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The latest information on planning and development in our area can always be found at our website SouthLoopUpdate.org





OPINION

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Backstory Essays Regan Burke **The Shoes**

August 10, 2022



No one told us about the shoes.

Truth be told, we didn't know much about the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. My colleagues and I at the Department of Education were too busy. Busy with our new jobs. Busy in the heady Washington scene. After all, we were political appointees of newly-elected President Bill Clinton.

The Secretary of Education, Richard Riley, revealed in a private moment that he thought his Deputy Secretary, Madeline Kunin, should have had his job. As a feminist, an immigrant, and a Jew she successfully ran for governor of rough-hewed Vermont three times. Like many survivors of the Holocaust, Kunin's political courage developed in her core at an early age. She voluntarily lobbied for better education, health care and reproductive rights as a young stay-at-home mother.

Like a hen with her clutch, she rounded up the staff at Education and arranged for a special tour for us of the Holocaust Museum before its grand opening in 1993. At first I thought she'd lead the group of Assistant Secretary level who's-who's. After all, Madeleine Kunin's name is among those carved into the granite exterior of the Museum. But no, Deputy Secretary Kunin accompanied us staffers on the bus.

As a group, we were from all parts of the country. Some knew people from education circles. Some knew each other from the Clinton campaign. Our clucking enthusiasm escalated as we gathered in the Hall of Witness. The Museum staff beamed. We, their initial visitors, crowed about our staggering first-look. The architecture appeared contradictory: industrial and elegant, light and shadow, wide and narrow. Initially the exhibits were background to our huddled getting-to-know-you conversations rather than observations of incomprehensible evil. We skimmed family narratives, peered into replicas of boxcars and camp barracks, listened to eyewitness recordings.

At some point the way narrows, and Museum visitors have no choice but to crowd into a shadowy passageway. It's meant to replicate the cramped trains and camps. Then all at once our eyes adjusted to a large dark room illuminated by several downlights drawing attention to the floor. Shoes. A field of shoes. Men's leather wingtips, women's pumps, children's oxfords are all piled up in an erratic display of magnificent personal remembrances.



Shoes confiscated from prisoners at Majdanek, Poland Concentration Camp (photo: US Holocaust Memorial Museum). 60,000 Jews were exterminated at Majdanek between October 1, 1941 and July 22, 1944

My stomach cramped. And then I saw them. Baby shoes. Tiny Mary Jane's like I used to wear.

It wasn't imagination that told me what happened to that child. The proof was all around me: the photos, the documentation, the accounts of survivors. The shoes told the story. The Jews wore their best apparel in the forcedleaving, believing they were being transported to a better place to live, not a place of torture, starvation and extermination.

I hung onto the railing and wept.

Sixteen years later two of my grandchildren, ages ten and twelve, and I traveled to Barack Obama's Inauguration from our hometown Chicago. At a visit to the Holocaust Museum they followed the life of a brother and sister in a special children's exhibit. When we got to the shoes, they whispered.

"Are those hers?"

"Are those his?"

by Regan Burke <u>In That</u> <u>Number: One Woman's</u> <u>March From the Streets</u> <u>of Protest to the</u> <u>Halls of Power</u> (And Beyond)

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Mondays with Mike: by mknezo2014 August 1, 2022

Lolla and NASCAR



The good news is Lollapalooza, the mega-music festival that brings hundreds of thousands of fans to Chicago over four days, is over.

The bad news is that the City just signed a deal to hold Lolla for the next 10 years. (And, next year, we'll also have a <u>NASCAR race downtown</u> that will shut down Grant Park for two weeks. Between that and Lolla, the park will be largely off limits to the public for a month over the summer next year.)

You may remember <u>that eight years ago I blogged about my</u> <u>annoyancewith Lollapalooza</u>. Well, I'm eight years crankier. Each year there's a different uniform of sorts, with the general trend of young women wearing less and less every year. Glitter is the constant. And Lollapalemmings still travel in packs and they still are oblivious to their surroundings, regularly blocking sidewalks and crosswalks. Helicopters and ambulance sirens are nearly constant.

