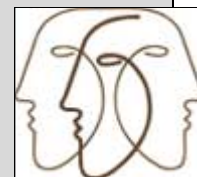


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Grateful for . . .

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, what do we have to be grateful for? We recently experienced a outstanding version of “Hair, the musical” at Columbia College. Déjà vu for some of us. All the songs are great but I especially liked the tune, “I got life.”

I got life

I got life, mother
I got laughs, sister
I got freedom, brother
I got good times, man

I got my hair
I got my head
I got my brains
I got my ears
I got my eyes
I got my nose
I got my mouth
I got my ass
I got my arms etc.

In this issue, we have a couple of upbeat stories that reflects the Thanksgiving spirit. One written by Janice Koeber about a good Samaritan who found and returned a wallet, page 13. The other, an essay by Shelia Kamuda who relates how she gained gratitude after a great loss, page 14.

For me, I'm grateful for marching bands in the Chicago's Thanksgiving Parade



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It is with a heavy heart that we share that *Dorothy Miaso*, Treasurer and long time board member of the South Loop Neighbors, passed away on November 15 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

When Dorothy wasn't working at her job as Executive Director for Literacy Volunteers of Illinois, of which she just recently retired from, Dorothy could be found volunteering at the numerous events coordinated by SLN. Dorothy was key for the success for many of the events, especially the SLN Night at the Jazz Showcase, an event she coordinated for many years. Dorothy was the model example of a dedicated neighborhood volunteer and she will be extremely difficult to replace.



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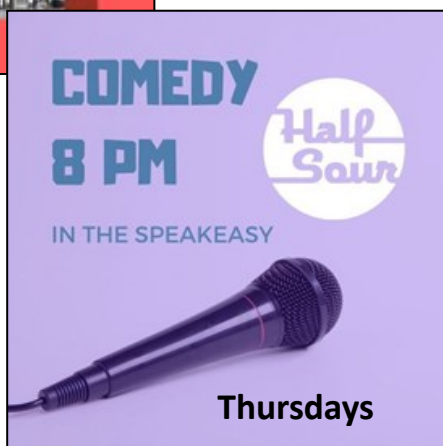
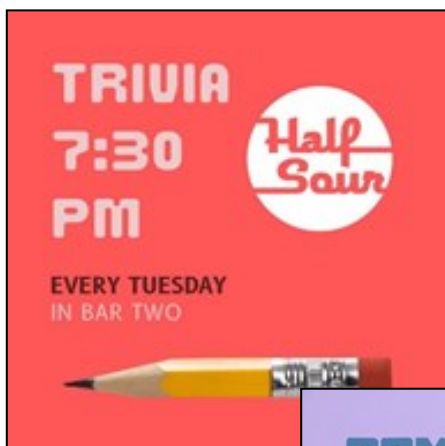
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Election Distraction: Lincoln Park Hibiscus Regan Burke

November 10, 2024



Rounding the corner by Cafe Brauer, the 115-year old red brick refectory on Lincoln Park Zoo's South Pond, I stopped dead in my tracks at the sight of blooming Chinese-red hibiscus. Hundreds of blossoms the size and shape of CDs preened in the bright sun. They were onion-skin thin. I could practically see through them. I inched along the path flower by flower scanning each one for an answer. What. Were. They. Doing. There?

I'd rounded that corner hundreds of times in my life and had never seen those flowers. A woman in a dark green shirt marked with the telltale Lincoln Park Zoo logos wandered by.

"Do you know anything about these flowers?" I shouted.

"Yes, they're Lord Baltimore hardy hibiscus."

"Were they here last year?"

"Nope. We cultivated them."

She introduced herself as the head horticulturist at the Zoo and gave me a hibiscus primer. There are four species of hibiscus native to Illinois around the Zoo and the South Pond.

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On the way home, I spotted a couple I've known for years taking their afternoon walk. They informed me they're thinking of buying a summer house in Michigan.

"What? How could you leave here in the summer? Did you know we have four native hibiscus around the South Pond and the Zoo?"

At the time, I thought this fresh information established the best reason to summer in Chicago. I doubled down on what I'd just learned. Without taking a breath I told them the hibiscus feed bees, hummingbirds and butterflies. Each flower on a hibiscus stalk lives only for a day or two, like a daylily. But, the plants keep opening new blooms from July to September. Garden Clubs from all over the Midwest send busloads of flower lovers to gaze at our hibiscus.

"You must walk by the pond and see them!"

That was the summer of 2019. I see them walking from time to time now, a little slower, a little quieter. A few weeks ago, I'd been in the zoo luxuriating in what I've come to think of now, five years later, as my hibiscus. I ran into my friends on the way home and fed them new information.

"Did you see the news?"

"What news?"

There's so much real news or breaking news these days they looked anxious.

"My friend Karen who volunteers at the zoo told me it's in the paper today. Lincoln Park Zoo has just been named a National Botanic Garden!"

"Oh."

"Yep. It's a big deal. There are only two zoos in the country that are botanic gardens."

"Oh yeah? What's the other one?"

"Dunno. Maybe San Diego."

I had no idea what I was talking about. The media and Time Out have touted San Diego plenty. So, I used this acclaim to put the best spin on our zoo.

"And the international Botanic Garden show will be in Chicago in summer 2027. First time its been in the U.S, in 27 years." I said.

"Wow, that's great. Is that like the Chelsea Garden Show?"

"Yes! Only better."

"Well, we'll see you around. We need to keep walking."

"Ok. Great to see you. Glad you didn't buy that summer house in New Buffalo."

"Oh, we did buy it. Stayed for a few weekends before the pandemic hit. Tried it that summer for a few weeks. Mistake. Too lonely. You're right. There's nothing like Chicago in the summer."

