

It was a different time, security-wise, " Norton said. # Their light trespassing was rewarded with autographs from a line of Bears greats including William " The Refrigerator " Perry and Hall of Fame defensive end Richard Dent, who signed their tickets. # Then there are the Walter Payton-themed souvenir tickets used the year after his death. The hologram tickets that went out in 2003 after Soldier Field's notorious renovation. The framed set of Bears-Packers tickets that Norton gave as a gift to his eldest daughter, who always gets first dibs on a seat for the rivalry game. # " These are special things to hold onto. That's going to be gone, " Norton said. # Provided by Mark Norton # As an airline worker who sees shoddy cell service holding up lines with travelers trying to call up their mobile plane tickets, Norton says he's skeptical the Soldier Field Wi-Fi will be sufficient -- or that people will have the forethought to take a screenshot of their tickets ahead of time. # " Especially us older folks, " the 56-year-old said. " I just think it's gon na be a cluster. If you don't go an hour early, you're not getting in for the ' Star Spangled Banner.' " # Norton acknowledges, " it's the end of an era, and that's the way things go.