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Casino

Residents Express Opposition to Casino at The 78

More than 100 South Loop and Chinatown residents attended a virtual meeting March 1 on a casino proposal at The 78, with most expressing opposition. In a separate unscientific poll, 74% of those who took the online survey said they were “highly unsupportive” of the casino proposal. The meeting was hosted by The 78 Community Advisory Council, a group set up in 2019 “as a conduit for community input as construction moves forward” on the megaproject. Council member Josh Ellis told participants on the Zoom call that initially, “a casino was not part of the original proposal. It wasn’t part of anybody’s proposal in Chicago” — until in 2019, when the General Assembly substantially expanded gaming throughout the state. Ellis noted that four of the five casino proposals the city has received are for sites in or near the South Loop.

The 78 council’s survey results showed that while a minority of respondents were optimistic about new jobs and increased revenue for the city and state, the majority of residents are opposed to the casino coming to The 78. Those surveyed said they are concerned about increased crime and traffic, gambling addiction among low-income residents, a potential exodus of families and negative impacts on young children who attend nearby schools.

Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, whose 25th Ward includes The 78 site, said he is “listening very carefully” to the feedback from residents, and questioned whether the original proposal for The 78, which included public financing in the form of TIFs, should be revisited “if this is going to change completely into a casino proposal.”

A community group called South Loop Community Against a Casino is also collecting signatures for its [petition opposing a casino in the community](#).

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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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Retired in Chicago

Where is the line between frugal and cheap?

By **Marianne Goss**, March 28, 2022

A restaurant check showed a \$7 upcharge for substituting fruit for meat. The server had said that we could substitute anything, not mentioning a charge.

Although irritated, I wondered whether begrudging a few dollars when restaurants are hurting crosses the line from frugal into cheap. (I'm sidestepping the issue of feeling deceived.)

But if it is cheap to care about a few dollars, why are there coupons?

Frugality is a virtue and cheapness a fault, but where frugal ends and cheap begins is fuzzy.

Online articles describe cheap as looking for the lowest price rather than the best quality and spending too much time hunting a deal. Was it frugal (quality conscious) or cheap (wasteful of time) for me to spend hours searching for the best price on a highly rated cellphone?

Most people look for sales, but fewer take thriftiness as far as I do: Supercuts haircuts, secondhand clothes, modest ethnic restaurants, museum free days, theater ushering.

Finding a deal gives me a kick, although I understand thinking that time could be better spent. Actually, I don't buy much, shopping only when necessary. Limiting consumption is consistent with my politics — it makes for a small carbon footprint. I can relate to the person who wrote advice columnist Amy Dickinson: "I have always been against senseless consumerism. I am a minimalist in almost all aspects of my life."

To me cheap implies ungenerous — such as seldom spending money on others, shortchanging on a tip, and giving little to charity. I hope I'm not cheap like that.

Not acknowledging a difference between antimaterialistic and cheap, people have sometimes encouraged me to spend more on myself. I have been trying to drop more money on experiences that seem worth it,

although with my thrifty habits ingrained, I don't expect to change much at my age.

Perhaps a way to decide whether I take thriftiness too far is to ask whether it affects anything or anyone other than me. For instance, friendships could be strained by one person's reluctance to spend money. Cultural institutions would struggle if everyone took advantage of free days.

The restaurant mentioned at the start recently opened and is probably still finding its feet. I'm glad I paid the bill without making a fuss.

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All the World's a Stage

This week's confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson were filled with dog whistles and distractions. On our latest episode, hear how Republicans are using rhetoric about pedophiles to discredit their opponents. Plus, the story of an American author who learned and unlearned Putin's myth about Ukrainian nazification.

1. Melissa Gira Grant [[@melissagira](#)], staff writer at The New Republic, on the cruel new Republican buzzword: "grooming." [Listen](#).
2. Lili Loofbourow [[@Millicentsomer](#)], staff writer at Slate, on the eerie experience of watching Zelesnsky act in the television show, "Servant of the People" and more. [Listen](#).
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How come the US Government can only bring half the country's poor children out of poverty?

Over and over I hear the White House boasting that “our policies have brought half the kids in this country who were in poverty out of poverty.”

Half? Is this something to be proud of?

When it comes to kids in America, half a loaf isn't better than none. A whole loaf is absolutely required.

No half measures allowed. Full measures for all. No poverty is acceptable—not half, a quarter, a tenth—or even one percent. This is the United States of America. We help other countries lift their people out of poverty. We should not be leaving any of *our* kids in poverty.

So how was bringing half the kids in our country in poverty out of poverty accomplished? It's murky. By providing tax credits to the tune of \$300 per child per month to families making up to \$200,000 a year?

No one explains sufficiently [how this tax credit worked](#). All I know is that the pols can't stop crowing about how wonderful it is that half the kids who were in poverty in our country are now out of poverty. (Uhhhhhh.... The other half are still there....)

Maybe all the children could come out of poverty by making the tax credit available for those only making up to \$100,000?

I'm no math wizard. I just figure cutting the number of recipients at the top to cover the other half of the kids still at the bottom might work. Fair enough?

But it doesn't matter what I understand. Or what you understand. What matters is that politicians are crowing about half our kids who were in poverty are now out of poverty. And the other half are still there.

“For-the-children” Pelosi loves to say how wonderful it all is, and Biden (when he's awake) and Harris (when she stops laughing) love it, too.

“We've brought half the poverty-stricken kids in this country out of poverty,” they squeal with great delight every chance they get. With much pride, and with big smiles and victory fists aiming high above their heads.

What do half the kids who are still in poverty think?

What kind of pride is this?

Sickening pride.

Crazy pride.

False pride.

Corrupt pride.

Dishonest pride.

Cynical Pride

Stupid pride.

Unacceptable pride.

It's nothing to be proud of. Why can't we have a country in which no child suffers from poverty, a country of haves—and no have nots. How can our government accept leaving half the kids who need help not getting any?

What kind of a goal is this for the richest country on earth?

This government allowed [billions of dollars to be stolen](#) that was destined to help those decimated by the pandemic, and that is probably responsible for some kids living in poverty. And the government has spent millions on asinine [things like gender studies in Pakistan](#). And millions and millions more has been wasted because [arms were left behind and abandoned](#) in Afghanistan that had to be replaced. For us—and for other countries that depend on us to help defend them.

And so many other totally unacceptable expenditures have been allowed by politicians for the benefit of those who support them.

I could make a list that goes on forever with our wasteful ways and the hideousness of the undeserving oligarchies here and abroad that get our cash. And not our kids who need it.

The utter unfairness and despicableness of hard-earned taxpayer cash being thrown down the drain and flushed down the toilet, and *not* used for the kids that the government has left in poverty is awful.

Kids have been left behind and the government ignores them and cheers for itself.