"Ah. It's the flowers, right?"

"Maay-bee".

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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The Near South Loop hosts a timely exhibit in a tumultuous time – Embrace of Comfort Group Exhibit at necessary & sufficient coffee® – Printers Row

Chicago, IL – November 15, 2024 - necessary & sufficient coffee – Printers Row announces "Embrace of Comfort" a regional group show of artists' reflection on comfort. Comfort. It's one of those words that seems almost too simple, too universally understood, to deserve much examination. It's easy to mistake comfort for something trivial, something shallow, something soft. But the artists in The Embrace of Comfort exhibit would likely argue otherwise, because—surprise—comfort is not always as cozy as it sounds. Sometimes, it's bold. Sometimes, it's unsettling. But always, it's a reflection of the human need for safety, relief, and connection.

"Embrace of Comfort, a timely exhibition in a tumultuous time, So grab your coffee, make yourself comfortable, and let's dive into what comfort means when put in the hands of artists while we explore comfort in many forms. What does comfort mean to you?" - Curator, Kate Vrijmoet

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Sarai Johnson, *Grown Women* (HarperCollins 2024).

When my younger daughter graduated from high school—just seventeen—she announced to her sister, her aunt, and me that she was “a grown-ass woman.” It wasn’t clear what she meant, and it scared the be-jeezus out of me. But I was relieved, and impressed, she was ready to try her own life. **Grown Women** is a debut novel spanning 70 years of girls becoming “grown women,” leaving their mothers for reasons tragic, wrenching, practical, or felicitous. The story is told through third-person narratives of great-grandmother Evelyn; her daughter, Charlotte; her daughter, Corinna; and her daughter, Camille. It is both terrifying and inspiring; it is not a Hallmark movie. There’s way too much drinking, shooting, beating, sex, poverty and loss to qualify. Although the men are more than progenitors, their presence is more affliction than blessing; some provide comfort ; most cause harm; some offer both. The female characters, their stories, their living spaces, are so interesting—especially for this old white woman—readers will stick with the sometimes confusing timeline and jarring transitions from granny to mama to baby to grand baby. Sarai Johnson, one hometown reviewer writes, “refreshingly decenters any gazes other than those of Black women” so for some it’s like home and for others it’s a needed education. Evelyn’s photo album is an integral part of the story, and it feels as if we’re seeing snapshots of the author’s own Black community in Nashville, rural Tennessee, Atlanta, and the nation’s capital, rarely featured in mainstream writing. Johnson offers better than Big Mama’s

“pearls of wisdom” from these mothers and daughters, for they suffer not just from their own follies, but from cultural and racial limits imposed on them and outside their agency. We can learn how to try to parent, love or learn from our parents, manipulate or tolerate societal pressures, and most importantly empathize with those whose lives are unlike ours—even if they are our own kin. Take note that “[g]rowing a child in your body does not make you that child's mother,” but once that woman accepts the role—however reluctantly—as some of these mothers do, “in matters of mothers and daughters, it is *always* the mother's fault.” Fathers, siblings, other relatives, friends, directors, sponsors, coaches, *ad infinitum*, might confess to this guilt, whether warranted or not. Few of us set out to deliberately destroy a young life. Like Evelyn, whose sins were the most grievous, Johnson encourages the mass of us to do better. We don’t forget the past but we can change the present and create a new history. “If we *move on* we are leaving what we have and starting something completely new. We don't need to do that; we need to *...move forward*,” so that “what's happening now become[s] more important than what happened in the past...” This is a nice reflection before holiday family get-togethers. Charlotte offers a final thought: “Forgive your goddamn mother (fill in the blank). Don’t do it for (her). It's not about (her). Do it for you.”

Lorraine Schmall

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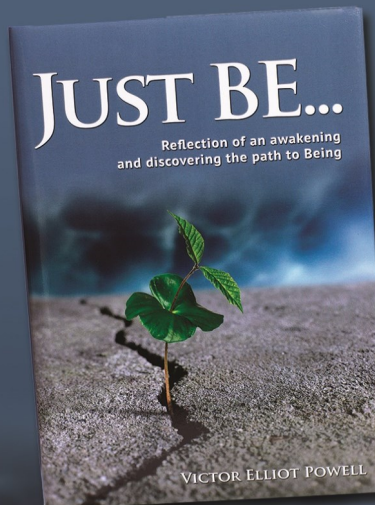
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Sincerely, Marianne

In their own words: trying to understand Trump voters

November 18, 2024

By **Marianne Goss**

Like many, I'm trying to escape political news since the election. But I can't shut down my thoughts about Trump voters.

How could they?

I want to understand so that I don't hate them.

I'd like to know what they think overrules Trump's racism, misogyny, and overall hatefulness — if those are not why they like him.

"[W]e have too often assumed that Trump voters are racist, sexist, transphobic, or just stupid. I mean, what else could bring someone to vote for him?" historian Jonathan Zimmerman wrote after the election.

Not hanging around with Trump voters, I looked online for explanations in their own words. Here are some comments from various websites.

"It's not because I like his personality, that's for sure. I think he's the one to take care of the economy, the oil issues, and the border issues."

"During Trump's presidency, everything was much lower."

"Food is very expensive. Everything is very expensive."

"I can't wait to afford groceries and gas."

"Everything's gone up for us, and I don't see wages going up, so that's very problematic for people that are just trying to survive and take care of their family."

"The economy was good when Trump was in."

"Trump has a handle on making it about the American economy first and the American worker first."

"I think there is a higher likelihood that we will have a good economy with Trump."

"We just want less crime, secure borders, a strong economy, affordable prices, and fairness in the labor market. We believe President Trump will deliver on those."

"Veterans and homeless and needy citizens suffered as local governments spent billions for newly arrived migrants. . . . When my mother came to America as a single mother of two, she did not get any benefits."