But it brings in money and fills the hotels and yada, yada, yada. It also takes a huge swath of public parkland out of commission for weeks between preparation and cleanup. And selling access to a public facility that taxpayers have paid for to a private entity, in principle, is hard to swallow. On balance, though, I'm willing to live with it. We're pretty close to Grant Park so we feel the inconvenience more than people who live in other parts of the city. If it's good for the city, OK I guess.

Ugh.

There's another aspect to it that's a function of our times: During any big gathering now we cross our fingers that there will not be some kind of mass shooting. Of course, so does the City of Chicago. And that was plenty evident on Sunday at the Hilton Towers on Michigan Avenue, across from Grant Park. Beth swims there and I use the gym, and we went Sunday afternoon, the last day of Lolla. After my workout, a sauna and a shower, I got dressed and came out into the lobby to meet Beth and Luna and walk home together.

As I turned to drop my locker key off at the desk, I was greeted by a jolting image. A Chicago police officer was at the desk. Which wasn't itself a big deal. The big deal was that in addition to his service revolver, an assault-style rifle was clipped to bullet-proof body armor. The thing was terrifying just to look at. A second officer, similarly equipped, joined him. They chatted with the desk attendants and then headed outside to a terrace that is attached to the health club.

The club and terrace are on the eighth floor, so it



affords a wide view. My guess is that officers were perched on buildings up and down Michigan Avenue—and probably at hi-rise condos at the end of the park, too.

I'm elated to say there was no incident–other than probably a fair number of ODs that likely necessitated all those ambulances and sirens.

But, Mike, Mike, Mike: For the last time, make plans now to be out of Chicago for the next Lolla

MOST RECENT EPISODES AUGUST 12, 2022



Reading the Room

How Books Get Removed from Classrooms and Libraries

Parents Vs. Democracy

Inside the SCOTUS Case on School Library Censorship

An old threat has returned to classrooms across the country — and it's made of pages and ink. On this week's On the Media, hear what it means to ban a book, and who has the right to choose what kids learn. Plus, meet the student who took his school board all the way to the Supreme Court in the 80s.

1. Kelly Jensen, editor for Book Riot who writes a weekly update on "book censorship news," on what it means to ban a book. <u>Listen.</u>

2. Jennifer Berkshire [<u>@BisforBerkshire</u>] and Jack Schneider [<u>@Edu_Historian</u>], hosts of the education podcast "Have You Heard," on the rights—both real and fictional—of parents to shape what their kids learn. <u>Listen.</u>

3. OTM reporter Micah Loewinger [@MicahLoewinger] takes a deep dive into our nations history of taking books off shelves, with the 1982 Supreme Court decision in *Island Trees School District v Pico.* Featuring: Steven Pico, then student and plaintiff in the case and Arthur Eisenberg, New York Civil Liberties lawyer, who represented him. Listen.

Thurs, August 4, 2022 <u>Moody</u> <u>Tongue</u> <u>Brewery Gets</u> <u>Profiled By</u> <u>CBS Sunday</u> <u>Morning</u>



A reader sent us <u>this great video from CBS Sunday Morning</u> profiling Moody Tongue Brewery. We didn't see this and if you haven't, it will likely cause you to add this restaurant/ brewery to your list (via <u>CBS</u>):

Acclaimed chef Jared Wentworth and brewmaster Jared Rouben have created quite a buzz with their Chicago restaurant, by pairing fine dining with in-house crafted beers. A review in the Michelin Guide says "Their culinary fireworks will lift your spirits and have you returning for more." Dana Jacobson sits down with the duo behind the world's first two Michelin star brewery. Air Date: Dec 3, 2021

As you may or may not know, Moody Tongue earned a prestigious two Michelin stars back in the spring of 2021. It's nice to have this in our backyard and one we still haven't had a chance to check out, but hope to soon!

