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Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program continues their organization efforts. It is being sponsored by South Loop Neighbors, the Printers Row Park Advisory Board and South Loop Referral Group. The most recent meeting was for the Citizen Advisory Board on August 4th. The meeting reviewed the Vision, Mission, Values, Objectives and Purpose of a Neighborhood Watch Program. The main objective is to minimize the incidence of preventable crime. However, concerns can include other local concerns such as noise from gangs of motorcycles or public urination. See Christine Cassata's list of concerns from the DP1/Printers Row safety group, an organization that has partnered with Neighborhood Watch. On page 22.

These concerns were presented at the monthly CAPS Meeting on August 10th for Beat 123.

The next general meeting is planned for Grace Place. The date has not been firmed up yet at this time.



Citizen Advisory Board Meeting at Half Sour on August 4th, 2021.

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Sun, Aug 22, 4 & 8pm.....Bobby Watson Quartet

Tues, Aug 24, 8pm.....WDCB 90.9FM Presents TBA

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Wed, Sep 1, 8pm.....Chicago Soul Jazz Collective featuring Dee Alexander

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

- ☐ Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
- ☐ Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
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- ☐ 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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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](#).

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My geat-grandmother died in 1918, a victim of the infamous flu pandemic; here's part of the story in real time

My great-grandmother, Cecelia Hecht died on Christmas Eve, 1918 of the flu. [The big one](#). She was born in Germany in 1864. She married Mayer Jacob Hecht, who was born in 1848, also in Germany. They met in America and settled in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where they ran a general store. They had 10 children.

My maternal grandmother and great aunt and great uncles, in order of their birthdates, were: Mamie, Dave, Louie, Julius, Josie (my grandmother), Abe, Max, Alec, Irving and Philip.

And from them, a large family living all over the United States came forth.

My mom, Cecelia, was named after my great-grandmother. She is one of 24 first cousins (two of which are her late brothers). Seven of the 24 are still living, including my mom.

Many of these cousins were very close to each other. And many of their children—51 cousins of my generation, including me—are very close, too, despite being spread around the country. We are a diverse bunch in every way imaginable.

Many of the descendants of Mayer and Cecelia became very successful and famous. From [the arts](#) to [politics](#) to [clever retailing](#) to [medicine](#). From education to law to culinary skills, writing and movie-making. And everything in between. The Hecht offspring through the generations have made their mark. We are all proud of each other.

Some of the cousins of my generation have joined Ancestry and 23 and Me. And they have found a handful of cousins we didn't even know existed—for various reasons. And they have also been embraced. And their stories are fascinating.

One of my cousins, Jeremy (from my daughter Molly's generation) did a wonderful thing a while back; before he and his family, ironically, moved to Germany. He circulated copies to our large family of two letters from two sons of Cecelia and Mayer—Max and Louie—written to a third son Abe (pictured above), who was overseas fighting in World War I. Both letters to Abe were about their mother's death....

January 5, 1919

From Uncle Max to Uncle Abe:

Dear Bro Abe,

I hope you are well and in no ways the worse for the experience you have went through. We rec'd a letter and 5 or 6 cards from you about 10 days ago, and you said you were on the way to Germany.

We have neglected to write you in the past couple of weeks on account of so much sickness in the family. We contracted the influenza in the family and most everyone had it. I guess you know what that is, as lots of soldiers have passed away in France with it.

Abe, we have something to tell you and have neglected to write you as we didn't know what to do, but I finally have decided to tell you. Papa took sick about 2 months ago, and I think he must have had the influenza. We got nurses for him but they didn't suit him, and mama had to practically stay with Papa for 6 weeks, day & night you might say.

On the 19th of December Mama took sick and had to go to bed, we didn't think nothing of it and after 3 days she was feeling better, but she took a relapse and pneumonia set in and God took her from us on December 24. Abe, you and us all lost the only friend we ever had in the world.

But life is short and someday we will all have to go and then I know we will see Mama and she will be more proud of us. I know Mama is much better because it is "God's Will" that she went. Mama worried about everything, she wanted to live to see you Abe, but while she was sick in bed we got the letter from you that you were safe after the war & I am glad of that.

Mama passed away easy and she never suffered. Papa is feeling better, and I hope to God that you can get discharged before long so you can come home, you are what the rest of the family are looking forward to now, so that you can console them.

Mamie had a baby boy about a week before Mama took sick and Mama and Papa went to the briss. Mamie did not get to come over to Mama as she was in bed. David and Josie were sick at home at the same time, but thank God they are all getting better.

This is certainly an awful letter to get while you are away Abie but I just had to tell you. The boys are all staying at home and waiting for you. Louis got discharged from the army about 2 weeks before Mama passed away and was with us. He is going to stay home and you don't know how he wants to see you. You can imagine how everything was at home.

Well, we all know what kind of a mother we had. The best that ever lived, she was too good to live, that was the trouble, that's why God took her, everything she thought of was for the children, nothing for herself, and I want you to look at this in a sensible way, not to take it hard, but to think of Mama all the time and I know that you know it was best or it would not have happened. Abie I am sure looking forward to the day when you will come home home for that is all that is left in life. I will close with lots of love to Mama in heaven and to you.

