

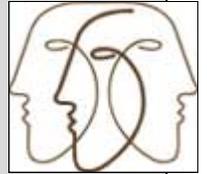


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Grateful

Two years ago, I was grateful for health care workers. Still am. Last year, the vaccine.

This year, I am grateful for living in this "Hell Hole" of a city. In Conde Nast Traveler Magazine 35th Annual Readers Choice Award, the readers chose Chicago number 1 over all other big cities in the United States. Apparently, tourists are not afraid to come to Chicago. In this issue, Resonance, a global branding firm, listed Chicago as 13th in the world's 100 top-performing cities in their annual World's Best Cities Report. We like being number 1 but 13th ain't bad out of 100. See page 21.

I'm also grateful for the Sandy Hook Foundation whose efforts to educate and tenaciously push for the prevention of gun violence is a needed voice in our country. See page 19.

And on a more personal note, I am grateful for those who contribute content to the Dearborn Express.

Beth Finke, Bonnie McGrath, Lorraine Schmall, Mike Knezovich, Marianne Goss, Regan Burke and Brian Heiggelke, editor of New City; Sloopin.com, Blockclubchicago, The Columbia College Chronicle, and to the property managers who distribute the Dearborn Express to the residents of their buildings. And last but not least, to **Janice Koeber**, Assistant Editor.



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South Loop Neighbors

South Loop Neighbors is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.

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

- Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
- Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
- Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
- Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood
- Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the

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Retired in Chicago

With gift-giving reduced, what to do with gift box contents?

By **Marianne Goss**,

Some friends and I have stopped giving gifts for Christmas and birthdays. It make sense, we say we want to purge possessions. It leaves me with a dilemma, however: what to do with the potential presents collected over the years.

A large box holds things from my own shopping, regift-ables, and never-used purchases of my parents. In the gift box are kitchen gadgets and towels, picture frames, candles and candleholders, ceramic jars, wallets and change purses, blank journals, gardening gloves and soaps, bath items, "magic" cleaning cloths, Christmas decorations, and household miscellany. Books are in another box.

In retrospect, I've decided that it wasn't a good idea to stockpile presents for indefinite future occasions. If you think the contents sound impersonal, some of the items are more suitable for your hairdresser than for a close friend. I try to match an item and its recipient, but a special present for a particular someone rarely comes from the gift box.

The box is useful when I want a housewarming or hostess gift or something for a sick, homebound person, but such occasions are infrequent.

"What to do with everything?" a friend said. "Use the stuff yourself." I suppose I could, but if it hasn't occurred to me that I could use __, do I really need it?

So I consider ideas of what to do with the items. I could bestow a small present when invited to dinner or to thank a friend for a favor. Perhaps a gift could be a surprise for no special reason. My friend Joan gave me book after she went to a signing, and I felt delighted to receive a gift when there was no occasion or expectation. A surprise present wouldn't begin an undesired gift exchange; there's no occasion to reciprocate, no embarrassment about not giving something in return.

If friends with whom I used to exchange gifts are reading this, know that I was sincere when we agreed to stop. And if friends with whom I still exchange gifts are reading this, know that I'm okay with continuing. I already have the items, and they're not doing anyone any good buried in a box.

I never could shop from the gift box for my list-making relatives.

Christmas gift-giving in my family evolved over time. For many years everyone gave to everyone, requiring each of us to buy and wrap presents for more than a dozen people. Then we switched to drawing names (except for kids and Mom and Dad). A couple of years ago we tried a white elephant exchange.

This year we decided to skip gift giving. "I'd rather talk than open gifts," one of my nieces said. Besides, with our parents gone, we're not going to be all together on the 24th and 25th.

I'll miss the Christmas Eve tradition of sharing a Slovak meal prepared from Grandma's recipes. I'm indifferent about the gifts. Until the white elephant exchange, there was nothing unexpected about them, since everyone provided a list.

me that Thanksgiving Day was clouded by discussions of Christmas shopping. "Have you made your list?" was a recurrent question. After turkey dinner people would pore over the voluminous newspaper ads. Having a white elephant exchange halted that. This Christmas we won't have to discuss gifts at all.

Marianne Goss, a South Loop resident and retired editor and journalist, used to blog on ChicagoNow, where this post first appeared.

Comments? Send to thedearbornexpress@gmail.com

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ON **THE MEDIA**

The Good Ol' Days

This year, right-wing groups at home and abroad were animated by wistful recollections of the past. On this week's On the Media, hear how nostalgia is weaponized in politics. Plus, a deep dive into newspaper archives reveals that we've been having the same debates for over a century.

1. Sophia Gaston [[@sophgaston](#)], social researcher and the Head of Foreign Policy & UK Resilience at UK think tank Policy Exchange, on the use of nostalgia as a cultural and political force in Europe. [Listen](#).
2. Adam Serwer [[@AdamSerwer](#)], staff writer at The Atlantic, and the author of "The Cruelty Is the Point," on weaponized nostalgia in American discourse. [Listen](#).
3. OTM correspondent Micah Loewinger [[@MicahLoewinger](#)] speaks with political scientist Paul Fairie [[@paulisci](#)] about at some of the big media narratives that felt representative of 2022 and how little has changed in our political discourse. [Listen](#).

Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

Questions Kids Ask: Does it Hurt to be Blind?

Nov 22, 2022



One week ago today I was at Sterling Park Elementary, a dual-language school in Casselberry, Florida giving a presentation to third graders. My eight-year-old great-niece Toots goes to that school, and my sister Cheryl and I had flown from Chicago to Florida a few days earlier to see Toots in a children's theater performance of the musical "Annie."

And then, what great luck: last Tuesday, November 15, was "Teach-In" at Sterling Park Elementary, and if we stayed in Florida for a few more days after the fabulous performance of "Annie" I could come talk with her third-grade class about what it's like to be blind, write books, and get around with a Seeing Eye dog.

So we stayed.

When it was time for the presentation, my Seeing Eye dog Luna led me to a chair in front of the kids — they were all sitting on the floor, criss-cross applesauce. Except for Toots.

Note: "Toots" is not her real name, but she is, well, such a "Toots" that I can't help myself. I have to call her Toots! And Toots doesn't seem to mind. She was standing in front of the class as we walked in, ready to assist Aunt Beth with anything necessary. As we got ourselves ready to do the presentation, she came close enough to whisper and assure me that it was "okay to call me Toots."

