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South Loop Neighbors Speaker Series: Alderman in April—Zoom Meeting

Alderman King, Alderman Dowell and Alderman Lopez

Notes: from April 28th Zoom Meeting

Car Jackings and Shootings

King- More stops, more missions. The police team has been more pro-active. More high power camera which can also be used to combat motorcycles .

Dowell – 1st District has been increasing parking violations, more missions, more visibility. Last 28 days, only five Car-Jackings have occurred across the entire 1st District. 1st District had a terrific Commander and Captain.

Business Affairs – putting out millions of dollars to support businesses. Extending out-door dining licenses, easier to obtain and able to keep their licenses for two to three years. There is a need to address Safety and Security. Next month, a report will be released concerning recovery of the Central Business District.

King. American Focus Plan will provide funds for small restaurants, housing. Rescue dollars can be used for Safety and Housing Insecurity.

Dowell: We need tourists to come back into the city. The Biggest Issue is City and State attracting people to come back and feel safe in the City.

Homeless -Housing insecurity has increased since Covid. Working closely with Departments of Family and Support services.

Dowell – Because of car jackings, there is a curfew but because of everything that’s going on, it’s not a priority with enforcement.

Motor Cycle Ordinance. Just passed. In fifteen days, Police will have more tools. Many of the motorcyclists ride with out visible plates. They now can be impounded and tickets can be written. Although the Police are reluctant to start a chase, they can give them penalties when the cyclists stop at some common places like the Rock N Roll McDonalds.

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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 Chicago River to Lake Michigan.

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South Loop Development Roundup

A reminder: Our Sept. 16 online meeting covered the development and planning issues active in the neighborhood. If you weren't able to attend, you can view [the entire presentation on YouTube](#).

The latest on all South Loop projects can always be found at southloopupdate.com

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OPINION

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April, 1945: Ahlem concentration camp outside Hanover, Germany was liberated--and among the liberators were Vernon Tott, Henry Kissinger and my dad April 30, 2021

On April 10, 1945, [Ahlem](#), a concentration camp near Hanover, Germany was liberated by the [US 84th Infantry Division](#)—nicknamed “The Railsplitters” because its roots went back to Abraham Lincoln.

The 84th entered France in 1944, following in the bootprints of the Normandy Invasion and fought the Battle of the Bulge. They soldiered on into Germany where they met the Russians and won the war.

My dad was one of the soldiers who liberated Ahlem; former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was another one. But there was one other soldier who was there that I’ve gotten to know in the last few days from Sioux City, Iowa: [Vernon Tott](#).

His role was such that a 2007 documentary came out about him: “[Angel of Ahlem](#).”

When the 84th arrived, Tott pulled out a pocket camera and took a lot of pictures of the prisoners. He was shocked and horrified and sickened by what he saw. But he was a hero. [My dad, Lew Taman](#), also a hero, said they sent him in first. He thought because he was Jewish. But the fact that he was a medic makes more sense to me. He and his fellow soldiers had never seen people in such bad shape, and had never experienced the cruelty and barbarism that one group of people could do to another. They had never seen anything like it—the starvation and emaciation and the despair that the nazis were capable of inflicting and were totally responsible for.

My dad always said the prisoners didn’t want any food or drink when he went in. Even though they were just skin and bones. And so weak, some couldn’t even stand up.

All they wanted was cigarettes. Just cigarettes, which my dad gave them. All they wanted. His fellow soldiers were sickened, humbled and compassionate—and, as one can imagine, never the same. The horror stuck.

At some point during Vernon Tott’s humble later life working in Sioux City at a local Swift meatpacking facility and raising a big family, he decided to make use of his pictures. He made it his mission to find as many of the prisoners that he photographed as he could—while battling, and eventually succumbing to stomach cancer in 2005. He made it his mission to meet them again, pay his respects and give them pictures of themselves from that horrid episode in their lives.

During his search, some of the prisoners were unable to identify themselves. Because they looked so different; and because some had even repressed their memories.

The documentary follows a series of “reunions.” Tott did his research through holocaust organizations that were keeping track of those abused so awfully by the nazis, and had gathered a lot their contact information.

Tott was able to not only visit the remnants of Ahlem



“This is a picture I took in one of the barracks. What I saw in there I would never forget. These prisoners you see here were too sick and weak to come out to see the Americans. There were dead prisoners lying in some of the bunks and they had no clothing on. They were skin and bones. I was told other prisoners took their clothing. I didn’t take any pictures of the dead; I didn’t have the heart for it then, but I now wish I would have to show others just how horrible it was. There were dead bodies heaped in piles everywhere and Benjamin told me they were burned to avoid epidemics. They put them in the hospital焚化炉 in Hanover and many died there in the following weeks from tuberculosis. Benjamin told me he was a very sick man when we liberated him and he is lucky to have lived through it.” Vernon Tott

(including bones and teeth beneath the ground), he was

also able to get the pictures to several of those still alive, and he even met some of those living overseas.

A group even came to the US to honor Tott with a sterling silver [Kiddush](#) cup before he died.

As for me, I found out about the video very recently, sent for it, received it and watched it, all in a matter of days. And now I know what my late dad was talking about, thanks to Vernon Tott. I am another person grateful for his picture-taking, his determination and his diligence. Now I have seen actual pictures of exactly what my dad saw when he liberated Ahlem, and of what he tried to describe over the years.

It was horrific. But I also know that my dad—one of their liberators—when he gave the prisoners the cigarettes they so desired, also gave them sympathy and support and food and water and friendship. And he probably kidded them and laughed with them and told them a few jokes to lighten their load.

I know he made them feel human again; he made them find humor and fun and hope for the future again. And thanks to Tott, we know at least some were able to go on and live as full-fledged human beings who had overcome the worst.

I know what my dad always did for me and other people: he made us feel safe, and through his humor I always saw the absurd and truly funny side of everything in life. Until he died on my 65th birthday in 2015, waiting until I was ensconced as a full-fledged senior citizen.

I don’t think that was any coincidence. My senior years were officially beginning, just as death at the age of 92 ended his.

Bonnie McGrath

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Retired in Chicago

What I'd like to say to someone who refuses a vaccine

By **Marianne Goss**, April 3, 2021

Maybe you also know someone who doesn't want to get a COVID vaccine. There's a good chance that someone isn't in the Baby Boomer generation. Eighty-five percent of us are or intend to be vaccinated, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. One in four adults under 30 are wait-and-see or definitely not.

The person I know brings up the usual point about vaccine development being too fast and adds that she isn't likely to get deathly sick at her age. Granted, deaths from COVID are rare in people under 40, but they happen

You may have heard advice about how to talk to the unvaccinated. Ask about their concerns and empathize. Don't argue but offer facts from reliable sources.

The woman I know is smart and well-informed, so I'm not sure what facts I could offer that she hasn't heard. I probably wouldn't be able to discuss the issue without sounding judgmental. But if I were to discuss it, here's what I'd like to say.

It isn't just about you and your chances of contracting COVID. If there ever was a crisis of the modern era in which we're all in it together, the pandemic is it. We're not going to reach herd immunity without the participation of nearly everyone eligible to be vaccinated. Herd immunity is a moving target, but certainly the more people vaccinated, the more protected we all are. Vaccination is the way we'll get out of this crisis.

You don't have to dig deep for examples of things people do for the common good without seeing direct individual benefits (not that you wouldn't benefit from vaccination). Childless people and parents of parochial school students pay taxes to support public schools. Carless people pay taxes for roads. Car owners pay taxes to support public transportation. Achieving the common good sometimes requires citizens to not think of themselves first.

I believe that you wouldn't do anything deliberately to harm others. You could transmit the virus even if you don't get sick, and a person you infect could get seriously ill and die. We vaccinated can't be 100 percent sure that we aren't infectious, but studies are showing that we're safe to be around.

If the country finally achieve herd immunity — fingers crossed — would you want to be in the minority who refused the vaccine? I'm guessing that you wouldn't feel like patting yourself on the back.

RETURNING TO NORMALCY FEELS GOOD

I'm in my longest stretch of socializing and going out in almost 14 months. A couple of friends came to lunch Friday, a friend invited me out to dinner on Saturday, another friend and I will have lunch here and go to the Field Museum today, neighbors are coming to dinner Tuesday, and on Wednesday I'll meet a friend for lunch before giving a Chicago Greeter tour. I expect I'll welcome an unscheduled day on Thursday, but right now, busyness feels wonderful.

Before the pandemic my goal was to have one getting-out activity around which to arrange my schedule each day. My May calendar won't be so filled, but I think one-a-day will be a good goal for so-called normalcy.

"NORMALCY" NOW SOUNDS RIGHT

Readers with long memories might note that, contrary to what I wrote [last April](#), I used "normalcy" in the preceding section. It's an example of how usage comes to sound correct after one has heard and read a word or phrase repeatedly. I had originally written "normality" above, and it sounded wrong.

MOST RECENT EPISODES

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ON THE MEDIA

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April 16, 2021

2. Jane McAlevey [[@rsgexp](#)], labor organizer and senior policy fellow at the University of California at Berkeley's Labor Center, on how the mood in Bessemer, Alabama turned from optimism to defeat. [Listen.](#)

3. Chris Martin [[@chrismartin100](#)], professor of digital journalism at the University of Northern Iowa, on the historical devolution of the labor beat. [Listen.](#)

Crime Statistics for Beat 123 comparing first quarter overall crime and specific types of crime covering the years 2018 to 2021.

Beat 0123 Report - 1st Quarter 2021				
Total Crime Reports	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	132	128	131	73
February	100	137	126	63
March	155	123	75	96
1st Quarter	387	388	332	232
Current Top Ten	2018	2019	2020	2021
Theft	159	170	121	85
Battery	56	42	53	37
Criminal Damage	17	12	25	17
Criminal Trespass	10	17	17	11
Robbery	16	15	20	7
Assault	14	21	19	10
Deceptive Practice	60	64	34	30
Weapons Violation	1	1	1	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	12	12	15
Narcotics	5	3	6	1
Burglary	11	1	6	3
Sexual Assault	2	3	1	0

Dramatic Reduction in South Loop Crime.

The number of police crime reports for the South Loop's Police Beat 0123 has dropped dramatically in the first quarters of 2020 and 2021. Compared to the average crime reports filed in the two pre-Covid years of 2018-19, first quarter totals dropped 14% in 2020 and 40% in 2021.

Police Beat 0123 is bordered by Ida B Wells on the north, Michigan Avenue on the east, Roosevelt Road on the south, and the Chicago River on the west. Crime report statistics were taken from the Chicago Data Portal, maintained by the City of Chicago and available free to the public at data.cityofchicago.org.

Total crime reports for the months of January, February, and March in the years 2018-19 averaged 387. That figure dropped to 332 in 2020 and 232 in 2021.

Crime reports are divided into categories defined by the FBI and used to compare crime data across the United States. The largest category in Beat 0123 is Theft, which dropped from a 2018-2019 average of 164 to 121 in 2020 and 85 in 2021.

Five crime categories are considered the index for comparing violent crime. The chart left displays the first quarter totals for the past four years.

Motor Vehicle Theft, a crime category frequently mentioned in Chicago media, did increase in Beat 0123 during this four-year period. First quarter totals were 9 in 2018, 12 in 2019, 12 in 2020, and 15 in 2021.

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EVERY DAY IS A GIFT, A Memoir, by Tammy Duckworth, soldier, Senator, Mother (Twelve, Hatchett Book Group 2021)

Her title is the underlying philosophy in Ladda Tammy Duckworth’s epic yet humble memoir: “I owe it to those who saved me to make something of the life that they risked their own to save.” Polyglot; PhD; scholar-soldier grievously-wounded piloting a Blackhawk helicopter shot down by Iraqi insurgents; decorated Lieutenant Colonel; veteran advocate; two-term Congresswoman; first woman to give birth while in Congress, Illinois’ Senator Tammy Duckworth launched her re-election campaign with a headline-grabbing “F*CK YOU” to a conservative newscaster who questioned her patriotism. Senator Duckworth makes Joan of Arc look like she’s standing still. Her life was, and is, most difficult. Thai-born to an ethnic Chinese mother and a tall Virginian vet working for the US Army, Tammy was a mixed-race *half-child*, taunted for her size, her color, her freckles and the smell of her *faring* father (to her cousins, all Americans smelled like cheese,) and warned by her aunties that US servicemen always left their Asian families behind.. Her father was “the big guy” and “the American hero,” but he shuffled his family around Southeast Asia in pursuit of sometimes lucrative, often measly—or no—jobs, finally landing in war-torn Phnom Penh, where Tammy learned how to speak Cambodian—and dodge bullets— as her family boarded the last commercial flight out of the country in 1975. Duckworth’s

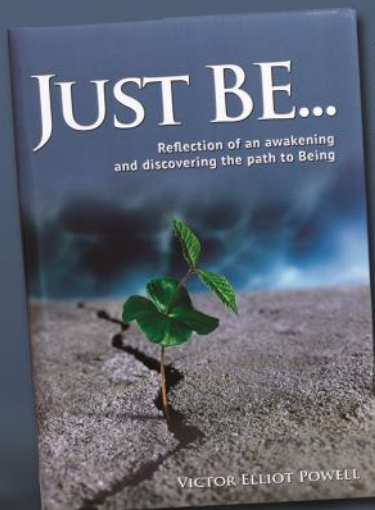
politics and fealty to the military came naturally. Her mother’s family fled China, and she taught Tammy to be wary of arbitrary power and mindful of the suffering of those without it. She called the *Great Wall*. “a wall of sorrow...[with] bodies of slaves” inside. Senator Duckworth later pledged to “fight to my last breath to defend every American’s freedom to have his or her own opinion about Washington’s flawed history....We can honor our founders while acknowledging their serious faults, including the undeniable fact that many of them enslaved Black Americans.” Being poor as a child left her with empathy for those who still are: “I believe in subsidized meal programs for students... they enabled me to get my high school diploma.... My family never worked as hard as when we were living at the poverty level. The notion that the working poor don’t need a living wage, or that they just needed to work harder to get ahead, is abhorrent.” Tammy was proud to learn that Duckworths served in the military from the French-Indian War in the mid-1700’s, to the Revolutionary War, on both sides of the Civil War, and through her service in Iraq. A student of political science, she joined the Army ROTC to earn money for graduate school and “fell for the army like no one ever fell for the army before.” The rest is history, recounted in a self-effacing, simple declarative epic that keeps readers in her thrall. The New York Times calls Duckworth “more Hercules than Hamlet.” Read for yourself.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park May 10, 2021



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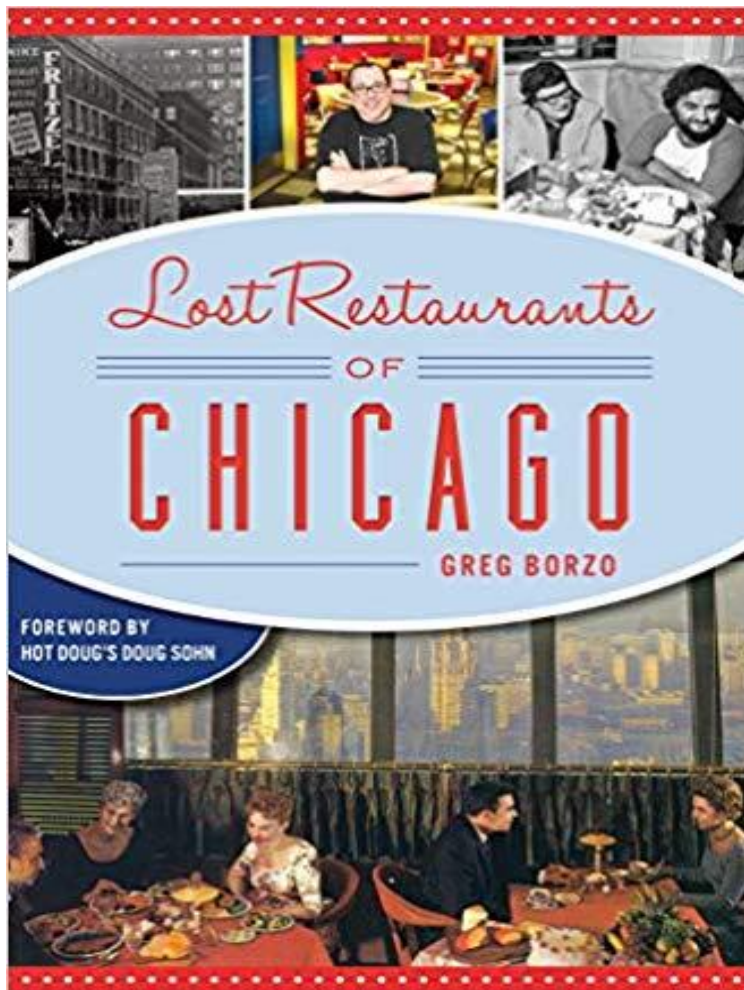


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We are so excited to reopen May 14th and see your smiling—and masked—faces! It's been far too long and our exhibits miss you. We have enhanced cleaning measures in place to ensure everyone stays safe and healthy, [you can read about them here](#) or [watch this short video here](#).

To celebrate our fourth anniversary this month, all tickets are \$4 off during the month of May! We encourage you to [purchase tickets online](#) ahead of time too. Online tickets can be redeemed at any point, they are not restricted to a specific day or time. So if you're not ready to visit yet, you can still get discounted tickets now and visit when you're ready!

Plus, if you **become a member or renew your membership before May 31** you'll be automatically entered to win one of three private museum tours with AWM President Carey Cranston. Learn about member levels and benefits and [become a member today!](#)

Our newest physical exhibit Ray Bradbury: Inextinguishable will be ready to explore May 14th as well. Check out the [virtual version here](#) ahead of your in-person visit.

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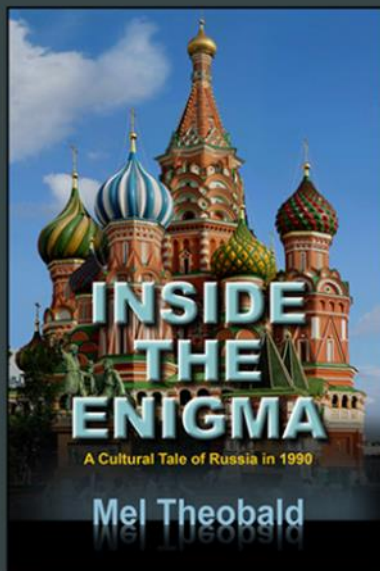


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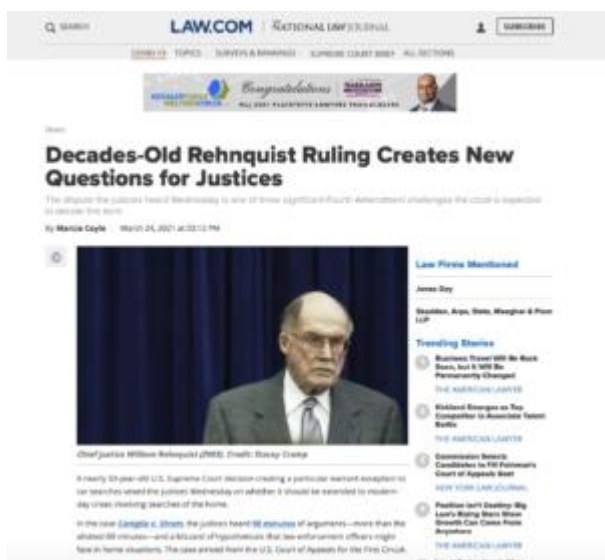
Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | May 3, 2021

Redrawing the thin blue line



During my reading over the past weeks I came across a couple of articles that make clear that our society has not always given police legal carte blanche about what justifies a shooting of a citizen. Right now, in layman's terms, all a cop has to do is pretty much say (s)he was afraid for their life. (Which, when you think about it, is goofy on its face—as the most skittish officers will be more likely to shoot first and ask questions later.) Any decision deemed “split second” justifies shooting, in essence.



That approval by the legal system didn't always exist. In fact, the standard for justified shooting was higher until 1989 when the Supreme Court, under Chief Justice William Rehnquist,” weighed in.

From [“Split-Second Decisions: How a Supreme Court Case Shaped Modern Policing;”](#) in the New York Times:

The officers' justification for the use of lethal force in each instance differs with the circumstances. But as in almost every other recent case involving questions of police use of force, law enforcement officials defending the officers are relying on a doctrine set forth by the Supreme Court three decades ago and now deeply ingrained in police culture: that judges and juries should not second-guess officers' split-second decisions, no matter how unnecessary a killing may appear in hindsight.

It's a meaty but very worthwhile read.

[This piece in the National Law Journal](#) explains the legalities even better—also highly recommended.

By my lights, police unions and law-and-order hawks have perverted the Rehnquist court's decision in a way that even Chief Justice Rehnquist would think produced deadly unintentional consequences.

[As is this.](#)



I think we and the police have to do better. And I think we can. I offer this article, from New Jersey.com, in evidence.

[Newark cops, with reform, didn't fire a single shot in 2020](#)

That headline sums it up. Mind you, Newark ain't Mayberry, so this was a remarkable accomplishment born of a federal consent decree. Diversifying the force, de-escalation training, deploying the [Newark Community Street Team](#) to defuse violence in the city's most violent wards, and an array of other efforts made an enormous difference.

Beyond binary arguments about police being good or bad, beyond blaming the victims of shootings, I see some hope.

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Alderman's Meeting Regarding the Reboot of 1000M

(designed by Helmut Jahn)



On Wednesday, May 5, 2021, Alderman King held a meeting with the developers of 1000 S. Michigan Ave, a 70 story building designed by Helmut Jahn. The building was approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council in 2016. However, as a condo building, it never really gained traction as several years passed before they had enough commitments to start construction. The foundation and caissons are in but was stopped early in the Pandemic. They are now proposing a different build- out creating more units and making it into an apartment building instead. So this community meeting was for folks living next door and in the neighborhood to ask questions and raise concerns. The alderman will make a decision as to your recommendation to the city council.

The building will now feature 738 units instead of the original 506. Instead of a 440 car garage, it will now hold 320 cars. It will have room for 256 bicycles. There will be 23 affordable housing units and they will increase minority participation in the construction. The traffic to the building will be routed from Wabash Ave. and exit onto 9th street. Jim Walsh, President of South Loop Neighbors raised a concern about the shadow that will be cast over Grant Park. That shadow will affect the park from early afternoon to sunset. It will also affect neighborhoods to the west in the morning. Dennis McClendon, South Loop Neighbors Director of Planning and Development, raised the question of building height. The Planning Commission set building height limit of 425 feet when they adopted a plan for the South Loop in the late 90's. For reasons not publicly shared, the planning commission okayed this proposal building height in 2016. .

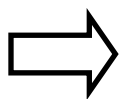
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State v. Jahn: The Thompson Center is dead, Long Live the Thompson Center.

Thirty years ago, I attended “Dancing in the State,” an immersive performance that brought 150 dancers from Chicago and New York dance companies, along with art, lighting and sound installations to the then-six-year-old State of Illinois Building. This spectacle activated every aspect of the young building, from its plaza to its sculpture to its magnificent atrium, epitomizing the vigorous, creative spirit that infused the new center. I fell in love with Helmut Jahn’s masterpiece that day, sensing that I was present at the beginning of a fresh public engagement with civic space. Unfortunately, it was both beginning and an end, since I’ve never been back for anything other than the most mundane of reasons, driver’s license renewals, CTA transfers, or a quick visit to the nondescript food court. But that atrium never fails to stir my soul.

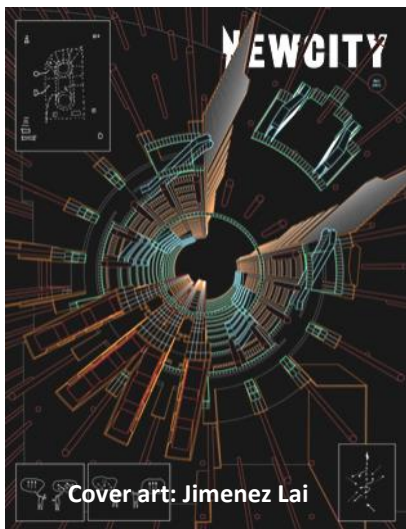
Now, close your eyes and envision the new State of Illinois building at 555 West Monroe, the one for which our government is abandoning its world-class home. Exactly. You can’t picture it. It’s a building neither noteworthy nor notorious; it’s a bureaucrat of architecture. Cynics might suggest it’s a better fit than Jahn’s forward-looking, idealistic of-the-people palace since the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, as governing institutions, have always been more interested in hiding than showing. Why else do so many of our politicians retire to the penitentiary rather than Florida?

Ignore the talk of efficiency and cost: this is the real reason why our government officials have such an irrational obsession with departing the Thompson Center, as well as seeing it demolished. Just too much light.

For years, we’ve watched them weave a narrative around the inevitability of this outcome. Now just watch them roll in the wrecking crews, with or without an actual plan, like they did when they bulldozed the landmark McCarthy Building in 1989 to let it its emptied footprint lie fallow as Block 37 for twenty-seven years, or when they tore down eight Walter Gropius-designed Michael Reese Hospital structures in 2009, even though the city had already lost its Olympics bid, the rationale for destroying our only buildings designed by the Bauhaus legend.

We deserve government edifices that we want to visit, not that we have to. Places that we can bring tourists and show them what the state of Lincoln and Obama looks like in action. We deserve a government that understands the irreplaceable nature of what it has and, confronted with the special challenges that this building presents, sees that as an opportunity for harnessing the collective imagination of its people to fix it, to build it back better.

In early 2019, when our film “Knives and Skin” was having its world premiere in Berlin, we stayed in Potsdamer Platz.



Nearly every day, or night, I found myself in Helmut Jahn’s magnificent Sony Center, a direct descendant of his Thompson Center. Combining bars, restaurants, movie theaters and grand public spaces with offices and residences, this 2000 edifice works as a public square in the best sense. In F. Philip Barash’s outstanding piece about the state of the Thompson Center in this issue, Jahn shares his idea for a reimagination of the Thompson Center, which he calls “Inside Out,” a proposal that would open up the space literally and figuratively, reviving and transcending the spirit of that long-ago dance activation that remains so unforgettable to me. This would be a public square for Chicago, a vision that, unlike the vague notions of colossal private skyscrapers favored by politicians, is tested and proven to work, and one in which the public stays front and center. [CLICK ON LINK FOR THE STORY.](#)

This is the imagination we deserve.

BRIAN HIEGELKE

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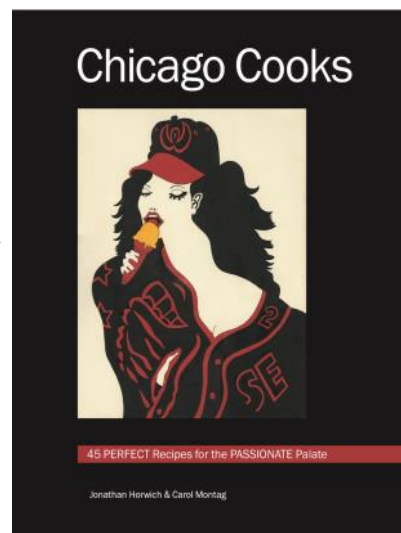
In Chicago Cooks: 45 Perfect Recipes for the Passionate Palate, the basics are covered for any kind of meal.

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

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

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

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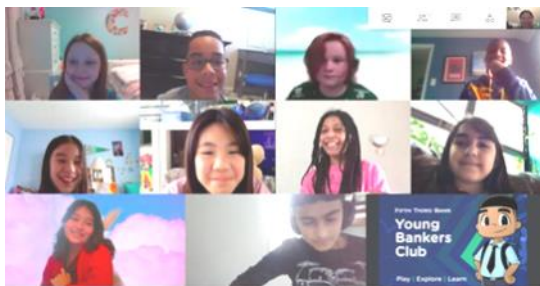
Young Bankers Club

Mrs. (Helen) Chan is the fourth-grade math teacher at

South Loop. She started a club recently called the Young Bankers Club. Mrs. Chan was recruited by Ms. Garcia, and in previous years other South Loop math teachers had run the club. Being a math teacher, Mrs. Chan loved the thought of running the club and she gets to continue working with some of her previous students.

In the Young Bankers Club, the students will use a digital interactive platform. The program used is game-based so the students will have their dashboard and levels to complete. There will be a different learning goal for each level, including ideas based on sales tax, estimating money, overspending, and more. At the end of the program, a volunteer from Fifth Third Bank will visit the virtual class and get to engage with the students. S/he will talk about what bankers have to learn in school, the career path, a Q&A, and a trivia game.

While there are some clubs that have experienced trouble learning online, the Young Bankers Club is not one of them, mainly because this is an online platform. Also since the program is like a game the members are engaged and always participate.



Monday, May 3, 2021

With Warm Weather Here Comes the Obnoxiously Loud Motorcycle Groups

It was a beautiful spring weekend and while the temperature is pleasant, the deafening sound of modified exhaust motorcycles engulfs the city and Sloop. It's been a problem for years now, but there has been some recent news about ways the city and police are intending to make some changes to curtail this nuisance (via [Chicago Sun-Times](#)):

With temperatures rising and motorcycle engines revving, Chicago aldermen launched another crackdown Friday to stop motorcycle clubs from wreaking life-threatening havoc on Lake Shore Drive and city streets.

The City Council's Committee on Public Safety approved an ordinance championed by Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd) empowering Chicago Police officers to impound motorcycles, dirt bikes and other "nonhighway vehicles" accused of drifting and drag racing.

The ordinance would also impose stiff fines against motorcyclists who operate without license plates.

In January 2020, CPD vowed to "swarm" motorcycle rally points and use helicopters, license plate recognition cameras and noise monitors on Lake Shore Drive to stop motorcycle clubs from continuing to wreak havoc.

The article discusses some of the challenges in dealing with these issues, but also talks about where the police have had success:

Downtown Ald. Brendan Reilly (42nd) said the idea of surrounding motorcyclists stopped at gas stations has been tried before with great success.

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C40 Reinventing Cities Competition

Proposals for site at Plymouth Court and Van Buren

Updated April 19, 2021

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Plymouth Court and Van Buren Street

The site is located in the heart of downtown Chicago, immediately adjacent to Pritzker Park and across the street from the Harold Washington Library Center, the main branch of the Chicago Public Library system. The site consists of several vacant, City-owned parcels and a vacant four-level parking garage. The approximately 16,000-square-foot site is one of the best in the city in terms of access to transit, with immediate connections to almost every CTA train line, including the Red, Blue, Orange, Brown, Green, Pink and Purple lines, as well as multiple bus lines along the historic State Street retail corridor.

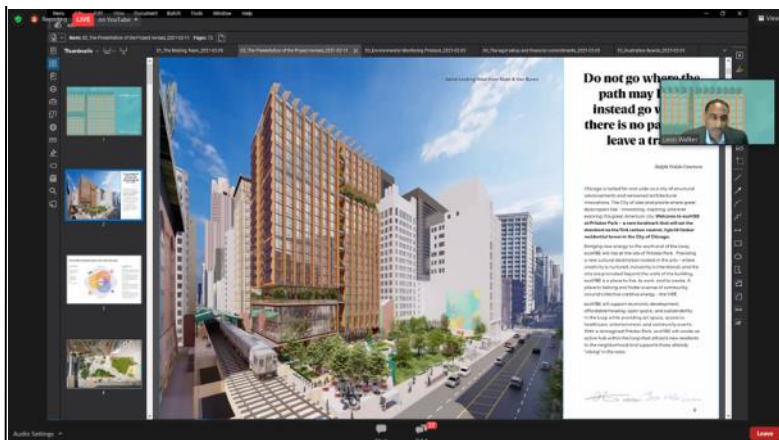
Five teams of finalists were selected in September 2020 through the Expression of Interest phase, and four of the development teams submitted RFP responses that are currently under review by the City. They include:

Assemble Chicago

A net-zero carbon, 20-story, mixed-use structure with 207 residential units and incomes ranging from 30 percent Area Median Income (AMI) to 80 percent AMI. The plan includes a two-level podium with a food hall for small, minority-owned restaurants, nonprofit office and meeting space, a produce grocer, and a medical clinic. The approximately \$102 million project also commits about \$2 million to improvements for Pritzker Park.

Common Good Collaborative

A net-zero carbon, 21-story mixed-use structure with 305 residential units. Twenty percent of the units would be rented at 60 to 80 percent AMI, about 128 of the units would be rented at 90 to 120 percent AMI and the remainder would be market rate. The lower-levels would include a market hall and an artisan exchange for small businesses, as well as a community center to provide housing assistance and social services. The approximately \$99.9 million project also commits about \$2 million to improvements for Pritzker Park.



ecoVIBE

A net-zero carbon, 21-story, mixed-use structure with 224 residential units. Thirty percent of the units would be targeted to artists or people that work in the creative industry with incomes below 60 percent AMI, about 112 units for incomes at 120 percent AMI and about 44 units for incomes at 140 percent AMI. Proposed commercial on the lower levels would include a café, gallery space and a medical clinic. The \$128.5 million project also commits about \$1.25 million to improvements for Pritzker Park.

Inspiration Exchange

A net-zero carbon, 12-story, mixed-use structure with 81 studio apartments, with half of the units dedicated to permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness and half of the units for singles or couples with incomes ranging from 30 percent to 60 percent AMI. Lower-level uses would include a café, a medical clinic, community meeting rooms, gallery space, social services, and a five-day per week free community dining and kitchen, restrooms and other hygiene facilities. The approximately \$42 million project also commits about \$100,000 to improvements for Pritzker Park.

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/c40-reinventing-cities-competition.html

Rest in Peace Helmut Jahn.

Brian Heiggelke's reaction to Helmut Jahn's untimely death.

<https://design.newcity.com/2021/05/09/helmut-jahn-1940-2021-a-risk-taker-in-architecture-and-life/>

See Brian Heiggelke's letter and link to his recent interview with Helmut Jahn on Page 11.

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[New Mexican Restaurant Moving Into Former SRO Restaurant Space on Dearborn](#)



Mr. South Loop's Instagram has an update on a new Mexican restaurant coming to the heart of Printers Row. As a reminder, Standing Room Only (SRO) [closed in the midst of the pandemic](#) at this 610 S. Dearborn location:

Looking forward to seeing what type of Mexican concept will come to this space. There are already a handful of quick service taco places in the area - [Flacos Tacos](#) (725 S. Dearborn), [Taco Maya](#) (823 S. State), and [Spanglish](#) (555 S. State) to name a few. Needless to say, hopefully the new restaurant has some form of differentiation.

Regardless, great to see another restaurant coming to an important, high-profile stretch of the neighborhood.

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Saturdays with Seniors: Guest Post by Maggy Fouche

Maggy asks, “What are we witnessing?”

I am pleased to have Maggy Fouché as our Saturdays with Seniors guest blogger today. The prompt for this past week was “Witness” and Maggy’s essay shows she’s been keeping her eye on a lot lately!

by Maggy Fouché

My friend Ted and I have been regularly emailing each other about amazing corporate social changes. Aunt Jemima pancakes will get a new name! IBM declares it will get out of the facial recognition business! Walgreens’ new CEO is a black female! Band Aid will introduce products in a variety of skin tones!

Ted was my boss before he became a friend. A well-known executive in the multi-billion-dollar personal care industry, Ted boasted a long and successful career that started with the small relaxer company his chemist stepfather launched in the 60’s and eventually sold to Revlon.

Ted hired me in the 1980s to be the marketing director of what was then called the “ethnic” hair care division of a long-established salon-specialty corporation. After my dad, he was the smartest man I’d ever met, seemingly knowledgeable about everything from ancient Greek philosophy to the latest urban slang. Just before the meeting with the CEO to present the new product launch plan, he stopped to correct his secretary’s posture so that she sat with elbows and wrists at proper angles to the typewriter, as prescribed in the IBM manual.

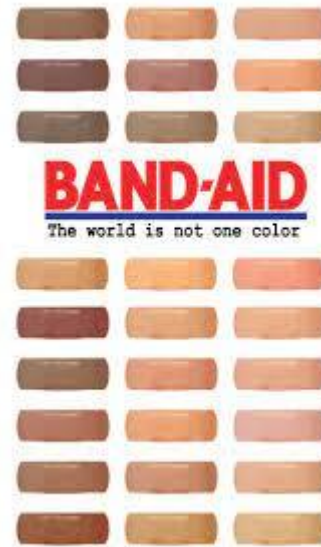
Ted knew that the most important item in our new product line would be the relaxer and its ability to thoroughly straighten hair. In side-by-side trials in the testing salon, however, our relaxer did not perform as well as the leading competitor. We learned that the formula contained buffers that the chemists said were necessary to lessen the potential damage to the hair.

Ted argued that any damage would be repaired by the post-relaxer conditioning treatment that contained the parent company’s legendary restoring serum. But R&D refused to change the formula which, they proudly informed us, they’d spent ten years developing. “Ten years,” Ted said to me later. “What’s the matter with those guys? In ten years they could have developed an atomic bomb!”

The corporate bosses were unwilling to rely on Ted’s product expertise. The product launch was a disappointment and our division failed to meet sales goals in the succeeding quarters. After about three years our division was disbanded.

Ted and I kept in touch through the ensuing years of our respective careers. Now retired, Ted has plenty of time on his hands and diligently tracks the corporate response to America’s racial unrest.

An undertone of amazement runs through our conversations, amazement at how quickly these changes have come about in the inflexible, conservative, risk-averse culture of big business. He was more philosophical when he wrote me about Major League Baseball’s decision to combine the stats of Negro League players with that of their white counterparts. I leave you here with his own words:



What are we to conclude from these turnabouts along with others affecting American Society? My theory: The George Floyd tragedy triggered a slow-moving earthquake in how Americans of all ethnicities see each other. More change is necessary before the battle is entirely won, but this surrender by America’s favorite sport, professional baseball, is a symbolic milestone not to be lightly dismissed. Stay tuned for what is yet to follow.

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



More Chicago Students Got Into Their High School Programs Of Choice

The district's selective-enrollment schools offered more seats to Black and special education students, while the number of Latino offers was flat.

[Mila Koumpilova, Chalkbeat Chicago](#) and [Cassie Walker Burke, Chalkbeat Chicago](#)

May 3, 2021

More Chicago students got into their high school programs of choice. Stacey Rupolo/Chalkbeat

CHICAGO — More students landed their top high school choices during this year's high-stakes, high-stress Chicago Public Schools application process, according to data the district released Friday, the day when families learn of admissions decisions.

At the city's 11 selective-enrollment high schools, acceptance rates budged only slightly over last year, with 17 percent of students receiving offers from their No. 1 choice schools.

District officials said Friday that more of those coveted offers went to Black students as well as students with disabilities, while the number of offers to Latino students remained relatively flat. Compared to the 2019-2020 school year, the district said it made offers to 43 percent more Black students. Meanwhile, 59 percent more Black students and 2 percent more Latino students were accepted into International Baccalaureate programs.

Schools chief Janice Jackson said Friday that those admissions increases were driven largely by a surge of interest in predominantly Black high schools on the city's South Side, such as South Shore International High School and King College Prep. "We're excited by that, and encouraged by that, but we're also anxious and eager to see that acceleration in schools where we know that number of African American students is lower than we think might be acceptable."

Chicago Public Schools' current enrollment is 47 percent Latino, 35 percent Black, 11 percent white and 4 percent Asian, but white and Asian students tend to be overrepresented at some of the city's most competitive high schools, while Black and Latino students are underrepresented.

Despite concerns that the pandemic's profound disruption might lead to a drop in applications, the number of students who participated in the applications process to land spots in schools outside their neighborhoods remained flat compared with last year. Overall, about 26,000 students submitted an application through the district's online GoCPS system, which families must use to apply for programs outside of their zoned neighborhood campus, such as specialized arts, STEM and other programs. The district did not immediately provide numbers for applicants to selective-enrollment schools specifically, but said Friday evening that it had sent out 4,854 selective-enrollment offers for fall compared to 4,381 the previous year.

See the rest of the story click here:

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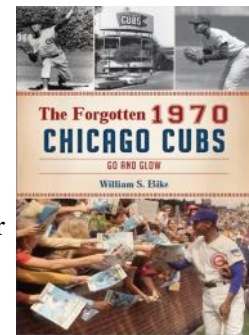
The Forgotten 1970 Chicago Cubs: Go and Glow, By Bill Bike

Chicago Cubs fans always will remember the beloved 1969 team, yet the 1970 Cubs are, in many ways, more fascinating. Author William S. Bike tells their story in his latest book, *The Forgotten 1970 Chicago Cubs: Go and Glow*, which will be available from The History Press on May 17, 2021.

"In 1970, the Cubs added interesting characters like Joe Pepitone and Milt Pappas to the legendary nucleus of Billy Williams, Ron Santo, and Ernie Banks," Bike said. "The team came closer to finishing first than in any year between 1945 and 1984—ending the season only five games out in one of baseball's hottest three-team pennant races ever."

Offering a fast-paced look at the season month by month, Bike moves beyond wins, losses, and statistics to relive Ernie Banks's 500th home run, the addition of "the basket" to the outfield walls, good trades and bad trades, how manager Leo Durocher's radio show caused clubhouse chaos, death threats against third baseman Ron Santo, outfielders Billy Williams's and Jim Hickman's best season, the great Cubs pitching rotation, and statistical and computer analyses of how the Eastern Division Cubs would have done playing in the Western Division—and in the playoffs and World Series.

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Mr. Boyd is an author, historian, actor, business man, and Motivational speaker. He has been interviewed on Podcasts and Radio Shows both nationally and internationally.



Coming soon: Part 4 - 1968 to 2009 will be published in 2022.

In That Number by Regan Burke. Tortoise Books, Chicago.

Regan Burke is in Beth Finke's Memoir Writing Class where I met her and heard many of her stories that are included in this book.

In That Number is a memoir, a tortious travelogue, a confessional of sins, a remarkable example of the resilience of the human spirit. If she had led a normal life, no one would find her book interesting much less read it. It has all the things a memoir has, a litany of famous people she has known, worked for, both local Chicago icons (Michael Madigan) and Presidents (Bill Clinton) and numerous others. All that is interesting stuff, but what I found most interesting is her trail of tears path towards survival during a difficult childhood.

Author Regan Burke managed to sustain herself -- as children are often forced to do -- and travel from point A to point Q back to point G to point Z and in the end somehow come out calm, educated and grandmotherly. The book is sometimes difficult to read and at the same time, difficult to put down.

Let's start with her parents. Attractive, intelligent and likeable gifters,

Bill and Agnes Burke were alcoholics. They moved a lot, and with every move, they'd plunk down their kids into the local Catholic School in every new city. Regan can count thirteen schools in eight years. Her father was a promising young lawyer and in fact, in 1950 crafted the first pension program for an American Union, the United Mine Workers of America. Her mother, well-educated and attractive, wasted her promise by being wasted.

One of my favorite stories is Regan stumbling upon the name of the little girl in the book, *The EXORCIST*: Regan, pronounced just like hers, with a long "e" in the first syllable. . she had never ever met anyone with her name.

As it turns out, Exorcist author William Peter Blatty had attended one of her parent's frequent cocktail parties when the family lived in Georgetown, Washington D.C. At an author event decades later, Blatty admitted to a friend of Regan's that yes, he met Regan when she was a small child. And yes, he named the little girl in the novel after her and admitted, "that name always haunted me. Who would name their little baby after one of Shakespeare's most craven females?" Regan's journey to writing her memoir started when she sought medical help for chronic back pain and met Dr. John Stracks at Northwestern's Osher Center for Integrative Medicine. As a recovering drug addict, she eschewed prescription painkillers for fear of getting hooked on them, too. He opened her mind to accept that emotions were a factor in her pain



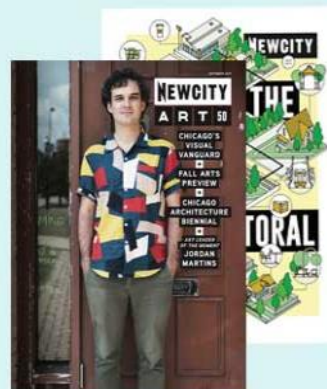
and suggested a remedy. Writing. He recommended Dr. Howard Schubiner's workbook, *unlearn your pain*, and after plowing through that guidebook, she enrolled in Beth Finke's and Linda Miller's memoir writing classes. And as they say, the rest is history . . . her unique and compelling history. *Al Hippensteel*



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The dates and locations for the 2021 4th Ward Shred-A-Thon events have been secured. We will be providing safe and secure shredding services for paper documents as well as electronics (with the exception of tube TV's). The first one will take place on Please wear a mask. View more details [here](#). The remaining four Shred-A-Thons will take place:

- Saturday, **May 15** (8:30 AM-11:30 AM) at **700 S Dearborn**
- Saturday, July 17 (9 AM- 12 PM) at 5015 S Blackstone
- Saturday, **August 14** (8:30 AM-11:30 AM) at **700 S Dearborn**

Alderman 'On the Block'

MEET WITH ALDERMAN KING ON ZOOM

The next Alderman 'On the Block' dates will be Monday, May 10, and Monday, May 17. To request a 15-minute Zoom slot, please email ward04@cityofchicago.org with "Meeting Request" in the subject line.

(Motorcycles continued from page 12)

"The BP Amoco at Lasalle and Ontario, for example. We used to meet them there and basically block them in the lot. We'd have a Streets and San flatbed. And they would remove stolen motorcycles. They would recover weapons, drugs. They'd get DUI arrests. It was a total jackpot for crime statistics," Reilly said.

"Those have fallen off. I'm not sure why. But they were effective, and they did send a message when we did them early in the season."

If you're not familiar with this phenomenon you probably don't live in the area as it's something that is almost impossible to miss. Regardless, [ABC7 has a video that talks to the issue](#) and showcases the what happens:

Hopefully there is serious action vs. just talk this year. Noise nuisance is annoying, but swerving through traffic and going on sidewalks is simply a public hazard.

In some sense we feel that the bikers view this as a game (to be fair it looks and feels like a video game in our eyes). The police deterrent element is just a facet of the game, so it seems like they need to have some serious consequences to stop them. Hopefully the city and police adequately respond. <http://www.sloopin.com/>

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This year there will also be a way to participate in Hope Walk virtually! To learn more about our virtual event, in person event and to register visit:

<https://www.voaininois.org/hope-walk>



FAST-THINKING UBER DRIVER GETS GUNSHOT VICTIM TO HOSPITAL



Doctors stabilize 21-year-old, but, police say, he remains in critical condition.

Uber driver Michael Bussan rushes a gunshot victim to a hospital Tuesday as the victim's brother applies pressure to the wound.

BY DAVID STRUETT, CSTWIRE REPORTER
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Michael Bussan considers himself a tough guy, but the Uber driver couldn't help crying as he rushed a wounded man and his brother to a hospital after they crashed their car while fleeing from a shooting.

"His brother is screaming, 'I've got you bro, I've got you bro,'" Bussan said. "I've never seen two people care so much about each other."

Bussan said he had dropped off a passenger in the South Loop when he saw the crash in the 1000 block of South Clark Street around 11:30 p.m.

The brothers and another person had been riding in a silver Chevrolet Malibu when someone in another car fired at them around 11:20 p.m., hitting one of the brothers several times in the abdomen in the 2900 block of South Indiana Avenue.

The driver of the Malibu continued driving to get to a hospital, but crashed into a Jeep Wrangler, police said. Coming on the scene, Bussan said he asked what happened and was told a man had been shot but that an ambulance was still several minutes away.

People were staring at the scene from a distance with their phones out, said Bussan, 46. "They wouldn't get out of their cars. And I'm like, Are you going to help him?" "I'm like, 'I'll take you, both of you,'" Bussan said he told the 21-year-old gunshot victim and his brother. "Take care of your brother while I'm driving."

Bussan said the brother called his mother, a nurse, who told him to remove his shirt and apply pressure on the wounds. "Just push your hands against his stomach and hold in as much blood as you can," Bussan recalled her saying.

"I was doing like 100 mph down Columbus to get to that hospital," he said. "And when I entered there, I was yelling, 'I've got a kid with bullet wounds and he's dying. He's got minutes.'" Bussan said doctors stabilized the man's condition, but he remained on a ventilator due to the trauma and blood loss. Police said the man was listed in critical condition.

The brother's mother showed up to the hospital and thanked Bussan for "giving them an opportunity to fight for their lives," he said.

Bussan said he teared up while witnessing one brother care for the other. "I'm a bodybuilder, powerlifter, and I'm Polish and Russian. If we sit there and cry, they'd say man up," Bussan said.

"Last night, everyone who called me said, 'God was on your side,'" he added. "That's the first time I've seen bunch of 300-pound men say, 'God was with you, bro.' Everyone had a soft side last night. And I'm like, this is the only night we're sharing this, otherwise we're a bunch of tough guys."

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MICHAEL BUSSAN, Uber driver

<http://chicago.suntimes.com>

Carjackings down by 55%, but shootings, murders remain on the rise: CPD report

April alone saw 299 people get shot, 53 of them fatally, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#) May 1, 2021, 8:37am CDT

Chicago police reported violent crimes were up 20% for April 2021 compared to April 2020. *Sun-Times file photo*

Carjackings have fallen by 55% since their peak in the winter, but shootings and murders continue to surpass 2020 levels, according to newly released statistics from the Chicago Police Department.

The city also saw a 20% drop in the total reported crime, compared to the same four-month period last year. Incidents of aggravated battery, burglary, robbery and theft reached 20-year lows, Chicago police said.

The monthly crime statistics released Saturday highlight a 55% decrease in vehicular hijackings since January. The report credits increased enforcement and the efforts of youth outreach workers and community partners.

At the end of January, the Department added 40 officers and four sergeants to the task force focused on reducing the number of carjackings across the city. Carjackings [more than doubled](#) citywide in 2020 but have been trending downward since the start of the new year, according to the April report.

Violent crimes, such as homicide and aggravated assault, have risen 4% since the start of the year, according to the report, with violent crime rates for April 2021 up 20% compared to April 2020.

In the first four months of 2021, Chicago police reported 997 shooting victims and 187 murders, compared to 718 victims and 156 murders during the same period in 2020.

April 2021 alone saw 299 people get shot, 53 of them fatally — a drop from the 58 people killed in April last year, police said. In April 2020, 225 people were shot in Chicago.

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Next CAPS Meeting May 13, 2021

3PM on Zoom

(Every 2nd Thursday)



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

From the Chicago Police Dept CLEAR Map.

5/1/2021 11:30pm 1200 S Michigan Av
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 131

5/1/2021 10:30pm 1200 S Wabash
ROBBERY Knife Commercial Business
Beat 131

4/27/2021 12:40am 1200 S Wabash
ARMED ROBBERY Handgun Small Retail
Store Beat 131

4/26/2021 3:45pm 800 S Wabash
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Handgun Side-
walk Beat 123

4/22/2021 4am 1400 S Michigan Av
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Handgun Apart-
ment Beat 132

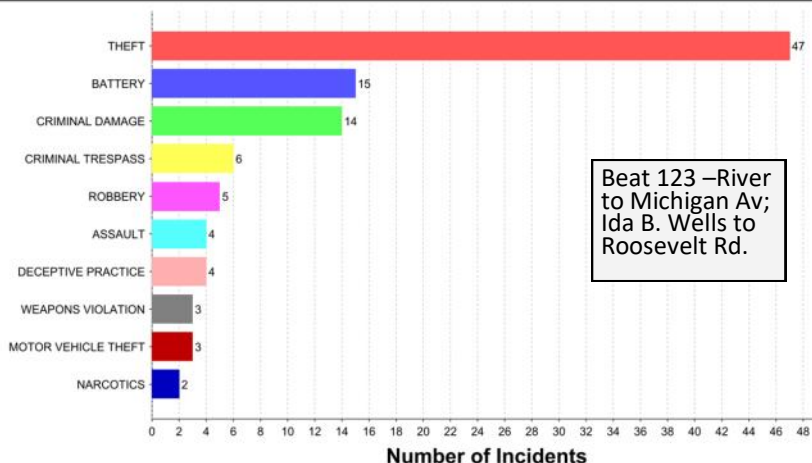
4/21/2021 9am 1100 S Wabash Av
ATTEMPTED STRONG ARM ROBBERY No
weapon Sidewalk Beat 123

4/18/2021 7:28 pm 60 E Harrison St
CAR JACKING on Street Beat 123

4/17/2021 8:08pm 10 E Cermak Rd
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY CTA Train

We focus on crime that is violent or may affect your physical safety. If you look at the graph on top of this column, you will see that the highest incidence of crime is theft, usually on the street or in restaurants (like cell phones stolen from tables). The crime shown on this page is based on Beat 123 131 and 132.

Top Ten Crimes From 12-Mar-2021 to 15-Apr-2021



Tuesday, May 4, 2021

[Is Two-Story Nondescript Parking Garage at 801 S. Wabash a Crime Magnet?](#)



We've walked by this parking lot a thousand times and never thought twice about it. That has all changed thanks to this article (via CWBCChicago.com):

A nondescript two-story parking garage in the Loop is generating a lot of work for police and prosecutors lately. Since April 1, cops have made three arrests, recovered two guns, and seized a lot of pot and other drugs at the easy-to-miss garage at 801 South Wabash, according to prosecutors. It's the same garage where a 16-year-old boy was fatally shot in November.

On top of all of that, police last month included the garage on a list of downtown parking facilities that were being targeted in a wave of auto break-ins across the Loop. Perhaps because of those burglaries, cops have been paying more attention to the garage lately.

The article gives some more details, but still has us scratching our head as to why this is such a magnet for crime. Anyone have any insight? Is it low cost? Low surveillance?

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

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\$355,000
1530 S 13TH ST 1404
3/24/21

\$500,000
41 E 8TH ST 1501
3/24/21

\$1,017,000
1201 S PRAIRIE AVE 3903
3/19/21

\$343,000
1440 S STATE ST 601
3/19/21

\$300,000
1115 S PLYMOUTH AVE 307
3/19/21

\$351,500
1307 S WABASH AVE
3/15/21

\$558,000
100 E 14TH ST 1106
3/13/21

\$158,000
633 S PLYMOUTH CT 1009
3/11/21

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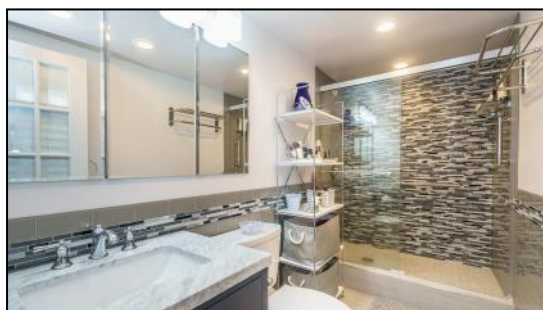
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