Is that who we are?



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Bonnie McGrath

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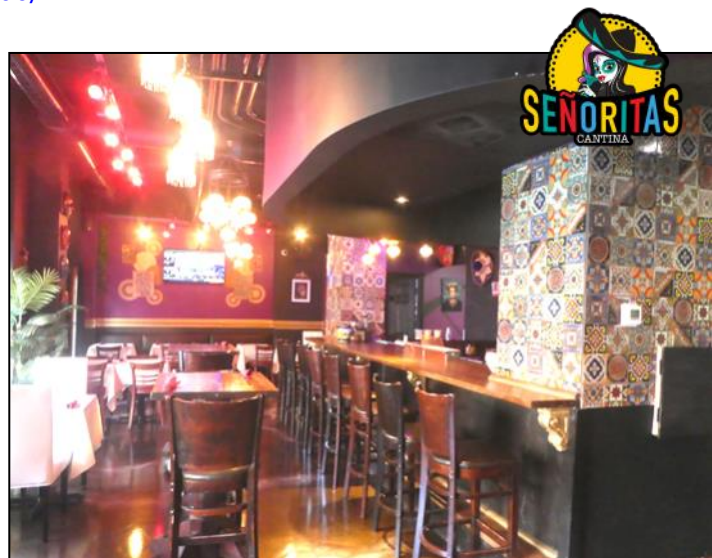


Al's Five Minute Restaurant Review

We stopped by the new Mexican Restaurant, Senoritas, one Saturday recently. The space is beautiful with new lighting, Mexican Tile and a prominent bar. I ordered the Tostadas. The crispy rolled tortillas with chicken were excellent with a nice presentation. I did not order an alcoholic drink but it's obvious that with a full bar, you won't be disappointed with lack of choice. Soup came with lunch, a surprise. And I always like to try out the Flan. Their version is a coffee flavored flan with whipped cream and chocolate drizzle. It's not what I expected but I would order it again. The music was more suitable for a bar, as the volume was high but it didn't seem to bother the other patrons on this Saturday. I'll attribute that observation due to their youth.

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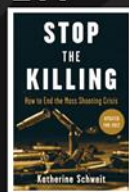
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Stop the Killing offers insight into what each of us can do to end the active shooter crisis plaguing America. This book shares an insider look at what we've learned and failed to learn, about protecting our businesses, houses of worship, and schools. The book demystifies the language around active shooters, mass killings, threat assessment teams, and more.

This event is the live online broadcast of an in-person event at the American Writers Museum. When you register for this event you will get access to a link to view the livestream. [Register here to attend the event in person.](#)



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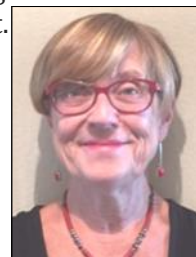
Damon Galgut, *The Promise* (Europa 2021)

As children, most of us remember making a promise, linking our baby fingers, and swearing to keep it: “cross my heart and hope to die.” Who knew that was no empty oath? The broken promise in Booker-prizewinner Damon Galgut’s new novel, *The Promise*, reduces the Swart family—peace-less descendants of land-grabbing, murderous, enslaving Voortrekkers—to dust and ashes. They try to cling to their “not much of a farm...hundreds of miles of brown grass” during the bloody end of apartheid in South Africa and its aftermath of broken promises. Galgut grew up in Pretoria—where Bishop Desmond Tutu led 80,000 of his fellows in protest—the setting for the novel that takes place from the release of Nelson Mandela to the disgrace of Jacob Zuma. The Swarts are “holding on, holding out...an ordinary bunch of white South Africans.” They are *anything* but. Pa Manie owns, and quite lucratively operates, a tourist attraction called “Scaly City,” full of creatures as cold-blooded as their masters. Ma Rachel, who quietly dies in the first chapter, joined the Dutch Reformed Church after finding herself accidentally pregnant with Manie’s son, but returned to her Jewish faith near the end of her life, perhaps “so she won’t be buried on the farm, next to her husband.” Manie, himself, is felled, says his misanthropic son, by “an ill-fated ambition to break a Guinness world record for living among poisonous serpents” to raise

funds for the family’s spiritual leader, Dominie Alwyn Simmers, whose lust for mammon is matched only by what he once felt for his “peculiar sister.” Then there are the “alliterative trio” of Swart children: Antone, an army conscript who shot a Sowetan woman during a riot, and then ran away. “Jesus, what he did by deserting the army; he’s a hero, not a criminal, amazing how fast that changed.” Astrid is a bulimic beauty who converted to Catholicism to escape her boring Calvinist husband and be absolved of her adulterous affair (with President Mbeke?). Introspective Amor—ill-named because *nobody* loved her—is a living martyr and AIDs nurse, who ultimately, but impractically, keeps the promise. The narrator swings from empathy to cruelty to random discussions of the funeral business, the suspected homosexuality of a headmistress, or the rantings of a homeless guy who “can see things.” The tone is tragic, but awfully funny, in the vein of Kurt Vonnegut or Spaulding Gray—or even Mel Brooks. And Galgut skewers faithless, fallible men of the cloth no less skillfully than Willa Cather or Peter Matthiessen. I was sorry to get to the last page. I think you should start at the first.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park
March, 2022

