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## District 8 Board of Education Winner

Angel Gutierrez, a nonprofit consultant, will represent voters in District 8. Unofficial results from the city's board of elections show that Gutierrez beat his opponent Felix Ponce — a CPS music teacher and CTU backed candidate — in a landslide victory. At an election night



Angel Gutierrez, a candidate for the Chicago Board of Education in the 8th District, poses for a portrait in Washington Park on Sept. 12, 2024. Credit: Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago Credit: Chalkbeat

party Tuesday, Gutierrez said his immediate priority in office will be to do a "forensic analysis" of the district's expenses and understand how to solve CPS's budget challenges and get the "maximum dollars into the classroom." One of the lessons that he said he'll bring with him from the campaign trail is to always "elevate" the students who are the most vulnerable, such as those with disabilities. "These are elected positions. I am beholden to the people who elected me and even the people who didn't vote for me — I'm representing them," he said. That means listening to parents, listening to students, listening to teachers, listening to elected people." Gutierrez and Ponce, were the only two candidates vying to represent families and school communities on Chicago's Southwest Side and a smaller sliver of the Loop. District 8 includes neighborhoods like West Lawn, Marquette Park, Ashburn, McKinley Park, and Bridgeport. Ponce raised around \$295,000, while Gutierrez brought in about \$86,000. A majority of Ponce's campaign funds came from the CTU and other contributions from state and local officials. Gutierrez received money from the Illinois Network of Charter Schools. Two super PACs supporting pro-school choice candidates also spent at least \$270,000 on direct mail and ads in support of Gutierrez. CTU-backed Ponce lives on the opposite side of District 8 as Gutierrez and could be considered by Mayor Johnson for an appointment to the school board.

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# JAZZ SHOWCASE

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- 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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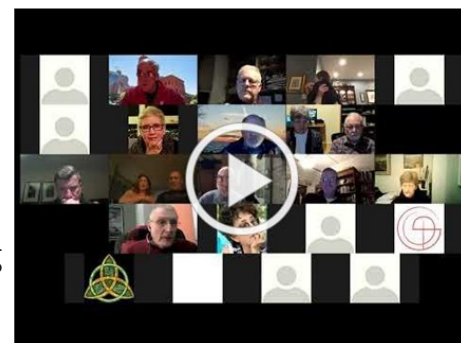
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## Development update

### Presentation

A roundup of what's proposed and underway for the South Loop was the program at our annual meeting in January. You can watch it on YouTube.



The latest information on planning and development in our area can always be found at

our website [SouthLoopUpdate.org](http://SouthLoopUpdate.org)



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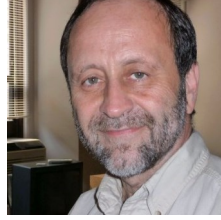
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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#)



## The Waiting Game

October 7, 2024

Hey all!

As [that poppy America song](#) goes, “I’ve been one poor correspondent.”

I’m afraid I let myself lapse into one of those phases in life where I succumbed to the sense that I’m too busy to do the things that’d I really like to do. And this little blog is something that I’ve always liked to do, and also something that is good for me. I collect and refine my thoughts in this little space, and am lucky enough to have people with whom I can share them.

I have been busy, though. I’m still working, and working hard, because, well, our retirement *will* be more comfortable the longer I work, yes—that’s one reason. But it’s more that I enjoy my work (most of the time) and especially enjoy working with younger people who keep me moving forward. And, having worked at [Phius](#) since it was essentially five of us against the world, watching it grow into the force for good that it’s become is pretty damn satisfying.

Besides work, well, **doctors**. Some are mine, some are Beth’s—we try to back each other up—two heads (and memories) are better than one. But we have reached that age where people say things like “I feel like I spend half my life at the doctor’s.” An exaggeration, but some weeks can feel that way. I mean, just my regular follow-ups take a fair amount of time. For the record, the good thing about all the doctor time is...I’m fine! If I wasn’t overweight and out of shape, I’d be even finer.

As many of you probably know, Beth has been less than fine. She’s OK, she’s still teaching, she’s still Beth, so don’t fret—OK, fret a little. She’s had a couple of vexing issues, one of which has mostly resolved, the other—lowish sodium levels— still annoyingly stubborn. She flirts with low sodium levels and she’s just not 100 percent.

We’re resolved to figure it out, even if it takes the rest of our lives. And it might, given how long it takes to get a first appointment with certain medical specialists.

Before I go further, let me state outright that we’re lucky: We have good health insurance and we have great front-line doctors. But navigating the “system” is insane. In July Beth got an appointment (earliest available) with one specialist for Mid-September. That appointment was unilaterally postponed until December. Last week she called for another appointment with another specialist—that will be February. (I’ve followed up and nagged and will continue, but so far no luck.)

I hear similar stories from other folks. It makes me laugh (or cry) when I hear people talking about other countries’ health care being inferior. “You have to wait for care over there!” they’ll say. But I better leave that rant for another time.

For now, I’ll just say I’m glad to be back, and I’ll try to be a better correspondent.

## [COMMENT](#)

### MOST RECENT EPISODES

November 8, 2024

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ON **THE MEDIA**

### The Manosphere Celebrates a Win. Plus, M. Gessen on How to Survive an Autocracy

Since Donald J. Trump won the election, journalists have been re-treading his path to victory, and discussing how the press should cover his next presidency. On this week’s On the Media, hear how a group of powerful podcasters helped boost Trump to his second term. Plus, an exiled Russian journalist shares rules for surviving an autocracy.

[14:13] Host Micah Loewinger muses on the influence of Joe Rogan in this election, and looks at how Rogan, who previously said he held progressive views, ended up endorsing Trump.

[28:13] Host Brooke Gladstone interviews [M. Gessen](#), opinion columnist at The New York Times, about their rules for surviving autocracy. They discuss the fallacy of Americans “voting against their interests”; what the path of Viktor Orbán suggests about Trump’s next steps; and how to keep the dream of democracy alive.

[Surviving Autocracy](#), by M. Gessen



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*Sincerely, Marianne*

Whoever wins, we'll still be polarized. What can an average person do about it? October 31, 2024

By **Marianne Goss**

Ever since Donald Trump launched his first campaign for president, his appeal has mystified me, and I've seldom passed up articles attempting to explain it. A particularly chilly theory was offered by *The Atlantic's* Tom Nichols. Trump's supporters want him to be "terrifying and stomach-turning," Nichols said, to "horrify people both they and Trump hate." No despicable behavior on Trump's part, and nothing Kamala Harris says or does, will change their feelings.

I was tempted to compose a post saying that the feeling is mutual.