"As a legal immigrant, I feel good about this. I feel seen."

"Latinos in the past were supportive of the Democratic Party, but it has not been very supportive of us. The bottom line is money."

"I lost a lot of jobs just because they wanted to hire someone that was willing to take way-lower pay than normal."

"I am a Gen Z man. Trump never talked down to me, or told me I am the problem, or tried to influence how I should behave."

"I believe that he will not let as many wars happen."

"He speaks of war as something that is bad."

"His election brings me hope for a better future."

"I believe that we need a change, and we have to put Americans first."

Those comments aren't entirely free of prejudice, but most do not sound like they came from the mouths of the Proud Boys.

"Trump's base cannot simply be dismissed as racist deplorables or country bumpkins in red MAGA hats," Rutgers University–Newark professor Alex Hinton told *The Conversation*. "Many people have thoughtful reasons for voting for Trump."

While I disagree that Trump's policies are solutions, people are entitled to judge for themselves how their lives are going.

Financially secure, I'd underestimated how much other people are worried about high prices. I feared Trump's threat to democracy while others feared their families going hungry.

I didn't realize how deep the perception of unfairness is.

I didn't get how much Trump voters consider Democrats sanctimonious and condescending.

None of this is to suggest that Democrats should change our positions and principles. I'm still appalled and terrified by Trump. But we could show a more welcoming attitude when Trump voters have buyer's remorse, as I expect many will. You don't win over people by thinking them racist, sexist, and too stupid to know what's good for them.

It's been a sobering two weeks.

COMMENT

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



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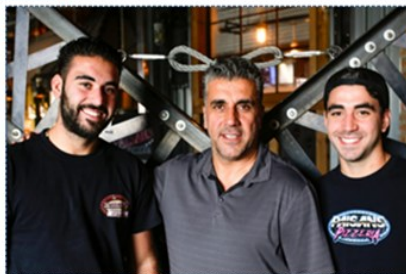
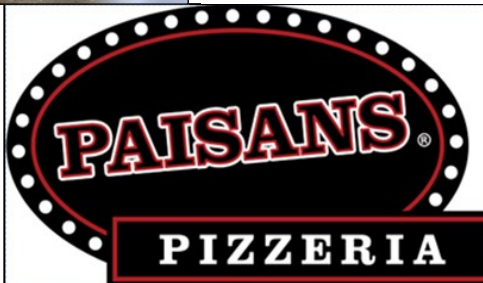
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Deep Drive on the South Side: Cultural Road Tripping in Mike Medina's Mermaid Green 1941 Buick Special Coupe Torpedo

by [Dave Hoekstra](#) |
November 19, 2024

When the mood is right and old stars are aligned in the sky, Mike Medina will get into his car and drive around the South Side of Chicago. He has favorite routes such as South Cottage Grove Avenue and South Chicago Avenue, the latter of which he calls the "bizarro parallel" to North Elston Avenue.



Mike Medina and his 1941 Buick/
Photo: Paul Natkin

He has his favorite spots like the site of the former McKie's Disc Jockey Show Lounge in the old Strand Hotel at 63rd and Cottage Grove, and the isolated neighborhood of the Southeast Side of Chicago where Medina and his wife Laura Coffey Medina planned to renovate the Schlitz Brewery-Tied House tavern at 9401 South Ewing, which is now the landmarked East Side Tap.

But this is no ordinary ride.

Medina drives a refurbished Mermaid Green 1941 Buick Special Torpedo.

Besides being an object of beauty, it is a vehicle for connection. In mid-September Medina takes me and Chicago photographer Paul Natkin on a three-hour South Side tour in his Buick. Dozens of locals smile, honk their horns, and inquire about the year the car was made. "1945?" asks someone at a bus stop. Medina smiles from under the bill of a vintage newsboy's cap and shouts back, "1941!"

While stopped at a light on Cottage Grove, a CTA bus driver leans out her window and proclaims how the car reminds her of her grandparent's ride.

Medina does not know how many miles the Buick has seen because the odometer is broken. But the automobile clock works. Time is of the essence.

Medina was born in 1974 in Chicago. He grew up in Des Plaines and attended Notre Dame High School in Niles before studying political science at DePaul University. He is a former airline mechanic who repairs lab equipment at the University of Chicago.

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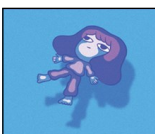
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On November 10, a brisk and sunny Sunday morning, neighbors and friends of Dearborn and Roosevelt Parks gathered to participate in a park cleanup effort, organized by recent Printers Row Park Advisory Council director appointees, Susan Dickman and Patrick Geiger.

One of the volunteers, eagle-eye Julie Van Zale, came upon an unexpected find near the tennis courts, a wallet! Although bereft of any cash or credit cards, fortunately it contained a name and phone number, enabling Julie to contact the owner—we'll call her "Lucky"—who was elated to receive the call.

It turns out Lucky, a downstate resident, had been pick-pocketed (or actually pick-pursed) while attending a conference at a nearby hotel the previous Friday. She became aware of the theft a few hours after it occurred, and learned from her credit card company when she reported it that almost \$1600 of merchandise had been purchased on her account at local retailers. Assured by the bank that she would not be charged for the unlawful purchases, she was still ill at ease because a number of other important documents had been in her wallet, including some personal checks and her passport!

Thankfully, Lucky still had possession of her phone and not yet left town so was able to meet Julie Sunday afternoon and retrieve her wallet with all of the documents she feared had been lost intact.

Thanks, Julie, from Lucky for being a "Miracle sent from Heaven" and from those of us who call the South Loop home, for your honesty and kindness and representing us well.

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The Cleanup
Crew right.