Max

And an "addendum" from Uncle Louie to Uncle Abe:

Dear Abie,

It is hard to write you this letter and this is something that comes to all of us sooner or later. Mama was buried in St. Louis beside her mother. The ceremony was delivered by Rabbi Rosentreter. We had it taken down and have it here. You will be consoled when you see it as it seems plainly that it was the will of our Heavenly Father and his will must be had. We really thought Papa would never get well as he was so sick that he could not raise his hand but it was not his time to go so thank God Papa is getting better.

We are all looking forward for your return which means so much to us now, I am going to stay here and see that the store runs and the house is kept up. Philip is going to school in St. Louis, staying with Josie so he can go to the shul in the morning and evening and say Kaddish. One of us must say Kaddish for all year and we thought it best for Philip to say it as he was with Mama more than any of us.

Alex left Friday for Kentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Missouri, that is the best place for Alex as he was getting pretty tough around here.

Now Abie be sure and take this in a sensible way. It is hard but as we grow older harder things come before us. I have so much to tell you but don't feel like writing now. When you get to New York wire me in detail where I can meet you so we can come home together. Do everything you can to get out as soon as possible for we are all so anxious to see you.

I will close with love from us all, from Mama who is in Heaven. Write us a big letter.

Louis

Bonnie McGrath

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OPINION

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Retired in Chicago

Check out these nontouristy local gems

By **Marianne Goss**, July 19, 2021

About one-half of Chicagoans are fully vaccinated, and we're satisfying our pent-up desire to get out and explore. If, like me, your 2021 excursions will be close to home, you may be looking for local attractions you haven't visited and ones less crowded.

I particularly like to check out nontouristy places that teach a Chicago history lesson, and requests to recommend such spots often come to me as a Chicago Greeter. The following are among my favorites.

An ethnic museum and/or neighborhood: Many of the European ethnic neighborhoods are gone, but you can still explore the immigrant history at museums like the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark Street, and the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Chicago hasn't become less of an immigrant city; our immigrant groups have just changed. We still have neighborhoods that make you feel like you're in a foreign country, like Southeast Asian Devon Avenue, pan-Asian Argyle Street, and Mexican Pilsen and Little Village. My favorite ethnic museum is the free National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th Street. Find a comprehensive list of ethnic museums [here](#).

Graceland Cemetery: Many of the movers and shakers of Chicago's first century are buried at Graceland Cemetery, including Marshall Field, Potter and Bertha Potter, Daniel Burnham, George Pullman, Louis Sullivan, and Cyrus McCormick. You can learn about their contribution to Chicago history while strolling through the cemetery's bucolic grounds. Use an [interactive map](#) on your cellphone or download a printable pdf from the link there.

Bungalows: We may be best known for our skyscrapers, but "the Chicago architectural contribution most common to the city" is the Chicago Bungalow, said a 2001 book published by the then Chicago Architecture Foundation. Between 1910 and 1940 more than 80,000 bungalows — one-third of Chicago's single-family housing stock — went up in areas developed for working-class people seeking to leave the city's core. To see how Chicago's "average" folks live, head to one of the 14 [bungalow historic districts](#) that form a crescent shape around the city. As you stroll the blocks, pay attention to the variations in brick, limestone trim, and other exterior features that differentiate bungalows, contrary to the stereotype of monotony.

Wabash Arts Corridor: Right outside my building's front door is a demonstration of why Chicago is a cultural trendsetter. The sides of South Loop buildings are covered with murals by both local and world-renowned street artists aided by students of Columbia College, where the idea originated. With dozens of murals, the Wabash Arts Corridor has one of the largest concentration of public art of any US urban center. Find a map [here](#).

International Museum of Surgical Science: If huge gallstones and knives used for amputations during the Civil War would intrigue you, visit the museum at 1524 N. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Its link to Chicago history is tenuous — it focuses on the history of surgery — but no other place has a museum like it. Moreover, it's housed in one of the few remaining Gold Coast mansions, giving visitors a glimpse into the habitat of wealthy early-20th-century Chicagoans.

Jane Addams Hull-House Museum: Here's a suggestion to save for later, since the Hull-House Museum, 800 S. Halsted Street, has yet to reopen. Most of the Hull-House buildings were demolished to build the University of Illinois campus, but the main building survives to tell a good story about what Hull-House did when it was the country's best-known settlement house. The bedroom of Jane Addams, Hull-House cofounder and one of the most influential people in Chicago history, is on the second floor.

