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Five Year Anniversary

This is our 83rd Issue. We started this publication on February 1, 2013. It was no accident. We heard that the local newspaper, the *Chicago Journal*, was going to cease publication in the South Loop. We decided that it would be a worthwhile effort if we tried to, in some small way, replace some of the news that was lost. We don't pretend to be the Journal's equal. They were a professional publication with a paid staff. This is strictly a non-profit effort. Our goal is to support local businesses and local organizations and provide news of Printers Row and Dearborn Park. It is sponsored by the *South Loop Referral Group*, a networking group of small business owners. We would like to thank those who have contributed to providing quality, lively reading.

Bonnie McGrath has been in every issue, **Beth Finke** joined us in September, 2013 with her wit and wisdom. Later, **Mike Knezovich** began contributing his "both feet on the ground" commentary of common sense.

Thanks to **Marianne Goss**, our newest contributor writing about retirement. Thank you to **Brian Hieggelke**, editor of *Newcity* for allowing us to use selected excellently written pieces. Thank you to our book reviewer: **Lorraine Schmall**. Thanks to the ten property managers who help distribute the Dearborn Express to their residents. Thank you to **Janice Koerber** who is our Assistant Editor.

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LEAVING THE STATION

Roy Swenson, Branch Manager of Chicago Community Bank, now Metro Bank, located in the old Dearborn Station, has retired as of Jan. 1, 2013. Roy is known for being "Mr. South Loop." Roy has tirelessly promoted relationships by bringing concepts together for a mutually positive impact. He sat on a number of boards and seemingly knows everybody. A few years ago, the Chicago City Council named a "Roy" after Roy by proclamation. When First Chicago Bank vacated the location in 1999, Argo Savings Bank opened a branch in Dearborn Station and brought in Roy to run the operation. When Argo sold several of its branches to Chicago Community Bank, Roy stayed on to continue on as Branch Manager. Several farewell events were planned to give us an opportunity to express our appreciation to Roy and all that he has done. The South Loop Referral Group hosted a breakfast at Starbucks. A reception was held at the bank on Dec 21st for customers and friends. At the reception a limited edition print was unveiled showing a historic view from the south of trains approaching and leaving Dearborn Station. Roy donated it to the bank to be displayed on the wall near the entrance. Despite Roy living in Hoffman Estates, he promises to return and keep a presence in the community. Our sincere hope is that Roy will find new channels for his energy in retirement while keeping the ties to the South Loop.

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Knezovich

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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Tues, Jan 16, 8pm & 10pmSaxophonist Mark Colby Quartet
 Weds, Jan 17, 8pm & 10pmIan Maksin with Matt Berger
 Thurs – Sat, Jan 18 – 20 , 8pm & 10pmShawn Maxwell’s New Tomorrow
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 Mon, Jan 22, 8pm & 10pmPianist Peter Schwendener Trio/ Frieda Lee
 Tues, Jan 23, 8pm & 10pmBob Lark Alumni Big Band
 Weds, Jan 24, 8pm & 10pmLaury Shelley Ep CD Release
 Thurs – Sat, Jan 25 – 27, 8pm & 10pmPianist Chuchito Valdez Trio
 Sun, Jan 28, 4pm, 8pm & 10pmPianist Chuchito Valdez Trio
 Tues, Jan 30, 8pm & 10pmWDCB Presnets Julius Tucker Quintet
 Weds, Jan 31, 8pm & 10pmTrumpeter Markus Rutz Quartet
 Thurs—Sat. Feb 1-3, 8 & 10pm”Big Bari Band” Juli Woods, Rajiv Halim
 Sun, Feb 4, 4, 8, & 10pm”Big Bari Band.”
 Tues, Feb 6, 8 & 10pmBob Lark And his Alumni Big Band
 Thurs - Sat, Feb 8 - 10, 8pm & 10pmHarry Allen –Scott Hamilton, Andy Brown Qt
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 Mon, Feb 12, 8pm & 10pmSaxophonist Mark Colby Quartet
 Tues, Feb 13, 8pm & 10pmNYC Glugelhornist John Raymond & Real Feels
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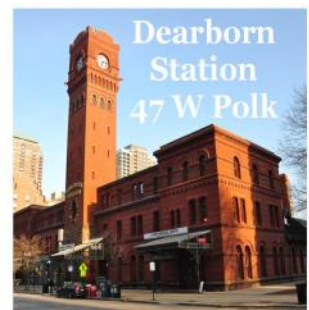
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- Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
- Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
- Maintaining a socially, culturally, 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 Chicago River to Lake Michigan.