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Thursday, July 28, 2022 <u>Take a Driver Through the Chicago</u> <u>NASCAR Course Through Grant Park</u>

We posted <u>last week about the NASCAR</u> race coming to Grant Park - if you are interested in how this course will look and how the drivers will attack it here is a good video:

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Ellen Sandmeyer Owner, Sandmeyer's Bookstore

When you think about books in Printers Row, the annual literary fest on Dearborn Street might be the first thing to come to mind. But the literary heart of the South Loop is Sandmeyer's Bookstore, a quiet but mighty independent



that's operated in the same space by its founders since its inception forty years ago, in May 1982. Ulrich and Ellen Sandmeyer were librarians—he at the Chicago Public Library's Galewood-Mont Clare Branch and she a law librarian at DePaul—who dreamt of running their own bookshop and set their sights on then-frontier Printers Row. "At that time Printers Row was... not much there, just the first few buildings had started doing loft conversions," Ellen recalls, "but Ulrich had a vision that this would become a great neighborhood and it did." Over the years, Sandmeyer's has been the retail anchor of the neighborhood, building a well-deserved reputation as a place where the owners are passionate readers who hand-sell books to their customers with care and insight. Ulrich passed away four years ago and Ellen carries on—"I really would have not thought I could do it on my own," she says, "but I have with everybody's help." The store remains as strong as any, having its best year ever last year, Ellen says, crediting the diversity of books and its reflection of a diverse neighborhood.

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Book Review

Jabari Asim, Yonder (Simon and Schuster 2022)

The *Times* reported that a Catholic order of priests who relied on slave labor to build Georgetown University, and in 1830, sold over 200 people to planters in Louisiana to keep that school afloat, had not yet kept its promise to raise \$100 million for reparations to their descendants Up north, the priests had allowed families to stay together, but after deportation to the deep south, children were sundered from their mothers; husbands were sold away from their wives; and, nobody even knew their grandparents. This contemporary reminder that those held in bondage were real people, not a dehumanized, gothic, horde, is reality Jabari Asim, in his lyrical, magical, mustread book, **Yonder**, makes passionately clear. Asim focuses not upon "the peculiar institution" of slavery so much as the men and women and children forced to live under its hateful yoke. The story is narrated by sundry storytellers who call themselves "Stolen," captured by "Thieves," guided by "Elders" who appear at critical moments to guide and bless, or spirits who sometimes carry the murdered and the fallen back home to their creators, the "Strong." We are not spared the horrors: slit throats, torn wombs, salt poured on wounds, hunger, thirst, exhaustion. A gentle female narrator tells us, "we worked from *can't see to can't see*." But, she continues: "In between... Stolen traveled among...farms to meet with lovers, parents, children. We called it *night walking*." The book opens in her voice, in a breath-taking and beautiful reminder of the panoply of sentient, intelligent, heartfilled people who ended up in chains: "All of us have two tongues: the first is for them: a broken joke of language. It



Writing Out Loud

what a blind teacher learned from leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke

is a lament cloaked in deception.... The second is for *us*; it is a song of dreams and drums, whispered promises and incantations. It reminds us, that despite everything, we love." This love and friendship in defiance of their masters and their constant fear, is rarely written about. Some had hope, and wondered about "out **Yonder**." And faith: "part of you is free as long as you can dream of something else." And humor: "we had hardships a'plenty, yet we found some comfort in knowing that others in the world – rats, say, or snakes - had it even worse." The most optimistic of them all, an endearing adolescent, had either a cruel brand that cut grooves in his back before he remembered—or, as he saw them—hinges for the wings he knew he would earn so that he could fly back to Africa. Their savvy: "It was part of our daily labors to anticipate the moods of the Thieves ...we had but seconds to determine whether they were lonely or sad enough to engage a Stolen in civil conversation, whether we should lend an ear or be as stiff and insensitive as furniture. Whether to step left or right, whether to move past them quickly or remain still so their hands could roam;" and their strength, saves them and captures us. Listen, if you can.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park August, 2022

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Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

Mondays with Mike When I learned to Swing July 25, 2022



In August of 1978, I was newly returned to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from an internship in Washington, D.C. And, for the first time in my life, I was a little cocky. I'd lived outside of the Chicago area! I knew stuff that you didn't'! I'd lived in Washington, D.C. dammit!