Then, attending church nine days before the election, I heard a sermon about charity toward those on the other side of the political divide.

The United States is more polarized today than in half a century, according to the Pew Research Center, and the polarization is not only ideological but also personal. "Democrats are awful people," a Trumper told me when I was phone calling for Harris. Claiming the left doesn't also use invective would be a lie.

Trump deserves blame for fueling the hatred, but blaming him doesn't help overcome it. No matter who wins the election, our toxic political situation will remain.

In all honesty, I enjoy feeding my disdain for Trump. My attention during the campaign has been on how loathsome Trump and his running mate JD Vance are. I liked the daily posts of Trump's estranged niece Mary Trump because she doesn't hold back on scathing adjectives for her uncle. I admire her courage but decided to unsubscribe.

The next time I'm tempted to start railing about Trump, maybe I can pause and think of something else to talk about. A friend who had been out of town and I were catching up on the phone. After she filled me in on her trip, she said it was my turn to talk, "but let's not talk about Trump." She has the right idea.

Living in a blue city and interacting with like-minded friends, I've not had to engage with the other side. I don't have any conservative friends in Chicago, and the few Republicans I know out of town are anti-Trump.

I haven't tried to make a conservative friend, haven't even wanted to spend time with a conservative friend of a friend. I've stereotyped Republicans as uncompassionate bigots. Avoiding them is not the way to test the stereotype.

If not having in-person discussions, at least I could pay attention to media views that don't agree with mine. I ignore them most of the time. For instance, I skipped a recent *Chicago Tribune* editorial opposing the millionaire's tax for which I'd already voted. I subscribe to the Flip Side, a daily digest of liberal and conservative views, but rarely read the conservative side. I might be surprised to find reasoned arguments there.

These thoughts apply to local politics, too. Instead of berating Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson as an autocrat, I should criticize his positions, such as his opposing the majority will about ShotSpotter and his prioritizing the Chicago Teachers Union over the whole city.

To be clear, we should oppose policies with which we disagree. We should condemn name-calling and racism, but we needn't return hate for hate. This is about depersonalizing the discussion, focusing on issues and not personality.

Politicians and the media have to tone down the vitriol; ordinary citizens can't do it alone. Research has found that most Americans want an end to unhealthy polarization. That's many millions of people who, if we make attempts in our own circles, might have an effect.

## COMMENT

South Looper Marianne Goss blogs at <https://sincerelymarianne.blogspot.com/>





The Asphalt paving schedule for that area currently has three projects taking place. On South Park Terrace from West 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the Dead End, a paving is projected to take place on 11/13.

On South Plymouth Ct from West Polk Street to the Dead End, a paving is projected to take place on 11/13.

On South Plymouth Ct from West 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the Cul-de-sac, a paving is projected to take place on 11/14.



Printers Row in the [South Loop](#) just got a new dine-in [pizzeria](#). Forno Mauri keeps it focused on whole pies in classic flavors like margherita, four cheese, pesto, or amatriciana, and a baked lasagna of the day.

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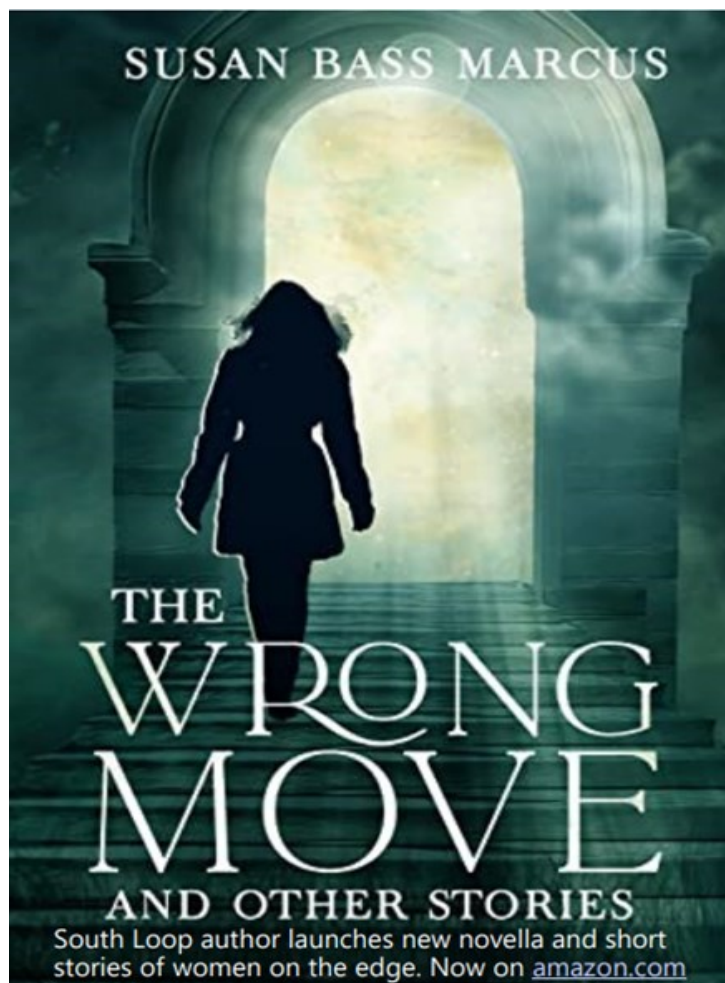
Betsy Lerner, *The Shred Sisters*  
(Grove Press 2024).

**The Shred Sisters** is aptly named. Merriam Webster says “to *shred* is to cause something to separate by tearing it into jagged pieces.” The serious, escalating, undiagnosed mental illness of one of the two Shred sisters—Ollie, the beautiful one, renders the family into which she was born, and delays by two decades a relationship with her younger sister—Amy, the smart one. Betsy Lerner wrote the book, her first novel, “to make people laugh and cry” (naturally depending upon the reader’s *own* family history). Not much was known about mental health in the 70’s. As Ollie’s behavior became less predictable and more dangerous, her mother “would ask our father for help” but he believed “it was a phase that she would grow out of, like a pair of shoes.” Meanwhile, Amy, who adored-or-not her big sister, played alone, tidied things up, and prematurely began studying for her PSAT’s. Amy’s teachers reported she “exceeded expectations,” but she had few social skills. Her beloved librarian broke Amy’s heart when she gave her Dale Carnegie’s bestseller, **How to Win Friends and Influence People**. Amy’s sister was eventually hospitalized, given strong sedatives, and led the Shreds into family therapy. One of Ollie’s doctors told them “if we wanted her to get better, we also had to examine ourselves,” to which the parents’ sage reaction was: “How dare he pin this on us?” Ollie spent years in treatment, but it did not improve family life. The holidays are hard for people like the Shreds, concerned with how families “should” look and act *in public*. After one of their last outings as a quartet, Amy writes:

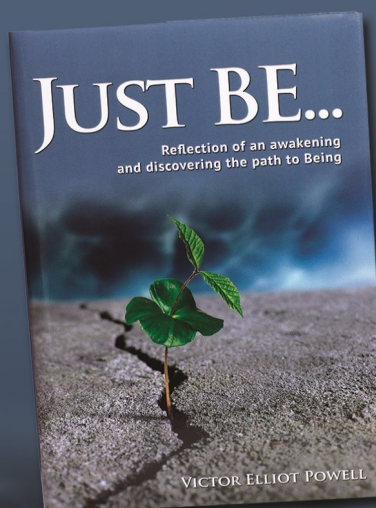
“The curtains had parted, and our family was once again in the middle of a play we hoped no one else could see.” Ollie only frequently, and usually unsettlingly, appears in the last two-thirds of the book. Instead, we hear about the less-heeded sister: her stellar education; her inability to become what she always dreamed of, and so earnestly worked toward, becoming; her fortuitous entry into a new career; her painful and plentiful romantic and sexual liaisons; her astounding lack of acuity and her surprising detente, and reconciliation, with the sister who, she “was convinced...was responsible for everything that went wrong...a Demon seed, changeling, imposter, thief.” It all makes for interesting reading, since it is not, as one seasoned reviewer notes “yet another pop saga of endurance, measured recovery and forgiveness.” Along the way, we are treated to an insider’s look at publishing: the oft-inflated egos of the authors; the ethics of reporting the truth; under appreciated editors who may have been most responsible for the finished product; the disconnect between having integrity and being on the best-seller list. *The Shred Sisters* is a universal story, demonstrating the myriad ways a family forms and unmakes us. Although class and money spared the whole family what would happen to those without resources to seek help and game the system, it can’t, as the Beatles tell us, buy us love (or peace.) A great read, nonetheless.

Lorraine Schmall

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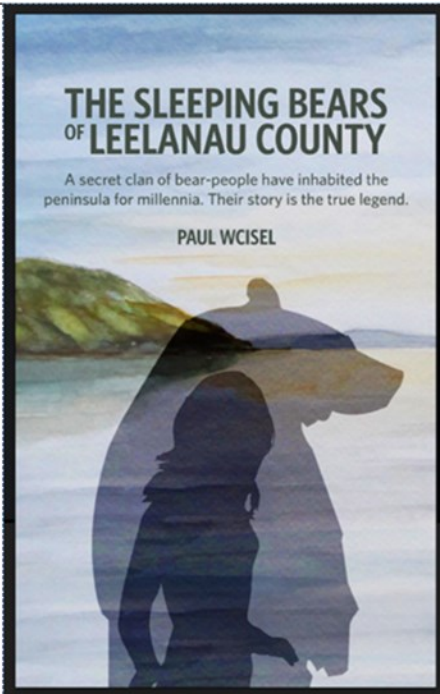
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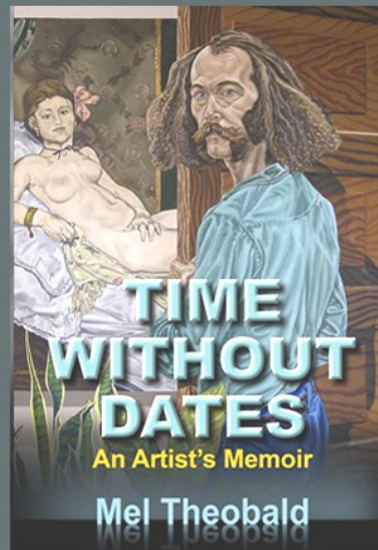
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## Time Without Dates

### An Artist's Memoir



by Mel Theobald

In this candid memoir, the author pays tribute to the mentors and events that inspired him and lays bare the experiences that shaped him as an artist. The Art Institute of Chicago plays a central role in the years he spent as a student, museum conservator, and alumni leader. His struggles with his parents' archaic ideals and his dreams give rise to a thoroughly engaging association with an elite art community.

He became a university professor and graphic designer before receiving an invitation to Russia in 1990. This book is a prelude to *Inside the Enigma*, an intricate account of that transformative year, and defines the complexity of his foray into the inner workings of an art museum, university and the people who represent the heart and soul of his creativity. Art, science and religion are the cornerstones of his belief that creativity, technology and faith in nature will lead man to a higher consciousness.

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# OPINION

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## Arnold the Bulldog: Politics at the Doorstep Regan Burke

November 4, 2024



In Kenosha, at the door of a new white house in a new white neighborhood with curvy streets, low trees and developer-landscaped gardens, I knocked on the storm door, bang, ba-bang, bang. A huge white old English bulldog slid around the corner from the kitchen to me, the stranger, barking as hard as his docile voice would allow. His owner appeared looking as if she could barely hold him back.

I shouted through the door, "I love dogs! It's ok. Can I pet him?" We all smiled, dog included, and he came out to greet me with a gentle push of his massive short body against my legs.

"Hi, I'm with the Kenosha Democrats. Have you voted yet?"

"No, we're voting tomorrow."

"What's his name?"

"Arnold."

"Arnold? Like Schwarzenegger?"

"Yes." We both cracked up as Arnold dutifully looked one to the other, pleased to hear his name.

"You know, Schwarzenegger just endorsed Kamala Harris."

Thus, I established my purpose in knocking on her door on a bright white Saturday afternoon.

"I know!" she said. Then she mouthed the words, "I'm voting for her."

"Oh great," I said, "'Thank you."

Canvassers use a handy cell phone app, Minivan, to record voters' responses. The drop down menu lists Strong Democrat, Lean Democrat, Undecided, Lean Republican and Strong Republican. Since my voter didn't give it her all, I decided she was a Lean Democrat, punched it in and moved on to the house across the street.

As I came back to the sidewalk, all of a sudden a white SUV sped out of Arnold's driveway and stopped in front of me. She rolled down the window and shouted, "I'm for Kamala! Going to vote right now! Good luck!"

I thought back to her open door and realized someone else had been rattling around in the kitchen. A husband? She couldn't let her husband know she was voting for Kamala Harris?

This gave me hope. I changed her in Minivan to Strong Democrat. Voting Harris.

Perhaps she represented a political ad where Julia Roberts voiced, "in the one place in America where women still have a right to choose, you can vote any way you want, and no one will ever know," suggesting women can lie to their husbands about their vote. Apparently Fox News went berserk over this ad, as if spouses never lie to each other.

