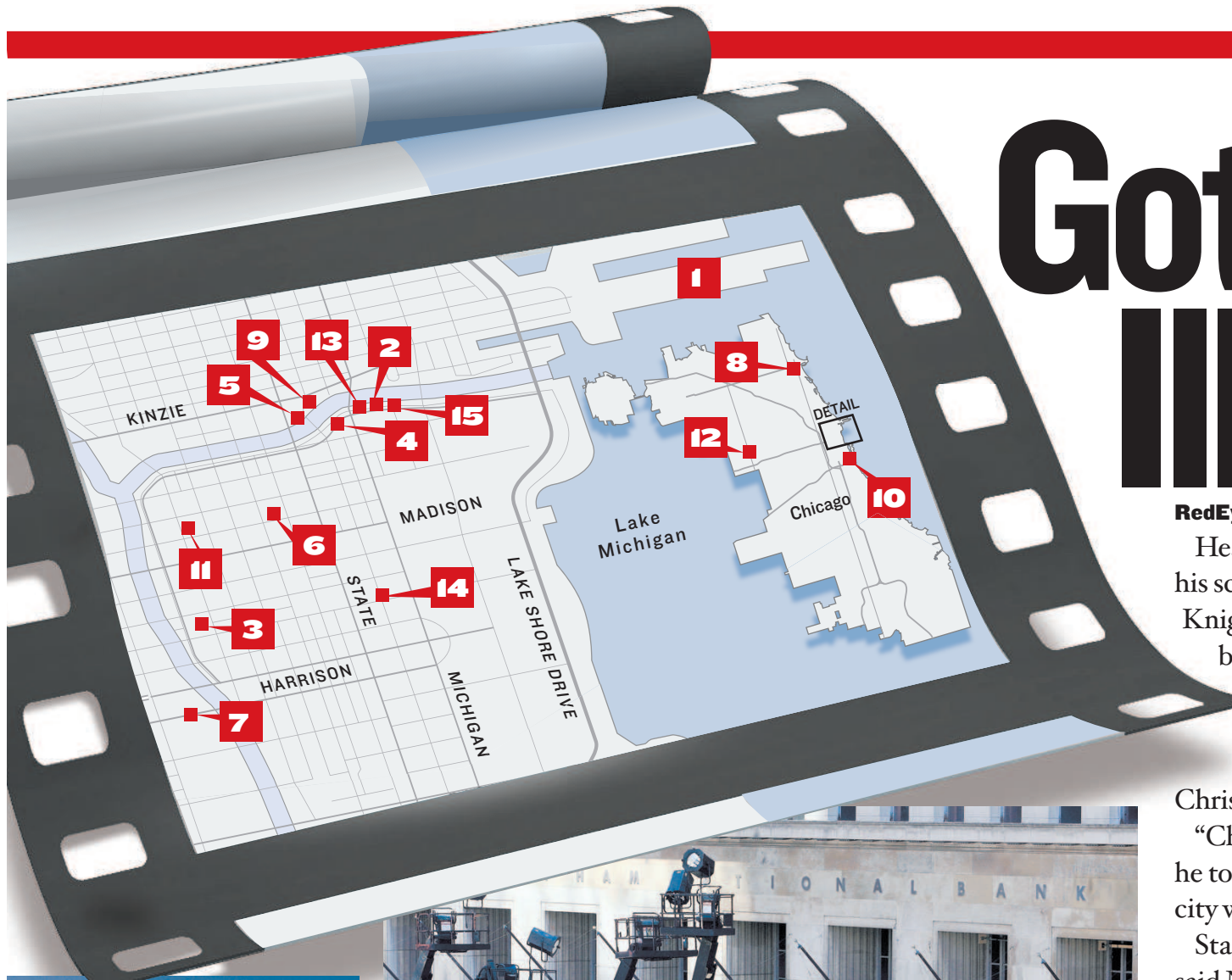


Gotham, Illinois



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Heath Ledger is getting all the hype for his scary turn as The Joker in "The Dark Knight," but Chicago may be the film's biggest star.

The Windy City gets its close-up in the "Batman Begins" sequel, which is just what director Christopher Nolan intended.

"Chicago is just a really cinematic city," he told WGN's Dean Richards about the city where he grew up.

Star Christian Bale, who plays Batman, said Nolan and his crew were virtually given the key to the city.

"It was amazing. We had helicopters going down just a few feet off the ground and trucks exploding and flipping," Bale said. "They were letting us go up the Sears Tower and hang off the edge of it. They really did us good."

[SOURCES: CHICAGO FILM OFFICE, "THE DARK KNIGHT" PRODUCTION NOTES]



1 Navy Pier 700 E. GRAND AVE.
Used in panic scene. Residents are evacuated on ferries.



7 Old Chicago Post Office 433 W. VAN BUREN ST.
Plays the bank robbed by The Joker.

2 One Illinois Center
111 E. WACKER DR.
The lobby plays Bruce Wayne's penthouse.

5 Ex-IBM Building
330 N. WABASH AVE.
Plays Gotham City Hall and the Wayne Enterprises boardroom.

Plays Gotham courthouse.

8 Twin Anchors Restaurant and Tavern
1660 N. SEDGWICK ST.
Plays a bar where Two Face first appears.

9 Trump Tower
401 N. WABASH AVE.
Outdoor shots of Batman/Joker fight.

10 McCormick Place
2301 S. INDIANA AVE.
The Convention Hall plays a Wayne Enterprises warehouse.

11 Park-Whiz parking garage
200 W. RANDOLPH ST.
Plays parking garage.



12 Brach's Candy building
401 N. CICERO AVE.
Plays Gotham Hospital.

13 Chicago River
200 E. WACKER DR.
Helicopter shots.

14 The Berghoff
17 W. ADAMS ST.
Plays a bar and restaurant.

3 Sears Tower
233 S. WACKER DR.
Batman looks out on Gotham City.

6 Richard J. Daley Plaza
50 W. WASHINGTON ST.



4 Hotel 71 71 E. Wacker Dr.
Bruce Wayne's bedroom was built on the 39th floor.

Street scenes and chase sequences



15 Lower Wacker Drive
The street below a street sets the scene for a street chase sequence in the Batmobile.

500 N. Franklin St.	300 E. Wacker Dr.
100 N. Wells St.	200 N. Post Place
4700 W. Lake St.	200 S. LaSalle St.
200 S. Wacker Dr.	231 S. LaSalle St.

Other shooting locations

1500 S. Lumber St. (Railyard)	10100 S. Avenue G. 175 N. State St.
200 N. Wabash Ave. (Bridge shot)	200 S. Canal St. 525 W. Monroe St.
505 N. McClurg Court	111 S. LaSalle St.