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Two things that really drive me crazy about the new tax bill: bums and elitists

Tues, Jan 9th, 2018

No one seems to know the effects of the new tax bill, not even those who passed it. But there are two things about it that I know and can't stand already: a bunch of bums who are getting bonuses. And a bunch of ungrateful elitists who can't see the obvious.

What bums am I talking about? Out of [a list of those who are getting big bonuses](#) from their bosses, two strike me as atrocious: Comcast employees. And AT&T employees.

Two of the companies with the most phony, dishonest and unhelpful people working for them in this country. They should be fined. Not given extra cash. Whatever problem I have ever had with my cable or my phone/internet--from a malfunction to incorrect billing--I have been dissed, lied to and dismissed.

You, too?

Hey, how about giving the savings to us consumers? We deserve it. Our bills are way too high and your service is way too low.

ComEd, to their credit, is [doing just that](#). Passing a little bit of their savings on to their customers. That's the decent thing to do. We can spend the extra cash the same way the employees can--and get the money circulating in the US economy.

The other thing I can't stand are rich elitists who talk about how terrible it is that they will be paying less taxes. That they'll have more money in their bank account. They laugh and sneer and hate that they'll be all the richer.

I have the perfect idea for people like [Stephen Colbert and Lewis Black who recently dished about this](#) terrible situation. I can help them solve their problem.

Pass that extra money on to a worthy not-for-profit. Or the charity of your choice. Or whatever disadvantaged group you think will be hurt by less money going to the government--and not made up for with deficit spending.

Give it to them.



Bonnie McGrath

Visit my blog: <http://www.chicagonow.com/mom-think-poignant/>



If you want to effect change, you have to start local. These may or may not be your representative, however, if you live in Printers Row and Dearborn Park, they are.

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) |



THANK GOODNESS FOR SOME DANGEROUS PEOPLE

We get a zillion channels with a cable package that is included with our condominium assessment. Quantity trumps quality, though, and I too often find myself channel surfing with Bruce Springsteen's "Fifty seven channels and nothin's on" playing in my head.

There's good stuff on, I'm sure. I just don't have the patience to research it in advance. But sometimes, I get lucky.

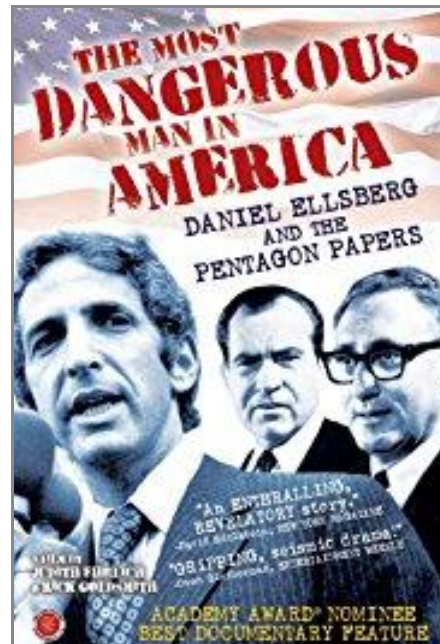
Last night was a lucky night. I happened onto a documentary called "[The Most Dangerous Man in America](#)," screened in timely fashion as the movie "The Post" is released. "Dangerous" (for shorthand) tells the story of Daniel Ellsberg—a one-time U.S. Marine who went to work in the military/intelligence community, originally supported the Vietnam war, then changed his mind as he learned that our presidents, our military, and pretty much our entire government was lying to us. And that those in power knew years before the war ended that it was unwinnable.

It's not a jaunty watch, but man, it's worth the time, especially in these times. We have a president who talks about having bigger buttons, and we have people hoping that Oprah Winfrey will run for president on the merits of a speech to an entertainment awards program audience. (And no, I don't think that she should run and yes, I think that whether it's her or Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson talking about running it's a bad, bad thing that speaks to how low we've sunk. We can't careen from one inexperienced billionaire celebrity to another. But I digress.)

