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Despite everything, I am grateful for many things.

The dedication of our front line health care workers.

Our leadership who base their decisions on science, however difficult that may be.

The willingness of essential workers like bus drivers, cashiers at fast food restaurants, and teachers who come in contact with lots of people every day.

I am grateful to the restaurants who have figured out a way to continue to exist with a skeleton staff until . . .

Of ordinary citizens who are generous of their their money supporting those local businesses that are important to them.

And on a more personal note, I am grateful for those who contribute content to the Dearborn Express.

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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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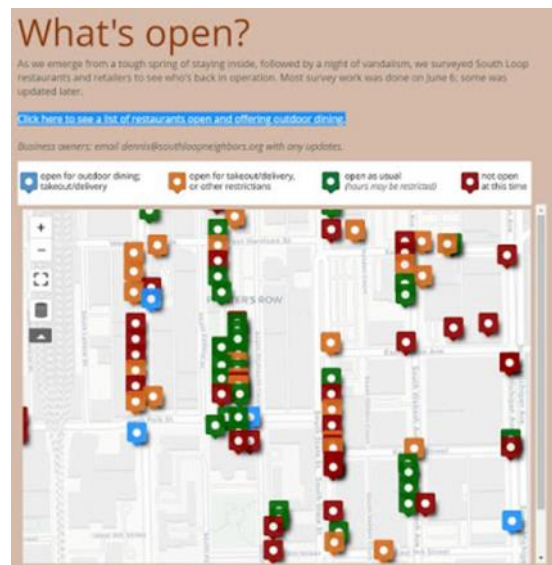
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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | December 7, 2020

Fireworks



Save for our favorite sandwich joint Standing Room Only ([which was done in by looting](#)), the small businesses in our neighborhood are hanging on. Even the restaurants are eking by. So far.

In Chicago, bars that don't serve food were closed by city order. Establishments with licenses to serve food have been allowed to stay open, mostly for take-out. Restaurants with sidewalk patios can continue to serve outdoors. And restaurants that have large windows can seat people at tables immediately adjacent to those open windows.

It's December, and well, yes, our friends and neighbors are bundling up and dining

and imbibing al fresco or nearly al fresco.

Dining out—even outside—is a calculated risk in these times. But it's a risk some people have been willing to take, carefully and masked, of course. Not only for mental health, but to support the proprietors of the businesses that help make our neighborhood our neighborhood.

People like the owners of [Half Sour](#): Liz, Emily, and Jesse. They opened up only a couple years ago. Opening a restaurant/bar is a tight-rope walk without a net, but this trio has done a great job of adapting on the fly. By the start of this year, they already had a loyal, steady clientele of regulars, and they were keeping their special events space rolling.

And then, COVID. (Jesse once remarked to Emily: "What are the chances that we'd open a restaurant and then a pandemic would strike?" To which their 6-year-old son replied, "100 percent dad. Because it just did.")

At places like Half Sour and other restaurants on and around our block, fire-pit tables and propane heaters have become commonplace. As have vented tents. And people are using them. And the businesses are going through propane, fast.

Liz is the propane manager at Half Sour. "I love going to the propane place," she said the other day. She found a place on the near South Side that refills them, and they're cheap. It's open from 7:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day and



TGIF in Chicago, 2020

does a brisk business. Ours is apparently not the only neighborhood that craves fire these days. Liz says vehicles line up with empty tanks on board, and they leave ready to burn.

The dark side is that it's burning fossil fuels. But in the big scheme of things, COVID has reduced greenhouse gases, and the patio burners are a drop in the bucket.

And right now, we gotta do what we can do.

MOST RECENT EPISODES

A Dose Of Reality

Dec 4, 2020

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With the pandemic's second wave in full-swing, two vaccine makers are seeking emergency use authorization from the FDA. This week, On The Media explores how to convince enough Americans to take a coronavirus vaccine so that the country can reach herd immunity. First we look to past vaccine rollouts for lessons, and then to how to identify and reach current skeptics. Plus, how a new voting conspiracy is taking hold on the right.

1. Michael Kinch [[@MichaelKinch](#)], author of *Between Hope and Fear: A History of Vaccines and Human Immunity*, on lessons from vaccines past; and Matt Motta [[@Matt Motta](#)], assistant professor of political science at Oklahoma State University, explains how to reach vaccine skeptics. [Listen](#).

Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

Service Dogs Rule! Dec 9, 2020

<http://Bethfinke.com/blog>



My blog posts here have been pretty clear about how I feel about people in America [faking their pet](#) is a service dog to get them into places they are not allowed. So when news came out last Wednesday that the Department of Transportation (DOT) will no longer consider an emotional support animal to be a service animal, a popular online dog magazine called *The Bark* contacted me to write [an article about the DOT decision](#). The decision paves the way for airlines to ban emotional support animals from flying for free in the cabin. My article retells a [story I shared in a post here](#) a while back about a small so-called emotional support dog lunging and yipping at my Seeing Eye dog Whitney while we were checking in for a flight at Chicago's Midway Airport. An excerpt from my article in the current edition of *The Bark*:

Thousands of Americans who are blind or visually impaired use guide dogs. I trained with my first Seeing Eye dog, a black Labrador named Pandora, in 1991, 30 years ago. Whitney, my fourth guide dog, is 11 years old and retired in December last year. This past January I returned to the Seeing Eye in New Jersey to train with my fifth Seeing Eye dog. My January flight back home from Newark to O'Hare with Luna, a spunky two-year-old black Labrador, is the only time I've flown with her so far. My Seeing Eye dogs and I usually take about 20 flights a year to give presentations and speak at conferences. (Covid-19 has kept us close to home this year.)

You can [read the entire Bark article](#) here to learn more. Keep in mind that these regulations have not yet been officially published in the Federal Register, and federal regulations do not take effect until 30 days from the date they are published there. After that, when it comes to air travel, only dogs can be service animals. Companions used for emotional support won't count. I see (ahem) this as good news.

Thank you, Department of Transportation, for listening to the concerns of people like me, who fly with qualified service dogs. Now, once COVID-19 vaccines come through, Luna and I can feel confident about returning safely to our lives as regular air travelers.

An earlier version of this post was published at the [Easterseals National blog](#).



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I want to introduce you to Renee. Renee is an Air Force Veteran who fled a domestic violence situation with her five children. While Renee was trying to get back on her feet, she was unfortunately diagnosed with ovarian cancer which made her unable to work and she lost her home. Thankfully, Renee and her family didn't have to go on this journey alone. Renee and her family moved into [Hope Manor Joliet](#) this spring.