Today, the day before election day, it hit me how different life will soon be. No matter who wins, I'll have no more reason to hope — for the vote, for my candidates, that the country will be at peace, or that democracy survives. It-is-what-it-is acceptance will necessarily move in to care for me.

Saturday afternoon trips from Chicago to Kenosha, stopping in the bustling Democratic headquarters then out to canvass voters will halt. My calves

will never forget the two-step entrances to every house in Kenosha County. But memories of coffee and sandwiches at The Buzz Cafe on Sixth Avenue will fade.

I do have something to hope for.

Incoming texts and emails will be reduced to a trickle.



The Buzz Cafe Kenosha Wisconsin

## COMMENT

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

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## "PITY THE NATION"(After Khalil Gibran)

By Lawrence Ferlinghetti

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 And whose shepherds mislead them  
 Pity the nation whose leaders are liars  
 Whose sages are silenced  
 And whose bigots haunt the airwaves  
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 Pity the nation that knows  
 No other language but its own  
 And no other culture but its own  
 Pity the nation whose breath is money  
 And sleeps the sleep of the too well fed  
 Pity the nation oh pity the people  
 who allow their rights to erode  
 and their freedoms to be washed away  
 My country, tears of thee  
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## Editor's Letter: November, 2024

November 5, 2024 by [Brian Hieggelke](#)

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You probably know who I'm pulling for. I'm an optimist.

Depending on when you read this, the Chicago Bears will be soaring toward the playoffs, in contention with a franchise quarterback for the first time since the Sid Luckman days. And depending on the outcome of the next few games, the Bears game on Thanksgiving morning might have real significance, even beyond a way to keep your uncle quiet about politics.

You probably know who I'm pulling for. I'm an optimist.

Boundless optimism in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. That's oxygen in a Hollywood movie, and it filled the air during the two days we spent at Facets in early October, too, as we photographed this year's edition of the Film 50. After a pandemic, crippling industry-wide strikes and now a systemic loss of jobs and budgets in film and television production, the industry prognosis is about as bleak as it's been.

But you'd never know that in talking to the filmmakers, production studio operators, exhibitors and others who populate the growing film industry in Chicago. Instead, you'd hear genuine enthusiasm about plans in the works, about collaborations with others also on this year's Film 50, about a *maker's* ethos in Chicago that transcends a focus on *market*.

I'm an optimist. So I'm pulling for all of them.

—BRIAN HIEGGELKE



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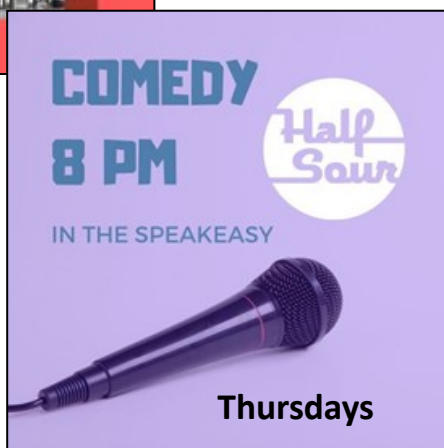
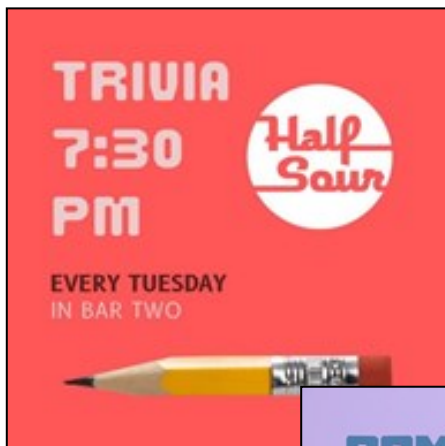
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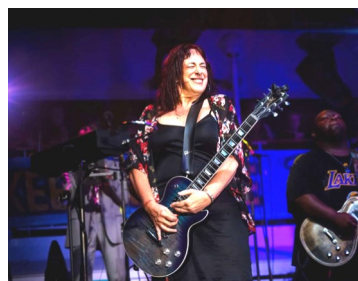
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## Classic Cobbler Opens In Former Bronzeville 'Cakery'

Family recipes passed down through generations are at the heart of owner Bran'Arle Johnson's cobbler bakery, which also offers puddings and pies.

by [Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#) October 2, 2024

BRONZEVILLE — A bakery offering an array of cobbler desserts is now open in Douglas.

[Classic Cobbler](#), 3453 S. Prairie Ave., opened in late September in the space [formerly occupied by Emeché Bakery](#), which closed in December. This is the second brick-and-mortar operation for Classic Cobbler owner Bran'Arle Johnson, who previously ran a store in suburban Chicago Heights.

Johnson said the magic of her cobblers is in the family recipes passed down through generations. She spent many a day perfecting her family's flaky, buttery crust — a Johnson signature, she said. Classic Cobbler, a family business that began with Johnson, her mother and brother, is her way of carrying on that legacy.

"My mom and I used to make cobblers and cakes for different people and for family gatherings," Johnson said. "It got to be so big that we decided to just go ahead and do it on our own, so we started selling them to different people, just out of our kitchen." Classic Cobbler is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Classic Cobbler's offerings range from standard peach and apple cobbler to blueberry, blackberry and peach. Prices start at \$8 for an individual serving and go to \$90 for a party-sized tray.

Puddings and pies round out the menu; in addition to rice and bread versions, customers hankering for a taste of banana pudding can scoop a single serving for \$8, a dinner portion for \$30 and a party-sized tray for \$60. Pies in flavors such as coconut, lemon cream and egg custard start at \$6 a slice.

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Not a South Loop Neighbors member yet? It's easy to [become a member](#) and and get the member rate for the watch party or other events in the future.





## Beth Finke's Writers in Exile

*Annelore Chapin is a member of Beth Finke's Memoir Writing Class. She was born in Germany but now a citizen of the World. She met her future husband, a serviceman stationed in post-war Germany in the early 60's. This event took place 61 years ago.*

### STARTING A NEW LIFE

The Military plane rattled through the night – almost midnight. Roy, my brand-new husband announced that we were crossing Iceland. We strained to see some lights, briefly interrupting our chess game. The figures on the small green velvet board stuck firmly in tiny holes on each field to keep them from toppling; a chess game made for travelling. It was a going-away gift from my grandmother. I was twenty years old and had never been on an airplane. The life before me was made up of images from films and Roy's stories. We were on our way to America. In the morning we would be landing in an airport in New Jersey, just across from New York City. For a couple of weeks our home would be the McQuiere Army base.