I held hopes that I'd land a job back in D.C. as the result of that internship, but I had one year plus a summer of college to go. And let's say I wasn't the most serious student for my senior year + a summer. U of I had something called "new student week" back then. It was a full week of orientation in August. In its time, that meant a lot of debauchery, so old students came down to enjoy, too.

I learned a new club was opening on Green Street in Campustown, which was the main campus drag. The place was called Mabel's. A university bigwig who handled its money decided Champaign-Urbana could use a New Yorkstyle jazz club. And Mabel's was born. He'd bought a bunch of antiques and curios at an estate sale for someone named Mabel, and the club was strewn with those relics.

It was a long flight of stairs up to the first floor of the club. And another shorter flight up to a balcony seating area.

I took a job there as a cocktail waiter. I didn't care much about jazz, but well, it looked fun. Being a male server at a campus bar was sort of earth shaking back then, when just down the block young women servers dressed in skin tight Danskins. (Which all seems quaint in these times.)

Mabel's first floor near the stage was quite the hip deal: It was big pillows on the floor. People laid on the floor propped up by those pillows. So I'd bring drinks out and set them on little weighted "tables" in the midst of the pillows. Back then, all you needed was a university ID to get into a bar, so we got lots of 18-year-olds on dates drinking strawberry daiquiris. At closing, some couples would be in oblivious liplocks. The manager would pump out the 1812 Overture as loud as it could go and that was that.

I digress. What I didn't realize was that I was already a jazz fan, but didn't know it. My favorite band at the time was <u>Steely Dan</u>, and the album Aja was hot as a firecracker. And my favorite part? The title song, and a solo by jazz great <u>Wayne Shorter</u>. Wayne was my gateway drug.

The University of Illinois has always had <u>a vibrant jazz</u> <u>program</u> in its music department, but perhaps never more vibrant then back then. There was UI Jazz Band #5, #4, #3, #2, and the vaunted #1. They were all good but #1 had ringers who were down from Chicago or other places as adjuncts.

The program was led by <u>John Garvey</u>, a character who regularly rode a mo-ped around campus while smoking a pipe. He had a thing for all kinds of music, including

Russian folk, and he founded a Russian folk group as well as leading the jazz program.

The first time I heard #1's horns crank it up, powerful, in complete synchronization, I was floored—and hooked. You can feel that shit, and it ain't electrified like, say, The Who. It's humans moving air.

The Mabel's owner had done his homework and was a true jazz lover. He managed to book greats like the <u>Thad</u> <u>Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra</u> (if you have to ask, you can't afford it). And Gary Burton on the vibes. All this in a college town in East Central Illinois.

Tonight we went to <u>Jazz Showcase</u> to see the <u>Chicago Jazz</u> <u>Orchestra</u>, an umpteen-piece band that took me back, and reminded me why I love a big jazz band. If you've never experienced a jazz big band, try it out. The arrangements, the musicianship, in my view, are unequalled.

1978 turned into 1979. Mabel's waitresses didn't need Danskins, they were just gorgeous. I fell in love with one of them; it was the first time I felt that way. (Not the last.) We had a sultry, carefree summer. I moved back to D.C. to take that job in August.

Oh, also, because I was out of sync with the Journalism calendar, I took basic reporting late. A young woman named Beth was in that class. We became friends.

On my last night working at Mabel's on the day I handed in my graduating paper (I was bartending by then), Beth came to help me celebrate. I gave her what would be my work number in D.C. should she ever be in town.

So yeah, I love a big jazz band.

Mike Knezovich



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



Beth Finke

Credit: Left: A CTA Blue Line train passes over the tracks in Logan Square on Apr. 18, 2022. Right: Supt. David BrownColin Boyle/ Block Club Chicago



Police Will Add Patrols To CTA Trains After Violent Attacks, Including Fatal Red Line Shooting, Supt. Says

The CTA is also bringing back its K-9 security teams to monitor trains and platforms within the next week, CTA President Dorval Carter said.