"Hope Manor gives me purpose. I volunteer here to show my gratitude - whenever the staff needs anything from me and my family, we're here no matter what. This is my community and whatever I need, whatever I go through, I know I'll always have their support."

The holiday season is here and Giving Tuesday is next week on December 1st. [Will you give to help us support the individuals, families, and communities who need it most, when they need it most?](#)

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[South Loop Yarn Bombers On Display at Columbia College Exhibit on Michigan Avenue](#)

A fun read about the Yarn Bombers (via [Columbia Chronicle](#)):

Valerie Sherman and Ann Cibulskis, two of the South Loop's yarn bombers, along with Yesenia Juarez, founder of the Little Village Busy Bees, a club of knitters and crocheters, came together to transform outdoor objects into "soft, welcoming" items.

Sherman, who now works on commissioned projects for various buildings and businesses in Chicago, such as the rainbow pride flag at the Roosevelt Collection, is expanding her talents to an art gallery.

Kate Schaefer, the exhibit manager for Columbia's properties at 618 S. Michigan Ave., 33 E. Ida B. Wells Drive and 623 S. Wabash Ave., learned of Sherman's work after seeing some of her past projects around the South Loop.

"It caught my eye just because it's bright and colorful and whimsical [and] something unexpected in a really urban location," said Schaefer, who is also an associate professor of instruction in the Fashion Studies Department.

Schaefer and Sherman have been planning the window display since the summer and thought the winter season would be a good time for the exhibit since it fits with a "warm" and "cozy" winter aesthetic, Schaefer said.

Keep up the good work ladies!



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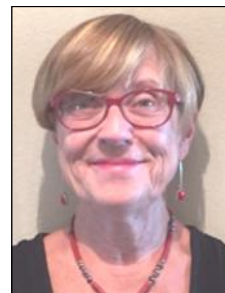
Come Home, Indio by Jim Terry (Street Noise Books 2020)

After the fall of Rome, when Visigoths and Vikings marauded and pillaged the western world, books were painstakingly created and copied by monks, whose gorgeous calligraphy and illustrations were not only text but art. Fortunately, that practice is not lost. Like a 5th Century disciple of St. Benedict, Chicagoan Jim Terry, in his graphic memoir in black and white, **Come Home, Indio**, exemplifies that same pain of monastic creation: "two fingers hold the pen, but the whole body toils." Terry, who was chosen to create the first cover for Marvel Comic's Indigenous Voices, shares his life in a mixed medium that is both agonizing and uplifting. His professional colleagues said Terry "knocked it out of the park artistically." Nor does his prose disappoint. His story is compelling: Jim's parents came from radically different worlds, though separated by only a few hundred miles, and consequently, Terry felt like a "half-breed imposter." His dad was an angry Irish-American bass-player from Chicago's suburbs. His mother was a conflicted feminist and repository of the "old ways" of her Ho-Chunk heritage, who'd been raised on a reservation in the Wisconsin Dells where tourists came to watch dances, buy trinkets, and experience "Indian" culture. After their marriage fell apart, and his mom married another white man, Terry and his sister uneasily split their time between parents. Terry's art

shows that, though his family members loved him, they were complex people often knocked off their feed by their addictions. Terry eventually suffers from his own poor choices and bloody-bad DNA. The potent combination of his text and his art creates such bathos that we feel, for a time, that we are living his life. It is a slim book but not a fast read, because **Indio** beckons us into his heart, psyche and soul. We are drawn *in* to his drawings: his mother and father and step-father with little bubbles over their heads, puffing on cigarettes, sundry beer cans about, tears or scowls plastering their faces; two tiny figures, lying on the floor in near-darkness, pulling back the curtains to see if their parents were finally coming home; a 10-year-old slumped in his school desk, a frown on his face, while his teachers praised Columbus or Pilgrims or Andrew ("Indian killer") Jackson; an older Jim Terry, kneeling in despair, or giving thanks, or praying for guidance; awe-inspired drawings of people and images on the Standing Rock Reservation. Sentimental but searing, this is no Christmas book—but it's a fine Christmas gift. Support local art.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park December, 2020



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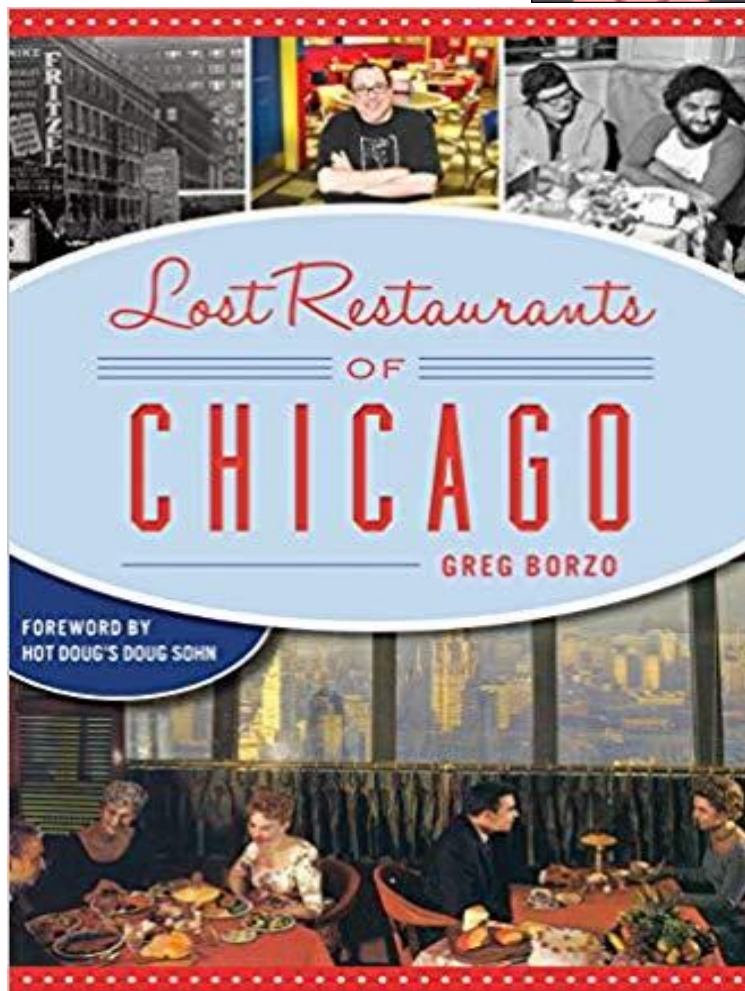
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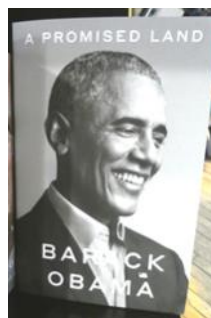
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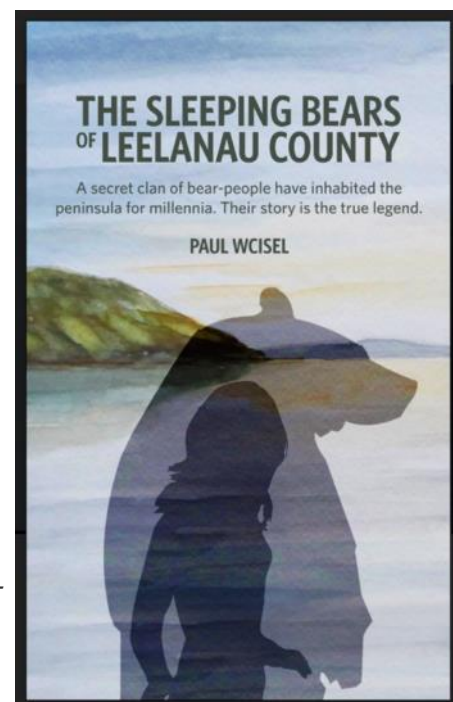
Beth Finke

A new novel by local author, Paul Wcisel

(paulwcisel.com)

In a remote corner of northern Michigan, the residents of Leelanau County have a secret society that has been living on the peninsula for thousands of years. They are the bear-transforming descendants of tribes who crossed Lake Michigan millennia ago to escape the destruction of their clan.

One evening, a traveler has a chance encounter with a spirit bear and discovers he has a hidden history of his own. In the months that follow, he becomes deeply involved with the Sleeping Bear Clan and — depending on your point of view — a murder.





Retired in Chicago

Is your computer old? Replace it before it dies.

By **Marianne Goss**, December 7, 2020

“Things work until they don’t.” A doorman at my building offered that consolation when I was chiding myself for not replacing my ancient desktop computer before it died last week. I appreciated his sympathy, but it would have been better to replace the computer before it didn’t function. You can wait to buy a dishwasher, but a computer holds irreplaceable contents.

No, I didn’t lose all my files, but there were enough complications for me to think about becoming more tech savvy. As I set up a computer by myself for the first time in my life, I regretted taking technology for granted when it works.

Actually, computer shopping had been on my mind for a while, since the iMac was at least a decade old, but the machine kept soldiering on, giving me no warning of its imminent demise.

Sitting in the living room one evening, I heard the familiar Apple chimes. Either the computer itself or a ghost had done a reboot. The iMac was caught in an endless reboot loop. I grabbed my cellphone and trudged down to the building’s business center to use wifi (more on wifi to come) to google a fix, but none of the recommendations worked.

Since I had intended to replace the iMac, what did it matter that I couldn’t revive it? The big problem, which I still need to tackle (advice welcome), is how to wipe clean the hard drive before the machine is recycled.

Also, not being able to get into the old machine, I couldn’t transfer files from it. I can retrieve files stored in iCloud. But I’ve discovered that I neglected to back up contacts, so now I’m lacking everyone’s postal address. Plus, all the sticky notes with messages to myself are gone because backing up the desktop did not include backing up sticky notes on it.

I still have to investigate how to copy all the files from the cloud to my hard drive, but I’d bet it can’t be done in one fell swoop. For the time being I’m telling myself that the cloud is the safest place for them.

How nice it was in my working days to have an IT person. Adam set up my old computer, which I bought when I retired. As I unplugged it last weekend, a black box connected to it by a USB cable entered my consciousness as if I were seeing it for the first time, even though I’ve dusted it for years. I suspect it’s an external hard drive. If my files are in it and not in the iMac, I don’t have to worry about wiping clean the computer hard drive. I’d better find out, and while I’m at it, learn how to retrieve the files.

If it weren’t for my knowledgeable niece Sarah, who had advised me on the computer purchase, I wouldn’t know that I don’t need to buy a new printer. The MacBook Air recognizes the old HP’s print software but not its scan software. “You can scan with your cellphone,” Sarah informed me.

You think tech obliviousness is excusable in a 72-year-old? Then here’s another example: I didn’t realize I’ve had wifi for years because RCN’s cable installer had connected the modem to the iMac with a cord. I’ve been trekking down to the business office every time I didn’t want to use cellphone data. When I called RCN last week to ask about getting a different modem for a laptop, I was surprised to hear that I have a wifi modem.

How do people know these things? I wonder. I doubt they read user manuals from cover to cover. Paying attention might help; I could have wondered what that black box was for when I dusted it.

Most likely I’ll fall back into obliviousness soon enough. But while I’m excited about the new computer, maybe I will read the user manual.

<http://www.chicagonow.com/retired-in-chicago/>



Photo of Santa with your pet. In this case, a hairless cat at Mau’s House Dog Grooming on Dec 13, 2020. Photographer in the background setting up the shot.

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Proposal To Rename Lake Shore Drive For Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable Stalled Again



A hearing to consider the ordinance, introduced more than a year ago, is scheduled for Friday, but no vote is expected.

Published on Dec 10, 2020 [Justin Laurence @jus10chi](#)

As a news piece, this article cites verifiable, third-party CHICAGO — A long-stalled plan to rename Lake Shore Drive after Chicago's first permanent non-Indigenous settler was given new life this week — only to be delayed again Thursday afternoon.

An ordinance to rename the iconic drive for Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable, honoring the Black explorer who established a trading post at the mouth of the Chicago River in the late 1700s, was a late addition [to the agenda](#) of the Committee on Transportation and Public Way, but the item was deferred shortly after the meeting began.

A bust of DuSable near the Michigan Avenue bridge named in his honor.

For months, members of the group [Black Heroes Matter](#) have spoken during City Council meetings urging aldermen to pass the ordinance, first introduced by Ald. David Moore (17th) in October 2019 and co-sponsored by 10 others.

Instead, the chairman of the Committee, Ald. Howard Brookins (21st), announced the committee will reconvene Friday morning to conduct a hearing on the proposal, but will not vote on the measure. Brookins only committed to “hopefully” holding an up-or-down vote on the ordinance by next April.

On Thursday, Moore [told the Sun-Times](#) he agreed to amend the ordinance, limiting the name change to outer Lake Shore Drive from Hollywood to 67th Street to limit the cost of the proposed name change. **Click for the rest of the story:**

https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/12/10/city-committee-postpones-hearing-to-rename-lake-shore-drive-for-jean-baptiste-point-du-sable/?mc_cid=96a147c45c&mc_eid=e0677f46e4

Devil Dawgs Closing Original Storefront In Lincoln Park After 10 Years

Published on Dec 10, 2020 2:15PM CST

[Jake Wittich @JakeWittich](#)

LINCOLN PARK — Devil Dawgs is closing its flagship location in Lincoln Park after a decade of business there.

The Chicago hot dog chain's original location, 2147 N. Sheffield Ave. in Lincoln Park, will close for good this Sunday, according to a note posted to the Devil Dawgs website.

The Chicago hot dog chain's three other locations in Lakeview, Wicker Park and **South Loop will remain open.**

Dena Bachenheimer, managing director at Devil Dawgs, [told Fox-32](#) this week the company was losing its lease on the 350-square-foot storefront.

She said Devil Dawgs wants to stay in Lincoln Park and is looking for a new space in the neighborhood by next summer.

“We don't want to leave,” Bachenheimer said.

Devil Dawgs is located blocks away from the DePaul University campus and Lincoln Park High School. And with [DePaul holding most of its classes virtually](#) this year, the hot dog stand lost a significant chunk of its customers.

“COVID hasn't helped the situation, but we are going to put some Chicago love out there today and tomorrow,” Bachenheimer said.

Jake Wittich is a [Report for America](#) corps member covering Lakeview, Lincoln Park and LGBTQ communities across the city for Block Club Chicago.



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Editor's Letter: December 2020

December 4, 2020 at 7:00 am by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

I got sick on Election Day.

Not metaphorically, either. Just as I was settling in to watch the returns we hoped would be happy, I got a fever and knew right away that it had to be COVID-19. I did get another kind of sick a few hours later when early election results felt way too similar to 2016. (That one was “cured” by morning.)

The virus spread through our household and, although it has been an “average” case of coronavirus disease, the chronic fatigue, persistent fever and loss of mental focus has colored the entire month of November. I’m still under the weather as I write. This bug lingers with an irritation that parallels the one provoked by the election loser who won’t take the message and concede.

Fortunately, we have a great team at Newcity. Design editor Vasia Rigou and senior designer Dan Streeting led the charge to put this special issue together while we convalesced as much as possible while finishing the issue.

We’re committed to championing Chicago design, and this issue bears testament to that commitment, with a focus on local BIPOC designers in our Q&As, to all-local featured gifts to a new mood board feature that encompasses Chicago textile designers. It’s more important than ever to shop local this year, whether for holiday gifts or as we all spend our extra time at home remodelling or retouching our interior designs.

On the Newcity front, we’ve decided to forgo our annual Players issue of theater, dance and comedy people next month, for obvious reasons, in favor of making February a double issue—which happens to be Newcity’s thirty-fifth birthday edition. So please stay safe and sane and we’ll celebrate with you on the other side.

BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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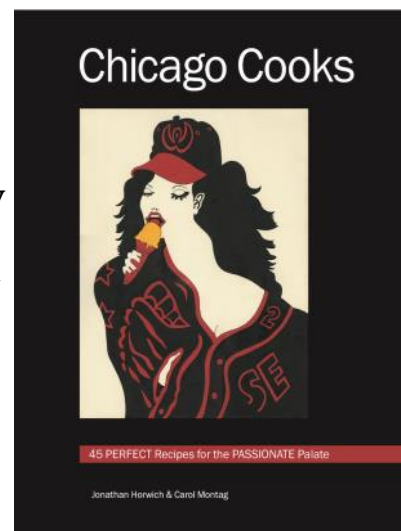
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Not every food category is included here, but the ones we have chosen represent a foundation any cook will need to provide for a family or to entertain brilliantly. We hope you will trust us and try these recipes

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

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Design 50: Who Shapes Chicago 2020

February 27, 2020 at 8:00 am by [Vasia Rigou](#)



Shani Crowe, Alexandria Wills, Jenna Blazevich, and Leah Ball/Photo: Nathan Keay

What's next for Design in the 2020s? This year's Design 50 highlights Chicago's creatives—those who give us boundary-pushing work, immersive experiences and all-around impeccable design across all realms. But in the light of the new decade we also posed an important question: What's next for the transdisciplinary ever-evolving Chicago design scene? Their informed predictions, guesses, thoughts and ideas reflect some widely held desires, hopes and fears for where the design world is headed. It is also further proof that those fifty creatives are without a doubt among the city's shining stars—the ones to bring in high hopes, hard work and positive change. Here's what the landscape of design will look like in 2020 according to the fifty most innovative Chicago designers. (Vasia Rigou)

Design 50 2020 is written by Vasia Rigou with additional contributions by Olivia Canny, Brittany Garrett, Isa Giallorenzo and Cat Strain.

All photos by Nathan Keay on location at Facility.

The Hall of Fame

These folks, or the roles they inhabit, are so well-established and foundational to the design world of Chicago that they are always near the top of the list.

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Tuesday, December 8, 2020

[New Hotel and Condo Building Proposed for Vacant Lot on Wabash & Harrison](#)

A new high-rise for the Sloop (via [Chicago Tribune](#))?

An affiliate of Interforum Holdings proposes two towers that would replace a parking structure at 525 S. Wabash Ave., a project that also would front Ida B. Wells Drive (formerly Congress Parkway) and Harrison Street. That proposal includes a 23-story building with 314 hotel rooms and 261 residential units and a 36-story tower with 516 residential units, according to Reilly's email.

The towers would connect to a low-rise podium with a grocery store and 151 parking spaces, Reilly said. The retail podium would include a second-floor restaurant, and it would be topped by an open-air amenities area.

The project, designed by BKV Group, does not require a zoning change, according to Reilly. The developer would pay more than \$3.6 million into the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund, which goes toward grants to support projects in underserved areas of the city.

It's unclear how soon Interforum wants to begin work, or how much it would cost. CEO Alex Zdanov did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

This is the first time we've seen or heard about a proposal for this specific piece of land, but it makes sense as it's one of the few vacant lots still available in the neighborhood. What is interesting is that a sliver of the building would front Ida B. Wells (formerly Congress). There is not a lot of room between the Roosevelt College sports building and the Congress hotel.

It seems like a strange proposal for the current climate and economy, but it's not like this type of development is going to go up super quickly. So maybe in a year or two, it will be ripe for residents?

Regardless, good to see developers still taking a swing at projects in the Sloop.

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Thursday, December 17, 2020

[Four Reconstructed Ramps Open This Week at Jane Byrne Interchange](#)

This is some good news for getting in and out of the neighborhood (via janebyrneinterchange.org):

Multiple Ramps Reopen at Jane Byrne Interchange

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that four reconstructed ramps will open at the Jane Byrne Interchange on, weather permitting, Tuesday, Dec. 15. The completion of the ramps marks a major milestone as all 11 ramps have been completely reconstructed or are currently under construction:

By 5 a.m. Tuesday the following ramps will reopen:

Canal Street entrance ramp to outbound Ida B. Wells Drive
Inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) ramp to Taylor Street

The exit ramp was relocated to just north of Adams Street and reconfigured to reduce conflict from inbound lanes.

Inbound Kennedy ramp to inbound Ida B. Wells

The exit ramp was reconfigured to reduce conflict from inbound lanes.

Outbound Ida B. Wells ramp to outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94)

The entrance ramp was reconfigured, and access was moved to the right lane. While ramp construction is completed, a temporary detour will bypass ongoing construction along the outbound Ryan. A signed detour will direct Wells to Ryan ramp traffic to continue to Union Street, through two traffic signals at Taylor Street and Roosevelt Road, to connect to the outbound Ryan via the Roosevelt Road ramp. Motorists should be aware of the change and anticipate some delays the first few days of the configuration.

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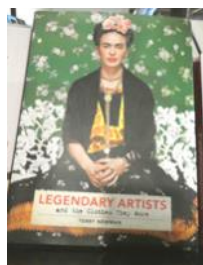
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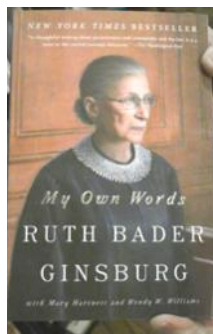
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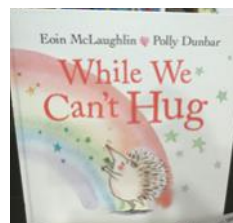
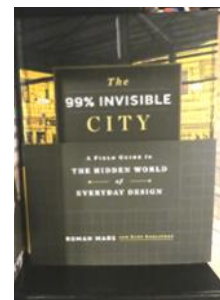


LEGENDARY ARTISTS and the Clothes They Wore by Terry Newman.



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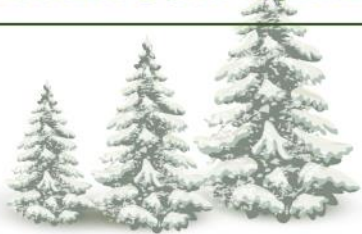
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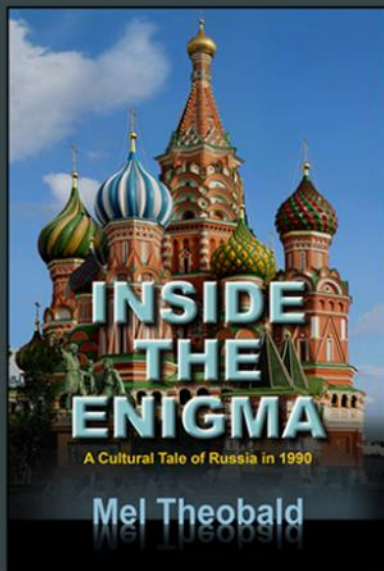
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Opinion: 'Support the troops' slogan is meaningless unless matched with action to dismantle the military-industrial complex

By [Kaylie Slack](#), Photojournalist

December 17, 2020

With the possibility of troops returning home from Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia due to an anticipated order from outgoing President Donald Trump, now is the time to address the internal issues of our military. The first step in resolving these complex problems starts with the belief that war should not be a profitable business.

I come from a large military family. My maternal grandfather was an ensign in the Navy during World War II. My paternal grandfather served in the Navy for eight years and my stepmother for five. My father is a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps and is approaching his 33rd year of service.

My childhood was defined by having a father in the Marines. We spent weekends playing at the Dayton Marine Corps Home Training Center and chose our vacations according to wherever Marine Week was. When my father flew helicopters, we went to the base to see them. When he was working in recruitment, he was invited to our schools. When he was the inspector-instructor of Funeral Honor Details, we went to the funerals he directed and paid our respects.

Americans are taught from a young age that our military is good and helps people. As a child, I agreed with this statement and never questioned it. But as I grew up, I came to disagree with the way our military works.

I do not think the U.S. should have engaged in wars in Vietnam and Iraq and I am vehemently opposed to our use of drone strikes and atomic bombs, our imperialism in the Middle East and our country's earth shattering estimated \$934 billion defense budget.

The military-industrial complex is comprised of politicians, individuals and institutions involved in the production of weapons and military technologies. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a five-star general in the U.S. Army, famously warned against this complex in 1961, saying "the potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

American firms made \$192.3 billion from weapon sales in fiscal year 2018, and American companies accounted for 11 of the top 20 companies worldwide profiting from war, according to data provided by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

The fact is, the people who stand to profit from going to war are not the same as the people sent to war themselves. The people who make up the military and the military-industrial complex itself are two separate entities.

The U.S. has historically supported the military-industrial complex without providing nearly enough support or care for those actually in the service. We masquerade as a patriotic country that loves our freedom and those who fight for it. We wave flags, shoot fireworks, say the Pledge of Allegiance before school starts each day and get furious if anyone dares to not stand for the national anthem.

But our passion for our troops ends with these superficial displays. The U.S. has consistently neglected the actual needs of our troops—ignoring problems of mental health, homelessness, citizenship, sexual assault and harassment.

As many as 50% of veterans experience substantial difficulty returning home, with a third developing serious mental health problems, such as anxiety disorders, de-

PTSD. Veterans are more than twice as likely to die by suicide than civilians, with 17 veterans committing suicide each day, according to the Department of Veteran Affairs' 2019 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report.

Only 10% of the military budget is for Veteran Affairs, the only internal service designated to care for the troops. The lack of mental health care provided by the VA is exacerbated by the stigma and shame military personnel face, leaving many reluctant to seek help.

The military-industrial complex has created an inhumane culture of treating veterans as objects. Troops are promised college, livelihoods and easier paths to citizenship but end up discarded after serving their purpose.

Eleven percent of the adult homeless population are veterans. Immigrants in the U.S. military are denied citizenship more often than civilians, and more than 20,000 service members reported sexual assault in the fiscal year of 2018, according to a 2018 anonymous Pentagon survey.

The military-industrial complex has created an intricate web of problems that cannot be fixed with one simple solution. The entire military culture has to change—our focus must shift from weapons to people.

Growing up in a military family and personally disagreeing with its ideologies has been a difficult balancing act. Listening to my father talk about his time as a casualty assistance calls officer, as well as hearing his stories about his friends who have passed, has required me to view the military as much more than a faceless bastion.

Wanting better care for veterans and speaking out against warfare are not mutually exclusive; in fact, the solution for both is the same. Changing the way the system works is a difficult but necessary task that begins with one principle: No one should profit from war.

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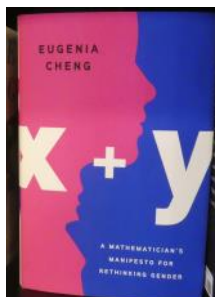
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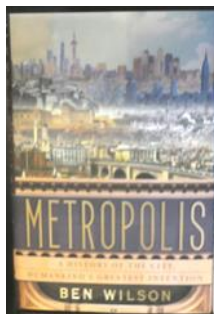


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Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Is a Conversion to Rentals the Answer to Save 1000M Development on Michigan Avenue?



An update on the 1000M development (via [Chicago Tribune](#)):

The biggest Chicago skyscraper to have construction halted by the coronavirus pandemic could be revived in 2021 — as apartments instead of condos.

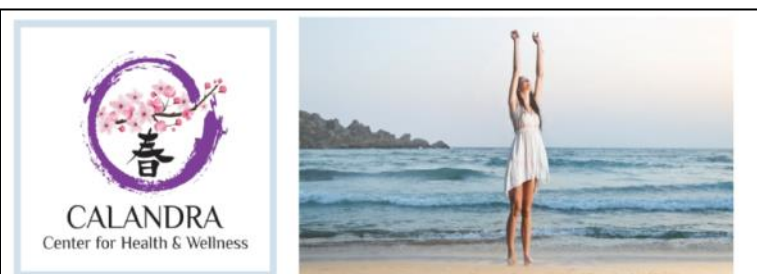
Unit layouts are being redesigned at 1000M, the Helmut Jahn-designed condo tower on South Michigan Avenue, in an effort to refinance the project and resume construction next year, “primarily as a rental project.”

“The exterior of the building would remain substantially as previously approved,” Francis Greenburger, chairman and CEO of New York-based Time Equities, added in an emailed statement. “Our hope would be to commence construction next year, but this will depend on economic conditions and the availability of financing.”

As a reminder, construction was officially paused in the Summer (see post here) given financing challenges. At the time it was unclear what the path forward was - especially given all the uncertainties with Covid-19.

Regardless, the pivot to rental seems like the latest effort to not lose out on this high-rise. It seems like there are a lot of hurdles to clear for this one - so we will see what comes next.

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Saturdays with Seniors: Guest Post by Cynthia Jones

I am pleased to introduce Cynthia Jones as our Saturdays with Seniors guest blogger today. After a long career in nursing and social work, Cynthia officially retired in 2013 and, until this past March, had been working part-time at City of Chicago senior centers and a residential facility for people with chronic mental illness. With so many Americans wondering how on earth they'll celebrate the holidays without big gatherings this year, it was refreshing to hear from a caregiver who never liked big family parties in the first place – here's Cynthia's 2020 holiday essay: Beth Finke

by Cynthia Jones

I've never liked Thanksgiving. Actually, I'm not a big fan of holidays. As a kid, Thanksgiving meant having to dress up in "church" clothes and sit at dinner and be seen and not heard with a bunch of adults who ignored me after a few inane comments about how big I was getting.

They talked of weird things like who died or had surgery, the high cost of everything, the evils of Russia and communism and reminisced about the glory days of WWI and II.

As I got older, younger cousins joined the family. I was expected to sit at the "kids table" with them, cut up their food, clean up anything spilled, and entertain them so they wouldn't interrupt the fascinating conversation the adults were having.

As a teen and young adult, I longed to spend the holiday with my friends, but they, too, were condemned to spend the day with older and younger relatives who we felt superior to. As a single young adult, I was tasked with driving three elderly grandparents to the dinner. This wouldn't have been such an aggravation if they hadn't started asking when I would be taking them home a half hour after we had arrived.

After I started working as a nurse, I discovered an awesome fringe benefit of the job: someone had to work on Thanksgiving!! I was always the first to volunteer. I felt so righteous telling my mom or grandmother, whoever was hosting dinner, how sorry I was to miss the family celebration. "Oh, you know," I'd say with a sigh. "The patients in the ER need me." How could they argue with that?

After I had a family of my own, I continued to work on Thanksgiving. That way I could be off on Christmas. It felt deliciously irreverent to order pizza or binge on White Castle sliders with my husband and children after working my Thanksgiving shift.



Today's guest blogger, Cynthia Jones

As years went by, I moved from working in hospitals to social service agencies and often had the day off. By this time my mother was widowed and said she could no longer entertain a large group.

So I became the reluctant Thanksgiving hostess for the extended family. I found I actually enjoyed the cooking -- it kept me from having to participate in the same recurring conversation about the evils of communism and glory of World Wars.

As my kids became teens and young adults, I vowed not to make them hate Thanksgiving as I had. I encouraged them to invite friends for dinner, or leave to be with friends right after the meal. Having a different group each year was so enjoyable that I started inviting random friends myself.

With my children married now, sharing the holiday in recent years with in-laws has been fun...and interesting. This year, with COVID-19 rampant and dire warnings about holiday gatherings being super spreader events, my daughter and I cooked a big dinner together with the help of my three-year-old granddaughter. The only other guest? My son in law. It was an amazing day.

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A cornerstone of democracy, collapsing

In the internet's early days, it seemed to have the potential to crush traditional print media. But its impact has turned out to be more nuanced.

The internet has instead been a boon for some publications with a national audience. The New York Times [has never had](#) as many subscribers or readers — or employed as many journalists — as it does today. [The Atlantic](#), [The Washington Post](#) and some others are also thriving.

It's [at the local level](#) that the digital revolution has been as destructive as feared.

Hundreds of local news organizations have folded, as their advertising revenue disappears, and the pandemic is exacerbating the crisis. At least 60 local newsrooms have closed since March, [according to Poynter](#). Some of them were more than a century old, like The Eureka Sentinel, in Nevada; The Mineral Wells Index, in Texas; and The Morehead News, in Kentucky.

This isn't a story of [creative destruction](#), in which nimble new entrants replace older companies. Often, nothing replaces a shuttered newsroom, leaving communities without any independent information about local government, schools and businesses. ([A recent Times investigation](#) found that some partisan groups have begun posing as local publishers, trying to pass off political propaganda as news.)

There are consequences for society. When a community's newspaper closes, voter turnout and cross-party voting tend to decline, while political corruption and government waste rise, [academic research has found](#). A democracy struggles to function when its citizens can't stay informed.

What can be done? Eventually, savvy entrepreneurs may figure out how to make local news profitable. But several have tried in recent years, [without success](#). For the foreseeable future, the only reliable answer seems to involve philanthropy. Americans have long accepted that the arts, higher education and organized religion all depend on charitable giving. Local journalism is now in the same category.

"We need philanthropists across the country to embrace robust local journalism," Sarabeth Berman, the chief executive of [the American Journalism Project](#), which funds local news sites, told me. "If you care about education, you need to worry if school boards and charter boards are covered. And if you care about the environment, you should make sure reporters like [Ken Ward Jr.](#) are covering coal country in West Virginia."

There are [many other shining examples](#) of the new nonprofit journalism. But even more communities receive little to no high-quality coverage.

I decided to write about this topic this morning, because today is Giving Tuesday, when people take a break from online shopping to focus on charitable giving. If you are worried about the state of local news, you can [donate through NewsMatch](#), which matches donations to local publications, or to [your local public-radio affiliate](#).

If you want different giving ideas, try [my colleague Nicholas Kristof's more global suggestions](#) or The Times's [Neediest Cases Fund](#), which focuses on economic hardship.

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Statement on the CPD's Treatment of Anjanette Young The Chicago Progressive Caucus has released a [statement](#) on the case involving Anjanette Young.

Rent & Mortgage Relief Giveaway The Cook County Land Bank Authority will be giving away \$25,000 through their Home for the Holidays Rent & Mortgage Relief Giveaway. Selected applicants will receive \$1,000 to put towards housing payments this winter. Apply by Thursday, December 17, at www.cookcountylanbank.org/holidayrelief.

EMT Training for Women The Industrial Council of Northwest Chicago (ICNC) is recruiting for its 2021 all-female EMT class. Applicants interested in a mid-level healthcare job will meet once a week from February to September and get access to the ICNC's job placement program. See if you qualify and apply [here](#).

Landlord Problems? If you or someone you know is unable to pay rent or is having other issues with their landlord, call the [Chicago Tenants Movement](#) at 773-657-8700 or fill out their form at bit.ly/letsorganize.

Rental Housing Counseling The Chicago Urban League is offering counseling to help current and future tenants work on finding housing, budgeting, and working with landlords. Talk to Deidre Beaver at 773-451-3610 or dbeaver@chiul.org to schedule an appointment.

Together We Heal The Mayor's Office has launched its Together We Heal campaign to build racial healing across the City. Learn more at www.chi.gov/togetherweheal.

Property Tax Late Fee Waiver Two weeks ago, the Cook County Board of Commissioners waived the 1.5% per month late fees on both of the property tax installments that are due in 2021. Now, there will not be any late fees on the first installment until May 3, 2021, and no late fees on the second installment until October 1, 2021. To see your bill and make a full or partial payment, go to cookcountytreasurer.com and select the blue box that says 'Pay Online for Free'.

Health

Reported Illinois Cases Currently, there have been [879,428 confirmed cases of COVID-19](#) identified in Illinois. As this outbreak has spread globally, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is tracking it closely and is using data to guide its response.

Komed Holman Health Center COVID Testing The Komed Holman Health Center, at 4259 S. Berkeley Avenue, will be closed all day for Christmas and New Years. It's regular hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 AM – 12 PM and 1 PM – 4 PM, and on Wednesdays only, 9 AM – 12 PM and 1 PM – 7 PM. For more information regarding this site, call 773-268-7600. To view other testing sites in or near the 4th Ward, we have put together a helpful list that can be accessed [here](#). For additional testing sites in the city go [here](#).

Complaints About Businesses If you have a complaint or concerns about the way a local business is handling COVID-19 public health guidelines, please call the COVID Helpline at 312-746-4835 or email coronavirus@chicago.gov.

COVID-19 Vaccine Trial The University of Chicago will be starting a clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficiency of a COVID-19 vaccine. Join the [UChicago Medicine research registry](#) to participate in this research. If you have any questions, visit covidvaccines-tudies.uchicago.edu, email covidvaccine@bsd.uchicago.edu, or call 773-834-3313.

Flu Shots Getting the flu vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu. The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is hosting over 50 community flu clinics where residents can get free flu shots. Find the closest location to you at chicagoflushots.org or learn more at chicago.gov/flu.

Mental Health Emotional reactions to this emerging health crisis are expected. Remind yourself, your family and your friends that feeling sad, anxious, overwhelmed or having other symptoms of distress, such as trouble sleeping, is normal. If symptoms become worse, encourage them, and yourself, to reach out for support and help. Call 311 or [NAMI Chicago Helpline](#) 833-626-4244 for a mental health counselor. [Bright Star Community Outreach](#) also has a helpline at 833-TURN-123. For after hours, there is the Crisis Text Line which serves anyone, in any type of crisis, 24-hours a day. Instructions: Text HELLO to: 741741 to access a trained crisis counselor.

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50-59	11%	11%
60-69	8%	7%
70-79	4%	4%
80+	3%	3%

No data on deaths per zip code

<https://www.wbez.org/stories/map-by-zip-code-of-coronavirus-covid-19-cases-illinois/90ca85cd-bdf4-423a-a7bc-924fcee9d0f3>

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

[Southbank Development Starts Marketing New Building On the Chicago River Called The Reed](#)



We posted about some heavy construction movement at the [Southbank property on Harrison and the river back in October](#).

The developer has sent out some press info on the development, so things seem to be progressing. The building that they're working on will be called The Reed and will be situated on the Chicago river. [The Tribune](#) has some more info:

Set to open in 2023, The Reed will be set on the South Branch of the river, with 216 condominiums and 224 apartments spread across 41 floors at 234 W. Polk St. in the South Loop.

It follows The Cooper, which opened in 2018, and the two-acre Southbank Park. In all, the Southbank development is set to fill seven acres of land at Polk and Wells streets, not far from the Roosevelt Collection.

Apartments will be located on floors 9 to 22. Below them, a 12,000-square-foot outdoor deck is among building amenities that also include a demo kitchen and a private lounge exclusively for condo owners.

Good to see the developers bullish on the area.

A couple quick things stick out to us.

First, residents of River City who have enjoyed dramatic views of Willis Tower and the city are about to lose out on one of their most prized assets as this building will block their views.

Second, judging from the renderings it seems like this should add a little more to the river walk area. While it's not super long currently, we've really enjoyed this 'public park' addition to the neighborhood. It has a long way to go to connect to the Ping Tom park river walk in Chinatown, but each addition gets us one step closer (couple that with the development at the 78 and it feels even more tangible).

Anyway, good to see this moving forward. We will be watching closely as construction really gets moving next year.

<http://www.sloopin.com/>



Guns, drugs found as cops raid reality TV star's S. Loop apartment: prosecutors

[December 15, 2020 CWBChicago Loop](#)

Dylan Smith appears on "Love after Lockup" and in a CPD mugshot (inset) | WETv; CPD

The star of a reality TV show about men's love lives as they return home from prison is, well, probably going back to prison.

Dylan Smith, 30, was arrested last week after parole officers and Chicago police raided his Loop apartment and uncovered two firearms, prescriptions drugs, crack, and heroin, according to prosecutors. Illinois Department of Corrections has moved to revoke Smith's parole.

Loving It

"Right now I'm living [on the] North Side of Chicago. I'm loving it," Smith said in one episode of *Love After Lockup* on WETv. "I am still on parole. Still have to do all the random drug testing. Even though I'm home, I'm not totally free. But, hopefully, they'll let me off soon."

Or not.

According to IDOC records, Smith went on "absconder" status after being released early from prison in June 2019. He served half of a six-year burglary sentence concurrently with a pair of narcotics terms.

Last Thursday morning, parole officers caught up with Smith at a condo in the **700 block of South Wells** — reportedly after the North Side's 20th District Commander Brendan McCrudden asked for them to check the residence. Authorities executed a search warrant on the residence a few hours later.

Prosecutors said police found a loaded 9-millimeter handgun, an 8-millimeter handgun with a bullet jammed in the barrel, 40 Ritalin pills, crack, heroin, Adderall, and a bag of pills that are believed to be Xanax.

Smith is now charged with Class X felony armed habitual criminal and possession of a controlled substance. Judge David Navarro set his bail at \$50,000. But Smith won't be able to get out of jail anytime soon. Navarro also ordered him held without bail while the state considers sending the recidivist Romeo back to prison.

Prosecutors said Smith has previous felony convictions for cannabis in 2010 and unlawful use of a weapon by a felon in 2012. <https://cwbchicago.com/>

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Shot fired into window of South Loop hotel room

No injuries were reported according to Chicago police.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#) Dec 13, 2020, 6:25am CST

A bullet was shot through the window of an occupied fifth-floor hotel room Sunday morning in the South Loop.

About 1:30 a.m. a guest at a hotel in the first block of East Harrison Street heard gunshots as a bullet fired from a parking lot came through their window, Chicago police said.

At the same time, a Gray Cadillac left the hotel parking lot with what appeared to be bullet holes in their vehicle, police said.

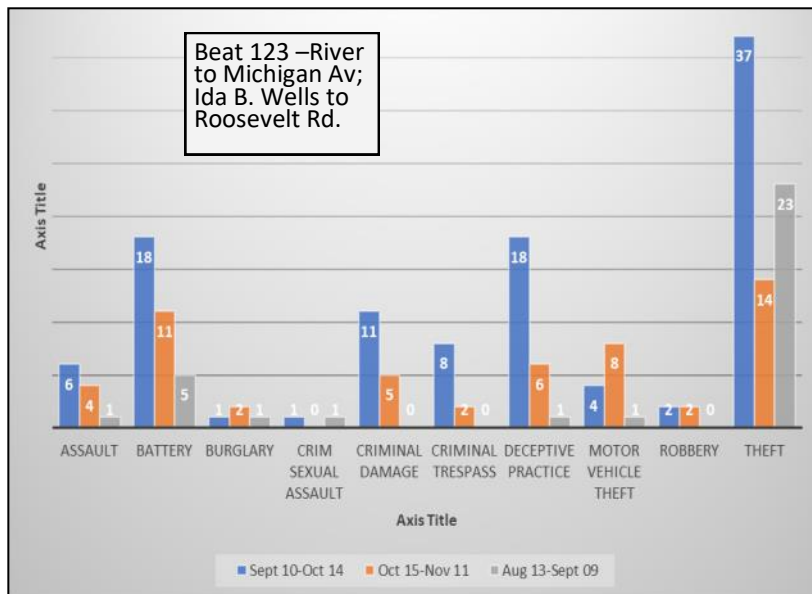
Officers attempted to stop that vehicle but it got away, according to police.

No injuries were reported, police said.

Area Three detectives are investigating.

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

Clearpath on the Chicago Police Departments web site that lists Police reports is currently down. This is where I find reports on various crimes for our local area.



Man stabbed on Red Line train in South Loop

He was riding a train in the 100 block of West Cermak Road when a man sitting across from him stabbed him in the face with a knife, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#) Dec 13, 2020, 3:36am CST

A 50-year-old man was stabbed early Sunday while riding a CTA Red Line train in the South Loop neighborhood.

About 1:50 a.m. he was riding a train in the 100 block of West Cermak Road when a man sitting across from him stabbed him in the face with a knife, causing a laceration, Chicago police said.

He was transported to Stroger Hospital and listed in fair condition, police said.

The other man fled the scene after the attack, according to police. He has gray hair and was wearing black jeans and a black jacket, police said.

Police do not yet know what provoked the stabbing.

Area One detectives are investigating

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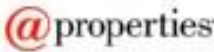
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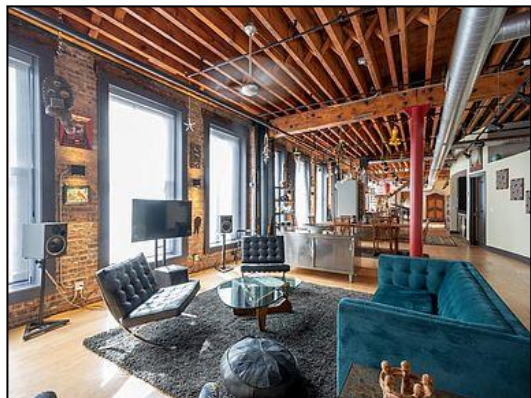
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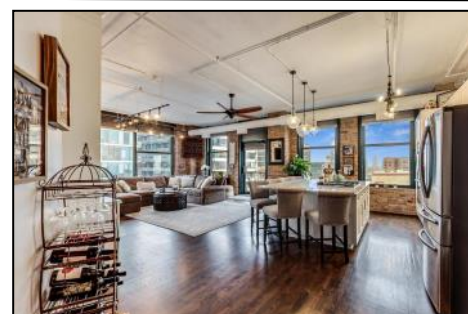


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