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Risk/ Benefit

“We are currently in Florida. The question was/ is . . . What are the risks? It seems reasonable that one could drive to Florida and isolate fairly well. What about hotels? Hotels get it. They have precautions, they have protocol. It’s the hotel guests that may be the problem. As long as you avoid crowds, you should be able to do okay. What about breakfast? We have been surprised at the uncrowded conditions.”

This was my lead paragraph one year ago prior to most of us having been vaccinated. This year, we are back in Florida asking the same questions. Today, we had friends over for lunch. We’re not sure they’re vaccinated. Should we ask them? They express their reluctance to visit elderly friends or relatives who may already have health issues. Heck, WE’RE elderly. We met with seven friends yesterday at a restaurant, a very crowded zany experience. No masks on anybody. We did eat outdoors.

Remember Alfred E. Neuman, from Mad Magazine back in the day? “What me worry?” It’s kinda like that here. Even local health authorities avoid any language that would suggest masking is a good idea. But the people here, even tourists, seem to relish in the idea of “life is normal.” The good ‘ol days are back. Except for employees of restaurants and grocery/ drug stores.

We are half way through Black History Month. See page 14. Also, Roger Marsh’s Report on Crime in the South Loop. He dives deep into the stats to give us better perspective on where crime trends are moving.

Diners at a beach-front restaurant called “Lazy Daze” in Islamorada, Florida on Matecumbe Key.



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 Sun, Feb 27, 4 & 8 pm.....Chris Madsen Quartet
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 Wed, Mar 23, 8 pm.....The Jeremiah Review
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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.

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- 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 January 10th online meeting covered the development and planning issues active in the neighborhood. See the development presentation here on You Tube.

<https://youtu.be/GKAaKzfMK4s>

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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) January 24, 2022

Dammit, Janet, We Love You!



Click on the image to read about the late, great Janet Smith.



A week ago today we learned that a very, very dear friend passed away. Janet Smith, who was also a neighbor, had staved off ovarian cancer for nearly two years. Janet was a tenured professor in the [College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs](#) at University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). But that's just a title. She was a teacher, a mentor, a world-renowned researcher, and an advocate. She was not an ivory tower academic. She was a force of nature. She was 59.

To give you a sense of her broad impact, nearly 400 people attended a Zoom tribute to her yesterday.

I was going to try to tell readers about her in my own words, hoping it would be therapeutic for me. But the enormous scale of her impact (where to start?), the depth of our love for her and her husband, and the freshness of the wound make that impossible.

That may change, but meantime, I invite you to read her official obit from UIC:

<https://today.uic.edu/obituary-janet-smith>

Janet was also a committed faculty union member: She was President of the UIC United Faculty union. It issued its own statement.

<http://uicunitedfaculty.org/uicuf-president-janet-smith-has-passed-away/>

And here at the Urban Affairs Association:

<https://urbanaffairsassociation.org/2022/01/18/uaa-has-lost-a-respected-and-inspiring-activist-scholar-leader-mentor/>



Click on image to see the short clip.

And maybe give a look to this YouTube clip about “battling cancer” from the late comedian Norm Macdonald—who recently died from cancer himself.

I think Janet would have approved.

Sandhill Cranes take flight over the Wheeler Wildlife Preserve in Decatur Alabama.



Above. A 15 foot Alligator suns himself near a pond in Everglades National Park. There are no fences here. Keep a safe distance.



A common site near the south end of Lake Okeechobee is the burning of Sugar Cane debris. Sugar is king here.

Right: A Floating Tiki Hut Bar makes its way across Florida Bay near Islamorada in the Keys.



Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

I Don't Care What You
Look Like January 28, 2022



A journalist contacted me a few months ago. "I'm working on a story about restaurants and accessibility," she said. "Would you be willing to meet me for an interview?"

Of course I said yes.

We met at our local, Half Sour, and after introducing herself she asked, "'Do you want me to tell you what I look like?'"

I'm getting that a lot lately. People asking me if I want to know what they look like. More and more people giving panel discussions on Zoom, leading presentations at libraries, introducing themselves at lectures are describing their looks out loud after introducing themselves.

I answered the reporter's question with a question of my own: Why would I?

"I don't know," she said with a nervous chuckle. "I just read on the internet that I should describe my physical appearance when I introduce myself to someone who can't see." I hated hearing this. I have no idea where this declaration started, but it sure has sprouted up on a lot of "disability etiquette" lists lately.

Maybe it has something to do with all the Zoom meetings people have been on the past couple of years? Did some disability advocacy organization decide this is a way to "equalize" the experience for people who are blind? The one thing I **do** know is this: they didn't ask me for my opinion on the matter!

In the past year or so I've attended more and more events (live and virtual) where the speakers or participants are told to "self-describe" themselves before starting their presentations. You know, for the "benefit of people in the audience who have a visual impairment."

For me? I'd rather not know. Asking people to describe what they look like is awkward. And let's be real. Can I trust anyone's self-assessment, anyway?

In Mike's "[Mondays with Mike](#)" [post earlier this week](#) he wrote about the passing of our dear friend Janet Smith. Janet's husband Jim Loellbach worked with University of Illinois Chicago staff and graduate students all last week to set up and present a virtual celebration of Janet's life this past Sunday. More than 300 Colleagues, students, family and friends zoomed in, and being virtual and all, people living everywhere from Beirut to Hamburg, Miami to Walla Walla Washington could celebrate Janet with us, too.

I felt honored to be one of the dozen attendees asked to give a short presentation at the event. Knowing Janet's co-workers and grad students were responsible for the technology assured me it'd all be accessible – I'd be able to "mute" and "unmute" using my screen software.

And I was right. It was.

