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In 1914 construction began on 1 of 5 proposed Chicago Municipal Piers, which turned out to be the only one built. It was to be for many public uses but World War I put on the kibosh. From 1917-1918 the pier was requisitioned for Navy, Army, and Red Cross personnel. After the war, the pier, now called the Navy Pier, became a hub of Windy City activity. More than 3 million people visited annually through the roaring 20's. The World's Fair brought a steady flow through the 30's. Then war came again. The U.S. Navy utilized the Pier through WWII, it is Navy Pier after all. The University of Chicago took over from 1946 – 65 but then it saw little use for a decade. In 1976 exhibition halls and events started the resuscitation and after renovations in the early 1990's the Navy Pier again became a major Chi-town attraction. Today it is home of the 150 foot Navy Pier Ferris Wheel and Pier Park, Museums, exhibition halls, vendors, shops, sightseeing cruises, and tall ships. Eric's painting, looking in from Lake Michigan, captures the beautiful cityscape as backdrop for the historic, wonderful Navy Pier.

1. Willis Tower (*Formerly the Sears Tower.*)
2. John Hancock Tower
3. The Water Tower—the only building left that survived the Great Chicago Fire
4. Wrigley Building
5. The Old Navy Pier Ferris Wheel (*150' tall.*)
6. Old Navy Pier Grand Ballroom (*tre' festive.*)
7. Vienna Beef—the Chicago Dog.
8. Harpo — Oprah Winfrey's production company.
9. Eric re-enacting a scene from Titanic—this happens a lot.
10. Olympic Gold Medal Gymnast Bart Connor
11. Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls
12. Steve Bartman before going into hiding
13. Mike Krzyzewski—Unstoppable Coach of Duke basketball
14. George Hallas—"Papa Bear" Player, Coach, Owner da Bears.
15. Jim McMahon—Champion Quarterback
16. Walter Payton—"Sweetness!"
17. Gayle Sears—Hall of Fame Great Running Back
18. Bobby Hull—Blackhawks great and native Chicagoan.
19. Mike Ditka—World Champion Coach
20. Brian Urlacher—All-Pro Linebacker
21. Gene Siskel—Film Critic
22. Roger Ebert—Film Critic
23. Ryne Sandberg and Ernie Banks
24. Harry Caray—famous Cubs Announcer
25. Chicago Deep Dish Pizza
26. Harrison Ford dress as Indiana Jones
27. Ozzie Guillen—Whitesox Shortstop and Manager of the Marlins
28. Chaka Kahn
29. Walter Prazaidier—Woodwinds for the group Chicago.
30. Terry Kath—Guitarist/Singer for the group Chicago
31. Peter Cetera—Lead vocals for the group Chicago
32. Sammy Sosa
33. Bill Murray—A second city star
34. Performers from the musical CHICAGO
35. Walt Disney—originally from Chicago
36. Homage to Al Capone ala The Untouchables
37. Frank Lloyd Wright holding a blue print.
38. Chris Farley as Chippendale's dancer.
39. Oprah Winfrey
40. Eric almost backed up into Lake Michigan while taking pictures.