I kept my presentation short, and Toots surprised me by taking over from there, announcing we were going to show our audience a game the two of us play when we're together. "I put things in Aunt Beth's hands," she explained, "and see if she can guess what it is!" From there she ran around the classroom to collect things that might fool me, and she even kept score on the whiteboard behind us. Pretty sure I won, two to one.

And then Toots was right there at the front of the room to call on her school friends who had questions afterwards. A note of thanks to Mrs. Grau (one of the teachers there) and my sister Cheryl for writing these all down for me: There were so many good ones!

- When you became blind, how did it feel?
- Does Luna ever get out of her harness?
- Where do the dogs go in retirement?
- Does Luna know braille, too?
- Do Seeing Eye dogs know they're in the right place?
- Is it weird to just see black every day?
- Can any dog be a Seeing Eye dog?
- Does it feel weird to be blind?
- If you look at a light do you see a little lighter color black?

- Were you always an author?
- How do you tell the different bills in your wallet?
- How long have you had Luna?
- Does it hurt to be blind?
- Can Luna swim?
- Can a Seeing Eye dog be small?
- Can you send us a letter in Braille?
- How do you make meals?
- I have a Black Lab at home, too — how long did it take to train Luna?
- What are some things you like to do?
- When you dream, do you see things in your mind?
- How do you know what you are eating?
- What other books have you written?
- How many years does Luna have left?
- How does Luna use her sense of smell to help you?
- Who is your favorite service dog?

And with that, I thanked the kids for having us, and once I stood up, the Black Lab at my feet jumped up, shook herself off and stood patiently at my side. I lifted Luna's harness handle then, commanded, "Luna, outside!" and dozens of eight and nine-year olds, all of them still sitting criss-cross applesauce on the classroom floor, laughed and cheered as Luna threaded me through them and to the door to the hallway.

And for her encore? I took Luna's harness off so all the kids — and teachers — who wanted to could pet Luna or rub her belly on their way out. As for that last question? The one about which is my favorite service dog? Adults ask me that question a lot, too, and my answer is always the same: The one I'm working with now!



That's my niece, Kennedy (I call her Toots), with her teacher and Luna.

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

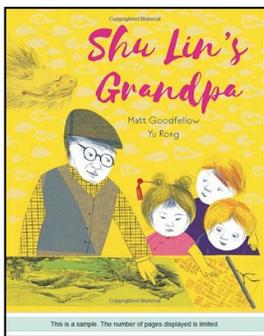
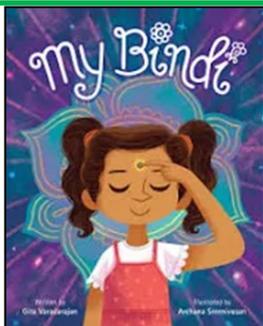


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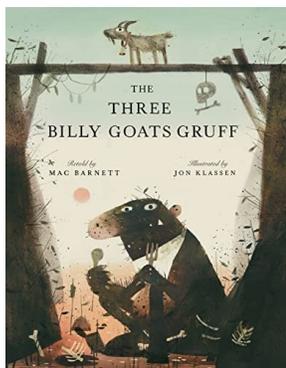
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In this universal story about embracing who we are and where we come from, a young girl finds the magic, power, and history of wearing a bindi for the first time, in this moving and lyrical picture book



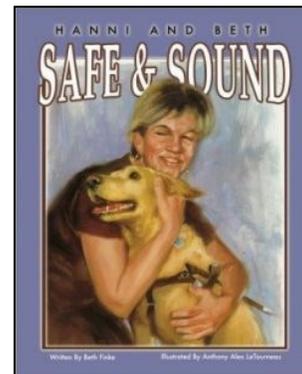
By Matt Goodfellow
With a stunning double-gatefold spread revealing a beautiful Chinese picture, this uplifting story shows the transformative power of art and imagination in developing cultural understanding and empathy.

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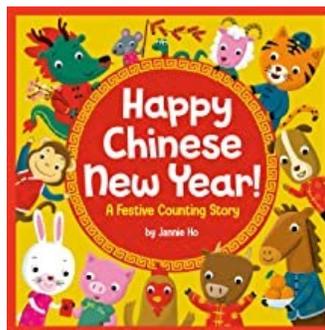
By Beth Finke

Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound, is the story of how Beth, who is blind, travels safely around the city--to work, shopping, even to baseball games--with the help of Hanni, a specially-trained Golden/Labrador Retriever. It's a touching tale of mutual devotion and teamwork. *Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound* includes factual information about how Hanni was raised and trained, how Beth and Hanni learned to work together as a team, and what it's like to be blind.



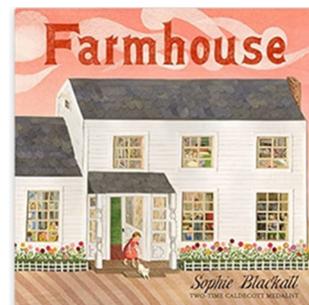
By Jannie Ho

Count to twelve with the zodiac animals as they get ready to celebrate Chinese New Year! Sweet, colorful illustrations introduce each of the zodiac animals as they bring special items to the celebration.



By Sophie Blackall

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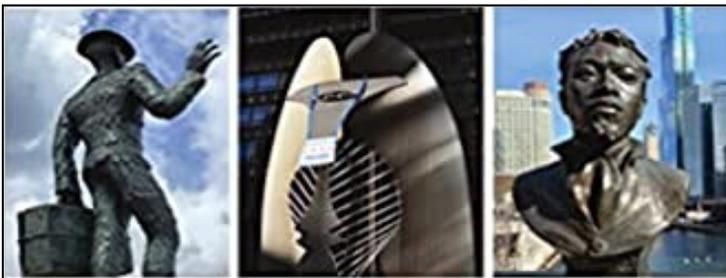
As you sip your happy hour beverages, listen to live music from local jazz musicians Tim Fitzgerald and Tom Vaitsas, get snowy poems from Poems While You Wait and take fun pics with your pals in a snow-themed photo booth! You'll have access to all of our permanent and temporary exhibits, including our newest special exhibit *Dark Testament: A Century of Black Writers on Justice*. The AWM's gift shop will also be open to browse.

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The Complete Maus, Art Spiegelman
(Pantheon Press 1991)

The Complete Maus is a banned book, and has been on verboten lists for more than two decades. The first nationwide book ban was laid against **Uncle Tom's Cabin**—second in popularity only to the Bible—whose depiction of the enslaved **Tom** may have been spurious, but whose unabashed description of slavery as evil, murderous and soul-crushing disturbed too many people to leave it alone. This January, the McCann County, Tennessee school board put the kibosh on **Maus** “because of its unnecessary use of profanity and nudity and its depiction of violence and suicide.” **Maus** portrayed “people being hanged and children being killed.” How else would the Holocaust look, one wonders? But also in January, the Chicago Public Library picked **Maus** for its 2022 city-wide program, *One Book, One Chicago*, encouraging broad reading and discussion of a text that, like most banned books, is deeply disturbing. Spiegelman won a Pulitzer Prize for **Maus**—surprising for two reasons: it's a 300-page *comic book*, and it's an inside story about the extermination of 6 million Jewish children, women and men. The author draws himself onto the pages of the book, interviewing his father, Vladek, about his experiences as a Polish Jew and a Holocaust survivor. Spiegelman claims he did not set out to describe the “indescribable” truth of ethnic cleansing; he just wanted an answer: “How did I get to be born when both of my parents were supposed to be dead?” Father and son are estranged; Spiegelman says they did not suffer a generation *gap*,

but rather a generation chasm. The author confesses, “I feel so inadequate trying to reconstruct a reality that was worse than my darkest dreams.” Some of what he learned of his father was disheartening. Vladek was always a hustler and a skinflint. His skepticism and his street smarts—maybe his amorality?—kept him alive. Vladek tells his son: “If you want to live, it's good to be friendly.” But friendships were transactional: “Friends? If you lock them together in a room with no food for a week...Then you could see what it is, friends! ...” Despite having a deeply religious upbringing, Vladek said of Auschwitz: “But here God didn't come. We were all on our own.” He takes no credit for being alive: “It wasn't the best people who survived, nor did the best ones die. It was random!” **Maus**, German for mouse, was the most common of the unflattering surnames imposed on Jews by government officials in 18th- and 19th-century Europe. The NYT calls Spiegelman's **Maus** “an epic story in tiny pictures”... of Jews as mice, Germans as cats and Poles as pigs. Spiegelman told an audience last month at the Chicago Public Library that he used simple black-and-white hatched animal drawings “so the drama would be in our heads, not on the page.” It certainly was in mine. As was the fear. And the anger. And the sadness. And the guilt, as Vladek concludes: “Maybe everyone has to feel guilty. Everyone! Forever!” Read it and weep, before its year ends.

Lorraine Schmall

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

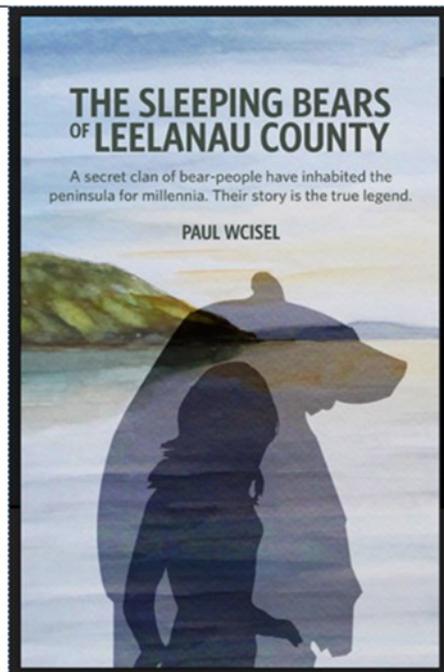
Beth Finke

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I've got the blues outside my house and it's getting very confusing

For months, on one corner or another in the intersection outside my door, police cars have been parked with their blue lights blazing.

My God, I thought—every night since it started—it's just unbelievable. The cops are present every night. And they're here for so long, it has to be more than traffic stops. And it's not accidents night after night either. You can always tell. The intersection has its share.

How much crime is around here? I thought. We've had a lot, from petty thefts to break-ins, to assaults, bullets going through windows—and into walls beyond—fights, drug dealing, shoplifting, snatched purse and even murders.

So I wasn't surprised to see recently that the cops on my four corners are actually sitting there preventing crime!

I found that out over the weekend from a Chicago mayoral candidate on zoom, one of four candidates seeking an endorsement from a political organization I've been involved with for years.

A County Board member from the west side who's running for mayor lamented the fact that the cops were sitting on corners downtown (and in a residential area on the outskirts of downtown) and wanted to see the same treatment where he and his constituents live.

I was quite surprised to learn that the cops were sitting out there protecting me and my neighbors. And not responding to crimes that were reportedly being committed.

I often blow my stack when I think of all the politicians, both local and beyond, who have round the clock security with guns and armored cars and such and.....

And I pay for it.

What about me?

Little did I know I was getting the same politician/celebrity treatment.



So the next day I told a good friend who lives in a few blocks from me in the South Loop, as she drove us home from a party in a secure building on North Michigan Avenue about this new discovery—at the same time pointing to a cop car with blue lights blaring near where we live. And I told her what the mayoral candidate said about our blue light protectors, and that he was kind of jealous.

She started laughing hysterically. And told me those cars are just parked there with their lights on. With no one inside. To give the feeling to the residents that they're secure.

"It's too expensive to have cops in those cars," she explained. "The cars and the blue blights are just for show." She kept laughing.

So if *she* knows, I asked her, the bad guys must know, too. That no cop can see them. How does this deter crime? I asked her.

She laughed hysterically again. "It doesn't!"

I looked it up, to see if this was really true: were empty blue light-emulating police cars that deceive us dopes, and probably give bad guys carte blanche real?

I found nothing.

At this point, I've gone from thinking there was a crime outside my house every single night that the cops were there for; to hearing that I was the beneficiary of a pseudo private security force that was to prevent crime—and envied by other crime-ridden neighborhoods; to being told the whole thing was phony and making fools out of everyone.

That's why I've got the blues. No pun intended.

Bonnie McGrath

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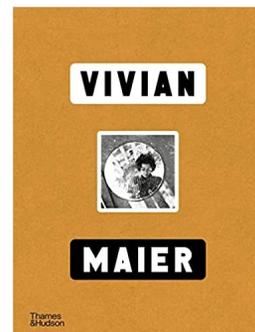
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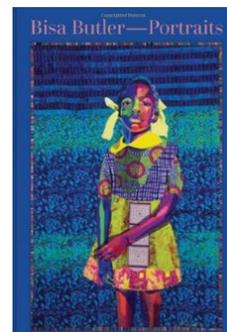


By Linda Ronstadt, Lawrence Downes, Bill Steen

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Linda Ronstadt takes readers on a journey to the place her soul calls home, the Sonoran Desert, in this candid new memoir.

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Editor's Letter: December 2022

December 6, 2022 by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

We're starting to experience something unfamiliar in our long history, that is, having more stories ready to publish for an edition than we have space for.

This is a very good thing, as there is nothing worse than coming out of a deadline, hoping to take a breath, and realizing that you're missing a cover story for the next issue. This was especially a problem in all our years as a print weekly.



Beyond the stress reduction it brings us editors, this is a good thing for the magazine and its readers, too, as it means we can be more selective about the stories we publish, we can more carefully curate the mix of things in any given issue, and we can take the time to improve work that needs improving—in writing, editing and design.

So yes, this trend is a good one. But we're not getting complacent, since we have twelve print issues to fill in 2023. And we need many more stories to do so.

For Newcity Digital, we've been living with a sea change of another kind this last year or so, as the advent of our daily, five-days-a-week publishing schedule, led by the Newcity Today newsletter, has meant a whole new level of constant and intense workflow. And we've recently increased our budget for art stories from three days a week to five, so it's increasing. Any peace we might achieve in our lives from print being more manageable is more than offset by the increasing pace of digital.

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

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

ence food made with care and passion, food that stimulates your palate, and inspires you to share each recipe with those you love.

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

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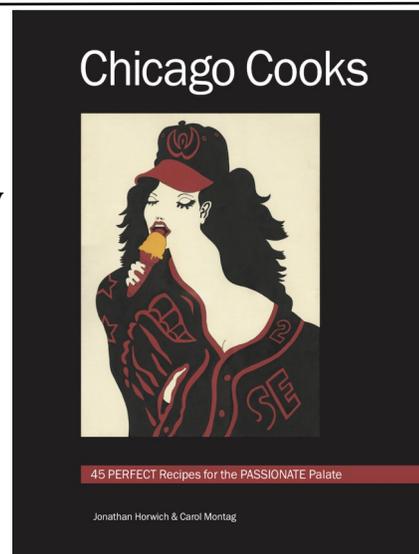




Photo Colleen Wales

At long last the fountain was removed for restoration! We are over the moon about the progress and hope you are too. Fountain Technologies removed it in two pieces - first the top basin and then the lower basin and pedestal. There were no surprises or unexpected issues.

Printers Row Park Advisory Council
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Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022

[Two South Loop Locations Approved for Marijuana Dispensaries](#)



We're coming to you with some interesting developments on the Sloop marijuana front. We recently read about two new spots in the neighborhood where dispensaries are opening (via [Tribune](#)):

The board also approved a permit to Rickey Hendon, a former alderman and state representative, and his children to open a Green Rose dispensary in the South Loop, at 1233 S. Wabash Ave., and a dispensary by High Hopes Chicago at 622-24 W. Roosevelt Road.

The spot at 1233 S. Wabash is a pretty prominent location and is where the long vacated bar - Wabash Tap - once sat (closed in 2019). [The bar at one point said they were going to "reinvent"](#). That clearly didn't happen, but we guess a Marijuana Dispensary is a reinvention (although likely different owner?):

While numerous [South Loop locations have been rumored](#) and discussed for a dispensary, not much has materialized.

We will see what else materializes, but if you're into the pot you may not have to leave the neighborhood soon.

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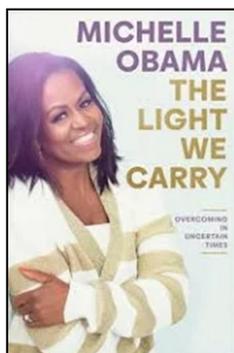
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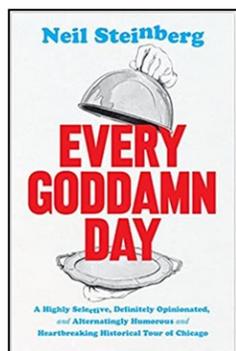
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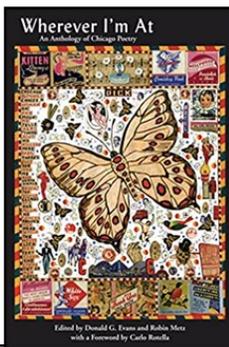
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Susan Bass Marcus writes and illustrates fiction, essays, and reviews. Her Dragonwolder fantasy novels, *Malevir: Dragons Return* and *Where Dragons Follow*, offer a world of dragon clans, an enigmatic menace the Malevir, sprites, goblins, questing humans, and magical giants. Her musings appear weekly on her blog, "About Susan Marcus," <https://susanbassmarcus.net>. Both paperbacks are available at Sandmeyer's Bookstore.

CTA Will Give New Hires \$1,000 Signing Bonus In Hopes Of Filling 'Severe Workforce Shortage'

[Mack Liederman](#) 5:00 PM CST on Nov 18, 2022

CHICAGO — In its latest bid to fix service problems plaguing the agency, the CTA is spending \$80 million to attract new bus and train workers — including a \$1,000 signing bonus.

The incentives for workers come as the CTA lumbers through intense scrutiny over train and bus service. Officials, residents and employees have blasted the transit system for [long wait times](#), [deteriorating conditions](#), [security issues](#) and "ghosts": buses and trains that show up late or not at all.

With public pressure mounting, embattled CTA President Dorval Carter Jr. [appeared before City Council last week](#), saying reliability issues are due to a "severe workforce shortage" of 700 bus drivers and 200 train operators.

The CTA will give all new mechanics, bus drivers and train operators a \$1,000 signing bonus, according to a news release. Workers must stay at the CTA for at least a year to keep the bonus, officials said.

Newly hired union employees and current workers also will get a 3 percent bonus for every six months they stay on the job through December 2023. The bonuses will be given in lump payments every six months that max out at \$1,500 for bus and train operators and \$1,200 for other employees, officials said. This benefit would not apply to bus mechanics and railcar repairers hired in 2022 and 2023.

The CTA also will raise starting salaries through 2024. New bus mechanics and railcar repairers normally start at 80 percent the normal hourly rate but now will start at 100 percent the rate: \$39 to \$40 an hour, officials said.

Starting rates for bus and rail operators will increase from \$24 to \$28 an hour, then to about \$30 an hour as part of a contract agreement, officials said. The time it takes for them to reach top pay will also be shortened by a year, according to the CTA.

The transit agency pegs the total cost of the incentives at around \$80 million over two years.