Noah Asimow Aug 8, 2022

CHICAGO — Police Supt. David Brown has vowed to beef up police patrols on the city's public transit system after a spate of recent violent CTA attacks, including the fatal shooting of a 29-year-old man on a Chatham Red Line train early Saturday morning. At a press conference Saturday, Brown called the 2 a.m. killing at the 79th and Dan Ryan stop a "senseless act of gun violence." The victim, who Brown identified as Diuntel Moon, was on a CTA train car when an unknown person fired multiple shots, killing him, police said.

"Incidents like these, whether on the CTA or in our neighborhoods, have no place in our city," Brown said. "It is unacceptable and will not be tolerated."

Brown said that the department would be adding a "contingent" of officers to CTA trains as soon as Sunday. CTA President Dorval Carter also announced the agency would be bringing back its K-9 security teams to monitor trains and platforms within the next week.

"Violent crime is up, and that's why we're adding more and more resources to the CTA," Brown said.

The CTA has approximately 300 unarmed security guards that patrol its vehicles and stations, according to its website. Carter said those guards are supposed to act as eyes and ears for armed police.

Police officials did not specify the number of additional officers being added to trains, citing a policy in which they do not disclose the exact number of officers assigned to specific units.

"We think it's counterproductive and not strategic to give you the actual numbers," Brown said. "I could just tell you, it's a significant number that we've added to the CTA this year, but we also committed to adding even more."

There's no one in custody for the most recent Red Line shooting, and Area Two detectives are investigating. Deputy Chief Rahman Muhammad said police are working to collect as much video surveillance that we can gather, as well as interviewing witnesses."

The killing on the Red Line was the latest in a recent string of violent attacks on CTA red line trains in the past month, including an attempted robbery that resulted in five people being stabbed in July.

While touting the officers that would be added to the CTA, Brown said that there is a demand for more officers across the city, including the Loop.

"It's a balancing act," Brown said. "Every neighborhood is seeking more and more police officers right now."



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GROCERIES DELI PRODUCE BEER, WINE & SPIRITS 9th and State Editor's Letter: August, 2022 August 2, 2022 by Brian Hieggelke

The Printers Row Lit Fest is alive and well and living in September.

I've already lost track of which pandemic surge, which variant peak did what, but after surviving an unceremonious defunding by the Tribune in 2019 and producing a fair any-



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way, the festival was forced to cancel entirely in 2020, along with most of the rest of the culture, and then pushed out of its longtime June slot last year as September seemed a safer bet.

No one knew how it would work in its new timing. Would vendors be happy? Would folks come out for authors? But at the end of the weekend, the organizers got the message: people seemed to prefer September. And so this longstanding hello to summer is now a goodbye to summer.

Newcity and the Lit Fest have grown up together; we created the Lit 50, the first of our Leaders of Culture lists, as a way to establish a written manifestation of the community that was starting to form and congregate around the book fair. And so this annual edition, which took off a year itself due to the pandemic, is back, no longer in its familiar June nest, but now in August (September was already taken with the Art 50 and Fall Arts Preview).

We'll see you on Dearborn Street next month, and raise a glass to surviving and thriving.

If you're new to the Lit 50, you might wonder where all the familiar authors are. We rotate between creative and behind-the-scenes players each year; this year it's the latter.

BRIAN HIEGGELKE

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

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Retired in Chicago

Why New Yorkers should visit Chicago

By Marianne Goss, July 18, 2022

Visitors ask us Chicago Greeters what else they should do in our city besides the Greeter tour.

As you'd expect, I ask what they're interested in. But I also think about where they're from — one of my guidelines about travel is to see what you don't have at home.

It's easy to advise visitors who come from rural areas and small towns. But what do I say to New Yorkers who have Broadway, Central Park, Fifth Avenue, scores of museums, restaurants from Michelin three-star to holes-in-the-wall, diverse neighborhoods, music of every genre, and 11 professional sports teams? What do we have to attract a New Yorker?