I found "Dangerous" uplifting in a both straight ahead and indirect way. First, it's about a man—and a lot of other people—who risked everything simply to do the right thing. That kind of idea ages well.

Second, it reminded me how crazy screwed up things were up back then. You're probably thinking, "Not as screwed up as now." I had thought the same thing. But hearing the tapes of Richard Nixon suggesting the possibility of using nuclear weapons in Vietnam and browbeating Henry Kissinger to "think big" was absolutely chilling. As are his thoughts about taking out the dike system in North Viet Nam—"How many would that kill, 200,000 maybe?" he wonders aloud.

All this with the full knowledge that he, LBJ, JFK and Ike had told bald faced lies about the reasons for, the conduct of, and the progress (or lack thereof) in fighting the war. I knew this already from following it in real time (I grew up in a pretty political household), but it's easy to forget. The war was a slow motion bi-partisan crime against humanity.



Oh, and there was also an all out war on the press. Sound familiar?

There's a whole lot of good history in this thing, and I found it more compelling (though it's a different animal) than the PBS Vietnam series. There are lots of "Oh yeah, I remember" moments: Like the fact that Ellsberg had to line up a Xerox machine and that it took weeks—months—to copy the thousands of pages to send to various newspapers and legislators.

Yesterday afternoon, my cousin Linda emailed her wishes for a Merry Serbian Orthodox Christmas. And she offered this advice: Calm down, this too will pass.

I hope so. But not without us finding the kind of courage that Ellsberg and company did.

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Friday, January 5, 2018

Willow Creek Community Church Taking Over Entire Property of 1319-1347 S State Street?

A reader sent us a link ([via Willow Creeks website](#)):

Willow Chicago has been searching for a permanent home for a number of years. While we have enjoyed hosting services in the Auditorium Theatre, the cost and the limitations are hindering us as a church community. After years of searching for a permanent home, God has answered our prayer with the property at 1319-1347 S State Street.

You can read more about their plans on their website, but judging by this rendering it seems like they're taking the whole building over:

Congrats to them, but curious what's happening to the rest of the businesses in the building. We know Rainforest Learning Center had a pretty big space in the middle, so wonder if they're relocating or what. Anyone have the scoop?

It looks like their "Worship Center" is slated to open in Spring 2018. This appears to be on the south-side of the building, so maybe they will be gradually taking over the building?



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**BOOK REVIEW: Giving up the Ghost(s):
Sing Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Ward
(Scribner 2017)**

Like most of us who still love a dead person or two, national book award winner Jesmyn Ward must believe in ghosts; they're all over her latest novel, Sing Unburied Sing. Ward started writing when her little brother died, she says, because she wanted to chronicle "the poor, the black and the rural---to show that our stories were as universal, our lives were as fraught, important and interesting" as the rest of society that marginalizes them." Mission accomplished. This allegory about the racism endemic to and perpetuated by a brutal and unfair criminal justice system features three main characters and an ephemeral and scary supporting cast: Leonie, a young, black, junkie mother---who doesn't cotton that well to motherhood---who loved and bore two children to a white, drug-dealing convict, scion of murderous racists; JoJo, their 13-year-old son; Pop, his near-perfect granddad; and a great gaggle of ghosts. The story is rooted in a family road trip to get daddy from prison. Leonie, her best friend, and her two kids--a teen and a toddler--travel from from the Mississippi Delta to Parchman, on Mississippi's northern border, where being black might still be a crime. The trip is both typical and topical. There's carsickness and gas station food, wrong turns, and static on the radio. But there's also

trading crack cocaine for legal services, a terrifying traffic stop by an abusive cop, and the haunting presence of a young boy tortured and murdered years ago at a penitentiary where life, according to historians, was "worse than slavery." Parchman Farm Prison was run as a for-profit plantation where prisoners picked cotton, grew their own food, made their own clothing, raised livestock, and even served as armed guards or "trusty shooters" who were exculpated for killing runaways. More than one of Leonie's family members served time there, and even now critics say its population is nearly 70 percent minority in a state that is two-thirds white. Freedom Rider, now Congressman, John Lewis was locked up there for trying to sit in the white section of a bus. Black Panther Stokely Carmichael was imprisoned for peaceful protest, and when guards beat him, Carmichael sang, "I'm gonna tell God how you treat me." Ward has taken up that song. Leonie's family's sorrows are both personal and political, and writing about them gives them some purpose beyond pain. It's a great, sometimes chaotic, read.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park, January, 2018