Julie Van Zale above

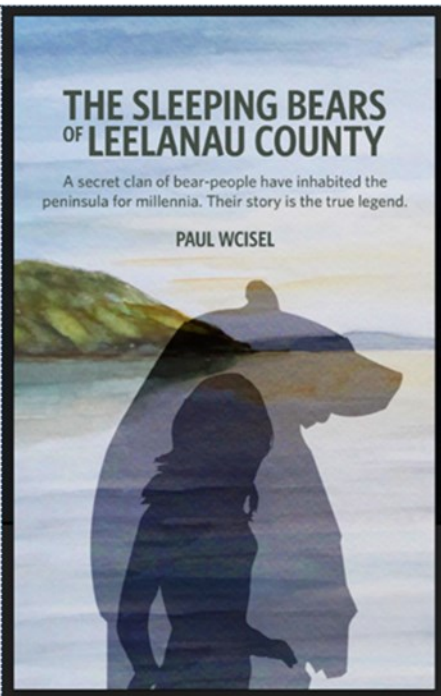


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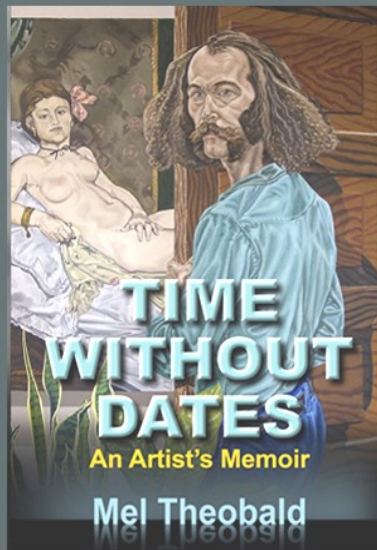
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He became a university professor and graphic designer before receiving an invitation to Russia in 1990. This book is a prelude to *Inside the Enigma*, an intricate account of that transformative year, and defines the complexity of his foray into the 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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Beth Finke's Writers in Exile

Shelia Kamuda is a member of Beth Finke's Memoir Class, "Writers in Exile." Sheila reminds us that being grateful opens the door to joy, even in the face of great loss.

Gratitude, Joy, & Love: My Holy Trinity.

I started believing in Gratitude, Joy & Love, making these my religion, about 10 years ago. To help heal my heart from the great loss I experienced. A loss that left me alone, bereft, frightened, and uneasy.

I needed to find a way out of my darkness. I needed to believe everything would be ok again. One day. The religion I had grown up with, will always be a part of me, but not quite what I needed.

I started to learn about GRATITUDE and the enormous impact it has, even when you are in despair or have struggles, and can't see a way out. I started with little things like being thankful for waking up. or having my first cup of coffee, or seeing trees on my walks, or having an enjoyable meal out. It wasn't easy for me to accept this at first. Seemed too easy, obvious, and woo-woo. I didn't understand how such a simple concept of being thankful could transform my world from despair to bliss.

I went through the motions because I needed to get out of my darkness. I became grateful for everything I could think of. I spent my days and nights in an ocean of gratitude. Never ending. Ever expanding. I thanked every circumstance, every event, every moment. I even made a tune out of it and played it in my head. And one day, it became as natural as the clouds in the sky.

I realized gratitude was something you take with you. You don't have to come from a certain family or have money to obtain it. That made me feel very special, like I uncovered something magical.

And over time, something magical began to happen. I started feeling better, hopeful, empowered. Indeed, magic lives in gratitude.

Me & the kid – a Halloween favorite!



That led to feeling JOY. Joy for my kid. Joy to be learning and evolving. Joy of things past. Joy for the present. Joy in finding some answers. Joy in smiling again. Joy for all the good things I found to be grateful for. I started to look back and realize it was joy I felt when I met Bob, and when we got married at the Rainbow Room, and I gave birth to Sydney, and every-day thereafter watching the kid grow up, and evolve into their unique self, and the three of us traveling to Europe, each time more exciting, more special, than the last, me and Sydney wearing cat costumes for a Halloween one year, watching Sydney in theatre performances, graduate college, and compose songs. And me, becoming a coach, write my memoir *Party of One*, travel, and continue to find joie de vivre.

And that led to LOVING my life. Accepting the ups and downs. Surrendering to disappointment. Celebrating my life, Sydney, Bob, my endeavors, my triumphs.

Which leads back to being GRATEFUL and so it goes on and on and on.

Shelia Kamuda



The Chicago Chinese Performing Arts Ensemble. At the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade. Photo Al Hip

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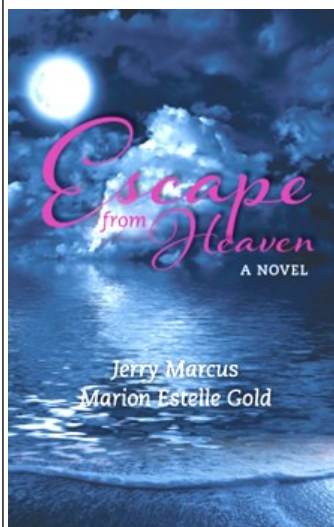
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tism. Some characters will make you angry. Others will bring tears to your eyes. All will reveal the complexity of the human condition—as seen through the eyes and voices of Moses and Jesus. It is a novel with a series of vignettes in which Moses and Jesus meet ordinary people who struggle with good versus evil, politics, friendships, religion, the Holocaust and anti-Semitism. It is about the every-day challenges of life and death, our relationships with God—and all facets of humanity that impact upon the human condition. Moses and Jesus understood the wonders and genius of God. How each individual has the potential to live a life of honest reflection, faith and good works.

Escape from Heaven was a finalist in two categories of the 2023 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards: Philosophy and Religion.

Note from the Publisher: Marcus passed away before Escape from Heaven was published—and he considered this novel his most controversial and important work. Marcus was known for his story-telling skill, his insightful focus on Good vs Evil, and the Human Condition—all wrapped up in compelling novels with characters that come alive to readers. Marcus' character development has been compared to that of Author Chaim Potok—" [Marcus] caused us to care about the characters he created." Some readers commented they felt as though Marcus was personally reading to them—becoming their own private narrator for each of his stories—making them feel deeply connected to his characters. Another reviewer called Marcus' works prophetic. You can read about the interesting author's life at www.jerrymarcus.com.

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Friday, Nov. 29

Green Line and Orange Line

Departing:

Midway toward Loop, then Harlem/Lake at 3:07 p.m.

Harlem/Lake to Cottage Grove at 4:31 p.m.

Cottage Grove toward Loop, then Midway at 5:51 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 30 – Photos with Santa

Green Line

Departing:

Harlem/Lake to Ashland/63rd at 2:31 p.m.

Cottage Grove to Harlem/Lake at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Green Line and Orange Line

Departing:

Midway toward Loop, then Harlem/Lake at 4:01 p.m.

Harlem/Lake to Ashland/63rd at 5:31 p.m.

Ashland/63rd toward Loop, then Midway at 7:06 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Orange Line and Brown Line Departing:

Midway toward Loop, then Kimball at 3:07 pm

Kimball toward Loop, then Midway at 4:41 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Orange Line and Brown Line Departing:

Midway toward Loop, then Kimball at 3:53 pm

Kimball toward Loop, then Midway at 5:28 pm

Friday, Dec. 6

Orange Line and Brown Line Departing:

Midway toward Loop, then Kimball at 3:07 pm

Kimball toward Loop, then Midway at 4:40 pm

The CTA Holiday Train in 2018. Credit: CTA

Saturday, Dec. 7 – Photos with Santa

Orange Line and Brown Line Departing:

Kimball toward Loop, then Midway at 1:13 pm

Midway toward Loop, then Kimball at 4:21 pm

Kimball toward Loop, then Midway at 6:39 pm

Thursday, Dec. 12

Blue Line Departing:

O'Hare to Forest Park at 3:13 p.m.

Forest Park to O'Hare 4:57 p.m.

54th/Cermak to Loop at 4:44 p.m.

Loop (from Clark/Lake) to 54th/Cermak at 5:11 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

Blue Line Departing:

O'Hare to Forest Park at 4:13 p.m.

Forest Park to O'Hare 6:02 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14 – Photos with Santa

Blue Line & Pink Line Departing:

Racine to Forest Park at 2:10 p.m.

Forest Park to O'Hare at 4:03 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Red Line Departing:

Howard to 95th/Dan Ryan at 2:43 p.m.

95th/Dan Ryan to Howard at 4:19 p.m.

File Photo: A CTA Holiday Train at the Howard station in December 2019. | Colin Boyle/Block Club Chicago

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Purple Line Departing:

Howard to Linden at 3:15 p.m.

Linden to Loop, via express, at 3:50 p.m.

Loop (from Clark/Lake) to Linden at 4:54 p.m.

Linden to Howard at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19

Red Line Departing:

Howard to 95th/Dan Ryan at 3:13 p.m.

95th/Dan Ryan to Howard at 4:46 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 – Photos with Santa

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Columbia Votes hosts ‘Can he actually do that?’

By [Emma Jolly](#), Reporter
November 22, 2024

[Addison Annis](#)

Students had a chance this week to ask political science and law experts their biggest questions about President-elect Donald Trump’s second term.

Columbia Votes hosted “Can he actually do that?” on Wednesday, Nov. 20. About 20 people attended the event, which included a presentation from three panelists: Robert Watkins, an associate professor of political science at Columbia College and Arthur Acevedo and Alexandra Filindra, both professors at the University of Illinois Chicago.

Sharon Bloyd-Peshkin, a professor in the School of Communication and Culture and the founder of Columbia Votes, said students are anxious about Trump’s re-election, as the Chronicle [previously reported](#).

“So the students that I am in touch with at the college, which is a pretty broad swath, are really crushed by it,” she said. “People are really having a tough time processing not only what happened, but what it means that it happened, right?”

According to members of Columbia Votes, that was the inspiration for this event.

Tyler Harding, a senior film and television major and voter registration genius, said the purpose of the event was to break down the issues. “All of those fears and anxieties can kind of build up into just one giant cloud of confusion,” he said.

Harding said Columbia Votes decided an expert panel should be included in the conversation so that students would have ample access to credible context, evidence and answers.

Columbia Votes representatives collected possible questions for speakers from a listening post they set up in the Student Center after the election.

Sophomore game art student Taika Clark heard about the event from Columbia’s Engage app. “I’m just trying to collect all the information I can right now so we can make actual moves, whatever that will look like,” Clark said.

Eryn Young, a junior marketing major, said her biggest concern was addressed during the Q&A portion of the event as well. She was particularly curious about the possibility of Trump remaining in office after his upcoming term. “I’m really glad that that question was asked,” she said. “I definitely got a good answer to that.”

Some of the questions covered topics such as the role of sanctuary cities, the extent of state power in

abortion and reproductive healthcare, how the homeless population will be affected, LGBTQIA+ rights across the country and how far presidential immunity can stretch.

One student asked about how Trump’s pledge to eliminate the Department of Education would affect federal financial aid. As the Chronicle [previously reported](#), the department can’t be eliminated without congressional approval, but its budget could be cut.