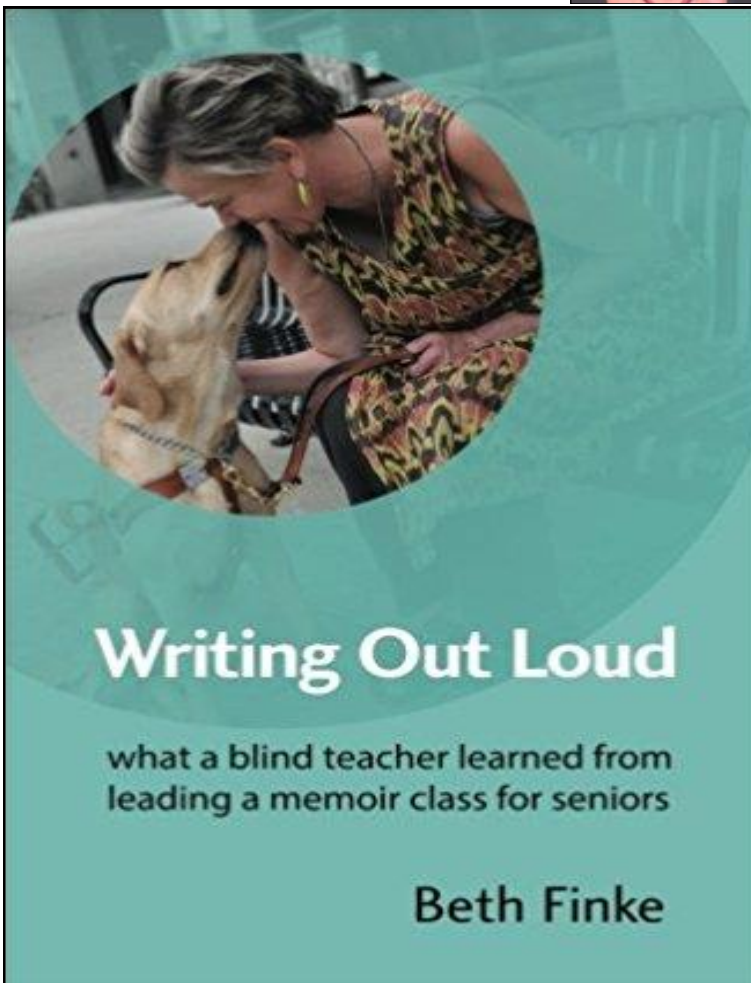
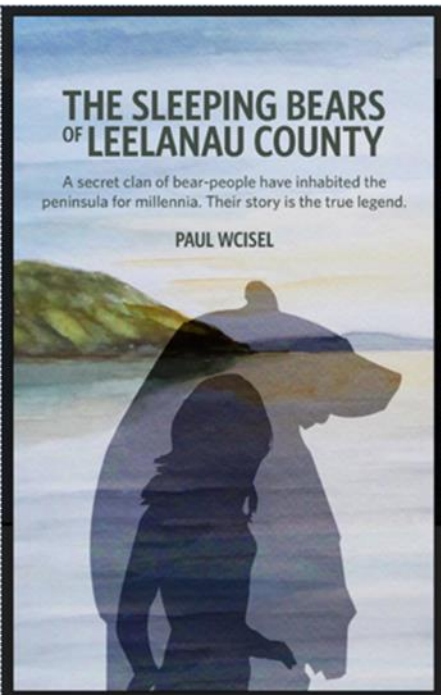


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Backstory Essays Regan Burke

March 27, 2022

Refugee Kids of Ukraine



President Joe Biden visited Ukrainian refugee families in Warsaw, paying close attention to the children. You may remember Joe's own heart wrenching story about his wife and toddler daughter dying in a car crash. Two Biden sons survived the crash and young Joe suddenly became a single parent, grieving himself and comforting his small boys. President Biden delivered a speech in Warsaw after his meeting with the Ukrainian women and children. He ad libbed, "for God's sake, this man cannot remain in power."

And who doesn't think this?

TV viewing grandmothers everywhere clutch at the sight of little ones in their puffer coats and backpacks walking out of war torn Ukraine. Some have the great fortune of direct action in helping refugee kids.

A friend in London texted: "so I raised \$25k. Ray contacted the Gov. we went to medical supply warehouse in an East EU country. delivered goods to the border, where Dr and crew drove them 250k back to her 60 bed hospital in Ukraine. We are taking two families of refugees-teachers with three children including a 6 month old..."

Another retired friend activated a network of Eastern European contacts, flew from Chicago to Kiev and set up a food distribution center.

Janice, a Polish American I met on the beach in Michigan a few years ago writes from her home in Poland. Check out her donation page below.

Notes From Janice in Warsaw March 16, 2022

Now we have 1.6 million Ukrainian refugees in Poland. In Warsaw alone we have 400,000. This is about one quarter of our population. We personally have a Ukrainian refugee family staying with us in our home. Warsaw has only been able to accommodate so many. People have opened their homes, fed them, bought their medicine. It's a private endeavor. Supposedly money is coming to help, but there is absolutely nothing happening. No housing, no public food money.

I'm involved in the children's hospital, providing care and medicine to the Ukrainian refugee children. I've been actively on the board of this children's hospital foundation for years. We already have hundreds hospitalized and there will be an onslaught of need. There are 200,000 Ukrainian refugee children here in Warsaw. If you know anyone who wants to donate just the cost of a lunch or dinner, every bit helps.

DONATION page. Funds will go directly to Ukrainian children medical care:

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Please also pass to others. This money is desperately needed. People are sending money to help at the border, but the refugees are there for only 1 day, then they come to live here in Warsaw and other cities in Poland. This is where the need really is, where they are residing and need full services.

P.S. The Ukrainian family is very sweet. They don't speak a word of English, not a word. Nor of Polish. So I am trying to learn Ukrainian.

I dream of having a moment around the fire on the beach in Michiana.

Just a moment of joy and peace.

Thank you for any help you can give to the Ukrainian children in the Warsaw children's hospital.



U.S. President Joe Biden in Warsaw, Poland on March 26, 2022. (AFP/Getty Images)

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

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Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April 10 10 am

Join SLN for our first Easter egg hunt, in Cotton Tail Park. Children should bring a basket and be prepared to scoop up plastic eggs with a candy or prize inside. Portions of the park will be designated for different age groups: 4 and under, ages 5-8, and ages 9-12.

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Hospital Hell: The Psych Ward During COVID

March 8, 2022
by [Clarisse Casalino](#)



"Vitamin Rx"/Image: Clarisse Casalino

At first, psych wasn't affected by COVID all that much. The wards emptied more and more as COVID made patients fear coming to the hospital. The number of beds in psych shrank. More wards were converted to COVID floors and staff was diverted. As the code-blue announcements rang overhead, I felt a sense of guilt. I was not an ICU nurse, I wasn't yet sweating while doing CPR or witnessing life leave a body. In other words, I was powerless, and to my embarrassment, useless against the pandemic. I wanted to help, but someone had to watch the few patients in our ward. Each evening the city would clap. New York City streets echoed with applause for all of us. I closed the window one night thinking, what more could I do?

As a psych nurse, my training limited my hand, making me unhelpful on a medical ward. What I didn't realize was that, as the weather warmed, my turn would come. I can peg the date to just before the Fourth of July 2020. As the fireworks went off above, hellfire was simmering below. It had been nearly four months of fearful patients avoiding the inside of a hospital. During these months their mental health clinics closed, their support groups were suspended, and virtual care dominated, which left patients without internet access hung out to dry.

When they finally came to us in the psych ward they were really sick. They had gone months without their medications, their support systems had been cut off, and many were laid off from their work. Night after night, day after day, NYPD and EMS brought us patients, each one sicker than the last.

Normally, patients in the wards would display a spectrum of severity. Only a few patients at a time would be considered an extreme case. When there are a high number of these type of cases we'd consider the "acuity" of the psych ward to be high.

As the acuity increases, the level of patient aggression follows. Each ward had a color system to measure the acuity: green, calm; yellow, moderate; red, high; and gray, crisis. By the end of July, yellow dominated the boards. During the fall, a red day was considered a good day. Our wards packed in more and more patients, matches that could light an already explosive scenario. I had never experienced that level of violence in patients. I was a relatively new psych nurse with only a few years experience, but even veterans were appalled.