Writing Out Loud
what a blind teacher learned from
leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke

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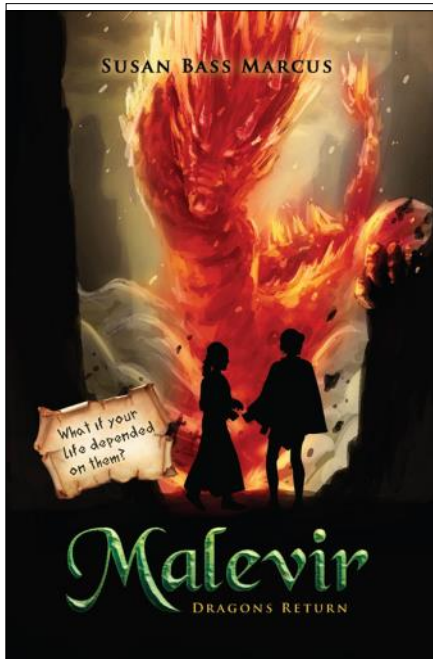
Writing essays about your life not only helps turn messy and chaotic life experiences into order and clarity, but also helps authors re-evaluate how they want to live from here on out.

If you want to get started writing stories about your life, sign up online for Beth Finke's six-week memoir-writing class in Printer's Row:

Beth's class meets on the second floor of Grace Place (637 S. Dearborn, Chicago) on Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11 am. The fee is \$80 for a six-week session, and the next Grace Place memoir class **starts Thursday, January 25, 2018**. That class fills quickly, so [sign up online now](#) to guarantee a spot. If you prefer paying by check for future classes, email Beth at info@bethfinke.com.

Beth Finke

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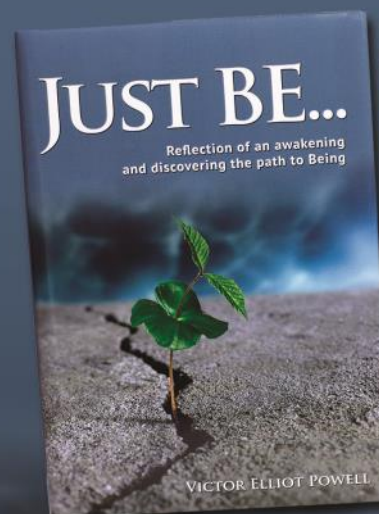
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BEAM US UP, SCOTTIE: AN OPTIMISTIC LOOK AT THE FUTURE, 12/30/17

Annelore is one of four writers in the memoir class I lead at the Chicago Cultural Center who was born in a foreign country. She met her American husband Roy in the small town they both worked in on the Czech border, and the two of them moved to his hometown in North Dakota 55 years ago. Roy's work relocated their family to many different places before finally settling in Chicago, and we are delighted to have her in class with us. I was especially tickled when she used [my What I Hope For prompt](#) to write about a New Year's resolution she came up with back in 1963, her first year in America.

by Annelore Chapin

During my first years in this country I suffered from deep homesickness. Twenty years old, I felt cut off from everyone and everything I knew. I longed to stay connected with family and friends. The solution to ease my woes was to correspond by mail.

A letter to Europe would take about 14 days to arrive, and, should there be an answer, that would have to travel for another 14 days. Telephone calls were extremely expensive and were charged by the minute. We used the phone only in emergencies. My quest to stay in touch with everyone 'back home' resulted in an idea: On the first day of every year I would make a resolution. I would write one letter every day.

For a few weeks I did well, but eventually I fell behind. By March my backlog was so great that I gave up. The following year, I would try again. And the year after that. And after that. And then a miracle happened. The World Wide Web was created, and suddenly..."You've Got Mail!" A message a day became easy.

Had I ever hoped for this to happen? Of course not, and that taught me one thing: I can hope for things as yet unimaginable. Things like a transporter machine.