• Different buildings. Regardless of whether the argument is ever resolved about whether Chicago or New York was the birthplace of the skyscraper, we both have skyscrapers worth seeing. The Chicago Architecture Center offers tours of the development of the skyscraper. The designs of two of America's all-time greatest architects can be seen in the Oak Park homes by Frank Lloyd Wright and the Illinois Institute of Technology buildings by Mies van der Rohe.

• Different artworks. The Art Institute has more Impressionist paintings than anywhere outside Paris — plus it's strong in American, modern, classical, and non-Western art. The Loop is an outdoor museum of sculptures by famous artists.

• Chicago History Museum. Nowhere is the story of "the quintessential American city" better told. Also, Abraham Lincoln buffs will see a few artifacts of our greatest president, including the bed he died in.

• A historic baseball park. The Mets and the Yankees play in new stadiums. The Cubs play in one of the last two oldtime neighborhood ballparks.

• Second City. With a long list of famous alumni, Second City in its seventh decade remains the world's premier improv comedy company.

• The National Museum of Mexican Art. The museum is the largest Latino cultural institution in the United States and the only one accredited by the American Association of Museums.

• Pullman National Monument. On the far South Side, parts of the first industrial planned community in the country are being restored at Pullman National Monument. The visitor center tells its history and significance to urban planning, civil rights, and labor.



• Jane Addams Hull House Museum. All that's left of Hull House, the first settlement house in the United States in 1889, the museum spotlights cofounder Jane Addams and other women who worked tirelessly to improve the lives of immigrants.

• Beaches in the city. Chicagoans can swim in our big body of water while looking at the city's gorgeous skyline.

• Freestanding homes and alleys. These are novelties to Manhattan residents, who might want to walk around one of the 13 historic districts featuring Chicago's unique bungalow style.

• In a few years we'll have the Obama Presidential Center, under construction in Jackson Park.

Having shown that Chicago has attractions for New Yorkers, I must concede that cities smaller than Chicago have attractions worth seeing. When I say that I prefer to vacation in nature because I get my city kicks at home, I overlook the historical sites and unique attractions of smaller cities. For instance, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, where my sister and I will visit our nieces this fall, should appeal to a history buff like me.

With an open mind, one can find unique things to see and do in many places.

https://www.chicagonow.com/retired-in-chicago/about/



This L Train Station in the Greek Revival Style is located on the northern edge of the South Loop. Do you know where? Photo July 2, 2022

OPINION

Chicago's dubious history of trying to keep the Bears at Soldier Field shows why the NFL franchise must leave

Blake Schuster

August 2, 2022 7:30 am ET

In October 1910, architect and city planner Daniel Burham spoke to colleagues at a conference in London. This was a year after he published 1909's *Plan of Chicago*—a manifesto that would shape the city for the next century and come to be known as the Burnham Plan. But that plan hadn't been enacted yet. Only proposed. Burnham was still selling his grand ambitions for a city reduced to smoldering ash 39 years earlier in the Great Fire, providing what became the default defense for extravagant projects to follow.

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized," Burnham said, <u>according to the *Chicago Record-Herald*</u>. "Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency."

Uttered some 4,000 miles and an ocean away, Burnham's words became an unofficial mantra in Chicago, trotted out every time some politician unveiled their newest agenda. It was pure and simple advertising. Better than anything Madison Avenue could come up with and almost insulting by nature: *The only ones who could disagree were those who couldn't dream big enough.*

These days, the spirit of Burnham's words is no longer used to promote civic pride or enhance Chicago for its residents, but to rob them of the very ideals that formed the framework of his plan. Soldier Field in 1933 as depicted on a postcard from the Century of Progress Chicago

The <u>latest proposed</u> <u>renovation of Soldier</u> <u>Field</u> to placate the Chicago Bears is the

USA TODAY



greatest example yet. It's revolting. It should infuriate anyone who calls the city home. And whatever power Burnham's "no little plans" speech still holds over Chicagoans should be met with <u>Monorail-jingle</u> skepticism. An ambitious plan to re-think Soldier Field *feels* big and noble, but it is, we now know, folly. Especially when the perfect use for the lakeside arena already exists, one Burnham himself envisioned and generations of activists have fought to defend. But the Bears must leave to enact it and Chicagoans should welcome their departure. The city has done more than enough to spur the private franchise's wealth with little return (certainly not many championships). The more Chicago offers to change Soldier Field, the more they insult those who will inevitably pay for it.