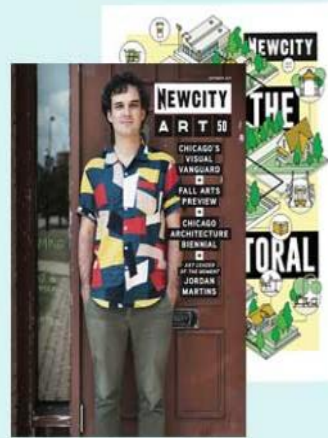
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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) February 28, 2022

And the Oscar goes to . . .



All the talk today in the wake of last Night's Academy Awards show seems to be about Will Smith slapping Chris Rock. I'll be honest—in real time I thought it might have been a bit that was supposed to be funny that went bad. But apparently not. (I also completely missed the Janet Jackson wardrobe malfunction in real-time, too. I think I was the better for it.)

Anyway, I've pretty much always tuned into the Oscars—it started when I was a kid and it was a family event. I used to see a lot more movies than I do now. For one thing, it's a part-time job to sort out which movie is streamed from what service. And to get them all you're essentially paying another cable bill. For another, the real-thing big-screen in-person experience is clogged with superheroes and CGI-ed comics. That and animation. I hate animation. Just do.

Usually, somehow, Beth and I have seen one or two nominated films but this time, zilch. So the awards were sort of a way of figuring out which we'd want to bother with (which is its purpose, after all).

The Smith-Rock incident really didn't and doesn't matter much to me. Two other things stuck, though. One was a gag by Regina Hall that kind of went sideways in two ways. First, she said she needed to do covid tests, which is sort of unfunny at its face. Then she asked for "volunteers" to be tested, but called up only hunky and-or dreamy men. What followed flunked on all fronts, mostly because it was just not funny. ([And apparently lots of others thought this was weird, too.](#))

But the thing that struck me, being of a certain age, is that it was the sort of bit that I would have seen on the 60s Johnny Carson Tonight Show, or the Dean Martin show—and would be considered wholly inappropriate today. I distinctly remember a Dean Martin show where Raquel Welch was the guest star. In one skit, Martin played a doctor, and when a man came in saying he wasn't feeling well, Martin's doctor told the patient to go home and take an aspirin. Then Welch's character came in and said she wasn't feeling well. Martin told her to go in the exam room and take off all her clothes. Pretty sure that wouldn't fly today.



[Check out the trailer.](#)

I'm not particularly offended by last night or Dean Martin, save for it being sort of juvenile. But flip last night's script to have a male host call up attractive Hollywood women, then frisk them, and, ooh boy. Will Smith and Chris Rock are an afterthought. Mostly, I don't care, but I think it does beg questions about whether sexist, exploitative jokes cut both ways.

I'll probably not remember **any** of it after a couple of days. One thing I will remember, as long as I have the capacity to remember, is when [Troy Kotsur](#) became the first deaf man to win an acting Oscar. Beth usually doesn't stay up late, and typically she would've been asleep by the time that award was handed out. But in her part-time role as blog coordinator for Easterseals, which supports people with disabilities, she had a professional interest. (Indeed, it provided fodder for a post at the Easterseals blog.)

When Troy Kotsur was announced as the winner, I heard weeping. I looked and Beth was in full blown tears of joy and tears of relief. It took me, who has lived with Beth for nearly 38 years—37 of which after she lost her sight, completely by surprise.

But it shouldn't have. For all the discussion about equality and equity, it mostly focuses on gender and skin color. Rarely is disability included.

For as long as she's been blind, Beth has resolved to educate and advocate for people by leading as full a life as possible. To advocate by example. But that's really freakin' hard. On one hand, she feels the need to impress the idea that she can do anything sighted people can do. On the other, it's not the same—and most things are harder.

In that glorious moment, I felt, deeply, something that I had always grasped intellectually. But I didn't, until that moment, get how it felt.

Beth called our friend, who is married to a deaf man and is a sign-language interpreter, to share her joy—and our friend was also in tears. Of course, I couldn't keep it together at this point either.

Beth went to bed and I was up alone when CODA won for Best Movie. And it happened again.

CTA and Crime - Presentation

April 13

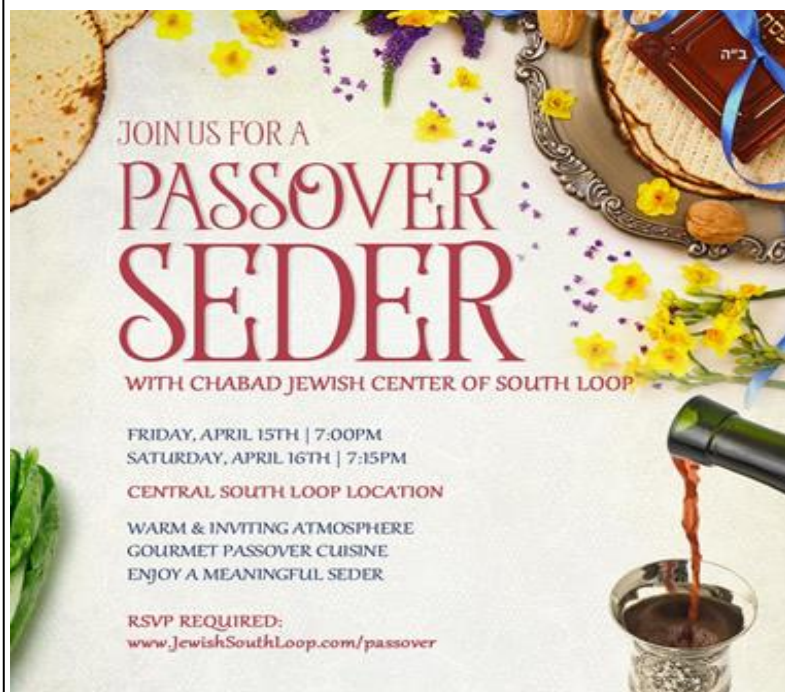
7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Grace Place
637 S. Dearborn



South Loop Neighbors,

in partnership with Neighborhood Watch Police Beat 123 and the 4th Ward Community Advisory Council. The meeting will be centered on crime as it specifically relates to CTA stops as well as routes (rail and bus) within the South Loop. The meeting will start with a brief overview of crime statistics. That will be followed by presentations by the Commander Joseph Bird for the Chicago PD Mass Transit Unit and Kevin Ryan, the VP of Security for the CTA, providing information as to what is being done to address the issue of crime on the CTA as well as increasing the feeling of safety by riders on the mass transit system. There will be a short question and answer period following. For those not able to attend in person, the meeting will be live-streamed (details to come). **Although attendance is free, all participants must register. [Register for meeting here!](#)**



Join us for a Passover Seder you will remember. Relive the exodus and discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah. Enjoy a community Seder complete with an elegant catered dinner, spiced with the unique traditional customs of the holiday.