We know these contraptions from *Star Trek*, where they can move Captain Kirk or Scottie from one planet to another. Or from *Dr. Who*, who's telephone booth transporter takes him from one time period to another one. At a time when my children and grandchildren live too many miles away to hug them on a regular basis, and friends around the globe are getting too frail to



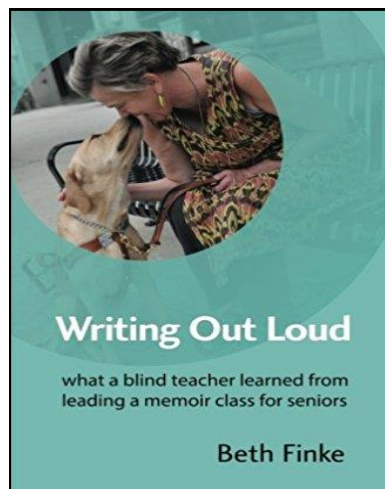
Maybe some day we can walk into one of these things and beam anywhere we want.

travel, I long for a method to move across space, from here to there, in seconds. And at ease.

Some of my friends who are "conspiracy believers" even insist that our governments already developed this technology. It might seem far-fetched now, but that is what I hope for: a transporter machine. Hope is defined as "the optimistic attitude of mind based on the expectation of a positive outcome," and I am an optimist!

Beth Finke's books: "Safe and Sound" and "Long Time No See" can be purchased at Sandmeyer's Book Store.

"Writing Out Loud" has just been released.



South Loop Public Safety Meeting Thursday, January 25th at 6pm Daystar School, 1550 S. State St.

Join Aldermen Dowell, King and Solis for a special South Loop Public Safety meeting to hear what the city is doing to improve the security of residents and businesses in the South Loop Community.

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Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Blaze Pizza Coming to University Center (511 S. State)



A reader writes:

Lots of loud construction noises coming from the space next to Panda Express. I did a little investigating and found that Blaze Pizza is opening a location there. See link. <http://www.blazepizza.com/locations/chicago-university-center/>

Interestingly another create your own pizza concept - **Pizza Studio** - was supposed to open up at University Center. That didn't happen.

We've never had Blaze, but know they have a good following. <http://www.sloopin.com/>

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BY KEVIN GREENE



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With great trials come both exultant successes and disorienting failures. This past year, we were witness to both: macro and micro, personal and political (if there is even a distinction between the two anymore), brilliant and brutal, often all at once. During a time when just checking the news can be a triggering experience, performance and craft require a commendable effort. It is a testament to the strength and resilience of the artists within these pages that all year, whether they wanted to or not, they made the art that helped things feel bearable or even, occasionally, bright. And while art, witnessing or making it, can be therapeutic, it is not therapy. The year to come will undoubtedly contain its share of tests and we must be prepared to engage with them as fully as we are able to. The stakes are great but the possibilities are paramount. (Kevin Greene)

The 2018 Players 50 was written by Kevin Greene and Sharon Hoyer.

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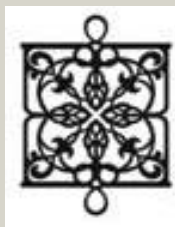
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The 2017 Curbed Cup winner is... South Loop!

This is the neighborhood's first victory

By [Sara Freund](#) Jan 2, 2018, 12:48pm CST

Chicago's South Loop neighborhood has emerged the 2017 Curbed Cup winner! In a final match up against last year's champion Woodlawn, it faced steep competition. This is the first time the neighborhood has gone all the way, and it's likely the area's whirl of development and strong start helped it claim neighborhood of the year. The South Loop has always been a contender in Curbed Cup, but the area struggled to outlast competition. The only exception was in [2013](#) when it reached the Final Four, just to be knocked out by the eventual winner, Chinatown. For the South Loop, 2017 was a break out year. Just to name a few major developments: [The 78 and Discovery Partners Institute](#), the Chicago Sky move to [Wintrust Arena](#), [Marriott Marquis](#) high-rise hotel, the new Columbia College [student center](#), and [plenty of other development](#).

There was also the [Helmut Jahn and Kara Mann's 1000M](#) along with [Rafael Vinoly's One Grant Park](#) high rises which will make quite a difference in the Chicago skyline.

Not only is the South Loop a hotspot for attention-grabbing development—it's also home to the historic Printers Row

and [Motor Row buildings](#), college campuses, the Wabash Arts Corridor, theaters, jazz clubs and is within arms reach of Millennium Park, McCormick Place, Museum Campus and Soldier Field. So welcome to the Curbed Cup winner's circle, South Loop. It took some time and a couple skyscrapers but you made it to the top. The final bracket is below—cheers to the South Loop!