You can find more ideas by googling "off-the-beaten-path Chicago." There are many attractions that I haven't gone to, despite 31 years living here and 13 years as a Chicago Greeter. The thought of how much remains to be explored at home quelled disappointment that a post-COVID vacation plan fell through

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Chicago Soul Jazz Collective featuring Dee Alexander

The CSJC is performing every other Wednesday at the Jazz Showcase. The rhythms, the riffs, the brass background will remind you of the 60s. It's a high energy performance and with the addition of Dee Alexander, a wide open wall of sound. The opening night was electric. Original music by John Fournier, Sax. John first showed up on our radar when he wrote the music for 500 Clown Christmas first produced in 2005 at the Storefront Theater. Trumpet local favorite Marques Carroll; Keys, Amr Fahmy; Guitar, Larry Brown Jr.; Bass Andrew Vogt; Kit, Keith Brooks II and, of course, Dee Alexander on vocals. See them at the Jazz Showcase Sept 1 and Sept 15. *Al Hippensteel*

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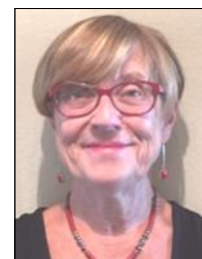
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Erin French, *Finding Freedom* (Macmillan, 2021)


Erin French, a self-taught cook, runs a posh restaurant in a formerly abandoned 19th century mill, working with a dozen other women, serving people who wait for years to sit at their table. The Lost Kitchen is a tiny restaurant (48 seats) in tiny Freedom, Maine (pop. 719) open for dinner from May to October, and is harder to book than a K-Pop band for a birthday party. The menu—from local and seasonal flowers, fruit, vegetables and freshly-caught-and-killed meat (of land, sea and sky) is *prix fixe* at \$105 and always a surprise. Myriad media outlets, a reality show and hundreds of well-fed Yelp reviewers claim it is worth every penny. What makes this restaurant so sought-after might be more than just the scrumptious food. Erin French is the Jane Eyre of the culinary world and her happy ending follows a life of mistakes, missteps and missed love. Her father, whom she never could please, drank too much. Her mother was passive and “never stood for anything.” She fought with her sister most of her life, and her beloved grandparents died too early. In *Finding Freedom*, Erin French explains how she went from being a small, often unhappy girl, who hated her hometown and just knew, if she didn’t leave, she would never *be* anything—would never *do* anything—to becoming an international culinary star

with a loving family who put Freedom, Maine, on the map. Along the way, she was a college drop-out, an unwed mother, an abused wife, a pill addict and a drunk. She chronicles her bad times dispassionately, seeming to accept no blame for her troubles nor responsibility for the pain she caused others. But her grit—inherited from her grandmother: “if you want something you work for it,”—and the delicate palate in her DNA make her book a must-read. When Erin writes about food—from her grandfather’s “beefs, prime ribs and pork loins...roasted to perfection” to her father’s diner fare, where clams were “golden” and burgers were always just-right, she stimulates all our senses. Her father, who made up for his drunken rages and bad parenting by serving the whole family his famous meatloaf, “smeared with ketchup and brown sugar” and served with buttery mashed potatoes, taught her “that good food could be a vessel, a way to show love, even when you might not have the words to say so.” We can taste that love in her book, even if we never get to Maine.

Lorraine Schmall



Dearborn Park, August 20, 2021



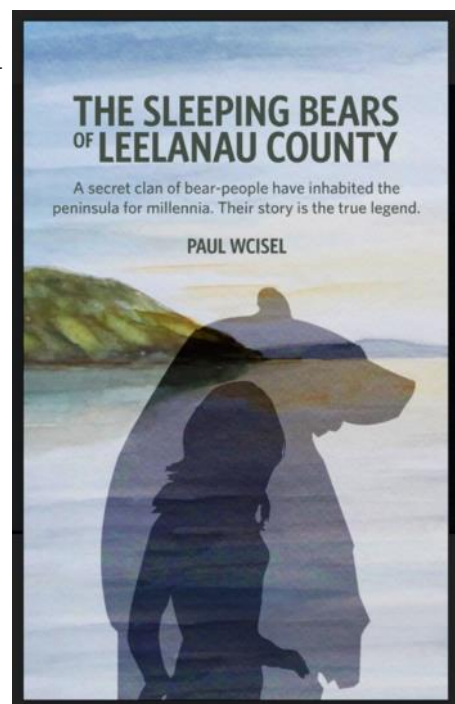
Writing Out Loud
what a blind teacher learned from
leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke

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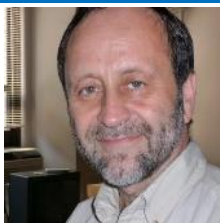
OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) July 19, 2021

Fathers and sons and daughters



I've always thought "Field of Dreams" was kind of a bad movie with some irresistible features.

Bad because, well, a lot of the story arc just kinda doesn't make sense. And because a lot of the dialog is clunky, overwrought, soap opera stuff.

Irresistible because when it came out we still lived in Urbana, Illinois and cornfields were as enmeshed in our lives as skyscrapers are today. And yes, because every time Kevin Costner asks his reanimated father if he wants to have a catch, I cry. I think of my father and I can see his ridiculous baseball glove, a deep mahogany piece of leather that really looked like a glove—virtually no padding. He'd had that thing since he grew up in coal country in southwest Pennsylvania, about 40 miles from Pittsburgh.