First Seder: Friday, April 15th - 7:00pm

Second Seder: Saturday, April 16th - 7:15pm

Central South Loop Location

RSVP required.

Reserve your spot at the Seders at www.jewishsouthloop.com/passover

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Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

Self-Advocacy and the ADA: Don't Miss our Repeat Performance Tomorrow March 31, 2022 at 7 pm



Remember that [Self-Advocacy and the ADA panel](#) Skokie Public Library presented via Zoom last November? I was on that panel along with Deirdre Keane (a teacher/librarian who was born with a hearing loss and got a cochlear implant during her freshman year in college), Michele Lee (an experienced finance professional who uses a wheelchair) and Tina Childress (a late-deafened adult with bilateral cochlear implants). That panel was successful enough to motivate an organization called Coming Together to sponsor another self-advocacy panel next week. And just like back in November, next week's panel will be online and free of charge.

Coming Together, now in its 13th season, is a community partnership in Niles Township among organizations in Skokie, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and Niles, Illinois that "builds bridges of knowledge and understanding among people of different groups and ages." Each year Coming Together highlights a different topic, and in 2022 they are joining community members and expert organizations focusing on the voices, experiences and talents of members of the community with disabilities across Niles Township. And so, next week, on Thursday night, March 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Central Time I will be one of four women with disabilities on this hourlong free Zoom panel:

Self Advocacy and the ADA—Online Event: Personal Perspectives, Challenges, and Success Stories

Thursday, March 31, 2022

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Zoom Event

[Register Here](#)

What does self-advocacy look like when navigating the world with a disability? Four panelists from different fields share stories of how they've advocated for reasonable accommodations.

Panelists will share lessons learned and provide tips on fighting for more fair and just treatment in the workplace and beyond.

The four of us will each be given 10 minutes to tell a few personal stories of advocating for ourselves, leaving time afterwards for discussion and questions. My plan is to talk fast and describe three experiences, one a success, another a collaboration, and the third a failure:

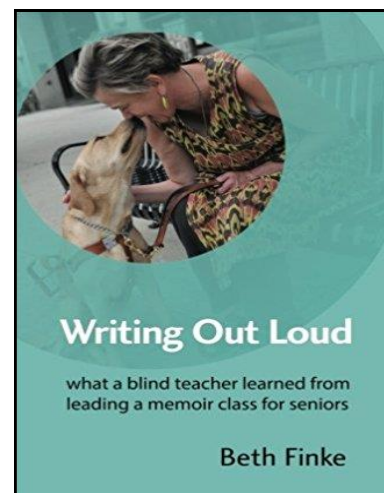


1. Appearing at a Chicago city court after a cab driver refused me a ride with my Seeing eye dog.
2. Graduating from training to volunteer with hospice and never being paired with a patient
3. Challenges I faced when the health club I'd been swimming at closed due to COVID and no other indoor pool facility would allow my Seeing Eye dog to lead me poolside to swim laps.

The hourlong panel is free, it will be hosted on Zoom a week from today, Thursday, March 31 at 7pm cst, and you can [register for it here](#). There's a spot on the registration form to enter a library card #, but you can ignore that: a library card number is NOT required to register. The session will be closed-captioned, and organizers ask you to let them know in advance if you have additional access needs. You will receive the Zoom link in your confirmation email once you've registered, and if you have any questions about this event, organizers ask that you call 847-673-7774.

Zoom you later!

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



MIDLAND AUTHORS
presents

**Rick Kogan in conversation with
Peter Nolan**

as they discuss

**Mayor Harold Washington's Legacy
upon the 100th anniversary of his birth**



Wed., April 20, 2022

Cocktail hour: 6-7 pm

Presentation: 7-8 pm

Cliff Dwellers Club

200 S. Michigan Ave.

22nd floor Penthouse



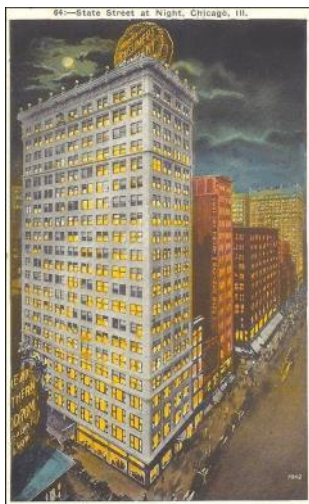
Free and open to the public ~ Free appetizers, cash bar
No advance registration required

Join us as acclaimed *Chicago Tribune* columnist and *After Hours* WGN Radio host **Rick Kogan** chats with retired veteran NBC5 political reporter **Peter Nolan**, author of *Campaign! The Election that Rocked Chicago*. Peter covered Harold Washington extensively over the course of his long television journalism career. *Campaign!* transports you to that tumultuous, historic mayoral election. Be there as Rick and Peter trade memories and share their insights.

Midland Authors was founded in 1915 to create "a closer association among the writers of the Middle West." A century later, the nonprofit group includes about 300 authors from 12 Midwestern states. It holds literary events — which are free and open to the public. The group also connects its members via *Literary License*, its newsletter; the midlandauthors.org website; [Facebook](#); and the Twitter accounts [@midlandauthors](#) and [@BiblioFile SMA](#).

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Stop the lies,
stop the destruction
[Lynn Becker](#)
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drifter/ writer on architecture,
culture and Chicago

Stop the lies, stop the destruction - part 1 Your U.S. Senators snuck in a \$52 million earmark to destroy two classic Chicago skyscrapers. Why? "Security" - the feds have declared the buildings a security risk to the Dirksen Federal Courthouse. Here's the truth:...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction - part 2 The Berghoff building is a bigger potential risk to the Dirksen, being literally only yards away. Yet it has not been demolished, and continues to operate ...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction - part 3 See that building behind the Berghoff? It's the Century, one of two classic Chicago skyscrapers the feds are hell-bent on demolishing. Notice that the Berghoff separates it from the Dirksen Federal Building by over a hundred feet...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction -part 4 Notice also that the Century has a only a blank wall facing the Dirksen. The tall building to right of the Century is the second the feds want to destroy - the Consumers Building. It is also substantially set back from the Dirksen...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction -part 5 It does have windows facing the Dirksen, but they could be bricked up if necessary. Ah, but you say. The two buildings that feds want to destroy may be set back, but they're still close enough to pose a security risk. Yeah, right...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction -part 6 In the previous photo, the Dirksen is to the left, the Consumers to the right, but what's that building in the background that's even closer to the Dirksen? It's Citadel Center, nearly 200 feet higher than the Dirksen...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction -part 7 As opposed to the Century Building, which has NO windows facing the Dirksen, or the Consumers, which has a few, Citadel Center is ALL WINDOWS, a completely glass facade, actually closer to the Dirksen than either of the other two...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction -part 8 In fact, the entire Federal Center is surrounded by tall buildings, some closer to its buildings than either the Century or Consumers. The "security" argument for destroying two landmark-quality Chicago skyscrapers is specious...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction -part 9 It is the work of bureaucrats too lazy to rethink a 9-11 mindset now over two decades old, and too eager to create a gaping hole on State Street - and waste \$52 million of your tax dollars to do it...