When I sent an email their way the next day to thank them for their technology prowess, one of them responded with an apology. "I am glad you felt the event was accessible," they wrote. "I was a little concerned about that, wondered if we should have had all the speakers describe themselves first."

Argh! I'm sorry they felt this way. Self-

describing takes time, and I was much more interested in hearing what people at the celebration had to say about Janet than hearing what the people telling the stories think they look like.

During my short presentation about Janet, I mentioned that one advantage of being blind is that you get to walk arm-in-arm with friends a lot. Janet and I walked arm-in-arm everywhere – to the Chicago River, the Chicago Lakefront, Printers Row Park, Millennium Park, nearby restaurants, bars, and the wine shop. Walking arm-in-arm makes it easier to hear each other, and the conversations we had – especially in these past two years – are a gift from Janet to me.

Another advantage of being blind? not knowing what people look like. In the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr., I live in a sensory world where "people cannot be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." I'm left to judge others by what they say. And what they do.

Something about this new emphasis on having people self-describe themselves seems counter-intuitive to efforts to become more diverse. Do I need to know what people look like to judge what it is they are saying? I'd rather have them introduce themselves by saying their name and what it is about them that prompted the event to invite them as a presenter.

Which is exactly what happened at Janet's celebration Sunday. Tears were shed, yes. We laughed some, too. Friends and colleagues spoke with Italian accents, English accents, Scandinavian accents and in all sorts of American dialects. I suppose we all looked pretty different from each other, but who cares? The one thing we have in common is far more important: our love of — and gratitude for — our friendships with Janet.



I'm Beth. This is my back. I have a red coat.



Monday, January 31, 2022

[Car Crashes into Snow Plow and Destroys Fence at Roosevelt and State](#)

Like many of you we stumbled upon this mess: [According to CBS](#) - looks like a car crashed into a city plow and this is part of the destruction:

A car crashed into a city plow truck in the Loop early Saturday morning, according to police.

Around 12:45 a.m., the driver in the vehicle while traveling westbound on the 1100 block of South State Street and failed to obey a traffic signal, striking a city plow truck traveling southbound on State Street, causing the plow to jump a curb and hit a large fence.

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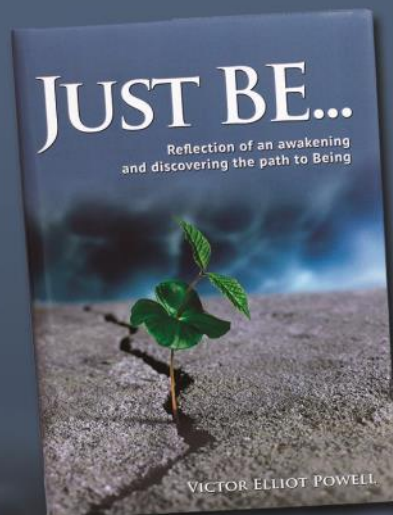
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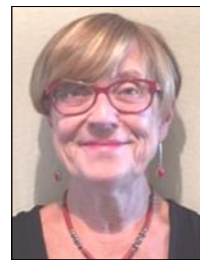
Hidden and Forgotten Black History: **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray (Berkeley 2021)

Richard Greener was the first Black Harvard graduate, the first Black professor in South Carolina, Howard Law School Dean, diplomat, race activist, and one of W.E.B. DuBois's "Talented Ten." Like his father, he struggled to support and ultimately abandoned his wife and family. His daughter, Belle Green, who was to become "the most famous librarian in the country," changed her name—and passed for White. She had neither husband nor offspring. But, instructed and inspired by her father, the newly monikered Belle La Costa Green worked 43 years for banker and Industrialist J.P. Morgan, first as his "personal librarian," as Director of the Morgan Library. Belle managed and acquired a six-million-dollar collection of paintings, sculptures, rare books, manuscripts and precious objets d'art whose worth today would approximate \$1 billion. Morgan trusted this self-taught young librarian, with an eye for art and an encyclopedic knowledge of its history, provenance and value. Belle was the lone woman in a man's world. She masterfully negotiated for a trove of antiquities "sucked from Europe as by a vacuum cleaner by the limitless power" of Morgan's depression-proof funds. Belle's name change from Greener to Green was as swift as her transformation from social naif to society nabob. She lived at her mother's crowded apartment with her four siblings

when first she was hired, studying Italian at the kitchen table. Within a few years, her confidence and her world expanded to London auction houses, Parisian galleries and Veronese cathedrals. Belle famously proclaimed that, although she was a librarian, she "did not dress like one." Her exquisite gowns at Vanderbilt soirees; red silk scarves tied to her auction paddles; and "great plumed hats" towering over the heads of the gallery owners, were as likely to appear in the New York gossip columns as her successful bids were noted in the Arts section of the Times of London. She spent lavishly, drank prodigiously, slept with married men—"a vivacious, black-haired beauty, who liked to keep her own affairs a mystery." She ran with suffragists and advocates of free love. But she tolerated sexism and kept her race a secret all her life. **The Personal Librarian** is a novel; the facts of Belle's life are plumped by imagining what that secret might have cost her when "passing" was both a crime and a shame. This is Belle's love story: of art, her family, her long-time paramour, her absent father, her imperious patron, and the public for whom she created the library and, perhaps, sacrificed her identity. Take a page from the Gilded Age. It's fascinating and thoughtful.