Filindra said that with Linda McMahon leading the Department of Education, it’s very possible that “they may tie Pell Grant access to ideological conformity on campus.” McMahon, who ran World Wrestling Entertainment for decades, is Trump’s nomination for education secretary, an appointment that has to be confirmed by the Senate. *Copy edited by Doreen Abril Albuerne Rodriguez*

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Container Store To Leave South Loop's Roosevelt Collection Shops

After a sluggish year, the home storage retailer is closing its Roosevelt Road location and another store in Los Angeles due to rising rents.

by [Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#) 7 hours ago

The Container Store in South Loop's Roosevelt Collection Shops will be closing, according to store employees. Credit: Provided.

SOUTH LOOP — The Container Store will close its location in a South Loop shopping center this winter.

The Container Store, 150 W. Roosevelt Road, will be leaving the Roosevelt Collection Shops when the retailer's lease is up in February, employees said. It's one of two stores the retail chain is closing due to rising rents, [according to commercial real estate site CoStar](#); the other store is in Los Angeles.

The Texas-based home organization company has struggled in recent years. [Reports emerged in May](#) that The Container Store could be delisted from the New York Stock Exchange after a dismal fourth quarter last year.

Beyond Inc., the parent company of Bed, Bath and Beyond, announced last month it would be investing \$40 million into The Container Store, [but the deal may fall through if the retailer isn't able to secure sufficient funding](#).

The Container Store is the second retailer in a month to announce its exit from the upscale South Loop shopping center. Children's boutique [Kido Chicago announced it would be closing last month](#).



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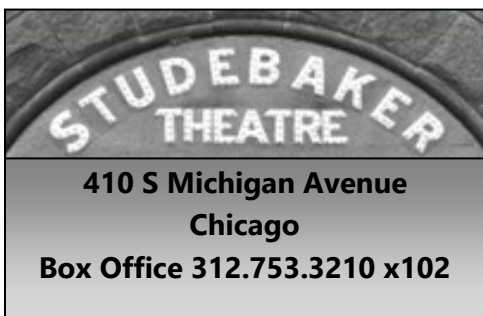


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The show's compelling narrative and dynamic performances have earned it critical acclaim, including multiple Tony Awards, cementing its place as a seminal work in American musical theatre. With its captivating story of ambition, love, and resilience, **Dreamgirls** continues to resonate with audiences, offering both entertainment and a reflection on the enduring power of music and dreams.

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AMC Movie Theatres Coming To South Loop, Replacing Shuttered Showplace Icon Theater

The theater at Roosevelt Collection Shops will be one of the few movie theaters south of Downtown. A MacGuffins Bar is also in the works.

by [Jamie Nesbitt Golden](#) November 15, 2024

AMC Theatres will be moving into Roosevelt Collection Shops in the South Loop next month. Credit: Provided

SOUTH LOOP — The South Loop will have a movie theater again as AMC Theatres prepares to take over the former Showplace Icon space early next year.

The company is planning for an early 2025 opening in Roosevelt Collection Shops, 150 W. Roosevelt Road. The announcement comes four months [after Showplace Icon abruptly shuttered its remaining theaters across the country](#), including the South Loop location it called home for 15 years.

AMC Roosevelt Collection 16 will be one of the few venues south of Downtown and one of AMC's 25-plus locations in the greater Chicagoland area, joining other Roosevelt Collection retailers like Ulta Beauty, H&M, Fleet Feet Sports and Banana Republic. The movie theater operator has 47 locations statewide. "In recent years, AMC has made it a priority to strengthen our circuit by identifying popular and well-performing theatres in areas where we believe moviegoers are underserved," Dan Ellis, AMC's chief operations and development officer and executive vice president, said in a press release. "AMC Roosevelt Collection 16 is one of the most productive locations in the Chicagoland area and fits perfectly within that strategy,"

Patrons can expect to enjoy the theater's popular amenities, including plush, power-recliner seating and a full concession menu. A MacGuffins Bar offering premium cocktails will also be opening at the site, according to a press release.

"We are thrilled to be welcoming AMC to our lineup of dining, retail, fitness and lifestyle amenities here at Roosevelt Collection Shops," said Deirdre Larsen, property management director for Roosevelt Collection Shops, in the press release. "Our center has long stood as a community hub and the addition of this highly anticipated new experience will bring with it endless opportunity for the community to enjoy quality time together on our grounds,"

AMC Stubs A-List members will be able to use their A-List account at new location once it opens. Members can also earn rewards through the purchase of movie tickets, food and drinks at the theatre.



AMC Theatres will be moving into Roosevelt Collection Shops in the South Loop next month. Credit: Provided

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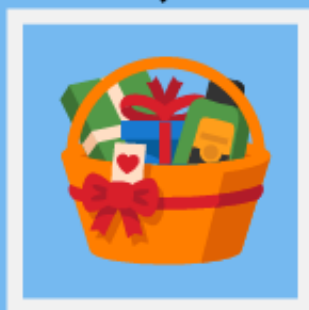
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In Five Years, Chicago Has Barely Made Progress on Its Court-Ordered Police Reforms. Here's Why.

by Heather Cherone, [WTTW News](#), and [Vernal Coleman](#), ProPublica, photography by [Sarahbeth Maney](#), ProPublica Nov. 20,

Reporting Highlights

- **Tipping Point:** After years of halting progress and minimal compliance, Chicago's consent decree to reform its police department is at what one observer calls "a tipping point."
- **A Hefty Bill:** Chicago has already spent hundreds of millions of dollars on the reform effort, and taxpayers will likely have no choice but to foot the expensive bill for years to come.
- **Disillusionment:** Advocates and citizens are losing faith after multiple mayors and police chiefs failed to deliver.

These highlights were written by the reporters and editors who worked on this story.

In the five and a half years since the Chicago Police Department agreed to extensive oversight from a federal judge, there have been bursts of activity to address the brutality and civil rights violations that led to the agreement.