Stop the lies, stop the destruction -part 10 Sign the petition. Write Senators Durbin and Duckworth and let them know their support for this vandalism is unacceptable. [Petition · Save the Century & Consumers Buildings! Stop the \\$52M Demolition for a Gravel Lot! · Change.org](#)

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2022 Best Neighborhoods to Live in Chicago

Explore the best neighborhoods to live in the U.S. based on crime, public schools, cost of living, job opportunities, and local amenities. Ranking based on data from the U.S. Census, FBI, BLS, CDC, and other sources. [Read more on how this ranking was calculated.](#)

Printers Row is a neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois with a population of 9,209. Printers Row is in Cook County and is one of the best places to live in Illinois. Living in Printers Row offers residents a dense urban feel and most residents rent their homes. In Printers Row there are a lot of bars, restaurants, coffee shops, and parks. Many young professionals live in Printers Row and residents tend to be liberal. The public schools in Printers Row are above average.

<https://www.niche.com/places-to-live/search/best-neighborhoods/t/chicago-cook-il/>

**Lakeshore Rush:
Moving Parts Recording Release Concert**
April 12 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm



Lakeshore Rush comprises a collection of extraordinary musicians from Chicago who are delighting audiences of all ages with riveting contemporary and classical standards and forgotten masterpieces, characterized by programmatic innovation, synergistic collaborative partnerships, and intimate performances. Co-founded by clarinetist Laura McLaughlin and flutist Erin Murphy in 2014, Lakeshore Rush has since premiered new works by Beth Bradfish, Griffin Candey, Yong Mee Choi, Amos Gillespie, Jonathan Hannau, Joshua Hintze, Pierre Jalbert, Laura Schwendinger, and Roger Zare. Lakeshore Rush takes its name from a previously endangered lakeshore grass that has recently revitalized Lake Michigan's shores in Chicago. Like the renewal of this plant, the resurgence of contemporary classical music has taken root and flourished in Chicago's music culture. Indeed, just off Chicago's Magnificent Mile, one need only stroll along Rush Street and Lake Shore Drive to experience the energy which motivates and exhilarates the musicians of Lakeshore Rush.

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Earth Day Clean-Up at Grant Park

April 16, 10 am

Buckingham Fountain

On April 16, the **South Loop Neighbors** is one of several partner organizations who have joined in the Rotary Earth Day Clean-Up Event at Grant Park. Last year, the inaugural event in which SLN was also a partner organization, saw a record breaking number of volunteers come out and help clean what is known by some as the front yard of the City of Chicago! The event starts at 10 am with volunteers coming together at Buckingham Fountain and then dispersing to various assigned areas in the park. Register in advance [here!](#)



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April 27 - May 7, 2022

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Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30pm

[More dates through May 7, 2022](#)

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[April 10, 2022 2:00PM](#)

Miller Studio Theatre

In this scented case of mistaken identity and letter writing, two feuding perfume clerks have no idea that they are in love. All venues are accessible through the 425 S. Wabash Ave. entrance. Photo ID may be required. Additional COVID-19 safety protocols may be put into place.

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In response to the rising cases of COVID-19, all GUESTS, including alumni, will be required to show proof of vaccination to access Roosevelt facilities. (Note that recent alumni with access to their Net ID can find instructions on how to upload their proof of immunization here.)

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Tall Enough

by Gloria Bond Clunie
directed by Chris Anthony
Every spring, the J.E. Wilkins Science Pack at Hawkins Middle School celebrates the year with a trip to Wild Winds Amusement Park on their annual Physics Day. One problem - their normally fearless leader, Asia, is secretly terrified of roller coasters! For her team to win this year's Wild Ride Physics Challenge, she must ride at least one. A powerful group of friends unite and resort to extraordinary measures in hopes of helping Asia overcome her fears and discover if they all have what it takes to win.

Ages 7 & Up

April 23, 2022 - May 21, 2022

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DePaul University

Merle Reskin Theater
60 E Balbo Dr.

If you're not already a member, consider becoming a paid member of South Loop Neighbors. Memberships run for one year beginning either April 1 or October 1 of each year. Memberships are just \$20 for seniors and students, \$35 for individuals, and \$55 for a household for the whole year of membership. You can join online on our website: <https://www.southloopneighbors.org/join->.

Benefits of paid membership include:

- Your membership supports your neighborhood organization so we can address issues that matter most to you as a South Loop resident.
- Your membership enables South Loop Neighbors to put on events free of charge including speaker's series, meet ups, grills night out, ice cream social, and more.

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- Monthly newsletter sent directly to your inbox.
- Because we are a 501(c)(3) organization, you might be able to deduct your membership dues on your tax return- check with your tax preparer.



Monday, March 28, 2022

[Donation Requested for PAWS Chicago from South Loop Montessori Student](#)

From a young Sloopin reader and contributor at South Loop Montessori:

Elementary Pet Supply Drive

The elementary class at South Loop Montessori is holding a pet supply drive in the month of April. A donation box will be set up in front of the classroom (in the Dearborn Station) from April 4th to April 29th.

All items will be donated to PAWS Chicago, a no-kill animal shelter.

More information about this organization can be found here:

<https://www.pawschicago.org/>

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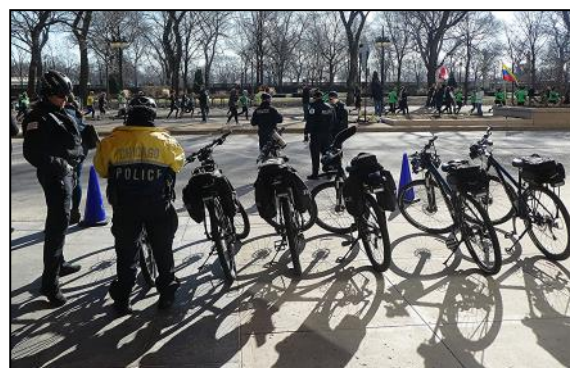
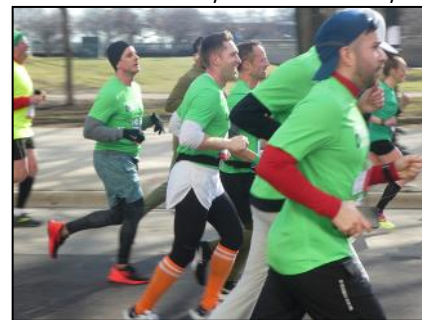
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You can email us at sloopin@gmail.com and we can coordinate with the young student who is trying to get donations.