Lorraine Schmall

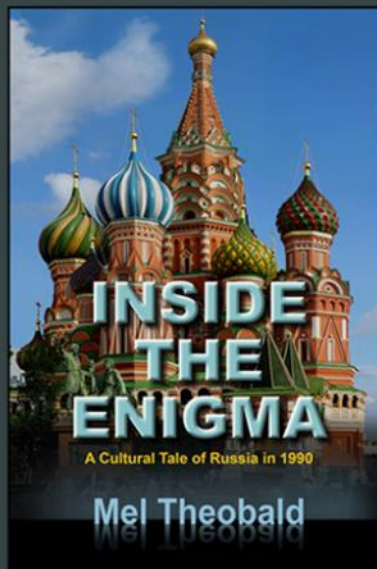
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Shopping for a Used Cell Phone

By **Marianne Goss**, January 17, 2022

Most Americans trade in their cellphones every two to three years, according to Statista. My Moto E4 is five years old this month. It runs on outdated Android 7.1 and holds a charge for only a few hours. A new phone is warranted.

I imagine that many people are fine with buying locked phones usable only with their wireless carrier. But wanting to find the best deal, I recently hunted online for an unlocked, preowned phone.

Shopping took a lot of hours. What I learned may make snagging a used phone easier for others.

- Google “best places to buy used smartphones” and “best used smartphones under [insert your price]” for advice. (I found [Well Kept Wallet](#) and [Wired](#) helpful.) Decide on a model and a couple of vendors before your head starts spinning.
- Make sure that the model is compatible with your wireless carrier and isn’t locked to another carrier. A network-unlocked older phone should work with other carriers on the same network, GSM (AT&T, T-Mobile, others) or CDMA (Verizon, US Cellular, Sprint, others). A factory-unlocked phone should work with all carriers.
- If you hope to keep the phone for several years, buy one with expected software updates and 5G compatibility.
- On sites like eBay, you’re safer buying from a tech company than from an individual. Tech companies usually put phones through an inspection process and offer warranties. For more security, buy from a seller who accepts returns and offers free return shipping.

I ended up buying a Samsung Galaxy A32 5G, released in January 2021 and praised in reviews of budget 5G phones. Samsung has promised three Android OS updates and four years of security updates, taking the phone into 2026 at least.

The first Galaxy A32 5G I bought isn’t the one I ended up with, however. I was lured by eBay’s prices and thrilled when I found a preowned Galaxy A32 5G in pristine condition for \$120. A problem appeared, however, when I tried to activate the phone with my new wireless carrier, Mint Mobile. Although listed as unlocked, the phone was locked to another carrier. The seller may not have known that, and he paid for the return, but the experience reminded me that buying from a private individual is risky.

I spent the next several days obsessively searching tech companies’ eBay listings for another Galaxy A32 5G. Bids were approaching \$200. Buy-it-now prices were higher. Persuading myself that the first \$120 pricetag for the same model had been a fluke, I bought a factory-unlocked Galaxy A32 5G for \$149.95. The seller, a tech company, offers a 30-day, postage-paid return.

Was it worth it to buy used? A new Galaxy A32 5G costs \$279.99. The time I spent was probably worth more than the \$130 saved, but I now feel more tech savvy, so it’s a tradeoff.

Along with a new phone, I’ll try out a new wireless carrier.

Mint Mobile had a promotion that was impossible to resist, especially when I saw that many reviewers rank it the number one carrier now. Buy three months of service at \$15 a month and get three months free.

I’d been with Republic Wireless from way back when it was regarded as the best deal. Happy with Republic, I didn’t bother to look into whether it remained the best deal over the years. With Mint Mobile I’ll get four gigabytes of data for \$15 a month, while I’ve been paying Republic \$20 a month for one gigabyte.

I’m ready to take my mind off phones and wireless plans, but I still have to activate the phone when it arrives. Fingers crossed that there aren’t problems.

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I'm No Expert

Joe Rogan’s fans, critics, and everyone in between have spent weeks hearing his name plastered on the news. On this week’s On the Media, a look at the real lessons emerging from the debate about the debate. Plus, what Putin’s attack on Russia’s past might tell us about Ukraine’s future.

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Wednesday, February 9, 2022

[400 Concrete Truck Line-up on Jan 22nd to Pour for 1000M High-rise](#)

This is a bit old, but we still found it interesting
(via [Chicago Construction News](#)):

McHugh Concrete has completed a nine-hour continuous concrete pour including nearly 4,000 cu. yds. of concrete for the mat slab foundation for 1000M, a 73-story apartment tower at 1000 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago's South Loop.

This construction milestone completes the foundations under the main tower of 1000M, which will be one of the city's tallest apartment buildings at 788 feet when it delivers in 2025.

McHugh Concrete has poured the concrete for eight of Chicago's 10 tallest concrete buildings, the company's public relations agency said in a Jan. 24 statement.

One lane of Michigan Avenue alongside the project was closed on Jan. 22 for the more than 400 concrete trucks delivering concrete to the site, which is across from Grant Park. Sweeper and vacuum trucks mitigated dust and dirt around the perimeter, and flaggers were posted alongside the site for pedestrian and vehicular safety.



Prior to the pour, McHugh Concrete installed 685 tons of steel rebar (about the same weight as 15 Boeing 737-800 airplanes), and general contractor McHugh Construction coordinated below-ground preparatory work, including drilling and socketing caissons to bed-rock approximately 87 feet below ground to support the tower portion of the skyscraper, perimeter sheet-piling, waterproofing and piping for utilities.

We were out and about that day and can attest to the crazy amount of cement trucks lined up around the site waiting for their turn. Seems like this development finally has some solid momentum (pun intended?!?!).

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Editor's Letter: February, 2022

February 4, 2022 by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

Thirty-six years ago this month we published the first issue of Newcity. All

these years later, we're still learning, still working every day toward an idea of magazine greatness, with goals that continuously move upward.