To understand why striving to keep the Bears in a home they no longer want makes no sense at all, we need to dive deep into the history of the place and the team that would unexpectedly become synonymous with it. READ MORE

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Summer in the City



In Dearborn Park, another yarn bomb has popped up.

Photo July 1, 2022

Below, a sleek motorcycle sits outside Roots. The people in the background make the photo.

Photo June 6, 2022





Star Farm Chicago is at the Printers Row Farmers Market.

Star Farm Chicago is a non-profit urban farm and landscaping service established in 2016 in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.

We work to increase access of local organic produce through farmers markets, pop-ups, delivery, and our local foods co-op.

Our Story



Indivisible Downtown Chicago meets the 3rd Monday of each month at Bar Louie in Printers Row. Join Chicagoans using "Indivisible" principles to protect democracy.

The next meeting is Monday, September 19 at 6:30pm.

All are welcome

https://act.indivisible.org/event/localactions/167149/signup/

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Printers Row Park Advisory Council has partnered with the Chicago Park District, Chicago Parks Foundation, and the 4th Ward Alderman's Office to repair and restore the beautiful art deco fountain at Printers Row Park. The fountain was built in 1999, well before the park was built in 2009. Nearly a guarter of a century later, maintenance issues and weather have taken a toll on the fountain. It is in desperate need of careful restoration to its original vibrant beauty. Please purchase a personalized tile to commemorate your support of this neighborhood project. Tiles will be installed around the base of the fountain upon completion of the restoration project. This fundraising project will kick off on May 21st in conjunction with Chicago Parks Foundation's " It's Your Park Day 2022."

Ordering Process



Wednesday, July 8, 2020 <u>Michigan Avenue Highrise - 1000M - Stops</u> <u>Construction as Lender Pauses Funding</u>



Thursday, July 8, 2021

<u>Changes to Stalled 1000M High-Rise Gets</u> <u>Approved By City Council ; Aims for</u> <u>Fall Restart</u>



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1000M July, 2022

Right. As it appears today facing Michigan Avenue





Left. Garage off the back facing Wabash. Looks like a great mural space.

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Summerdance



Aug. 19

Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan e.6 p.m.: Salsa/Latin Rhythms7 p.m.: Salsa/Afinca'o

Aug. 20

Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan Ave.

6 p.m.: No Limits Latin, Fusion Adaptive Dance/Desueño Dance and MOMENTA Dance Company

7 p.m.: Disability-Led Fusion Grooves/Calculated Discomfort

Aug. 25

Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan Ave., 6-9 p.m

Dances and instructors throughout the night: Indian Classical Hharatanatyam/Kinnari Vora, Flamenco/Leticia Aravena, Dabke/Phaedra Darwish, Mexican Folk/Lorena Iniguez

Aug. 26

Spirit of Music Garden, 601 S. Michigan Ave. 6 p.m.: House/DJ Wayne Williams



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Join a Safety Committee COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS

Residents in the 4th Ward are getting together to be proactive about their own safety. Every community area has an Advisory Council with a Safety sub-committee. It is important that communities organize themselves to be more vigilant by getting to know each other better, sharing contact information, and, creating mechanisms to communicate quickly and effectively. Please enquire about Block Club and Safety Subcommittees within your Community Advisory Council. To get involved, please contact our office at 773-536-8103 or email us at <u>ward04@cityofchicago.org</u>. To reach out directly to the advisory councils, visit our website <u>King4thWard.com/advisory-councils1</u>.