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



Shamrock Shuffle, March 20th, 2022



[VOA Illinois](#) (in the Dearborn Station) is pleased to announce this year's [Leadership Celebration](#)! Join us as we raise funds for the individuals, families, and communities that we serve and honor the exceptional leadership of individuals who are standing up for Veterans and families struggling with homelessness, children and families in foster care, the elderly, and adults with disabilities.

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, visit voaillinois.org/leadership-celebration.

If you have any questions about the event or would like more details, please reach out to Bridget at bhickey@voail.org or Katie at kwade@voail.org.

Community Responsibility In the Age of COVID



Critical Conversations: Community Responsibility In the Age of COVID

Sunday, April 10, 2022 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Critical Conversations is an annual Spertus Institute program inspired by Judaism's embrace of civil discourse.

The series brings together high-profile experts and activists to debate the most critical issues of the day.

This year, our presenters will focus on community responsibility—within and beyond Jewish life.

Critical Conversations is generously funded by the late Eric Joss.

This year's Critical Conversations will take place online.

Free thanks to generous donor and sponsor support.

Advance registration is required.

Closed captioning provided.

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Community Responsibility In the Age of COVID

The pandemic has forced an array of longstanding issues to the forefront, making questions of community ever more critical.

What do we mean by questions of community?

- Who is in and who is out?
- How do we prioritize limited resources, even such basics as food and medication?

What is the cost of lionizing some and villainizing others to reinforce norms?

In this program we examine the sharp edges by which communities are defined and enlivened, how the pandemic has affected our notion of community responsibility, and how these issues shape our future.



This year's panelists are NPR Education Correspondent **Anya Kamenetz**, Professor of Disability Studies **Dr. Lennard J. Davis**, and Medical Anthropologist **Dr. Emily Mendenhall**.

Anya Kamenetz is an award-winning education reporter who covers young people, learning, and the future. In addition to her work for NPR, she is the author of several acclaimed nonfiction books. Her newest is *The Stolen Year: How Covid Changed Children's Lives, and Where We Go Now*.

Dr. Lennard J. Davis is the Distinguished Professor of English, Disability Studies, and Medical Education at University of Illinois at Chicago. He is co-founder of the Modern Language Association's Committee on Disability Issues and an accomplished advocate and author.

Dr. Emily Mendenhall is an award-winning medical anthropologist and Professor at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She is co-editor-in-chief of *Social Science and Medicine—Mental Health*. Her new book is titled *Unmasked*.

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ADDRESS YOUR SAFETY CONCERNS

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Carjacking Prevention Tips

ADDRESS YOUR SAFETY CONCERNS

There have been several instances of carjackings in our community this year, and while we are working with the Chicago Police Department to keep our neighborhoods safe, we hope that you will take heed of these [carjacking prevention tips](#) to keep yourself from being a victim.

Get Vaxxed at Home and Get \$50 Per Dose

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The Chicago Department of Public Health's in-home vaccination program, Protect Chicago At Home, is now open to all Chicago residents age 5 and up. To encourage Chicago residents to take advantage of the program, they are offering a \$50 gift card for each dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Call **312-746-4835** to schedule or sign-up [here](#).

Get Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

COVID-19 TESTS

All American households are eligible to order up to 4 free COVID-19 tests online at COVIDTests.gov. These tests will ship within 7-12 days of ordering.

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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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 boosters are now available for everyone 16+ at CDPH-sponsored clinics and programs. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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](#).

Chicago Scene

Studebaker Theater set to reopen after multi-million dollar renovation



Chicago's historic Studebaker Theater at Fine Arts Building undergoes major multi-million dollar renovation

CHICAGO — One of the most cherished theaters in Chicago's history is back for an encore.

The historic Studebaker Theater at the Fine Arts Building on 410 S. Michigan Ave. was established in 1898 and has been a staple in the live theatrical world for over a century.

Icons like Bob Hope, Vincent Price, Sarah Bernhardt, Eartha Kitt, Jessica Tandy, and Martin Sheen have performed on its stage leaving a legendary wake of history.

After years in disrepair, the Studebaker is currently in the final stages of a multi-million dollar renovation. The upgrades include all-new seating installed throughout the venue, enhancements, and modernization to the theater's AV and lighting grid, state-of-the-art technical booth, updated lobbies, and a newly designed VIP lounge on the third floor.

Built in 1885, Chicago's Fine Arts Building was originally designed to house the carriage assembly and showroom for the Studebaker Company. Within a year, the company outgrew the space, paving the way for the building to become Chicago's first fine arts colony, housing some of the most acclaimed artists with national and international impact on the arts.

In 1898, the Fine Arts Building created the historic Studebaker Theater, originally built to house vaudevillian performances and later expanded into large production in the 1920s. With a slew of Hollywood's top headliners, it quickly developed a reputation to be known as one of the most important live theatrical venues in Chicago, receiving landmark status in 1978.

The new Studebaker will have approximately 600 seats, home to many nonprofit and touring productions and special events.

The renovations are set to be completed in May and the theater will welcome concerts, ballets, orchestras, operas and more. To check on the progress of the renovation and to see list of upcoming performances, [click here](#).

For more Chicago Scene fun, follow [@tomwgnchicago](#) on Instagram. <https://wgntv.com/morning-news/chicago-scene/studebaker-theater-set-to-reopen-after-multi-million-dollar-renovation/>



Community Safety Townhalls

CHICAGO MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT

The mayor's office is hosting a series of in-person Community Safety Townhalls to discuss safety efforts. The dates and locations for meetings can be found below. Register [here](#).

Youth Town Hall

Saturday, April 2, 10 AM-12 PM

Harold Washington Library - Winter Garden

City Center/Near North, South Loop, West Loop Community Safety Town Hall

Saturday, April 2

2 PM-4 PM

Harold Washington Library - Winter Garden

Chicago's Citywide Clean & Green

CITY OF CHICAGO AND DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & SAN

On **Saturday, April 23**, you and your neighbors can make an immediate difference in your community by volunteering for Chicago's Citywide Clean & Green Day of Service. Clean & Green is a great opportunity for residents, school groups, and community organizations to team up and beautify areas in their neighborhood. The City will provide the brooms, rakes, shovels, and bags needed for clean-up projects. Please register by **April 18** by calling **311**. Download the flyer [here](#).

Spring 2022 Events at Chicago Public Library

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join the Chicago Public Library as legal professionals lecture on particular areas of law, such as buying and selling a home, starting a small business, and LGBTQIA+ law issues, with an open question and answer session. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The Chicago Public Library is also hosting a series of health events to help residents understand and navigate women's health issues and COVID. [Click here](#) to learn more.