It seems when you give up your first language, your mother tongue, you give up part of your security. I wondered if my high school English would carry me through. And what about my new family? The only communication we had tried was through letters; once my future sister-in-law had sent me recipes for my husband's favorite dishes. No one from Roy's family had been able to attend our wedding back in Germany – it now seemed far away – Germany. So many good-byes were etched into my mind. They seemed good-byes for eternity. Long-distance telephoning being a luxury, besides, many of my relatives were living without telephones all together. Would I ever see any of them again?

Roy and I had finished our game of chess, but there was no going to sleep. My new life had begun. Arriving in the New World, it was the end of **October 1963**,

brought exhilaration and curiosity for me and responsibility for Roy. For the first time since we met, I was depending on him. We explored New York City together while waiting for his new VW Beetle to arrive by boat. Then followed the nitty-gritty of get-



Roy Chapin

ting insurance for the car, stocking up on a bit of food and beginning the long trek to Montana. Our first stop was Boston to visit friends, but soon we continued in the little sea green VW, staying with friends I had met through Roy's colleagues in the Army and their families. I had not imagined the large distances we would travel, no place in Europe could compare. Roy once explained to me that the state of Montana was the same size as was the then divided Germany. There was so much to see – houses built from wood, four-lane highways everywhere, large automobiles, people of different cultures and colors. I had so many questions. Roy was patient. By the time we crossed North Dakota it began to snow; Montana seeming more and more distant, our journey in slow motion.

By the time we stepped across the threshold of Roy's childhood home it was November 22. John F. Kennedy had just been assassinated. This was the beginning of the second chapter of my new life.

### *Annelore Chapin*



## If You Block A Bike Lane Downtown, You'll Now Get An Automatic Ticket Or Warning

Drivers blocking bike and bus lanes Downtown will start receiving warnings and tickets in the mail under the two-year Smart Streets pilot program.

by [Melody Mercado](#) November 4, 2024

DOWNTOWN — A pilot program that automatically sends tickets to drivers blocking bike and bus lanes Downtown launched Monday — [nearly two years after the city approved it](#).

The Smart Streets pilot program, passed in March 2023, calls for the use of [city cameras to catch and ticket drivers](#) illegally parked in bike lanes, bus-only lanes, bus stops and crosswalks.

The pilot program's boundaries run from Lake Michigan to Ashland Avenue and from North Avenue to Roosevelt Road. During the first 30 days of the program, the city will only be issuing warnings via mail to registered car owners found parking in bike and bus lanes. Starting Dec. 5, drivers found in violation will receive a mailed notice for the first offense and then will be fined for subsequent violations, according to a press release.

Fines for [blocking a bike lane are \\$250](#). Low-income drivers will be eligible for car-related debt assistance through the [Clear Path Relief program](#), according to the city.

"Through automated technology to enforce parking violations in bus and bike lanes, this pilot program helps us improve transit reliability and protect our vulnerable road users," Mayor Brandon Johnson said in a statement. City officials announce the start of the Smart Streets pilot program, which creates a system to mail tickets to drivers caught by city cameras blocking bike lanes and bus stops in the Downtown area. The pilot program was supposed to last two years after its passage, but the timeline was extended in July after the program's start was [significantly delayed](#). The Chicago Department of Transportation said the delay was due to difficulties finding a vendor for the program, [according to Ald. Brendan Reilly's \(42nd\) office](#). On Sept. 30, the city awarded [Modaxo Traffic Management USA INC](#), an Iowa-based technology company, a contract worth upwards of \$2.2 million to lead the pilot program, according to city records.

The company retrofitted eight city vehicles with cameras to enforce the parking violations within the program's pilot area, according to a press release.

The program will be active for two years after the first official ticket is issued. Because of this, the city's transportation agency estimates the program will last until somewhere between fall 2026 and winter 2027.

"By keeping bus and bike lanes clear of illegal parking, we can ensure that Chicago's growing network of dedicated bus and bike lanes are operating at their full potential, improving safety while also reducing delays for commuters and improving orderly traffic flow," transportation department Commissioner Tom Carney said in a statement.



A biker on South Dearborn Street in front of the Blake Hotel

In 2025, the Chicago Transit Authority plans to install camera-ticketing equipment on up to six buses. The city is currently in the procurement process for this, according to a press release.

Before the end of the Smart Streets pilot program, the city's transportation and finance departments will provide a report to the City Council with information on the program's effectiveness in improving traffic safety.



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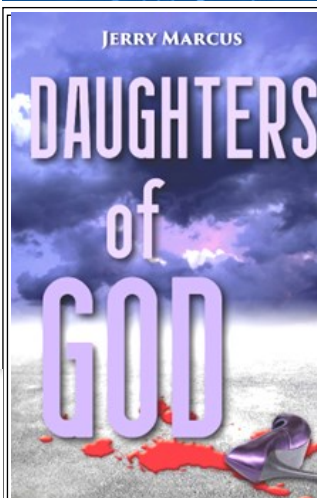
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Jerry Marcus has been called "prophetic," "masterful," and "provocative." He is acclaimed for his ability to create compelling fiction about thought-provoking issues such as anti-Semitism, political corruption, and religious hypocrisy. *Daughters of God* was winner of the 2018 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards in the Philosophy Category.

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## Plan To Lower City Speed Limit To 25 MPH OK'd By Key City Council Committee

The pedestrian safety committee advanced the speed limit reduction and a pilot program allowing neighbors to report cars blocking bike and bus lanes.

by [Quinn Myers](#) October 21, 2024 Updated October 23, 2024

CITY HALL — A bid to reduce Chicago's default speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph was advanced by a key City Council committee, but the ordinance still needs approval from the full council.

The Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety [approved the change](#) on Monday by an 8-5 vote following a lengthy debate during which some alderpeople questioned both the substance and process behind the measure. Others praised it as a long overdue step to protect pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

The committee also advanced [a separate ordinance](#) that would create a pilot program to allow neighbors to use 311 to report vehicles illegally blocking bike and bus lanes, which would result in a citation after several warnings.

Ald. Daniel La Spata (1st), who sponsored the proposals and who also chairs the pedestrian safety committee, said the measures are aimed at bolstering Chicago's [Vision Zero action plan](#) to eliminate all traffic deaths citywide. The current "[statutory urban speed limit](#)" is 30 mph.

There were 136 people who died in traffic crashes in 2023, according to [a recent report](#) issued by the Chicago Department of Transportation. That's down from 186 deaths in 2021, but still higher than pre-pandemic numbers.