So, in advance, I wasn't sure how I felt about last week's Field of Dreams baseball game between my White Sox and the Yankees. It had the makings of a, pardon the pun, corn fest. As in corny, schmaltzy, and overwrought like the movie itself. It was played not in the actual Field of Dreams from the movie, but a temporary stadium adjacent to the movie field. A lot could go wrong.

I wasn't able to see the first half of the game—I had a work function to attend. But I got home in time for the last few innings. And I was completely enrapt. Somehow the whole damn thing worked, including the game itself. And at the end, when White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson hit an opposite field walk-off home run, I cried, just like when I watch the movie itself.

Yesterday, my nephew Aaron and his son Kieran drove up from Champaign, Illinois and joined Beth and me at Sox park to see the White Sox and Yankees play the third game of the Field of Dreams series. It was a beautiful day, hot in the sun, cool in the shade, breezy. The park was packed.

For several of his formative years, Aaron lived with my mom and dad. My sister was a single mom and at some point, living with our folks was the best way to build some stability. My sister was able to finish college at night school,



and the two of them kept the same address for longer than they had previously been able to.

My sister died the day after her 60th birthday—breast cancer. I lost my only witness to our upbringing—but because Aaron lived with my mom and dad, he and I have a certain kind of bond. We can joke about his grandparents' many quirks.

Aaron's son Kieran turned 19 on the day of the Field of Dreams game. He celebrated his birthday by watching the game with his two little sisters and Aaron. For those of you who didn't see the game: the White Sox blew a three-run lead in the top of the ninth inning before Anderson's heroics saved the day. Losing that lead left Aaron's two daughters, who are not big baseball fans, crying, and wondering out loud why anyone watches baseball. The home run left them all hoarse from cheering.

And then they stayed up and streamed the movie.

P.S. [The first walk-off homer by the White Sox against the Yankees](#) was by ... Shoeless Joe Jackson, in 1919.

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A 40 Acre Promise

Last week, the federal government, in a limited way, extended the eviction moratorium in place since the start of the pandemic. It's a temporary solution to a long-looming crisis — a crisis we explored in our series "[The Scarlet E: Unmasking America's Eviction Crisis](#)" back in 2019. In this excerpt from that series, we catalog the long line of thefts and schemes — most of which were perfectly legal at the time — that led to where we are today: a system, purpose-built, that extracts what it can, turning black and brown renters into debtors and evictees.

Matthew Desmond [[@just_shelter](#)], founder of [The Eviction Lab](#) and our partner in this series, and Marty Wegbreit, director of litigation for the [Central Virginia Legal Aid Society](#), point us toward the legal and historical developments that evolved into the present crisis. **And WBEZ's Natalie Moore [[@natalieymoore](#)], whose grandparents moved to Chicago during the Great Migration, shows us around a high-eviction area on Chicago's South Side.**



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Editor's Letter: August, 2021

August 5, 2021
by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

It was a sunny summer day in the late eighties, and Jan and I were stationed at a booth at a South Loop street fair, promoting our new newspaper, when a young couple pushing a little girl in a stroller stopped by and struck up a conversation. The dad was an aspiring young writer, and we were an aspiring young publication so...

As we worked together on many stories in those early years and in the decades since, the writer, Ted Fishman, became a close friend, along with his wife Sara. Ted's career as a national magazine writer and bestselling author took off, and we traveled together—China, Brazil, even a dude ranch in Colorado. Our families spent times of happiness together, like weddings, birthdays and graduations, and supported each other at sadder times, like funerals, as well.

So when that little girl in the stroller, Elly, grew up and became a writer like her father, I had seen the progress all along the way. And with her first book, "Refugee High," scheduled to publish this month, I wanted us to cover it in a way that reflects and acknowledges the life we've all shared. It's unconventional and, usually, just wrong to have someone close to a subject write about them, but sometimes breaking the rules makes more sense than following them. So I asked Ted to write about Elly and her first book, in hopes that his front-row seat throughout her journey would yield a richness of insight no other writer could tap into. I think it worked.

BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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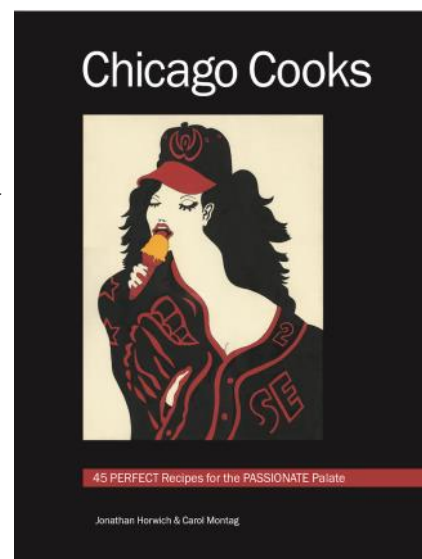
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The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago. Returning to Chicago after 40 years in California as a jazz producer and recording engineer, **Jonathan Horwich** has continued pursuing his passion for music and high quality sound. **Carol Montag** 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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Sundays on State

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On Sunday, August 8, staff attended Chicago Loop Alliance's Sundays on State event that featured live music, active recreation, outdoor dining, and much more. They are hosting several more events on Sundays throughout the summer. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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Printers Row Art Fair

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Alderman King attended the Printers Row Art Fair over the weekend. She is pictured here with Amy Amdur (left), the organizer of the event. It was a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and support local artists.