<https://chicago.curbed.com/2018/1/2/16841314/chicago-south-loop-best-neighborhood-2017>



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Known as Ancora or Building D (the Riverline plots were initially lettered north to south starting with A), the first structure will be a 29-story tower containing 420 rental units. It will be joined by an 18-story, 251-unit tower dubbed Current (Building G) and a series of nine three-story townhouses collectively referred to as Watershed (Building H). Phase 1 will also contain 3.5 acres of green space and a naturally landscaped riverwalk from landscape architect Hoerr Schaudt.

<https://chicago.curbed.com/2016/9/13/12897772/chicago-construction-south-loop-riverline-development-groundbreaking>



**Essex on the Park
800 S. Michigan Ave
Photo below
11/23/2017**



As work progresses on the lower portion of the 56-story Essex on the Park project in the South Loop, the City of Chicago has issued a [permit](#) authorizing the upcoming tower to rise to its full anticipated height of 607 feet. Replacing a rather unremarkable parking garage at 808 S. Michigan Avenue, the glassy high-rise [broke ground](#) across from Grant Park earlier this Spring. The completed tower will deliver 479 high-end rental apartments, ground floor retail space, and 84 well-concealed parking spaces.

Construction on the new skyscraper will coincide with a revamp of the neighboring 14-story Essex Inn building at 800 S. Michigan. The old hotel will connect to the new tower and see its room count expanded from 254 to 271. The midcentury structure will eventually share amenities such as a restaurant, elevated bar, and an indoor winter garden with its new residential neighbor.

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Death Of 19-Year-Old Found In South Loop Ruled Suicide

Jan 1, 2018

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A 19-year-old man was found dead Sunday night in the South Loop.

Vinicius Franco was found unresponsive at 8:16 p.m. near a pool deck on the fifth floor of a building in the 1000 block of South State, according to Chicago Police and the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Franco was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 9:14 p.m., authorities said. He lived in Norman, Oklahoma.

An autopsy Monday found he died of multiple injuries from a jump from height, and his death was ruled a suicide, according to the medical examiner's office.

Area Central detectives are conducting a death investigation.

No further information was immediately made available.

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by Allison Gregory

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Opening Reception: Traversing the Past

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 AT 5:00PM TO 7:00PM MOCP

Please join us for the opening reception of Traversing the Past: Adam Golfer, Diana Matar, Hrvoje Slovinc, a new exhibition at the MoCP that presents the work of three artists who trace their family stories to histories of political turmoil, violence, and displacement. In using personal experiences as starting points, the artists transform the autobiographical into a multivalent lens through which to view a subject that cannot be pinned to a single narrative.



Exhibiting artists Adam Golfer and Hrvoje Slovinc will engage in conversation with Erin McCarthy, a ssociate professor of history at Columbia College Chicago at 6:30 in the MoCP Print Study Room

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Retired in Chicago
Should safety experts study
occasional drivers? Nov 29, 2017
By Marianne Goss

News stories report that car ownership is on the decline. It's been more than a decade since I owned a car. Urban car-sharing services like Zipcar make it easy to rent by the hour to run errands, and Turo and conventional rental companies provide longer bookings.

Now weeks go by when I'm not behind the wheel. With Chicago's excellent public transportation, I hardly ever have to rent a car by the hour in town. I belonged to car-sharing service I-GO and its successor, Enterprise Car-Share, until it folded but have put off joining Zipcar until I need it. I drive my parents' car when visiting them and rent a car for road trips and carrying Christmas gifts.

Studies predict a continuing decrease in car ownership. There will be more and more people who get behind the wheel only occasionally, renting cars when needed.

Do driving skills fall off when one's not driving every day? I hadn't thought about this until I went on a vacation with a friend who gave up her car a couple of years after I gave up mine. She was visibly nervous when I drove the rental car, watching the rear-view mirror and continually asking whether I saw a vehicle approaching or a hazard on the shoulder.

This is someone who rode with me many times over many years and even used to loan me her car, so I wasn't sure what to make of it. Maybe she was projecting her own anxiety about losing skills when one doesn't own a car. She won't drive in the city anymore.