"Every industry has faced the challenges of attracting new employees and retaining current ones, and it's an issue that has especially impacted the transit industry," Carter said in a statement. "In order for CTA to hire and retain the best employees, we have to do everything we can to make CTA an even more attractive employer."

[CTA Will Give New Hires \\$1,000 Signing Bonus In Hopes Of Filling 'Severe Workforce Shortage' \(blockclubchicago.org\)](#)



OPINION

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Backstory Essays

Regan Burke

Atonement: Bird on the Wire

October 11, 2022



Featured

In the late 1970's I worked at a run-down residential hotel that had been sold and was about to be renovated. The legions of accountants, lawyers, contractors and financial schemers confounded even the notable. I managed to keep them all straight, pass information one to another and generally play the know-it-all role I like.

The lead accountant, Mel, asked if I had any friends who could be temporary helpers on some new events his firm was staffing—the Taste of Chicago, ChicagoFest and Art Chicago Expo.

"Sure," I said, "How much will they get paid?"

"Free entry, all the food they can eat, a T-shirt and a poster."

Having just accumulated a whole batch of new friends in Alcoholics Anonymous, I knew plenty of unemployed sober oddballs hungry for food and fun as ticket-takers and money-changers. Next thing I knew, Mel told me I had to meet "the guy" in charge.

"Come to Temple Beth Israel on Yom Kippur." Mel said.

"What? What's that?" I said, "Am I allowed? What do I wear?"

"Everyone's allowed. Day of Atonement. It's the best time to do business."

I tried to sneak into a seat in the back and look around for Mel. After lengthy prayers and singing, there was an intermission. Mel appeared at my side, grabbed me by the elbow and said, "Let's go."

All the congregants rose up, walked around, talked and laughed and "did business". Mel introduced me to "the guy" who headed up one of Chicago's Big Eight downtown accounting firms.

"How many people you got?" The guy asked me.

"Twenty or so," I lied.

"Good." Bring 'em to Navy Pier on Saturday and get 'em signed up. We'll take it from there."

In the years since, I've practiced atonement often — not just once a year, but almost everyday. At a recent book group studying *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, I inched into a discussion of Ken Burns' documentary, *The US and the Holocaust*.

"Someone told me the trouble with Jews is that they didn't assimilate." I said.

"The. trouble. with. Jews?" One of the Jewish participants admonished.

TO THOSE I MAY HAVE WRONGED,
I ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS.
FOR THOSE I MAY HAVE HELPED,
I WISH I COULD HAVE DONE MORE.
FOR THE MANY I NEGLECTED TO HELP,
I AM TRULY SORRY.
TO THOSE WHO HELPED ME,
I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL.

"Do you hear what you're saying?"

"I'm so sorry," I said. I then attempted to overcompensate the sin of victim-blaming by blabbering about assimilation, of which I know nothing.

I once asked a musician friend to sing Leonard Cohen's *Bird on the Wire* at my funeral.

"No." He replied.

"Aw, c'mon. Just say yes. I won't know. I'll be dead."

"Better to atone when you're alive." He said.

I bowed to my ignorance and he agreed to sing just these words.

Like a bird on the wire

Like a drunk in a midnight choir

I have tried in my way to be free

Like a worm on a hook

Like a knight from some old-fashioned book

I have saved all my ribbons for thee

If I, if I have been unkind

I hope that you can just let it go by

If I, if I have been untrue

I hope you know it was never to you

God bless Leonard Cohen 1934–2016.

[Listen to Bird on the Wire here.](#)

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

Available at Sandmeyer's Book Store and other places.



Donation and Volunteer Support for New Arrivals from Texas

Since Wednesday, August 31st, the City of Chicago has welcomed hundreds of migrants bused from Texas to Chicago. Our city greeted them with dignity and respect, and the City government, in collaboration with local, state, federal, and community partners, continues to take action to ensure they have access to shelter, food, and other resources. We anticipate that the state of Texas will continue to bus migrants to Chicago and we remain committed to providing support and resources to our newly arrived neighbors during this transition period.

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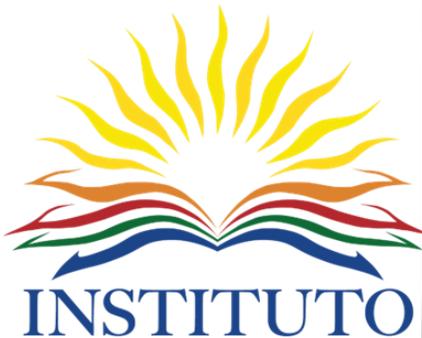
At this time, our shelter partners cannot accept “walk-up” volunteers, and due to security and safety concerns for minors on-site, there is a registration process to become a volunteer. If you wish to volunteer, please complete the [volunteer registration form found here](#).

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As a welcoming city, we know Chicagoans are ready to show their generosity and are looking for ways to support. Below please find more information about how you can help Chicago’s newest arrivals.

Amazon Wish List

To have a quick and direct impact, now, residents and organizations can also support asylum seekers by purchasing items directly from an Amazon Wish List set up in partnership with Instituto del Progreso Latino. You can find the Wish List by clicking [Rapid Response Wish List on Amazon](#) or at [InstitutoChicago.org](#)



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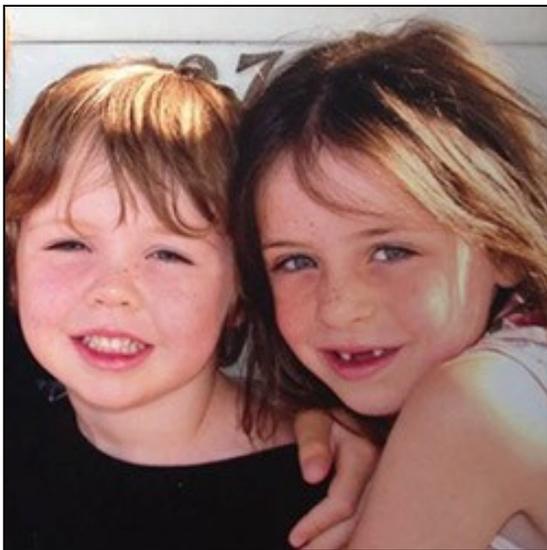
**List subject to change based on supply and demand. Please check this website regularly for the most up to date info.*

Urgently needed:

- New clothing for adults (including cold weather clothing)
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- Women’s sizes small, medium, and large—in particular medium
- Men’s underwear

- Women’s underwear
 - Women’s sports bras
 - Long sleeve shirts (men, women, unisex)
 - Sweatshirts/sweaters (men, women, unisex)
 - Sweatpants (men, women, unisex)
 - Pants (men and women)
 - Socks (men, women, unisex)
 - Shoes (closed toe gym shoes) (infants, boys, girls, men and women)
 - Shoelaces
 - Winter coats (men, women, children, infants)
- Other items needed:
- New hygiene kit items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo)
 - Feminine hygiene products
 - Preference for sanitary pads and pantyliners
 - Reusable bags (e.g., duffle bags and suitcases)
 - Backpacks
 - Bath towels (large towels, hand towels, wash cloths)
 - Baby bottles
 - Baby carriers
 - Baby formula
 - Pedialyte
 - Diapers
 - Vaseline / diaper ointment
 - Baby wipes
 - Blankets
 - Nail clippers
 - Pack n’ plays
 - Razors
 - Hairbrushes
 - Chapstick
 - Ace bandages
 - Antibacterial cream
 - Antifungal cream
 - Band-aids (all sizes)
 - Calamine lotion
 - Calcium antacid (e.g., Tums)
 - First aid tape
 - Gauze
 - Heartburn medication (Famotidine)
 - Hydrocortisone cream
 - Tylenol/Ibuprofen
 - Toys and activity books
 - New clothing for children
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- We will update this list as we continue more detailed needs assessments. For additional inquiries, please email: DONATIONS@cityofchicago.org.

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Tenth anniversary of Newtown Tragedy. And it keeps happening.

Second anniversary of Newtown tragedy recognized in 'personal reflection'

By [Dylan Stableford](#) December 14, 2014 12:34 PM Yahoo News

Nicole Hockley, whose son, Dylan, was killed in the shootings, wrote an open letter to "the mom I used to be":

Two years ago, you were happy and whole. You had a plan for life — start a new business, get involved in the school PTA, teach your sons how to ride bicycles and play sports, spend as much time with your friends and parents as possible, watch your children mature, grow old with your husband. You were optimistic — a "glass half full" person who saw the silver lining in every cloud and often felt so much joy you thought you would burst. You always looked forward — never backwards, no regrets. You smiled and laughed a lot. You danced.

You aren't that person anymore.

Two years ago, on December 14, 2012, the world changed and you changed with it. A disturbed young man with access to high-powered firearms went to your sons' school and killed six educators and twenty first-graders. Your eldest son Jake survived, but was changed by the day he discovered some monsters are real. He describes it as the day "when hell came to my school." Your youngest son, Dylan, your beautiful baby boy who you thought of as pure love, with his captivating eyes, infectious giggle and warm deep cuddles, was killed. Shot multiple times, dying instantly in the arms of his special education assistant who also died while trying to protect him.

The tragedy changed every single aspect of your life, not only because of the obvious absence of your child, but because of the constant hole inside you that can never be filled. Your eldest son has been forced to grow up way too fast because of the unfathomable loss of his baby brother. The pain has altered the lines on your husband's face. The way you look at the world has changed. Your interactions with friends and family seem foreign. You've become much harder. No longer brimming with optimism, you are now someone far more realistic and still. And you look back so much more.

This is the **eighth** year in which the Dearborn Express has run this article in memory of the tragic loss at Sandy Hook.

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/23310544/moms-demand-action-shannon-watts-gun-control-sandy-hook>

You view life through the prism of "before" and "after." Jake's fifth grade photos came recently. They are still sitting on a table because you haven't put them in the frame that sits next to Dylan's last school photo. It's too hard for you — too soon. Jake is getting older. But Dylan is frozen in time forever. Even after two years, there's this denial that is still very present inside you. You have Dylan's baby teeth and a lock of his hair on your bedside cabinet, beside the urn holding his ashes. That's all you have of your little boy now.

It hurts. It just hurts. You suppress your feelings as much as you can because you fear if you really let it out, you would never recover. If you started truly crying, you would never be able to stop. It would destroy you.

Hockley called on parents to take action to protect children from gun violence.

"For all the Moms and Dads reading this now — this doesn't have to be you," she wrote. "Because every gun-related death is a preventable death. These are not random acts. You can't ever say, 'This will never happen to me.' It can happen to anyone, at any point, at any place. You have to care enough and be insightful enough to do something before it's too late."

<http://news.yahoo.com/newtown-sandy-hook-shooting-2-years-later-173444284.html>

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626 S. Wabash scores full building permit

The mixed-use tower is being developed as-of right

December 03, 2022, AMLukas Kugler

A full building permit has been issued for 626 S. Wabash, a new mixed-use development in the South Loop. Originally [reported](#) as 630 S. Wabash, the project is a venture between DAC Developments and Melrose Ascension Capital. The site is a vacant lot just south of E. Harrison St, fronting S. Wabash Ave and backing up to the CTA L tracks above S. Holden Ct.

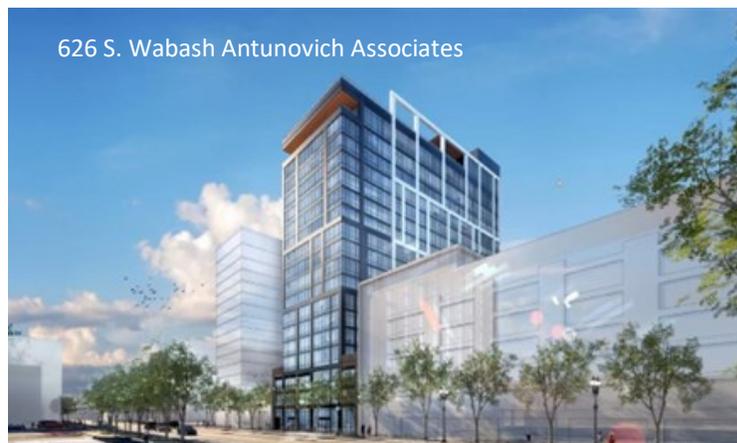
With a design from Antunovich Associates, the project will deliver a 19-story mixed-use building. Rising just under 218 feet, it will hold 164 residential units as well

as 4,100 square feet of ground floor retail space. The design utilizes a mix of black and white metal panels to break up the massing otherwise encased in a glass window wall system.

Marketing the building towards students and young professionals, the unit mix will include 80 studios, ranging from 450 to 580 square feet, 24 two-beds averaging 800 square feet, and 60 four-bedroom configurations averaging 1,200 square feet. Studios will rent for an estimated \$1,700/month, larger studios will rent for about \$2,100/month, two-beds will rent for approximately \$3,000/month, and the four-bedroom units will rent for roughly \$5,000/month.

Tenant amenities will reside on the top two floors, featuring a fitness center, yoga studio, coworking space, resident lounge, outdoor terrace, basketball court, and rooftop pool and hot tub. Residents will be provided with 64 car parking spaces and 100 bicycle parking spaces.

The development is moving forward as-of right, under the existing DX-12 zoning. The developers are not looking at any zoning amendments or variances, so no formal approvals have been required from the city. With both the foundation permit and full building permit in hand, general contractor Focus Construction can begin work and continue through completion. A timeline for completion is currently unknown.



626 S. Wabash Antunovich Associates

https://chicago.urbanize.city/post/626-s-wabash-scores-full-building-permit?utm_source=Urbanize+Newsletter&utm_campaign=bc6a905ce7-news-chicago-2x-week-2022-12-

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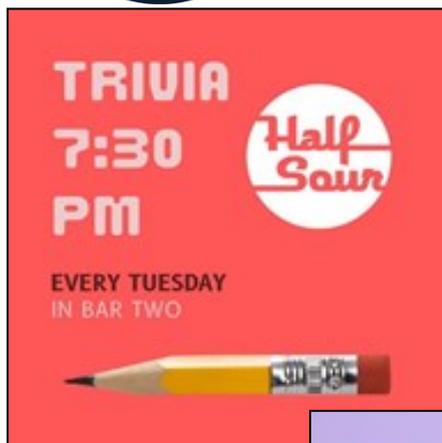


The South Loop Club is closed. We're hoping they'll reopen. It was the first restaurant we visited when we moved here in 1998. The Pandemic took it's toll on restaurants, even those who survived for over two years.



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Bingo with Betty

Last Wednesday of the month

Chicago takes 13th spot on World's Best Cities ranking Resonance's list places Chicago just outside the top 10



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December 01, 2022, Lukas Kugler

The latest city ranking list comes from Resonance, a global branding advisor and consulting firm that just announced its world's 100 top-performing cities in their annual World's Best Cities Report.

Claiming to be lauded as the world's most thorough city ranking, the methodology analyzes key statistics as well as user-generated reviews and online activity on social media channels. The overall Best Cities rankings are determined by analyzing the performance of each city for a wide range of factors that have historically shown positive correlations with attracting employment, investment and/or visitors to cities.

Characterized as "America's great Midwest metropolis", the report cites Chicago's abundance of programming and culture as reasoning for the ranking, alongside deep infrastructure and affordability that eludes many other cities. Going into more detail, the report cites the city's breakout 2022, supported by the fully functional O'Hare airport ranked 5th in number of direct destinations served as well as the return of large conventions and productivity with residents going back to work.

With additional rankings baked in, Chicago has the 19th most Global 500 headquarters on the planet, is ranked 24th for Sights & Landmarks, 11th best for nightlife, and 28th in restaurants.

In case you're interested, the following cities were listed as the Top 10:

1. London, England
2. Paris, France
3. New York City, USA
4. Tokyo, Japan
5. Dubai, United Arab Emirates
6. Barcelona, Spain
7. Rome, Italy
8. Madrid, Spain
9. Singapore, Republic of Singapore
10. Amsterdam, Netherlands

Overall, 13 other U.S. cities were listed including some sister cities for Urbanize. [New York City](#) and [Los Angeles](#) beat out Chicago for the 3rd and 12th spots respectively. Following behind Chicago, Urbanize cities [Seattle](#) finished 39th, [Austin](#) placed 43rd, and [Atlanta](#) wrapped us up in the 50th spot.

https://chicago.urbanize.city/post/chicago-takes-13th-spot-worlds-best-cities-ranking?utm_source=Urbanize+Newsletter&utm_campaign=bc6a905ce7-news-chicago-2x-week-2022-12-05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f2c8779a36-bc6a905ce7-199731392

All The Candidates Challenging Ald. Pat Dowell Could Be Knocked Off February Ballot

Challengers Don Davis, Jasmine Roberson and Al Rasho face hearings before the elections board to stay in the race against Dowell, who is seeking her fifth term representing the 3rd Ward.

[Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#)

Dec 13, 2022

GRAND BOULEVARD — The election season is kicking into high gear and things are already getting messy as three candidates vying to unseat Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd) are facing efforts to boot them from the race.



Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd) speaks at a City Council meeting on March 23, 2022. Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

Initial hearings on election petition challenges started Monday morning at the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners headquarters, 69 W. Washington St. The first round of decisions about who is eligible to be on the Feb. 28 ballot could come as soon as next week.

Aldermanic candidates Don Davis, Jasmine Roberson and Al Rasho all are facing challenges filed by Robert L. Jackson and Laurence Olivier. Dowell is running for her fifth term after quitting her bid for Congress earlier this year.

In a brief phone call, Olivier confirmed he filed the petition challenges on behalf of the incumbent alderwoman but declined further comment. Jackson could not be reached for comment and Dowell did not respond to requests for comment.

In the objections, Jackson and Olivier contend Davis, Roberson and Rasho all have collected signatures from people who aren't registered voters or are registered at the incorrect address, and included forged signatures and duplicate names, among other violations, according to the objection filings.

Because of that, none of the three challengers have the required 473 valid signatures to be on the ballot, the petition states.

If all three challenges are successful, that would leave Dowell running unopposed.

[Political newcomer Davis](#) said he doesn't know Olivier or Jackson, but remains optimistic he'll stay on the ballot. A native South Sider, Davis moved to the South Loop two years ago. He supports the creation of public banks and economic development that would allow the 3rd Ward to stand on its own, he said.

Davis said he respects Dowell but it is time for "new blood."

"Pat Dowell has been in office for over a decade now. It's ok for someone new to come in. People are scared to talk about a 'Black Agenda' but there's a great need for one because Black people always get the short end of the stick," said Davis, a Morehouse College alumnus.

Fellow newcomer Rasho told Block Club he was never notified of Monday's objection hearing and was unfamiliar with the two men who issued the challenge. Rasho said he collected the majority of signatures himself after getting a late start around Thanksgiving.

The Rogers Park native moved to the 3rd Ward over 15 years ago. He said he's running to bring more economic and career opportunities to those who have been traditionally shut out. He also said he supports aldermanic term limits.

"We need to help get more people in trades and get more businesses in Bronzeville so that the money stays in the community," Rasho said.

Roberson could not be reached for comment.

The 3rd Ward includes parts of Bronzeville, South Loop and Douglas.