This anniversary issue is one more step forward, containing most of the parts of what we envision an edition of Newcity should contain: fascinating, unpredictable stories, like Dave Hoekstra's exploration of the once-famous eco-saboteur called The Fox. Powerful photographic essays, like our collection of John Simmons' sixties photos. Graphic storytelling, like this issue's bio-comic about the activist and writer Mike Ervin by Nick Merlock Jackson. Comprehensive coverage of culture.

And original poetry. We were ecstatic and humbled when our last-minute call for poems was answered by the new poet laureate of the State of Illinois, Angela Jackson, who wrote something specifically for this issue.

We took the occasion of our anniversary to articulate our current vision for the magazine, and this manifesto is below.

Newcity magazine is the foundation of what we do. We've evolved many times since our inception, but what we've become today as a monthly magazine is our most exciting incarnation yet and we are still a long way from where we want to be. Philosophically, we are grounded in the idea that Chicago is the center of our universe, and that a great city, a great cultural capital, deserves a magazine that stands shoulder-to-shoulder with anything published anywhere. By extension, we are interested in the entire Midwest region, where so many of our arts leaders get their start, but where also so much excellent cultural production takes place, often under the radar.

So what does a magazine like this consist of? We're committed to excellent journalism and great storytelling, often at a length and a depth increasingly rare in contemporary magazines. We believe in graphic storytelling (i.e. comics) as a singular medium for fiction and memoir alike, and aim to publish original stories each month. And arts and culture remain the centerpiece of all that we do, with feature stories and reviews spanning art, dance, design, film, food & drink, lit, music and theater/performance every month.

We believe a magazine should be a beautiful object in its own right, from the paper it is printed on to the design and photography that fills its pages.



Cover Image: Detail from "1968 Chicago Democrats," John Simmons ASC | Cover Design: Dan Streeting

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Thank you. BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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

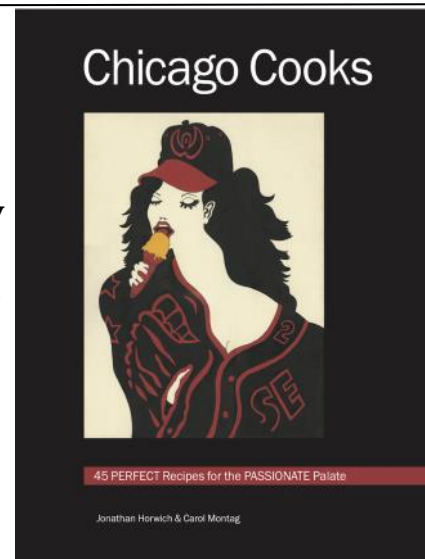
Not every food category is included here, but the ones we have chosen represent a foundation any cook will need to provide for a family or to entertain brilliantly. We hope you will trust us and try these recipes

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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Wednesday, March 2nd

Speaker's Series: Author Night



Social hour 6-7 pm (Purchase your own dinner and drinks.) Panel discussion: 7-8 pm In person- Half Sour. Also by Zoom. Beth Finke, Writing Out Loud Amy Bizzarri, 111 Places in Chicago that You Must Not Miss Sylvester Boyd, The Road from Money Greg Borzo, Chicago's Fabulous Fountains

Time & Location

March 2, 2022, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM CST

Chicago, 755 S Clark St, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

About the event

Join us and hear from four local authors:

Beth Finke, *Writing Out Loud*

Amy Bizzarri, *111 Places in Chicago that You Must Not Miss*

Sylvester Boyd, *The Road from Money*

Greg Borzo, *Chicago's Fabulous Fountains*

Amy Bizzarri has written four books focused on Chicago history, but her experiences don't stop there. She's a teacher, tour guide and certified wine expert. She lived in Rome for five years and has hosted radio and TV segments. Oh, yes, her great, great grandparents met in Chicago the night of the Great Fire!

Beth Finke is an accomplished author, teacher and columnist, familiar to many South Loop residents because she's a regular contributor to the *Dearborn Express*, our local online newspaper. She teaches memoir writing, is an NPR commentator and moderates a blog for Easter-seals' National Headquarters.

Sylvester Boyd Jr. was born in Chicago and in 1981 founded one of the largest minority owned advertising specialty companies in southwest Michigan, selling products to major corporations, businesses, colleges and universities. He has worked as a movie extra, motivational speaker and substitute teacher for CPS.

Greg Borzo has written several books about Chicago history, including *Chicago's Fabulous Fountain*, which features the Printers Row Park Fountain -- a water tosser that currently being renovated. He's also a tour guide, pickleball player, avid cyclist and member of the South Loop Neighbors' board.

January 26, 2022

SLES students place at the January Chess Tournament.

The South Loop Chess Team had a great tournament over the weekend at De La Salle Institute. Nine students competed in 4 different age groups, and the team had one of our best tournament outcomes yet. **Several students competed for the very first time, others tied or even improved on their best scores, and for the first time the team received 2 awards!** **Erik Keller** – a veteran of the team – tied for 7th place in his age group and earned a medal, and **PJ McAndrew and Martin Uram** both competed in their first tournaments ever, taking home second place in the team competition for their age group. We're very proud of all the players this weekend and hope to have even more kids competing next month.



Pawns, Kindergarten-1st Grade: PJ McAndrew and Martin Uram

Knights, 2nd-3rd Grade: Cesar Rabelo, Lucca Jones and Gabe Campeau

Bishops, 4th-5th Grade: Erik Keller and Ella Uram

Rooks, 6th-8th Grade: Jacob Denton and Isaac Uram

Visit the [Chess Team Page](#) for more information on how to join the team.

For full tournament results: <https://chicagochessfoundation.org/dls-results-2022>



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Savings on Admission to the Field Museum

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Upcoming 2022 Free Admission Days are on Wednesdays:

- February 16th
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Black History Month



'These buildings tell a story':

Bronzeville Heritage Act advances toward reality

U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Chicago) has lived in Bronzeville for 20 years and is proud to call it home. In a Jan. 21 email to the Chronicle, Rush said he is touched by its beauty and historic significance every day.

The Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area Act was first introduced in Congress in 2016. After the initial bill failed, it was reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on Feb. 23, 2021 and a Senate hearing was held on Oct. 6, 2021, moving the bill closer to a vote in the House and Senate that could designate the area as a national heritage neighborhood.

"Few places have been as touched by African American culture as the City of Chicago," said Rush, the Act's lead sponsor in the U.S. House of Representatives, in his email to the Chronicle. "From Ida B. Wells to Nat King Cole, Bronzeville is a birthplace of Black genius — genius that has had a lasting influence on our city, our state, and indeed our entire nation." For the rest of the story click below

<https://columbiachronicle.com/these-buildings-tell-a-story-bronzeville-heritage-act-advances-toward-reality>

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28 Days of Black Excellence

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

UIC launched a podcast series, "28 Days of Black Excellence," on February 1. It features inspiring stories of Black students, faculty, alumni, and friends in celebration of Black History Month. The podcast leads conversations with luminaries, visionaries, and waymakers about their journeys and what it means to give back to the university and community while creating an impact in Chicago and beyond. Tune in to the podcast on [Spotify](#) or [Stitcher](#).

Racism vs. Humanity: Can the Movement Transcend the Moment?

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Join the University of Chicago on **Thursday, February 17 from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM** for their virtual Black History Month Event "Racism vs. Humanity: Can the Movement Transcend the Moment?" [Click here](#) to learn more.

Roosevelt University Hosts All-Star Speakers and Live Demonstrations

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

This February, Roosevelt University recognizes Black History Month with a series of inspirational events for students, alumni, and the public. [Click here](#) to register for some of their [events](#).

Love, Justice, and Looking Toward the Future

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Join the University of Chicago on **Wednesday, February 23 from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM** for their hybrid event "Love, Justice, and Looking Toward the Future." [Click here](#) to learn

CSU Presidential Lecture Series

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Chicago State University's Presidential Lecture Series, sponsored by the Office of the President, presents conversations during Black History Month with thought-provoking leaders designed to engage the university and the broader community. [Click here](#) to [RSVP](#) to attend these discussions.

From [KING4THWARD.COM](https://king4thward.com) Newsletter

Concerns — And Campaign Plans — Mount As Chicago's Remap Battle Drags On

Chicago's once-per-decade fight to redraw its ward boundaries has lasted months and there's still no agreement, sparking preliminary referendum plans and fears about a costly court battle.



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Rachel Hinton, Better Government Association

February 3, 2022

Ald. Michelle Harris, 8th, head of the Chicago City Council's Rules Committee. Don Vincent/The Daily Line

CHICAGO — As Black and Latino politicians continue to struggle for power on the Chicago City Council, the likelihood of a citywide referendum — followed by an expensive and lengthy court battle — grows along with political tensions.

New boundaries for the city's 50 wards are being redrawn based on the 2020 census, leaving the potential for political winners and losers who could change the city's political dynamic. They are also planting the seeds for what one powerful alderwoman says could be a \$40 million legal fight over the fate of just one seat.

"Forty million dollars is a bunch of money," said Ald. Michelle Harris, 8th, a member of the Black Caucus and head of the council's Rules Committee. It "is a citywide facade program, not a citywide legal battle (fund). A fraction of this would give every citizen in Chicago PPE. ... Every

citizen in Chicago could have one mask free.

"But we're going to give it to attorneys to fight over the fact that you won't be able to get one ward?"

While remaps happen every 10 years, this redrawing of council boundaries has the potential to be one of the most significant in recent memory because it is happening at a critical juncture in Chicago's political history. The decades-old political machine dominated by the Daley family and powerful white aldermen, such as now-indicted Ald. Ed Burke, is slipping away, leaving the decisions this year to have even more potential impact.

"The Latino Caucus is trying to get the power they think they deserve now," said Dick Simpson, a former alderman and longtime political science professor at the University of Illinois Chicago.

"It's always easier to go up from a number than to go down," Simpson added. "The more seats you have now, the better positioned you are for battle" during the next remap fight.

One seat but not two

Every decade, the national census count prompts council members to rejigger the ward map, and a boom over the past decade in the Latino population is at the center of the debate. By contrast, the number of Black residents calling the city home has fallen. The two council caucuses representing Black and Latino residents are digging in their heels.

A group of Latino council members and their allies say the number of wards represented by a majority of voters who identify as Latino should rise to 15 from 13, enough to
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match the more than 40,000 additional Latinos living in Chicago compared to 10 years ago.

Most of the city's Black council members are willing to concede one seat — but not two.

In the middle are the 18 white council members, who expect the number of seats they control to stay the same. The only thing on which all three sides agree is the need for the city's first-ever ward with a majority of voters of Asian descent.

The two entrenched sides have been bickering over their proposals for months, and if they don't reach an agreement by mid May, the issue is scheduled to go to the city's voters in a referendum.

"We're still continuing to try to negotiate," said Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, chair of the Latino Caucus. "But a negotiation has to have two sides that are willing to compromise. ... Right now, we feel that compromise has only been one-sided."

Villegas and others in the caucus insist the census supports their proposed map.

Census figures released in 2020 show the Latino population jumped from 778,862 in 2010 to 819,518, and now comprise a little over 30% of Chicago's 2.7 million residents, which would equal 15 seats.

The Latino Caucus crafted a map that creates those 15 majority-Latino wards, and its leaders say they won't budge for anything less.

The alternative is a map crafted by Harris' Rules Committee, which supports 14 majority-Latino wards, up one from the current map.