Health, Wellness and Know Your Rights Information and Resource Fairs

CITY OF CHICAGO LORI E. LIGHTFOOT

The City of Chicago Mayor's office will be holding two information and resource fairs on the subjects of health, wellness, and knowing your rights at the Harold Washington Library Center (400 S. State St) Winter Garden 9th Floor. They will take place on **Tuesday**, **July 19, and Tuesday**, **August 16 2022 from 10 AM-2 PM**. Click <u>here</u> to find out what services are being offered and more.

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 <u>carjacking prevention</u> <u>tips</u> to keep yourself from being a victim.

Night Out In The Parks is Back! CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Celebrating 10 years, Night Out in the Parks activates parks across the city with robust cultural events – bringing neighbors together to laugh, dance, sing, and engage. The Chicago Park District, in partnership with more than **120 local artists and organizations**, presents engaging events and performances to amplify the artistic and cultural vibrancy of our city in every neighborhood and enhance the quality of life across Chicago. Through theater, music, movies, dance, site-specific performances, nature programs, and community festivals, the series supports Chicago-based artists, facilitates community-based partnerships and programs, cultivates civic engagement, and ensures equity in access to the arts for all Chicagoans. Click <u>here</u> to learn more and <u>here</u> to view the schedule for this summer for the 4th Ward and the rest of the city.

Virtual Alderman 'On the Block'

MEET WITH ALDERMAN KING ON ZOOM The next Alderman on the Block date is June 27. 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.

For more City info, click here

CPD District Meetings

ADDRESS YOUR SAFETY CONCERNS

Use the CPD's online <u>tool</u> to find your district and beat.

COVID-19 Boosters

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 boosters are now available for everyone 16+ at CDPH-sponsored clinics and programs. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

1-year-old boy found safe after taken during carjacking in South Loop

A man was on the street next to his parked car in the first block of East 23rd Street when another car pulled up Wednesday afternoon. By <u>Sun-Times Wire</u>

Åug 10, 2022, 11:04pm CDT

A 1-year-old boy was found safe Wednesday afternoon after he was taken in a carjacking in the South Loop.

A man, 51, was on the street next to his parked car in the first block of East 23rd Street when another car pulled up about 12:45 p.m., Chicago police said.

A person got out and jumped into the man's car, driving off with the toddler inside, police said.

Officers found the toddler alone inside the car in the 2200 block of South Indiana Avenue, according to police.

No arrests have been made.

Fatal shootings Aug 6, 2022

A 29-year-old man was killed and a 23-year-old man wounded about 3:20 a.m. Saturday in a parking lot in the Loop. The men were in the 400 block of South Clark when someone in a black sedan opened gunfire, police said. Deontae D. Winfrey suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he died. The 23year-old was shot in the leg and arm and taken to the same hospital.

Man stabbed while riding Red Line train on

Near South Side

Someone approached the man, 21, and made "derogatory remarks" and stabbed him at least twice Wednesday night, police said.

By Sun-Times Wire

Aug 4, 2022, 6:27am CDT

A man was stabbed while riding a CTA Red Line train through Dearborn Park on the Near South Side Wednesday night.

Someone approached the man, 21, and made "derogatory remarks" and stabbed him at least twice, police said.

The man was taken in fair condition to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

No one was in custody.

http://chicago.suntimes.com

Dearborn Park I

SAT - Two cars in the Oaks parking lot had their rear passenger windows smashed out

- SUN - Another car on S. Plymouth Ct. experienced the same thing - TUES - A car was stolen out of Cluster 6's parking lot



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.

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Number of Incidents

Man charged with sexual assault after groping women while on scooter in South Loop

by: Neshmia Malik

Posted: Aug 14, 2022 / 08:20 AM CDT Updated: Aug 14, 2022 / 08:23 AM CDT CHICAGO — A man has been charged with



Police said Victor Manuel-Reves, 36, is charged with three felonies, including criminal sexual assault. He was arrested Aug. 12 in the 500 block of East Illinois Street after being identified as the man who rode around on a one-wheel motorized scooter groping women.

According to police, one reported incident took place on June 1 in the 400 block of W. Lake Street and another took place on Aug. 6 in the 1100 block of S. State Street.

Manuel-Reves is scheduled to appear in bond court Sunday.

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