Or perhaps I'm one of the people, probably in the majority, who think they're better drivers than they actually are. My driving record is clean, but maybe being accident free is just luck.

It's hard to find studies about whether occasional drivers maintain their skills. When I Googled the topic, the most pertinent hit returned was a discussion on Quora titled "How long does it take to lose one's driving skills?"

One respondent compared driving with riding a bike: "We never forget." Others agreed.

"I go a month to two to three months without driving. It only takes me about two to five minutes to get the hang of it again," one wrote. I agree. When I get behind the wheel, it never feels like weeks since I last sat there. It feels like yesterday.

"I don't know if it works the same for everybody, but I have never forgotten my driving skills during the long gaps of my driving," another wrote. Again, I could relate; a couple of Christmases ago, I rented a car with a manual transmission. I hadn't driven a stick in 13 years but immediately shifted smoothly.

"Age and poor health and emotional upset can affect driving skills . . . but not being away from driving for months," yet another said.

A Canadian auto loan company expressed a different opinion. In a blog post headlined "Use It or Lose It," it compared driving with playing a piano or swinging a baseball bat: "No one needs to tell you that if you haven't touched the piano, written in your journal, or swung a baseball bat for a few months, it will be tricky trying to pick it up again." But it didn't provide any hard evidence and quickly segued to tips for staying safe.

All I had was opinion, not data. I wrote to the American Automobile Association about whether it knows of any research on the topic and didn't get an answer.

Digging deeper, I found a 1988 study about elderly drivers, "Assessing the Driving Ability of the Elderly: A Preliminary Investigation," published in *Physical & Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics* (volume 1, numbers 1-2). Among the topics was the safety record of occasional drivers. Both automobiles and notions of who's elderly have changed in nearly 30 years, however, so I didn't spend much time with this study.

"I am not aware of any formal study on this topic," one of the foremost researchers on car ownership, Michael Sivak of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, told me.

So, I don't know about the skills part. What's had attention is how car ownership is changing. An ongoing study by the UMTRI found that Americans in 2015 owned fewer cars than they did when ownership peaked a decade earlier. Almost one in ten US households does not own a car. Since millennials have shown less interest in car ownership and more interest in riding-sharing services like Uber and Lyft, car ownership is expected to keep declining.

A decrease in car ownership implies an increase in the number of people who get behind the wheel sporadically, renting cars when they need them.

Should this growing group of occasional drivers receive attention from safety experts?

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Men stealing running cars downtown, using them in robberies: Cops

Chicago Tribune staffContact Reporter

Chicago police on Wednesday released surveillance photos of two men who have stolen a number of vehicles left outside running downtown and then used them as getaway cars in robberies mostly downtown in recent weeks.

The two men have stolen cars or robbed people more than a half-dozen times since Dec. 30 mostly downtown and in the South Loop, according to a police alert.

The men have “have jumped into unoccupied vehicles that are left running by owners, and stolen the vehicles,” according to the alert. They’ve then used the stolen vehicles as getaway cars when they committed armed robberies.

One of the two men has shown a black handgun during the robberies, in which victims were robbed of cellphones and purses, police said.

The robbers are described as black men or boys, one of them standing about 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-9 and weighing 150 to 170 pounds, with a black hooded sweatshirt, black skinny jeans and white socks, the other, believed to be the driver, described just as a black man or boy with a blue puffy coat and a surgical mask. In an incident Jan. 2 on North Water Street east of State Street, he was driving a stolen black Jeep that was used in a robbery. The Jeep and the two robbers were shown in one of the surveillance photos released Wednesday.

The thefts and robberies have taken place:

- Friday about 10:50 p.m. in the 800 block of South Clark Street;
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- Jan. 3 at 7:10 a.m. in the 300 block of East 61st Street;
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And Dec. 30 about 11:05 p.m. in the 1400 block of South Michigan.

Anyone with information is asked to call Area Central detectives at 312-747-8384.

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Woman holds thief at downtown Red Line station until police arrive

Elyssa Cherney Contact Reporter Chicago Tribune

A woman stopped a teen who stole money from her purse on a Red Line train Wednesday night and held him for Chicago police at the Harrison station, authorities said.

The woman, 23, was sitting on the train, her purse next to her, when a 19-year-old walked by and took cash around 10:45 p.m., police said.

The teen tried to run away, but the woman detained him on the platform at 608 S. State St. until officers arrived, police said.

The teen was arrested, and charges were pending.

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1100 block S. State St. • Dec 12 @ 5:05 PM

Theft: Purse-snatching sidewalk
1300 block S. Federal St. • Dec 12 @ 8:00 PM

Motor vehicle theft: Automobile gas station?
1200 block S. Wabash Ave. • Dec 13 @ 11:15 AM

Theft: \$300 and under non-res parking garage
800 block S. Wabash Ave. • Dec 13 @ 10:30 AM

Theft: \$300 and under CTA Station
1100 block S. State St. • Dec 14 @ 3:00 PM

Robbery: Strongarm: no weapon small store Roosevelt Collection
1100 block S. Delano Ct. E. • Dec 14 @ 3:00 PM

Vandalism: Criminal damage to vehicle parking garage
800 block S. Wabash Ave. • Dec 17 @ 6:00 PM

Robbery: Strongarm: no weapon on street
1200 block S. Wabash Ave. • Dec 19 @ 10:58 PM

Theft: From building Library
400 block S. State St. • Dec 20 @ 12:00 PM

Theft: From building at bar
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Robbery: Strongarm: no weapon small retail store
500 block S. State St. • Dec 22 @ 3:23 AM

Robbery: Attempted: armed: other dangerous weapon convenience store
500 block S. State St. • Dec 22 @ 6:03 AM

Theft: Over \$300 non-res parking lot
900 block S. Wabash Ave. • Dec 22 @ 1:30 PM

Theft: From building Athletic Club
800 block S. State St. • Dec 23 @ 11:30 AM

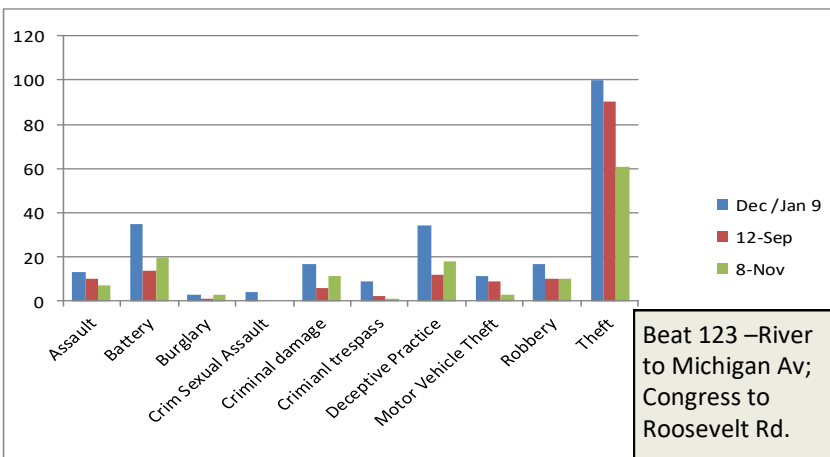
Robbery: Armed: knife/cutting instrument subway platform
0 block W. Harrison St. • Dec 25 @ 11:45 PM

Motor vehicle theft: Automobile on street
1000 block S. State St. • Jan 01 @ 5:50 PM

Robbery: Armed: handgun on sidewalk
800 block S. Clark St. • Jan 05 @ 10:51 PM

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NEXT MEETING WEDS, FEB 14, 2018



Man reported missing hit four Chicago banks in three days, feds say

Elyssa Cherney Contact Reporter Chicago Tribune

Matthew Silberman's mother was so worried about her adult son that she filed a missing persons report with Chicago police last month.

That same day, Silberman, 27, robbed a bank in Printer's Row near the Loop, authorities said. It was **the beginning of a spree**, according to an unsealed criminal complaint released by the FBI.

The next day, Dec. 14, Silberman robbed a second bank in the South Austin neighborhood on the West Side. Police later found him unresponsive in a store, suffering from drugs or alcohol, the complaint said.

Silberman was treated at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and released in the early morning hours of Dec. 15, according to the complaint. By 8:40 a.m., he hit two more banks in the Loop, the complaint said.

Tips led to his arrest and, on Tuesday, Silberman made an initial appearance in federal court where a judge ordered the Palatine man detained until his next hearing.

In each of the robberies, