuit](#) last year against 14 companies that benefited from the sale of products containing PFAS. The suit alleges the companies knew PFAS was toxic and still continued to promote and benefit from its sale. Earlier this month, Indiana’s attorney general filed a similar suit — making it one of the more than [25](#) states trying to take PFAS manufacturers to court.

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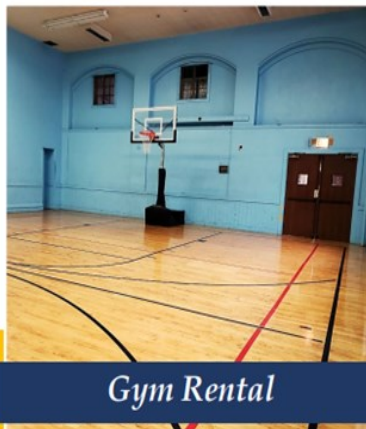
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- * Pickleball Clinic(s) * Pub Crawl
- * Pet Event at Fred Anderson Park
- * Movie Night(s) in the Park

So if you have an interest in volunteering at one or more of the above proposed activities, [email here](#) advise which activities you are interested in working on!



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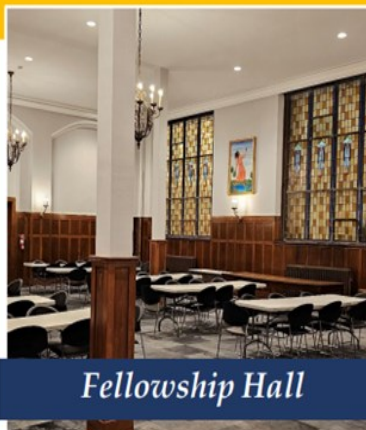


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Grant Park Clean-Up

**EARTH WEEK
Clean-up**

April 21, 2024

There's No Plan B



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

With this in mind, the Rotary Club of Chicago Citywide Service has coordinated a partnership between Rotary, The Chicago Park District, the Grant Park Advisory Council and the South Loop Neighbors. On April 21, volunteers will be spending the morning cleaning up the front yard for the City of Chicago, Grant Park!

Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

To register—[**click here!**](#)

For information or large group sign-ups, please contact Jim Wales at

Jim.rotary6450passport@gmail.com

Downtown Chicago police district had just 9 cops on patrol last Thursday night

[April 1, 2024 5:26 AM CWBChicago Loop, South Loop, West Loop](#)

CHICAGO—How many officers should be on patrol in a Chicago police district overnight? Let's say it's the Central (1st) District, which generally covers the area between the river, the lake, and 31st Street. Neighborhoods like the Loop and South Loop, the lakefront and parks, parts of Bronzeville, and the West Loop.

60? 50? 30? How about nine? If you said nine, then you might be the person who crafted the Central District's schedule for last Thursday night into Friday morning. Because that's how many were on patrol.

A source provided the staffing information, and it's pretty bleak: One sergeant was on duty for the entire district. Four patrol cars, with two cops each, were on the streets. The district assigned a fifth car, a solo unit, to sit at the "migrant landing zone" all night, but that officer could not answer any calls.

Eleven patrol areas, referred to as "beats," divide the district. Every beat should have a dedicated car. But only four beats had cars Thursday night.

Those beats are grouped into three sectors. Each sector is supposed to have a sergeant assigned for supervision. As you already know, there was only one sergeant that night.

Ideally, the district should have two transport vehicles—"paddy wagons" for the politically incorrect—on the streets. It had none on Thursday.

The police department assigned 274 cops to the Central District in March, the most since January 2023, when the district had 281. That's much better than in the fall when staffing dipped as low as 236 cops.

Chicago's Office of Inspector General posts monthly staffing data online so anyone can [look it up](#).

In 2018, though, the Central District averaged well over 300 officers, peaking at 363 cops in December that year. The district has not had more than 300 cops in any month since July 2021.

If CPD leaders are to increase district-level staffing, they will have to find the bodies from elsewhere within the department. That's because, despite high-profile recruiting campaigns, CPD loses officers more quickly than it hires recruits.

The department had 11,684 officers in March, about 1,000 fewer than in March 2018. Making things worse: While the number of cops is declining, CPD is creating more units that must be staffed.

The department had 105 units in March 2018. It now has 120. There are 22 district units. That means 98 units within the department have nothing to do with district-level patrol.

<https://cwbchicago.com/>



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

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

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

Link to Facebook group:

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

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

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Next CAPS Meeting May 8, 2024
5:30pm Grace Place



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Police Blotter



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

4/6/2024 11pm 1400 S Michigan
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CTA Bus employee
Beat 132

4/6/2024 2:20AM 0 E 8th
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Non Res Parking Gar-
age Beat 123

4/5/2024 11:45pm 1100 S State St
ATTEMPT STRONG ARM ROBBERY No weapon
Subway

4/4/2024 8pm 1200 S Indiana
AUTO THEFT Non Res Parking lot Beat 132

4/1/2024 2am 20 E Harrison
ARMED ROBBERY on street Beat 123

4/2/2024 1pm 1100 S State
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

4/1/2024 6PM 1200 S Michigan Av
AUTO THEFT Non Res Parking garage Beat 132

4/1/2024 3pm 1200 S Michigan Av
AUTO THEFT Non Res Parking Beat 132

3/31/2024 7:27pm 800 S Wells St
AUTO THEFT Non Res Parking lot Beat 123

3/30/2024 6:20pm 200 W Polk
BURGLARY Apartment Unlawful Entry Beat 123

3/29/2024 8pm 1200 S State St
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 131

3/27/2024 4:35am 600 S Wabash
ARMED ROBBERY Handgun street Beat 123

3/26/2024 9am 800 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT on street Beat 123

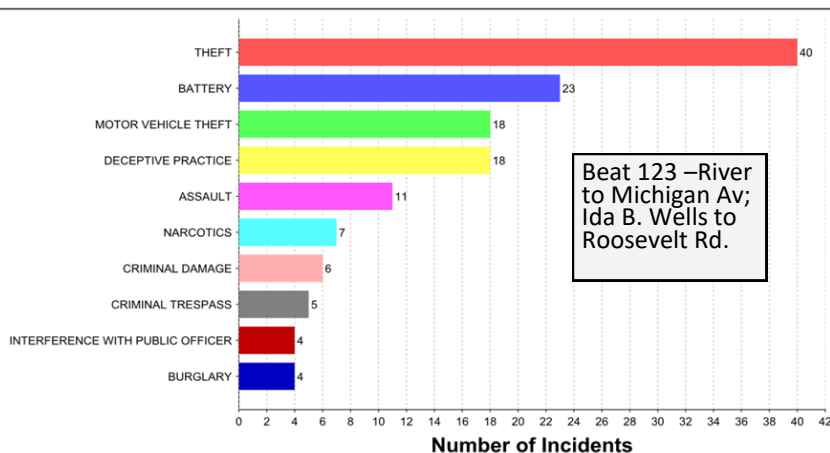
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Beat 131

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Top Ten Crimes From 12-Feb-2024 To 12-Mar-2024 On Beat 0123



CTA passengers thwart robbery on Red Line train: prosecutors

[April 10, 2024 2:48 AM CWBChicago CTA, Loop](#)

Mario Phillips (Cook County sheriff's office)

CHICAGO — CTA passengers intervened to stop a man from mugging a woman as they rode the Red Line late Friday night, according to Chicago police.

“Give me this motherf***ing phone!” Mario Phillips demanded as he jumped on the 65-year-old woman somewhere as the train headed downtown somewhere between Clybourn and Roosevelt, according to his CPD arrest report.

Phillips, 54, grabbed the woman’s shoulders and yelled at her, but other passengers stepped in to pull him off the woman, prosecutors said.

The passengers alerted police when the train arrived at Roosevelt and cops took Phillips into custody. He is charged with attempted robbery.

Judge Charles Beach detained Phillips during a hearing this weekend, according to court records.

More than 30 shots fired in South Loop, leaving driver injured overnight

[April 6, 2024 6:47 AM CWBChicago South Loop](#)

CHICAGO — More than 30 shots were fired in the South Loop overnight, leaving a 34-year-old man injured as he drove through the neighborhood.

The man was stopped for a traffic signal on East 24th Street at State Street when a silver sedan rolled up around 2:39 a.m., according to Chicago police. Someone inside the sedan fired at the victim, striking him in the left knee. He drove to Insight Hospital to get treatment.

Officers found more than 30 shell casings, some fired from a handgun, others possibly fired from a rifle, at the shooting scene. Bullets also struck parked cars in the area.

The gunman remains on the loose.

<https://cwbchicago.com/>

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3/8/24

\$386,000
1 E 8TH ST 908
3/7/24

\$265,000
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3/7/24

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1326 S MICHIGAN AVE
3/7/24

\$679,000
980 S PARK TERRACE 609
3/7/24

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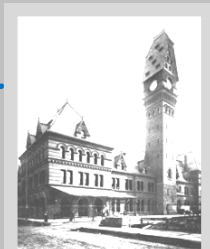
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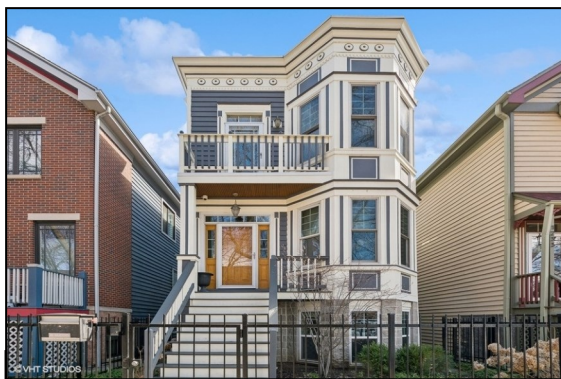
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