In addition, the Chicago Public Library is hosting naturalization and green card virtual events with USCIS. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants

COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Cook County Justice Advisory Council seeks to award \$50 million in grants for programs designed to prevent and reduce gun violence in Chicago & Suburban Cook County. The grant application period is open from March 8 – April 11, 2022. To learn more, including when they are holding information sessions, click [here](#). View their flyer [here](#).

From [KING4THWARD.COM](#) Newsletter

Gun used in South Loop barbershop killing tied to U.S. soldiers accused of trafficking weapons
The victim, Gregory Jackson III, was an associate of popular rapper G Herbo.



The South Loop barbershop where a gun allegedly trafficked to Chicago by soldiers was used in a murder.

By [Frank Main](#) March 24, 2022

A handgun used in the South Loop killing of a friend of well-known rapper G Herbo was among a cache of weapons a trio of U.S. soldiers at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, conspired to sell in Chicago, according to court records.

A .40-caliber Glock was used in the killing of Gregory Jackson III at Studio Nineteen barbershop, 1931 S. State St, on Jan. 28, 2021. The gun's serial number, listed in a Chicago police report, matches one of the guns the soldiers are accused of selling.

The Chicago Sun-Times previously reported the Fort Campbell soldiers are accused of selling at least two other weapons that wound up in shootings in Chicago.

One of them, a Glock handgun, was used in a March 26, 2021, mass shooting at a party in the 2500 block of West 79th Street that left one man dead and seven wounded, according to federal authorities.

On Wednesday, Mosley's lawyer filed a motion to throw out evidence of the gun as evidence because he says it was obtained without a valid search or arrest warrant.

WGN-TV first reported the link between the barbershop shooting and the gun trafficking case.

The three Fort Campbell soldiers have also been accused of conspiring to sell another gun that was used in an unspecified Chicago shooting on March 11, 2021. There were seven shootings across Chicago that day, according to news reports.

Brandon Miller, who once lived in Chicago, is one of those soldiers. He conspired with Jarius Brunson and DeMarcus Adams to buy more than 90 guns at stores along the Tennessee-Kentucky border where Fort Campbell is located, according to the federal gun trafficking conspiracy case against them in Nashville, Tennessee.

Empty gun cases in a Clarksville, Tennessee, home where Miller lived off the military base matched guns recovered by the Chicago police in killings and shootings, prosecutors said.

In a Feb. 23, 2021, text message with someone with a Chicago telephone number, Miller said, "We gone win this *war* we losing the battle but this a marathon not a race," according to prosecutors. In another text, he pledged that he wouldn't turn his back on his gang, federal authorities said.

According to testimony from federal agents, Miller would get an order from someone in Chicago for guns. He'd ask his co-defendants to buy the guns and give them to him. Miller would then fill the order, according to the agents. For the rest of the story, click here.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/metro-state/2022/3/24/22994801/gun-trafficking-soldiers-south-side-barbershop-killing-gregory-jackson-g-herbo>



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!

See past issues . . .

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Next CAPS Meeting May 11, 2022

6PM on Zoom

caps.001district@chicagopolice.org



Police Blotter



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

3/19/2022 8:23 AM 1200 S Wabash
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Store Beat 131

3/18/2022 9:40 pm 90 E 11th St
CAR JACKING Sidewalk Beat 123

3/18/2022 8:44 pm 100 E Cullerton
CAR JACKING Street Beat 123

3/16/2022 8:20pm 2100 S State
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Restaurant Beat 131

3/16/2022 6:50pm 1000 S State St
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No Weapon Street Beat 123

3/16/2022 1:30pm 1100 S Wabash
STRONG ARM ROBBERY no weapon Parking lot Beat 123

3/15/2022 3:27pm 1100 S Clark
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT Retail Store Knife Beat 123

3/10/2022 5pm 1100 S State St
STRONG ARM ROBBERY CTA Train No weapon Beat 123

3/9/2022 4:30pm 1100 S Michigan
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3/15/2022 12:40AM 20 E Roosevelt
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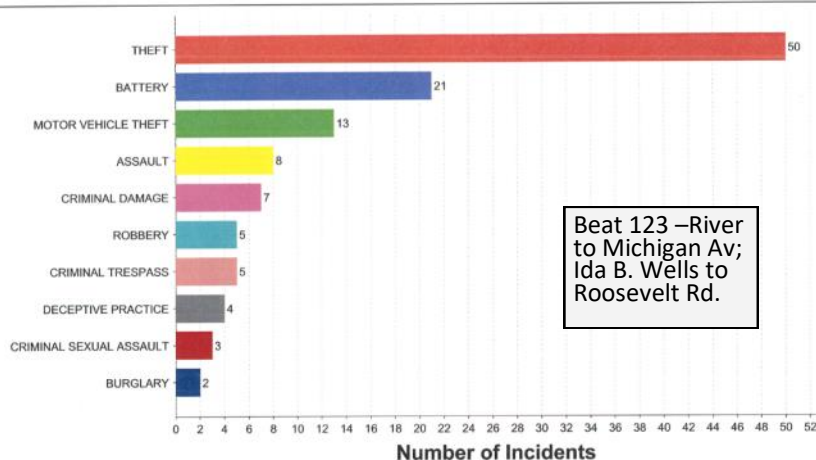
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Top Ten Crimes From 08-Feb-2022 To 08-Mar-2022 On Beat 0123

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Man shot during carjacking in South Loop

The man, 30, was sitting in his white Jaguar waiting for someone in the 100 block of East Cullerton Street when one of five gunmen shot him in the thigh and dragged him out of the car after he refused to get out, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](http://www.sun-times.com)

March 19, 2022

A man was shot during a carjacking March 18, 2022 on the Near South Side.

Sun-Times file

A man was shot during a carjacking Friday night in the South Loop on the Near South Side.

The man, 30, was sitting in his white Jaguar waiting for someone in the 100 block of East Cullerton Street about 8:55 p.m. when one of five gunmen shot him in the thigh and dragged him out of the car after he refused to get out, Chicago police said.

He was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was in good condition, police said.

The gunmen fled the scene in the Jaguar, officials said.

No one was in custody.

<http://chicago.suntimes.com>

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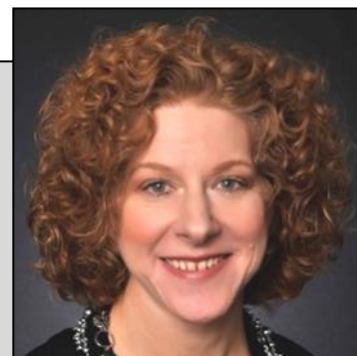
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