Court hearings: more than a hundred. Meetings: hundreds. Money: hundreds of millions in Chicago taxpayer dollars allocated to making the court-ordered reforms, known as a consent decree, a reality.

But the record of actual accomplishment is meager.

Chicago police haven't crafted a system for officers to work with residents to address threats to public safety.

They haven't completed [a mandatory study of where officers are assigned](#) throughout the city and whether changes would help thwart crime.

And they have [failed to move forward with a plan to alert police brass](#) about which officers have been accused of misconduct more than once and might need counseling, retraining or discipline.

In fact, all told, police have fully complied with just 9% of the agreement's requirements. And while excessive force complaints from citizens have dropped, complaints about all forms of misconduct have risen.

Sheila Bedi, an attorney who represented the coalition of police reform groups that sued the city years ago, called the faltering reform effort a "tragedy."

"It has been a waste of time and money," said Bedi, a Northwestern University law professor. "It has been nothing more than an exercise in pushing paper."

A review by WTTW News and ProPublica of the efforts in Chicago since 2019 shows Bedi's bleak view is supported by a range of assessments produced for the court and is also widely held among advocates, academics and officials following the process.

The goal is to emerge from the consent decree by 2027 with a police force finally ready to move beyond a long history of civil rights violations targeting Black and

Latino Chicagoans. But the city is now on a path to devote substantial resources and large amounts of money to the reform effort for years beyond that. It's a trajectory that echoes what happened in Oakland, where the police department continues to be marred by scandal and remains under federal court oversight more than 20 years into its consent decree.

No one in a position of power or oversight has pushed forcefully or effectively to make the process move faster, WTTW News and ProPublica found. Six permanent and interim superintendents have led CPD since 2019 and the city has had three mayors, all of whom vowed to implement the consent decree but failed to make good on those promises with money and other resources.

In addition, the Chicago City Council has repeatedly failed to exercise its authority to oversee CPD's operations and demand quicker change. The council has approved \$667 million to go toward implementing the decree since 2020, but at least a quarter of the city's annual allotment goes unspent each year, a WTTW News analysis found.

At the same time, inside the federal courtroom, the court-appointed monitoring team has never demanded sanctions for the city's slow pace. Similarly, judges overseeing the decree have not expressed concerns about the lack of significant advances.

No major city exemplifies the stubborn problems of police misconduct more than Chicago, where a series of civil cases and wrongful convictions have led to expensive court settlements that regularly cost the city more than [\\$80 million a year](#). Distrust in the community now makes attacking the city's crime rate even harder.

Now many of the city's reform advocates have lost faith in the process and are increasingly concerned that the opportunity for lasting reform is slipping away. Surveys of Chicagoans completed as part of the consent decree show a clear drop in confidence that there will be lasting and positive change.

The process has its defenders, including current Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, whose predecessor sued the city to force it to agree to federal court oversight. Raoul still believes the consent decree is the best way of "making these necessary reforms a reality."

[But he also appears to be losing patience.](#) Raoul warned last week that he would seek sanctions against the city if Mayor Brandon Johnson did not reverse the planned cuts. "I must remind you that the consent decree is not optional," Raoul wrote to the mayor. "The City of Chicago must deliver on its consent decree obligations."

Johnson rarely speaks publicly about the need to reform the police department, instead focusing on efforts to improve officer morale and reduce crime. He declined to be interviewed for this story but has told reporters he is committed to ensuring CPD "engages in constitutional policing."

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Police searching for group of armed males who committed 17 robberies on South, Southwest Sides

The robberies date back to Oct. 19, but 15 of them occurred in the last week. Several of the victims were “pistol-whipped or battered,” police said.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)

Nov 16, 2024, 7:27pm CST

Chicago police are alerting South Side residents about more than a dozen recent robberies committed by the same group.

The 17 robberies date back to Oct. 19, but 15 of them occurred between Nov. 10 and Friday, according to police. They happened in the Archer Heights, Bronzeville, Chicago Lawn, Gage Park, Hyde Park, South Loop, Washington Park and Woodlawn neighborhoods.

In each case, three to six men with handguns and rifles and wearing dark clothing and ski masks exited a stolen car, approached the victims, and took their belongings. Several of the victims were “pistol-whipped or battered,” police said.

The robbers are described by police as men between 18 and 25 years old. The stolen cars they drove include a 2014 black Maserati Quattroporte, a 2017 dark blue Maserati Quattroporte, a 2015 black Jeep Grand Cherokee and another black Jeep Grand Cherokee, police said.

According to police, the robberies happened at the following times and locations:

- **2:45 a.m. Oct. 19 in the 100 block of West Polk Street**
- 3:15 a.m. Oct. 19 in the 1400 block of East 57th Street
- 12:35 a.m. Nov. 10 in the 5300 block of South Dorchester Avenue
- 2:20 a.m. Nov. 10 in the 5700 block of South Maplewood Avenue
- 2:50 a.m. Nov. 10 in the 5600 block of South St. Louis Avenue
- 3 a.m. Nov. 10 in the 2600 block of West 63rd Street
- 3 a.m. Nov. 10 in the 6500 block of South Campbell Avenue
- 4:35 a.m. Thursday in the 4700 block of South Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
- 4:40 a.m. Thursday in the 6200 block of South Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
- 5 a.m. Thursday in the 6000 block of South Stony Island Avenue
- 5:30 a.m. Thursday in the 5800 block of South Artesian Avenue
- 5:45 a.m. Thursday in the 5300 block of South Kedzie Avenue
- 5:45 a.m. Thursday in the 5400 block of South Kedzie Avenue
- 5:50 a.m. Thursday in the 5700 block of South Rockwell Street
- 5:55 a.m. Thursday in the 5700 block of South Kedzie Avenue
- 6:30 a.m. Thursday in the 5400 block of South Kedzie Avenue
- 12:10 a.m. Friday in the 4400 block of South Pulaski Road

Anyone with information about the robberies can contact Area 1 detectives at (312) 747-8384 or Area 3 detectives at (312) 744-8263.