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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

One Thing You May Not Want to Know About Me July 31, 2021

<http://Bethfinke.com/blog>



I have one fake eye.

Eye surgeons did all they could to restore my vision when retinopathy set in 35 years ago. One of my eyes is still intact, but the other one shrunk so much from all the surgeries that I can't hold that eyelid open.

I wear a prosthesis in that eye. Every once in a while it needs a polish, and over these past two years appointments were not possible.

But now they are, so this Monday I'm off to the ocularist.

Way back ten years ago, after my Seeing Eye Dog Harper had to retire early, our friend Chuck Gullett was kind enough to accompany me to my regularly scheduled ocularist visit.

[Chuck wrote a guest post](#) afterwards, and I reread that post this morning to remind myself what to expect at Monday's appointment. Know what? That post is so good I'm publishing it here again.

A trip to the ocularist by Chuck Gullett

Between Harper's retirement and Whitney's training, I had the great opportunity to accompany Beth as her "Seeing Eye Chuck" for a visit to the ocularist. The ocularist, as I learned, is *the* place to go when you need a new glass eye or just a little glass eye maintenance. The ocularist's office, on the 16th floor of the Garland Building in Chicago, has a spectacular view of Lake Michigan, Millennium Park and Navy Pier. Ironically, the hundreds of eyes in the office are all neatly arranged in drawers and never able to enjoy the view.

On this visit, Beth was going in for a routine cleaning. As an observer, the process is fairly straightforward...

- 1) Remove glass eye with a device that looks like a miniature Nerf suction cup dart.
- 2) Try not to make an immature sucking sound as the eye is being removed.
- 3) Sit back and chat until the eye returns from the onsite laboratory, which I pictured to be somewhat like Grandpa's lab from the "Munsters."

When the ocularist returned with the beautifully polished eye, I asked a few questions and Beth talked him into showing me the lab and explaining the cleaning process. What I got was an enthusiastic lesson in the history, making and care of the good ol' ocular prosthesis, or what we commonly refer to as a glass eye. First off, the eye is not even made of glass. Modern glass eyes are actually made of acrylic, which is extremely durable and more cost effective to manufacture. The guys in the lab area told me about the heroic GI's returning from WWII having a large demand for glass eyes. The glass eyes would tend to break by accident or "accidentally" around the time a GI wanted to visit the big city. A shortage in high quality imported glass and the cost of replacement

eyes prompted the government to find a better material to make artificial eyes. Now, we have the modern version in durable acrylic.



That's a whole lotta eye-balls right there. (Photo By Chuck Gullett.)

To give you an idea of how durable the eyes are, Beth has had the same peeper for 25 years and the last time she had it polished was 4 years ago. Each eye is hand crafted for its owner and is a true piece of art. I looked through the drawers of sample eyes and the level of detail is really stunning. The blood vessels are recreated with silk threads while the pupil and iris take laborious hours to hand paint so they look realistic. The ocularist had notes from Beth's last two visits where they recommended that she get fitted for a new eye, but Beth just smiled and said, "Yeah, I kinda like this one." I like that one, too. I had no idea that Beth even had a glass eye. One eye is real and one is not. You can try to guess which is which, but good luck.

Anyway, I also learned that the cleaning/ polishing process is much like polishing jewelry. There is a buffing wheel and several different compounds to remove build-up and leave a nice smooth surface. The ocularist works the eye until it is just right, then rinses it off and you are ready to go. I associate the feeling of a freshly polished glass eye like the smoothness your teeth have after a visit to the dentist.



So, what's your guess? (Photo By Chuck Gullett)

All in all, it was a great afternoon. I got to spend some quality time with a friend, feed my odd curiosity with something out of the ordinary and learn something new.

Bonus: besides being a terrific photographer and friend, Chuck's also a

solid, honest real estate agent. [So if you're in the market...](#)

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



Printers Row Lit Fest Announces Authors And 9/11 Commemoration

August 16, 2021 at 7:00 am by [Ray Pride](#)