Readying for a referendum fight, the Latino Caucus filed its map with the city's clerk in early December. A third group, the independent Chicago Advisory Redistricting Commission, also submitted its version of a map that creates 15 majority-African American wards, 14 majority-Latino wards, as well as two wards with a Latino population over 45%. That independent map would need the support of 10 aldermen to be part of the referendum question.

Simpson was an adviser to that independent advisory group.

Villegas said it likely would cost more than \$100,000 for his side to wage a political campaign to persuade voters. He's skeptical of the Rules Committee process since Harris' failed attempt to defeat opponents of her map by lowering the number of votes needed to pass it, according to [the Chicago Sun-Times](https://www.chicagosuntimes.com).

Harris insists her process is a fair one, and most council members who've gone through it have "not been offended." Click below for the rest of the story with graphics

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Your health insurance company will pay you back for 8 at-home tests per month for each person on the plan. Find out more [here](#).

[Click here](#) to read the White House statement. [Click here](#) for more information on the program.

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Virtual Alderman 'On the Block'

MEET WITH ALDERMAN KING ON ZOOM

More dates will be available soon for Alderman On the Block. To request a meeting with Alderman King, please email ward04@cityofchicago.org with the subject line "**AOB Meeting Request**" describing your issue to secure an appointment. Call **773-536-8103** for comments, questions or concerns.

311 vs 911—Make the Right Call.

We wanted to share with you a document provided by the City on when to call 911 and when to call 311. 911 is for emergencies that require immediate attention, while 311 is for slightly less urgent matters that still require the authorities. View the complete list for your reference [here](#).

2021 Crime Increases in Potential Violence

Chicago's Loop and South Loop have experienced a significant reduction in reported crime over the past two years. Unfortunately, "Violent Crime", those types of crimes that have the most potential to cause injury or death reversed that trend in 2021.

During the "Covid years" of 2020 and 2021, the total number of reported crimes in the Loop and South Loop dropped dramatically as isolation and store/office closings lowered opportunities for such crimes as retail theft, credit card fraud, and pick-pocket. But that drop didn't protect victims as much from crimes such as Assault, Battery, Criminal Sexual Assault, Homicide, and Robbery. These specific crime types are used by the FBI to compare standardized results from across the country and are identified as Violent Index Crimes.

Compared to the "pre-Covid years" of 2017, 2018, and 2019, total annual crime reports in the Loop and South Loop dropped by 46% in 2020. But Violent Index Crimes only dropped by 31%. From 2020 to 2021, total Loop and South Loop crimes increased by 8%, but Violent Index Crimes increased by 26%.

That increase in Violent Index Crimes was most pronounced in two Police Beats, 131 and 132, which cover from Roosevelt Road to the Stevenson Expressway, a combined 63% increase from 2020 to 2021. The only Police Beat in the 1st Police District that recorded a drop in Violent Index Crimes was a 4% decline in Beat 133, which covers from the Stevenson to 31st Street.

Location Makes a Difference

The 1st Police District covers the Loop and the South Loop down to 31st Street, as well as the portion of the West Loop east of the Kennedy Expressway. It is divided into 11 Police Beats.

The five Violent Index Crimes had differing results across 1st District. Assault reports increased 29% from 2020 to 2021 with the largest increases in Beats 113 (82%) and 132 (70%). The descriptions of where these crimes occurred was quite mixed.

Battery reports, the most common of these violent types, increased 24%. Most of these happened in apartments, residences, hallways and stairs. Battery increased 60% each in Beats 131 and 132.

Criminal Sexual Assault reports increased 60%. Even though these report numbers were smaller (thankfully) than those for Assault, Battery, and Robbery, this was the largest percentage increase. Most of these reports were from hotels and motels along Wacker Drive and down Michigan Ave.

Homicide reports remained at six for both years. In a year when homicides across the city increased dramatically, the 1st District's 2021 result could be considered good news.

Robbery reports increased 25%, with the highest increases happening in Beats 112 (79%) and 113 (97%), in the heart of the Loop. Only Beat 133 reported a decrease of 17%. These crimes were reported in public locations: streets, sidewalks, and the CTA.

Violence on the CTA

Police presence on the CTA is under the control of the Department's Transit Unit but is supported by officers from the 1st Police District. The increase in violence on and around the CTA has been noted by many South Loop residents.

Across the 1st District in 2020, Violent Index Crimes at CTA locations dropped only 21% while total CTA crime dropped 54%. In 2021, Violent Index Crime reports at 1st District CTA locations actually increased 23% while total CTA crime continued to decline an additional 12%.

These increases in Violent Index Crime reports were most pronounced on CTA "L" trains, stations, and platforms compared to buses and bus stops or to CTA parking facilities. From 2020 to 2021, "L" reports increased 31%, while bus/bus stop reports decreased 31%.

Most of this increase in Violent Index Crimes at 1st District CTA locations occurred at the "L" stations along the Red Line. The accompanying chart sorts out CTA "L" Violent Index Crime reports from north to south.

Chicago Police, Aldermanic Wards, and many other organizations are working together to address this issue. South Loop residents have joined efforts through organizations such as South Loop Neighbors, 1st District CAPS, Neighborhood Watch Beat 123, and 4th Ward South Loop Community Advisory Council.

Roger Marsh

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1st District Violent Index Crimes

Editor's Note

Beat 123 –River to Michigan Av;
 Ida B. Wells to Roosevelt Rd.