The election is Feb. 28. If no one candidate receives at least 50 percent of the vote, the top two finishers will go to a runoff April 4.

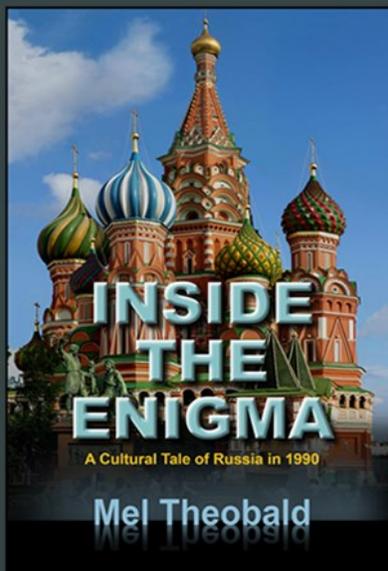
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Pacific Garden Mission evolves in aiding houseless individuals, providing shelter for 145 years

By [Irvin Ibarra](#), Staff Reporter

December 2, 2022

As seen when driving along Canal Street heading into the Loop, Chinatown or Pilsen, the Pacific Garden Mission's crucifix sign reading "Jesus Saves" has become an iconic symbol of the organization. The sign used to hang overhead at PGM's former location on State Street and Balbo Drive.

As the temperatures begin to grow colder, one of Chicago's legacy shelters prepares its facilities for the anticipated growth of people in need and experiencing homelessness.

The Pacific Garden Mission was founded in 1877 with the goal to aid the homeless in the city through the lens of the Christian religion.

"The best way I can describe it is to say that through using scripture and my own personal experience ... [it is to] understand the necessity of being a good steward of everything that God provides for us," said Terry Cunningham, vice president of PGM. PGM offers resources ranging from drug rehabilitation programs, dormitories able to house 1,200 people, a warming center, resources for parents with infants and other amenities like a barbershop, beauty salon and a clothing department, which provides free clothes to people at PGM.

In January 1984, the Chronicle reported on PGM at its former location near the intersection of State Street and Balbo Drive.

In 2008, amid its demolition to make way for the construction of William Jones College Preparatory High School at the same intersection, PGM was relocated to its current location at 1458 S. Canal St.

"It was heartbreaking," said Philip Kwiatkowski, current president of the PGM, referring to when Jones Prep took over the lot. "It was an iconic landmark that was taken down, so it was sad, even though we ended up with a nicer facility." Kwiatkowski has witnessed the major additions made to the facilities since his involvement with the mission in 1988, involving staffing improvements and navigating the changing needs over decades from clients.

"I would say when I was a kid, I saw the same people. You'd get 20 to 100 people at the old facility, at max. Now, you have 900 people," said Michael Kwiatkowski, assistant supervisor of hospitality and son of Philip. "The fact

that they can stay here during the day and be cared for is the biggest change from the old location to the new one."

Click the link for the rest of the story.



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CTA worker falls from platform, lands in parking lot below in South Loop

The worker was expected to survive after falling to a parking lot below the platform, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)

Dec 17, 2022, 3:51pm CST

A CTA worker was hospitalized Saturday afternoon after falling off a platform, where he'd been working on train tracks in the South Loop, according to Chicago police.

The 48-year-old man fell from the platform about 1:30 p.m. near the Roosevelt/Wabash Station in the 1200 block of South Wabash Avenue, police said.

Police found him conscious in a parking lot below the platform. He was taken to a hospital with injuries that weren't considered life-threatening, police said.

No other details were available.



16-year-boy shot while riding CTA Red Line train on Near South Side; 1 in custody

The teen was riding the train about 2:05 a.m. near the 100 block of West Cermak Road when he was shot in the eye and ear, Chicago police said.

A suspect was in custody after a 16-year-old boy was shot while riding a CTA Red Line train early Sunday on the Near South Side. The teen was riding the train about 2:05 a.m. near the 100 block of West Cermak Road when he was shot in the eye and ear, Chicago police said.

He was taken to Stroger Hospital, where he was listed in serious condition, police said.

A witness gave officers a description of the suspect and he was placed into custody shortly after the incident, officials said.

A handgun was recovered from the suspect.

Charges were pending.

<http://chicago.suntimes.com>



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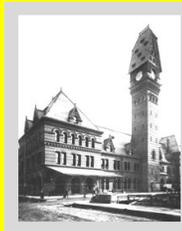
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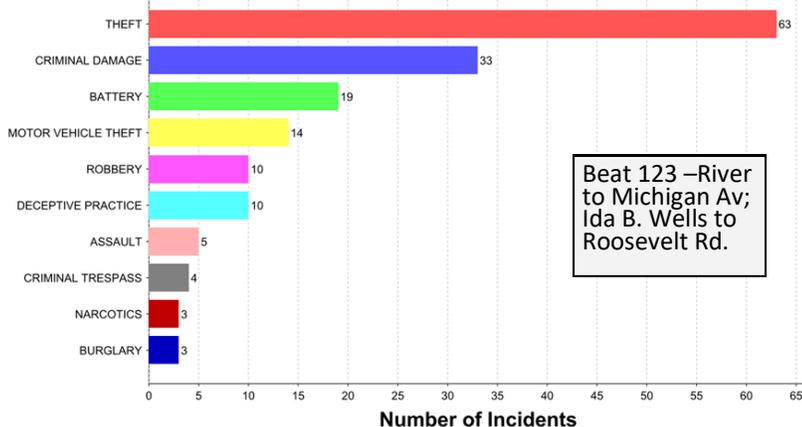
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Chicago police car collides with Jeep in South Loop

Two officers were hospitalized in good condition, police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)
Nov 30, 2022, 6:39am CST

Two Chicago police officers were hospitalized in good condition after their squad car collided with another car at a South Loop intersection Tuesday night, officials said. The officers were responding to a call, their emergency lights and sirens activated, as they drove north in the 1600 block of South State Street about 8:30 p.m. They collided with a 29-year-old woman who was driving a black Jeep east on West 16th Street, according to Chicago police. The two officers were taken to a hospital "as a precaution," police said. The woman was not injured. No citations were issued.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2022/11/30/23485631/chicago-police-car-collides-with-jeep-in-south-loop>

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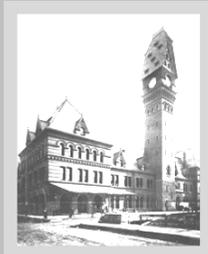
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