Printers Row Lit Fest, the largest free outdoor literary showcase in the Midwest, returns for its thirty-sixth year with free programming for book lovers the weekend after Labor Day, Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12 from 10am-6pm in the Printers Row neighborhood. Printers Row Lit Fest will be headlined by New York Times-bestselling author Ta-Nehisi Coates. Other nationally acclaimed authors include Pulitzer Prize winner Marcia Chatelain ("Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America") and National Book Critics Circle Award winner Amy Stanley ("Stranger in the Shogun's City: A Japanese Woman and Her World"). Special programs include a BookTok panel, exploring the influence of book reviewers and content creators on TikTok; a commemorative 9/11 event with John Bodnar ("Divided by Terror: American Patriotism after 9/11") in conversation with University of Illinois Chicago professor Nadine Naber ("Arab America: Gender, Cultural Politics, and Activism"); and a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire with Northwestern University professor Carl Smith ("Chicago's Great Fire: The Destruction and Resurrection of an Iconic American City"). Diverse Chicago stories and events feature Michelle Duster, the great-granddaughter of crusading journalist Ida B. Wells who honors her life in a celebratory biography ("Ida B. the Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells"); and Elly Fishman, with a book based on her immersive reporting at Chicago's Sullivan High School, where half of the student population are refugees or new immigrants ("Refugee High: Coming of Age In America"). More [here](#).

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U.S. loses contact with Detroit journalist in Myanmar prison



U.S. officials say they have been unable to contact Dany Fenster for several weeks following a protest at the Insein prison, where the journalist is detained.

Fenster, the managing editor of Frontier Myanmar and a **Columbia** alum, was detained at Yangon International Airport in Myanmar on May 24.

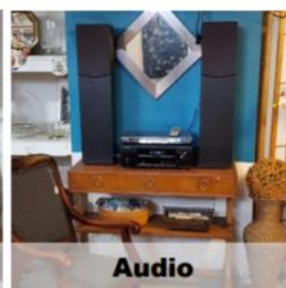
Ned Price, a spokesperson for the State Department, said the agency is continuing to press for his release and they "remain deeply concerned."

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Mr. Boyd's expertise in business, education, motivational speaking, entertainment industry and world travel gives him a unique perspective and insight into current racial and poverty driven tensions around the world. Currently he can be seen on several major TV series and movies with Academy Award winning actors such as Taraji P. Henson and Forest Whittaker. As a background actor he has also appeared with other well-known actors in The Dilemma, Transformers 3, Empire, The Boss, Chicago PD/MED/Fire, Shameless, LoveCraft Country, Fargo, and other TV episodes. Mr. Boyd is highly adept at highlighting many of America's deep-seated issues that are relevant today.

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'We don't want this story to fade away': Danny Fenster has COVID-19 amid virus surge in Myanmar

By [Anna Busalacchi](#), Managing Editor
July 22, 2021

The Fenster family and Juliana Silva, the wife of Danny Fenster, said they spoke to Danny for about 15 to 20 minutes through a landline phone from Insein Prison to a phone at the U.S. Embassy in Yangon.

During the phone call on July 8, Danny Fenster told family he was experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. He said the prison gave him decongestants, but did not test or treat him for the virus.

"Unfortunately it's a pretty light conversation because there's other people in the room with [Danny] so we didn't really discuss the case that much or any details, not that we have any details," said Bryan Fenster, Danny's brother.

On July 15, Danny had a virtual court hearing because of a two-week lockdown administered in Insein Prison, where he is detained, due to a COVID-19 spike. Bryan Fenster said the U.S. Embassy was not granted access to this hearing. However, Danny's lawyer, Than Zaw Aung, was present.

The next day, the Fensters read in an article by the Associated Press that Danny told his lawyer he was infected with COVID-19 and has not received medicine.

Danny Fenster, 37, an award-winning American journalist, 2009 Columbia alum and the managing editor of Frontier Myanmar, a news and business publication based in

Yangon, Myanmar, [was taken into custody by the military regime on May 24](#), making today 59 days since his detainment.

According to the [Associated Press](#), Fenster has been charged with incitement, which could lead to three years of imprisonment. Aung said this charge stems from Danny's previous job at Myanmar Now, a news publication whose license was revoked in March.

"We're very concerned, not only that he has [COVID-19], but he still has not been treated for it," Bryan Fenster said. "We're hoping that he does not have severe symptoms, but the fact that he is literally swimming in the virus while being in that prison because it's hit the prison so hard is very, very concerning."

Health officials reported 4,188 new cases of the coronavirus were reported in Myanmar on Thursday, with 165 deaths, amounting to a total of 4,346 deaths, according to the [Associated Press](#).

Myanmar is struggling to fight the virus and has only a small number of COVID-19 vaccines.

Bryan Fenster said the family does not expect to receive new information this week because Myanmar is in a lockdown due to the virus. He said his family has been "in the dark" for two weeks and fears the process will move even slower, with

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Nia Parker, a member of the Hiplet Ballerinas, teaches a Summer Intensive Beginning Ballet Class on Thursday. Antonio Perez/
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Allison Harsh — had to keep their TV appearance tightly under wraps.

At the Chicago Multicultural Dance Center, where the Hiplet Ballerinas dance under the direction of Homer Hans Bryant, the inventor of hiplet and a former principal dancer with the vaunted Dance Theater of Harlem, they rehearsed in secret. Towe only told her family about the audition a few days before it aired on NBC.

The Hiplet Ballerinas received unanimous "yes" votes after their audition, meaning they will advance to the judge's deliberation rounds. They don't know yet whether they will make it to the next performance round, which would mean dancing on live TV.

Hiplet came out of a ballet Bryant made in the 1990s to rap music. As rap gave way to hip-hop, rap ballet became hiplet, a term Bryant coined in 2009. Now, he has students whose parents trained with him. His dancers have performed hiplet around the world.

"You split the ballerina in half," Bryant said. "You give her this movement that is grounded and earthy, and that's the bottom half. And then you have the top half that's ethereal and classical."

'There's this joy in the building'

"Tell me why ballet, because ballet's quite boring," Cowell asked the Hiplet Ballerinas before their audition. When the group started to dance, the camera panned to Cowell's face appearing displeased before Tchaikovsky gave way to the Pussycat Dolls. (Cowell was won over.)

The Hiplet Ballerinas don't share Cowell's apparent distaste for ballet. For some of them, ballet was their first love. Hiplet

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Here are the concerns list from the DP1/ Printers Row safety group:

- 1- Printers Row Park and Vicinity:
 - a. Homeless continue to use the area near 740 S Federal as a toilet. Calls have been made and police/311 have advised there is nothing that can be done. How can we resolve this situation?
 - b. Marlon Brandon – has been continuously sighted at this location (some say every day), usually in groups of homeless either at night or over the weekend after the farmers market clears out or Sunday afternoons.
- 2- Dearborn Street in general has gotten much better since CJP closed.
- 3- Residents are happy that the signage in front of the Franklin building has been restored, and are now asking about the Rowe building/Sandmeyers and in front of Totto's Market.
- 4- No outlet sign for DP1 – can we please get a sign on the northwest corner saying “No Outlet”? This may be a 4th Ward issue – they are copied on this email. This was also discussed at the last beat meeting.
- 5- Homeless, generally:
 - a. Homeless are sleeping behind the Transportation building and in bus shelters. How can this be addressed?
 - b. Some are very concerned about obviously mentally ill persons remaining in our neighborhood. There was a person screaming and trying to break windows at Jones HS; police came and left after he calmed down a bit. Apparently he now hangs out at 1104 S Wabash. Are there any solutions to issues like this? We have many college students and kids in our area. Why was this person not handled psychologically? Are the hands of the police tied at present? <https://blog.petrieflom.law.harvard.edu/2014/11/25/short-term-emergency-commitment-laws-require-police-to-assess-symptoms-of-mental-illness/>
 - c. The amount of homeless in our area does not seem to be improving.

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Chicago's Hot Dog History

1860: Chicago's oldest hot dog brand, David Berg, was created. Its dogs were a hit at the Chicago convention when Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the presidency, according to its website.

1893: Two immigrants from Vienna — Emil Reichel and Sam Ladany — sold hot dogs to enormous crowds at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Their brand: Vienna Beef. A year later, they opened a store on the West Side.

1901: David Berg started selling hot dogs to White Sox fans at the team's old stadium, helping popularize the beloved ballgame meal.

1909: Sam Rosen started his bakery. His poppyseed buns are now considered the gold standard for Chicago hot dogs.

1929: Fluky's claims to have **invented the Chicago-style hot dog.**

1938: **Dave's Red Hots opened in North Lawndale.** It's the oldest known hot dog joint still in operation in Chicago.

1940s: Soldiers returning home from World War II took up backyard grilling en masse. **Char-grilled hot dogs were born.**

2005: Vienna Beef and S. Rosen agree to sell buns and wieners in matching packages of eight as part of their **"Piece Treaty."**

<https://mailchi.mp/1f95d349d63a/the-ultimate-hot-dog-newsletter?e=e0677f46e4>

Parking Spaces for Rent

Dedicated outdoor parking spot near the intersection of 9th Street and S. Park Terr. available for rent immediately. \$165/month.

Write to parking801@yahoo.com for more information.

Next CAPS Meeting Sept 15, 2021

3PM on Zoom



Police Blotter



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

Sun 8/01/2021 8pm 600 S Michigan Av
POCKET PICKING Grant Park Beat 123

Sun 8/01/2021 7pm 700 S State St
CAR THEFT Street Beat 123

Mon 7/26/2021 11:57am 500 W Roosevelt
(Roosevelt Collection)

ARMED ROBBERY Dept Store Beat 123

Sat 7/24/2021 7pm 2900 S State St
ARMED ROBBERY Handgun on Street
Beat 131

Sun 8/01/2021 11am 700 S Columbus
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT w/Knife on Street
Beat 114