#1 - 1st District Violent Index Crimes				by Type			Assault			Battery			Sexual Assault			Homicide			Robbery		
	% In-			by Beat			2020 2021 % Inc			2020 2021 % Inc			2020 2021 % Inc			2020 2021 % Inc			2020 2021 % Inc		
	2020	2021	crease																		
Beat 111	233	264	13	Beat 111	65	56	-14	130	158	22	4	16	300	0	0	na	34	34	0		
Beat 112	148	211	43	Beat 112	39	62	59	92	119	29	3	5	67	0	0	na	14	25	79		
Beat 113	151	217	44	Beat 113	22	40	82	97	120	24	1	0	na	2	0	na	29	57	97		
Beat 114	142	180	27	Beat 114	25	35	40	102	117	15	3	13	333	1	0	na	11	15	36		
Beat 121	84	107	27	Beat 121	17	26	53	45	56	24	2	3	50	0	1	na	20	21	5		
Beat 122	207	242	17	Beat 122	52	70	35	112	125	12	7	6	-14	0	1	na	36	40	11		
Beat 123	297	377	27	Beat 123	67	87	30	163	214	31	7	11	57	1	1	0	59	64	8		
Beat 124	179	193	8	Beat 124	61	65	7	97	102	5	5	6	20	1	1	0	15	19	27		
Beat 131	230	366	63	Beat 131	69	117	70	123	198	61	8	6	-25	0	2	na	30	43	43		
Beat 132	140	220	64	Beat 132	34	54	59	85	136	60	3	8	167	1	0	na	17	22	29		
Beat 133	283	271	-4	Beat 133	79	73	-8	173	172	-1	7	6	-14	0	0	na	24	20	-17		
1st District	2094	2648	26	1st District	530	685	29	1219	1517	24	50	80	60	6	6	0	289	360	25		

CTA Total Crimes 2017-21

#2 - CTA Total Crimes 2017-21	2017	2018	2019	PreCovid Ave	2020	Pre C > 2020	2021	Pre C > 2021	2020 > 2021
	Reports	Reports	Reports	Average	Reports	% Change	Reports	% Change	% Change
All Chicago Crimes	268896	268531	260924	266117	211546	-21	205534	-23	-3
All 1st District Crimes	15419	15702	15288	15470	8354	-46	9058	-41	8
1st Dist Crimes at CTA Locations	1152	1416	1389	1319	606	-54	534	-60	-12
Bus/Bus Stop	96	68	101	88	49	-45	42	-52	-14
Parking Lot/Garage/Property	22	18	19	20	9	-54	9	-54	0
Platform/Station/Train	1034	1330	1269	1211	548	-55	483	-60	-12

CTA Violent Index Crimes

#3 - CTA Violent Index Crimes	2017	2018	2019	PreCovid Ave	2020	Pre C > 2020	2021	Pre C > 2021	2020 > 2021
	Reports	Reports	Reports	Average	Reports	% Change	Reports	% Change	% Change
All Chicago Violent Crimes	82767	82204	80254	81742	69604	-15	70870	-13	2
All 1st Dist Violent Crimes	2999	3026	3085	3037	2095	-31	2648	-13	26
1st Dist Violent Crimes at CTA	263	285	346	298	234	-21	288	-3	23
Bus/Bus Stop	30	32	49	37	32	-14	22	-41	-31
Parking Lot/Garage/Property	2	3	4	3	3	0	6	100	100
Platform/Station/Train	231	250	293	258	199	-23	260	1	31



Every year, the Chicago Police Department (CPD) conducts a training needs assessment to determine which topics should be prioritized for training during the next training year. As part of the assessment, CPD is seeking input from the public on which trainings should be prioritized for CPD officers in 2023. This survey is being offered to the public as a mechanism for you to provide anonymous input and feedback to the

Chicago Police Department about what training you believe is needed for CPD officers and members.

The survey, which will remain open until Monday, February 28th, 2022, should take no more than 10 minutes.

[To take the survey, please click here.](#)

We greatly appreciate your participation of this survey.

Roger Marsh's Crime Comparison Report

#4 - CTA "L" Violent Index Crimes	2020	2021	2020 > 2021	Beat	"L" Stations
1st District - Loop & South Loop	Reports	Reports	% Change		
2XX North	27	31	15	111	Lake
1XX North	23	29	26	111	Lake
0XX North	5	14	180	112	Washington
0XX South	0	7	na	112	Monroe
1XX South	8	6	-25	112	Monroe
2XX South	33	54	64	113	Jackson
3XX South	30	33	10	113	Jackson
4XX South	6	4	-33	113	Library
5XX South	6	5	-17	123	
6XX South	6	11	83	123	Harrison
7XX South	0	0	na	123	
8XX South	0	0	na	123	
9XX South	0	0	na	123	
10XX South	0	0	na	123	
11XX South	30	30	0	123	Roosevelt
12XX South	13	19	46	131	Roosevelt
13XX South	0	0	na	131	
14XX South	0	0	na	131	
15XX South	0	0	na	131	
16XX South	0	0	na	131	
17XX South	0	0	na	131	
18XX South	0	0	na	131	
19XX South	0	0	na	131	
20XX South	0	0	na	131	
21XX South	0	0	na	131	
22XX South	2	6	200	131	Cermak
23XX South	1	0	na	131	
Counted	190	249	31		
Uncounted Reports	9	11			
Total for 1st District	199	260	31		

Note: the "uncounted reports" listed above are from west of the Chicago River and are not included in this tabulation of 1st District Violent Index Crimes that occurred in the Loop and South Loop.