At a subject matter hearing in May, transportation department commissioner Tom Carney called lowering the speed limit a potential "tool in the toolbox" to make streets safer. Advocates for a reduced speed limit have also pointed to [city data](#) that shows a person struck by a vehicle traveling at 20 mph faces a more than 90 percent chance of survival — while only a 60 percent chance at 30 mph.

Mayor Brandon Johnson [backed lowering the speed limit at an unrelated press conference on Friday](#). But at Monday's hearing, no one from the transportation department or the mayor's administration was present to testify or answer questions, leaving alderpeople to discuss the issue among themselves.

La Spata on Monday said getting to zero traffic fatalities in Chicago was "not a utopian idea," but something that can be achieved through policy changes like the speed limit reduction.

"I believe in the work we're talking about today. I believe that the ordinance... sets us on the pathway to save the lives of hundreds of people, hundreds of Chicagoans over

next decade," he said. "I believe we're doing it in a way that is feasible and responsible."

Several other alderpeople on Monday voiced support for the change.

"To set something [lower than 25 mph] I think is setting up for failure. I think 25 is the perfect fit, and with time we can track how everything is working," Ald. Ruth Cruz (30th) said.

The city has already reduced the speed limit on some thoroughfares to 20 mph through its [Complete Streets program](#), which also incorporates protected bike lanes, pedestrian curb bumpouts and other safety measures designed to slow traffic.

The proposed citywide reduction did garner sharp pushback from other council members, several of whom were concerned the change would lead to more speeding tickets that could disproportionately impact Black and Brown neighbors.

Automated speed cameras [currently issue \\$35 tickets for drivers going 6-10 mph over the speed limit](#). The penalty rises to \$100 for going 11 mph or more over the limit.

Ald. Jason Ervin (28th) said he doesn't dispute that lowering the speed limit would make the city's roads safer. But any change "has to be balanced with people's ability to get around," he said.

"When you're dealing with homelessness, violence, a plethora of issues, I'm sorry, but reducing the speed limit is not the number one issue that my community is looking at," said the West Side alderperson, who voted against the measure. "I think this one-size-fits-all approach is not necessarily in the best interest of all Chicagoans."

Ald. Brian Hopkins (2nd) also voted "no" on the speed limit ordinance, and said changes should be implemented only when there is "local buy-in" where neighbors could weigh in on any changes.

"To suggest that a 25 mph maximum speed limit applies across the board on the city makes zero sense," Hopkins said. "It doesn't make sense on Irving Park [Road], it doesn't make sense on Harlem Avenue on the Far Northwest Side, it doesn't make sense on Stony Island Avenue on the South Side."

Other cities have lowered their default speed limit to 25 mph in recent years, including New York, Seattle, San Francisco and Boston, Audrey Wennink, senior director at nonprofit Metropolitan Planning Council, told alderpeople in May. Transit leaders in New York [have said the change has reduced annual pedestrian deaths by 23 percent](#) and led to the city's lowest number of pedestrian fatalities in a century.

The change could cost Chicago around \$3 million to install new signs, but only if the state transportation agency, which



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## Kido Chicago, Beloved South Loop Children's Boutique, To Close Next Month

Owner Keewa Nurullah is reflecting on her boutique's highs and lows as she prepares for her final holiday season.

by [Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#) November 4, 2024

Keewa Nurullah with Mayor Brandon Johnson, drag performer Lucy Stoole, Slo Mo founder Kristen Kaza during the Queer Fam Pride Jam. Credit: Erik Zommer

**BRONZEVILLE** — After six years of serving families in the South Loop and across the city, Kido Chicago is closing its doors.

Owner Keewa Nurullah told Block Club that while running the children's boutique, 1137 S. Delano Court, has been one of the more rewarding experiences of her life, it is time for the entrepreneur and mother of two to take a break.

Kido Chicago's last day is Dec. 23.

"There are lots of positive feelings of just creating a safe space for community and people seeing that value. I created it, and there were lots of people who wanted the same thing. And so those positive feelings are giving me comfort right now," Nurullah said.

Looking back, a lot of Kido's success was due to timing, particularly in the early years of the pandemic, when parents were scrambling to find ways of keeping their children engaged, she said.

"You had all these families who were home, so kids were blazing through their toys, like 'Okay, what's next? I'm done with that.' We were all trapped at home, so for families, they needed things to survive. They needed puzzles, they needed games. They needed things to really entertain themselves. Thankfully we already had an online presence, so we didn't have to start from scratch. But we were there. I was listening to my audience and what they needed, and we were trying to provide some fun and entertainment for them. And it worked out for us," Nurullah said.

The entrepreneur has created some amazing memories for her highlight reel. In February, she linked up with the Museum of Contemporary Art for its monthly Family Day program, where the boutique hosted a "takeover," filling the space with Black and Brown artists in a celebration of love.

[The Queer Fam Pride Jam held last June at Millennium Park](#) was also one for the history books, said Nurullah. She and her co-organizer — Slo 'Mo founder Kristen Kaza — had thousands of families from across the city dancing to house music and getting drag makeovers while observing the park's 20th anniversary.

But one of Nurullah's favorite highlights was [the boutique's collaboration with the Chicago White Sox last summer](#), where she launched an eclectically designed collection of onesies, sweatshirts and tees.

"That was a bucket list item I didn't even know was on my bucket list or even possible. Just collaborating with that big sports institution and being able to spread our brand name to all of these people who had never, never heard of

Kido ... For our little small shop to be on the big screen at the ballpark and on their social media for all of their fans to see was a great accomplishment," she said.

Blending commerce and social justice can be a risk, as Nurullah knows all too well, having received her fair share of racist and homophobic emails through the years as she pushed for love and inclusivity. But

as the great-granddaughter of a tailor who survived the [Tulsa Massacre](#), she remains committed to changing the world, even after Kido says goodbye.

"When we gathered after Roe v. Wade fell and we marched in Bronzeville, there were thousands of families marching down King Drive. I was hearing people in the shop ask, 'What can we do?' Because the majority of people who have abortions are already parents, and a lot of people don't know that. It was kind of a rising volcano of parents being like, 'Hello? Who's listening to us? What can we do?'" The protest was an opportunity for parents to raise their voices and show their kids that it was okay to raise theirs as well, Nurullah said.

Kai Lawson, 3, sits atop their father's shoulders during the "Families for Abortion Access" march in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood on Monday, July 4, 2022. Lou Foglia/ Block Club Chicago

But the entrepreneur also sees the writing on the wall. Big box retailers continue to downsize, and "mom and pop" storefronts quietly disappear as people turn to fast fashion and discount merchandise sites like Shein and Temu. [Despite human rights issues and the potential environmental impact](#), consumption doesn't appear to be slowing down anytime soon, much to Nurullah's dismay, she said.