Thurs 7/29/2021 3:20pm 600 S Michigan Av
Pocket Picking Grant Park Beat 114

Thurs 8/12/2021 8:30pm 900 S Michigan Av
ATTEMPTED THEFT on sidewalk Beat 123

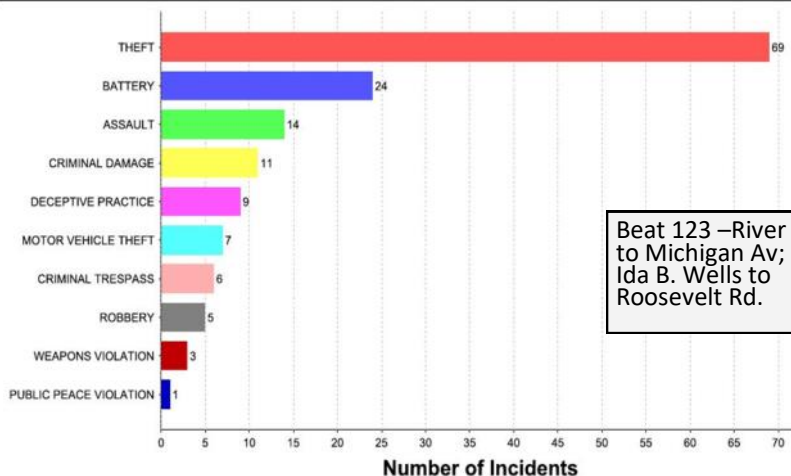
Weds, 8/11/2021 9pm 600 S State
AGGRAVATED BATTERY, No weapon CTA
Train Beat 123

Tues, 8/10/2021 6:38pm State & Roosevelt
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/ Knife Sidewalk
Beat 123

Tues, 8/10/2021 7:30pm 2500 S State St
AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT on Side-
walk Beat 131

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 09-Jul-2021 To 10-Aug-2021



Man fatally shot in South Loop

The victim, 24, was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#) Aug 8, 2021, 3:42am CDT

A man was shot and killed in the South Loop Sunday, *Sun-Times* file photo

A man was fatally shot Sunday morning in the South Loop on the Near South Side.

Just before 2 a.m., the victim, 24, was shot three times in his abdomen in the 2200 block of South Michigan Avenue, Chicago Police said.

He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said.

No one was in custody.

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

Mon, 8/09/2021 4:15 am 40 E 8th
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

Thurs, 8/05/2021 10am 700 S Clark
AUTO THEFT from Parking Garage

Weds, 8/11/2021 6pm 1100 S Michigan Av
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No Weapon on Sidewalk

Frid, 8/06/2021 8pm
VEHICULAR HIJACKING in Parking lot/garage Beat 123



Bureau of Detectives – Area 3

Community Alert



**Alert #21-3-095A
(CA)
August 17, 2021**

Robberies 001st District (Central)

About the Crimes:

This alert gives notice to citizens in the Central Business District of five recent similar robbery incidents, which occurred in the month of August. In each instance, a large group of subjects approach the victim(s) and demand victims' property. Subjects then surround the victim(s) and proceed to strike the victim(s) with their hands and feet until victim(s) relinquish property.

Incident times and locations:

- 300 block of S. State St on August 14, 2021, at 11:30 pm
- 100 block of E. Balbo Dr on August 15, 2021, at 5:23 pm
- 400 block of S. State St on August 15, 2021, at 8:30 pm
- 400 block of S. State St on August 16, 2021, at 1:03 am
- 0-100 block of E. Madison St on August 16, 2021, at 8:37 am

About The Offender:

Large group (3-12) of Male/Female African Americans, 12-19 years of age

What you can do:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times
- If you must be out at night alone, stay in well-lit areas
- Pay special attention to suspicious individuals loitering in the area
- Report suspicious activity immediately
- If you are confronted by an assailant, remain calm
- Call 911 immediately if you are a victim or witness to a crime and provide a detailed description of the offender(s) including any physical/clothing identifiers in addition to any vehicle description and license plate information
- If approached by a witness to an incident, request they remain on scene when possible or obtain contact information
- Never pursue a fleeing assailant, provide the information to the police

**If you have any information please contact the Bureau of Detectives
Area 3 Detective Division
(312) 744-8263**

**JE337702, JE338468, JE339200, JE338811, JE339854
Reference: P21-3-095A**



727 South Dearborn



711 South Dearborn



1254 South Federal



161 Harrison

1st photo: 727 South Dearborn Unit 1012 - \$1,750,000.00
3 bed, 3 bath, huge skylight and large private roof space

2nd photo: 711 South Dearborn Unit 705 - \$415,000.00
2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1680 square feet

3rd photo: 1254 South Federal Unit F - \$665,000.00
2 bed, 1.5 bath - huge yard and 2 car attached garage

4th photo: 161 West Harrison Unit 1102 - \$320,000.00
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6/23/21

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1440 S MICHIGAN AVE 320
6/22/21

\$290,000
600 S DEARBORN ST 1216
6/22/21

\$695,000
780 S FEDERAL ST 308
6/17/21

\$325,000
161 W HARRISON ST 507
6/17/21

\$980,000
1438 S PRAIRIE AVE
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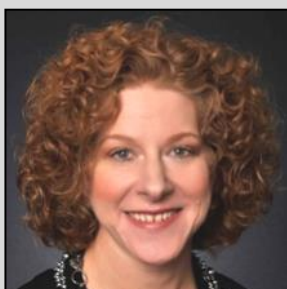
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