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

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

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

Link to Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1475398529519963/>

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

Next CAPS Meeting Mar 9, 2022

3PM on Zoom

caps.001district@chicagopolice.org



Police Blotter



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

1/31/2022 2:20pm 1900 S State
HOMICIDE, apartment Beat 131

2/2/2022 10:05am 1200 S Wabash
STRONG ARM ROBBERY-No weapon Grocery
Store Beat 131

1/28/2022 5:40pm Roosevelt Collection
STRONG ARM ROBBERY – No Weapon Store
Beat 123

1/24/2022 8:30pm 1300 S Michigan Av
CARJACKING on Strett Beat 131

1/21/2022 12:55pm 1200 S Michigan Av
STRONG ARM ROBBERY – No weapon Street
Beat 131

1/21/2022 12:40pm 1500 S Michigan Av
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No Weapon Alley
Beat 131

1/21/2022 9:30am 1200 S Wabash
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No Weapon Gas Sta-
tion Beat 131

1/20/2022 2:45pm 1100 S Michigan Av
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No Weapon Street
Beat 123

1/20/2022 1:50pm 1300 S Michigan Av
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No Weapon Street
Beat 131

1/17/2022 2:05am 1100 S State St
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No Weapon CTA
Platform Beat 123

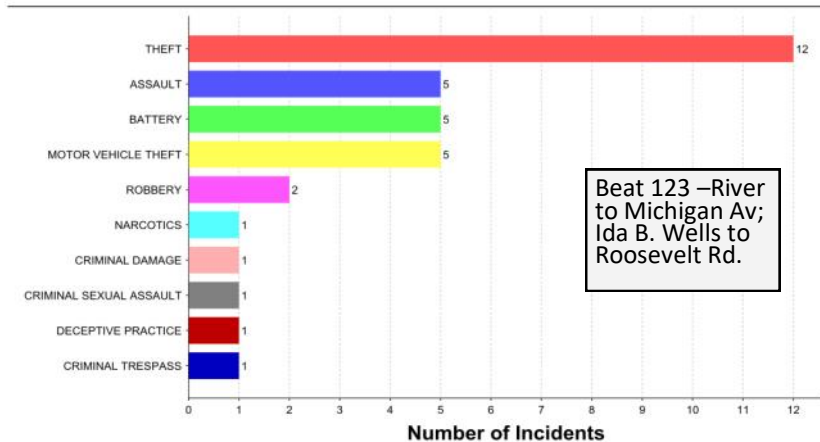
1/14/2022 1:20am 500 S Clark
ARMED ROBBERY Sidewalk Beat 123

2/2/2022 6:26pm 500 S Dearborn
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Handgun Street Beat
123 CLOSED CASE

1/21/2022 6:30am 800 S Michigan
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Handgun Hotel Beat
123 CLOSED CASE

Report Date: 10-Feb-2022
Report Time: 16:57:50
Produced By: Information Services
Division: PC08L60
Run By:

Top Ten Crimes From 01-Feb-2022 To 10-Feb-2022 On Beat 0123



Man shot to death in the South Loop

“Anytime somebody loses their life like that, it’s certainly tragic but I really would like to know more about the circumstances,” local Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd) told the Sun-Times.

By [Sun-Times Wire](http://www.sun-times.com) Feb 6, 2022, 6:55am CST

A man was found shot to death Sunday morning in the South Loop on the Near South Side.

Jacek Damien Rudnicki, 44, was found in the street in the first block of East 24th Street about 4:30 a.m. with two gunshot wounds to his lower body, Chicago police and the Cook County medical examiner’s office said.

He was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Circumstances surrounding the shooting were still under investigation, police said.

“Anytime somebody loses their life like that, it’s certainly tragic but I really would like to know more about the circumstances,” local Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd) told the Sun-Times.

<http://chicago.suntimes.com>

No one was in custody.

South Loop murder victim’s Mercedes was taken, pointing to carjacking as a possible motive: source

[February 6, 2022 CWBChicago South Loop](http://www.cwbchicago.com)

Chicago police have determined that a Mercedes SUV belonging to a [44-year-old man](#) who was found dead on a South Loop street early Sunday is missing, according to a CPD source.

Cops responded to 24th Street and Michigan Avenue at 5:05 a.m. Sunday after a passerby found the man lying in the street just west of Michigan.

Police at the scene said the man, who reportedly lives in the area, was found in the street as if he were about to enter a car. He was lying amidst broken auto glass, but no vehicle was next to him. He suffered two gunshot wounds to his back and was pronounced dead at the scene. Officers found shell casings near his body.

Now, investigators have confirmed that someone took the man’s white 2015 Mercedes GLA, and he may have been killed in a carjacking, the source said. But the case remains under investigation.

The Cook County medical examiner’s office had not released the victim’s name by Sunday evening.

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

Real Estate Transactions

\$598,000
1416 S STATE ST
12/29/21

\$390,000
233 E 13TH ST 1310
12/27/21

\$220,000
600 S DEARBORN ST 1104
12/27/21

\$239,000
801 S PLYMOUTH CT 902
12/23/21

\$430,000
1322 S PRAIRIE AVE 1310
12/22/21

\$470,000
1322 S WABASH AVE PH2
12/17/21

\$225,000
899 S PLYMOUTH CT 903
12/17/21

\$350,000
547 S CLARK ST 903
12/14/21

\$290,000
1400 S MICHIGAN AVE 1607
12/14/21

\$155,000
40 E 9TH ST 317
12/13/21

\$427,500
1246 S FEDERAL ST A
12/9/21

\$347,500
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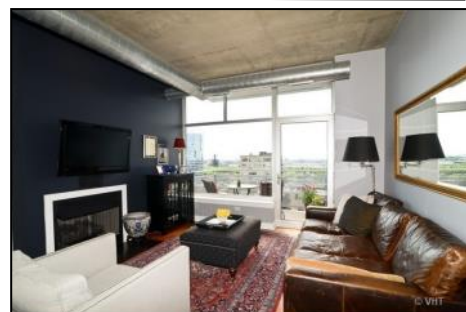
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