As she prepares for her final holiday season at the Roosevelt Collection Shops, Nurullah does so with the knowledge that she and her boutique have made a lasting impression, as examples of what's possible.

"I have tried to encourage our community to be activists on the smallest level, by shopping small, being an activist against monopolies of billionaires and their agendas. That's one way in which our customers are already participating in activism," Nurullah said.



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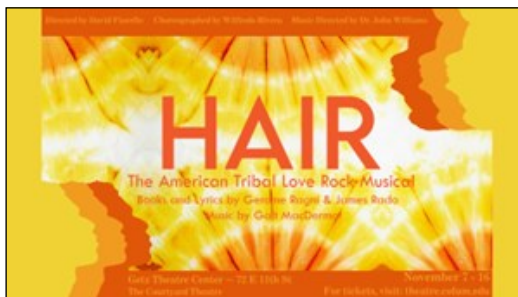
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## Cook County Sheriff's Office announces new tracking tool to help curb carjackings

By Mugo Odigwe

October 20, 2022 / 11:48 AM CDT / CBS Chicago

**CHICAGO (CBS)** – The Cook County Sheriff's Office has a new plan to help curb carjackings.

Sheriff Tom Dart announced Thursday they're launching a tool to help police find cars for those who may become victims of the crime.

CBS 2's Mugo Odigwe reported from the sheriff's River North command post to explain how it would work.

The new initiative is about letting you take control - taking action before you're a victim of a carjacking.

Here's how it would work:

Anyone living in the city, or the suburbs can apply online by signing a tracking consent form. That will pre-authorize the sheriff's department to track the location of your vehicle if it's ever stolen.

Sheriff Dart says doing so automatically removes the delay that comes from when victims of carjackings have to first contact their vehicle manufacturer before a vehicle can be tracked.

We should note this new plan only works for cars no earlier than 2015.

For those who do sign up, you're being encouraged to display the sticker you receive in the mail on your car to deter offenders.

We asked the sheriff why he thinks the initiative will work.

"When we had people in custody for carjacking, we've done interviews with them. Things that don't in any way compromise their criminal case. We just ask them," Dart said. "When cars are being tracked does that discourage you and it was quite unanimous what the opinion was that there'll just go to another car."

Those who sign up will receive two free stickers in the mail - one to put in front of your car and the other in the back.

To sign up for the new plan, visit the [Cook County Sheriff's Office website](#).



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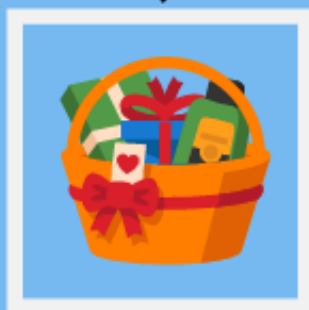
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### Other

If you have already had your fill of gift shopping or are looking to get involved in other ways that won't require braving the cold, no problem! You can visit our [website](#) to make a monetary donation! We are always thankful for the donations that help our programs run.

## Columbia students react to Trump win with anxiety, disappointment

By [Patience Hurston](#), [Charles Rahn](#), and [Perla Mía Valdez](#)

November 6, 2024

By [Patience Hurston](#), [Araceli Ramirez](#), and [Kate Julianne Larroder](#)

### Kamala Harris concedes

Annissa Baker, a sophomore journalism major, watches Vice President Kamala Harris' concession speech at the 33 E. Ida B. Wells Dr. building, on Nov. 6, 2024.

At ShopColumbia, Tiana Bass, a sophomore illustration major, and Angela Kalish, a junior graphic design major, were working the day of the election to prepare a new display.

Kalish said she “crashed out” while watching election results roll in Tuesday night. “I stayed up until 3 a.m., and I saw when they called Pennsylvania,” she said. “I wasn’t expecting to see such drastic shifts in numbers.”

Bass found relief coming to work on the display on Wednesday, Nov. 6. “I’m just that person that wants to be on regimen,” she said, adding that the routine was a part of her coping skills around election stress.

“It hasn’t really hit me yet,” she said. “I’m still confused. I’m not the kind of person to understand stupid. I’m still trying to wrap my head around it.” Bass said the country will “know they made a mistake” in electing former President Donald Trump. He beat Vice President Kamala Harris in a historic race she entered and ran for 107 days after President Joe Biden abruptly pulled out.

Harris conceded in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, saying that “we must accept the results of this election.” She said that power will be transferred peacefully in January. When Trump lost in 2020 to Biden, he refused to accept the results of the election. He was impeached for inciting an insurrection at the Capitol on Jan. 6.

“On the campaign, I would often say when we fight, we win,” she said. “But here’s the thing. Here’s the thing. Sometimes the fight takes a while. That doesn’t mean we won’t win.”

Harris also shared in the disappointment of many of her young supporters saying, “This election is not what we wanted, not what we fought for, not what we voted for.”

Nearly 60% of Chicago’s nearly 1.5 million registered voters cast a ballot in the Nov. 5 election, according to the [Chicago Board of Elections](#). Harris won Illinois, which has been a historically blue state.



justin Janicki Chicago residents waiting in line to vote at the 1104 S. Wabash voting site on Nov. 5, 2024.

“I feel sad and defeated,” said senior Grace Donovan, a senior graphic design major. “I feel sad for people that it affects, like most of my friends are part of the LGBTQ+ community that feel like their rights just all got stripped away.”

Amelia Lutz, executive vice president of the Student Government Association, said she was still a bit numb as she processed the results.

“I’m devastated that this is what our country has decided,” she said. “I cried in my roommate’s arms this morning after hearing the news.”

Lutz said that she has a lot of concerns surrounding Trump’s policies, which directly affect her as a woman and as a lesbian.

“Project 2025 is something that greatly scares me,” she said, referring to a strategic initiative from the conservative Heritage Foundation to influence the new president. “It threatens my right to bodily autonomy and my right to love who I love and the possibility of getting married at that.”

Moving forward, Lutz hopes that “people of this country recognize that regardless of the outcome last night, we all have a voice still.”

Additional reporting from Dustin Janicki

*Copy edited by Manuel Nocera*



## Cops, medical examiner continue investigation after woman was found dead next to severed foot in South Loop stairwell

November 2, 2024 5:40 AM [CWBChicago](#) [South Loop](#)

CHICAGO — Police continue to investigate the death of a [woman who was found dead](#), lying next to her severed foot at the bottom of a luxury high-rise stairwell in the South Loop.

The building doorman summoned police to the 1200 block of South Prairie after a resident discovered the scene on the lower level around 7:25 p.m. last Sunday, October 27.