Anonymous tips can be submitted at cpdtp.com



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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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3:00pm Zoom

Beat 123

caps.001district@chicagopolice.org



Police Blotter



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

11/2/2024 6:22 pm 1200 S Wabash
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Handgun, Sidewalk Beat 131

11/14/2024 4pm 1100 S Michigan
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No weapon Grant Park
Beat 114

11/04/2024 10:22am 1100 S State St
ATTEMPT. STRONG ARM ROBBERY No weapon Side-
walk Beat 123

11/04/2024 12:43 pm 1100 S Wabash
AGGRAVATED BATTERY of an unborn child, Street
Beat 123

11/8/2024 11am 0 W Van Buren
STRONG ARM ROBBERY No weapon Beat 113

11/3/2024 7am 800 S State St
AUTO THEFT Beat 123

11/9/2024 6am 500 S Wabash
AUTO THEFT Street Beat 123

11/10/2024 4pm 600 S Dearborn
AUTO THEFT Parking lot Beat 123

11/3/2024 10pm 500 S Wells
AUTO THEFT Parking lot Beat 123

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132

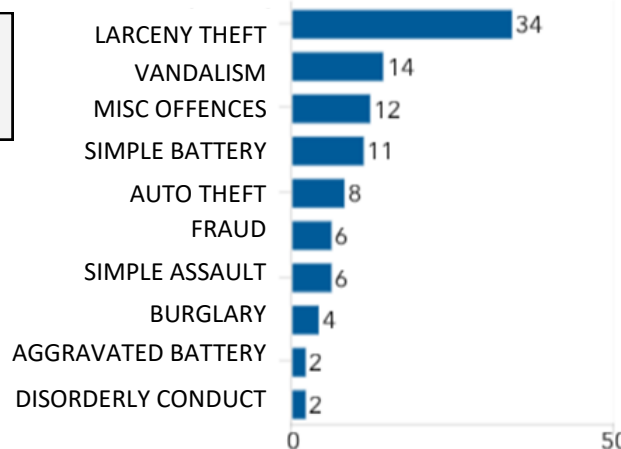
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AUTO THEFT Residential Garage Beat 123

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Top 10 Crimes

PERIOD OCT 30 TO NOV 14, 2024

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



COPA investigating after off-duty CPD officer exchanges fire with two people in South Loop; no one injured

A man, 25, was on the sidewalk in the first block of West Polk Street at 3:45 a.m. when two people approached him, police said. A woman, a 25-year-old off-duty CPD officer, approached the group in a car and one of the two people who had approached the man on the sidewalk shot at her before she shot back at them.

By [Sun-Times Wire](#)

Nov 16, 2024, 10:11am CST

No one was injured after an off-duty Chicago police officer exchanged gunfire with two people in the South Loop early Saturday morning, according to Chicago police.

A man, 25, was on the sidewalk in the first block of West Polk Street at 3:45 a.m. when two people approached him, police said. A woman, a 25-year-old off-duty Chicago police officer, approached the group in a car, and one of the two people who had approached the man on the sidewalk shot at her before she shot back at them.

No injuries were reported, and no one is in custody, police said.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability is investigating.

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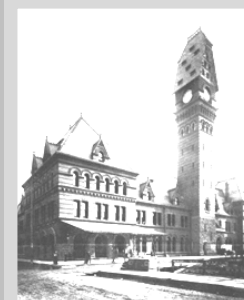
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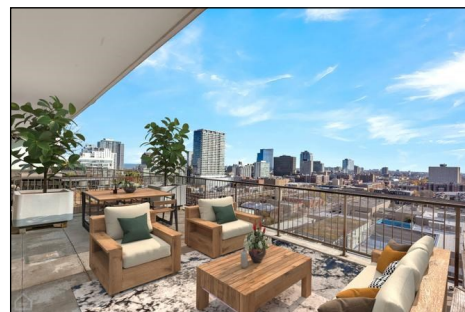


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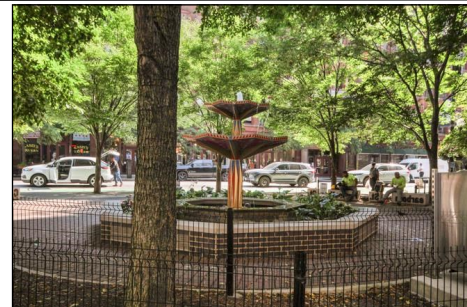
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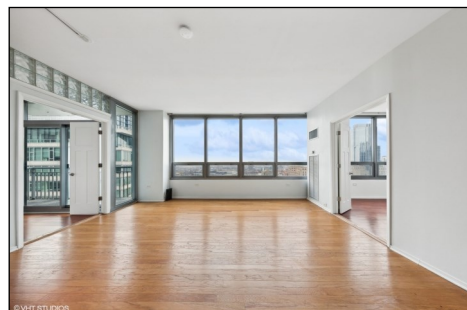
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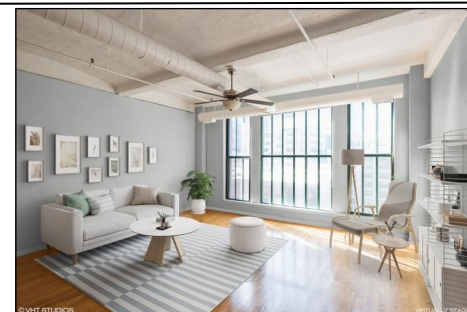
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