Investigators at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy the next day, but the results are still pending. Officials have not released the 36-year-old woman's name, but court records show she had been in a relationship with a man who lives in the building. Chicago police detectives spoke with him this week, but he was released without being charged. A resident of the building told CWBChicago that they would be "shocked" if the man played any role in the woman's death.

Cook County court records show the woman filed and received an order of protection against the man in October 2023. The order was dismissed the following month and records show the woman has not filed another petition since then.

In an affidavit seeking the order, the woman claimed the man "contacts me approximately twenty times a day" and calls her "derogatory names like 'liar,' 'cheater,' 'whore,' and a 'piece of sh\*t.'"

She also claimed that she filed a police report for domestic battery in September 2023 after, she said, the man came into a hotel room at the Ritz Carlton while she was sleeping and launched into verbal and physical abuse.

The woman said she filed a second police report because, she claimed, the man became physically and verbally abusive at the South Loop building in August 2023, "slamming my head against a cabinet, slapping me, punching me, putting my head on a headlock, and dragging me away from the door."

In a third allegation, she claimed that the man struck her in the head with a pickle jar at her Michigan home in July 2023. She alleged that she fled the residence after the man "poured vodka on my body, which burned my wounds." He took the woman to a hospital for treatment of her "open head wound" two days later, the woman alleged.

Her affidavit said she took police to the man's residence after the August incident: "The police officers attempted to arrest the [man] but he refused to open the door," she wrote.

Records show that the Chicago Police Department has never arrested the man for any reason, and court records show that he has never been charged with any wrongdoing of any kind in Cook County. <https://cwbchicago.com/2024/11/cops-medical-examiner-continue-investigation-after-woman-was-found-dead-next-to-severed-foot-in-south-loop-stairwell.html>

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

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

Link to Facebook group:

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

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## Police Blotter



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

10/28/2024 1am 1100 S Wabash  
BURGLARY, Unlawful entry (meaning no forced entry)  
Beat 123

10/27/2024 5:37pm 50 W Roosevelt  
AGGRAVATED BATTERY against a protected employee  
Beat 123

10/26/2024 9:30pm 700 S State St  
AUTO THEFT in Non-Res parking, Beat 123

10/24/2024 1:14pm Roosevelt Collection  
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, Business office Beat 123

10/23/2024 4:18pm 30 E Roosevelt  
STRONG ARM ROBBERY, No weapon Gas Station Beat 123

10/22/2024 11:15pm 800 S Wabash  
AUTO THEFT on street Beat 123

10/22/2024 10pm 600 S State  
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT Non-Res parking Beat 123

10/22/2024 11:15pm 800 S Wabash Ave  
AUTO THEFT on Street Beat 123

10/22/2024 10pm 600 S State  
AUTO THEFT Non-Res Parking Beat 123

10/22/2024 9:30pm 40 E 9<sup>th</sup> St  
ATTEMPT AUTO THEFT Beat 123

10/21/2024 5:15am 0 E 8<sup>th</sup> St  
AUTO THEFT Non-Res Parking Beat 123

10/21/2024 12:44am Grant Park 500 S Michigan  
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT Beat 114

10/20/2024 9:17pm 600 S Wabash  
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No weapon on Street Beat 123

10/20/2024 9pm 0 E 8<sup>th</sup> st  
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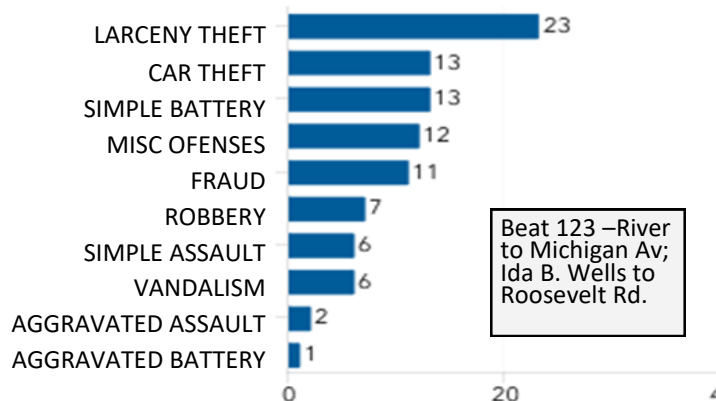
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AUTO THEFT on street, Beat 123

10/19/2024 3:45am 100 W Polk  
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10/15/2024 9:29pm 20 E Roosevelt Road  
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, Knife Roosevelt L Station

## Top 10 Crimes

PERIOD OCT 15 TO OCT 29, 2024



## Bicyclist shot during altercation in the Loop

[November 2, 2024 7:56 PM CWBChicago Loop, South Loop](#)

*First responders at the scene of a shooting near a gas station at Roosevelt and Wabash on November 2, 2024 (Citizen)*

CHICAGO — A bicyclist is recovering after another bicyclist shot him during an argument in the Loop on Saturday evening, according to Chicago police.

It happened around 6:22 p.m. near the BP station at Wabash and Roosevelt.

CPD said a 23-year-old man was riding a bike when he got into an argument with another bicyclist. The altercation turned physical, and the second bicyclist pulled out a gun. He fired one shot toward the 23-year-old, striking him in the lower back.

The gunman fled the scene, heading east on Roosevelt on a blue bike. Police said the victim was in fair condition.

An officer at the scene described the shooter as a Black male wearing all black clothing with a face mask covering his entire head.

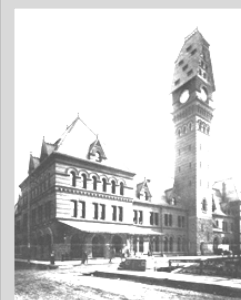
The victim is the 12th person shot in the Loop this year. Two of those shootings were deemed self-defense. By comparison, there were 14 people shot in the neighborhood at this point last year and 34 at this point in 2022.

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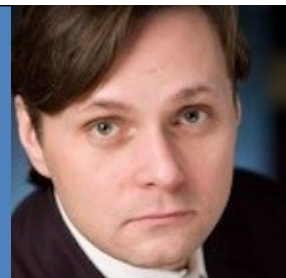


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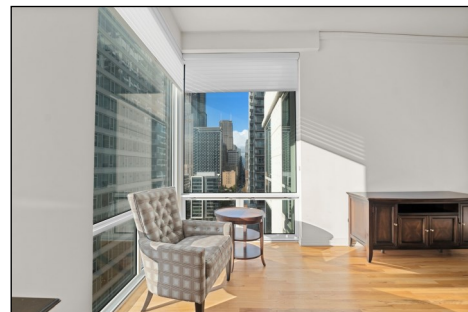


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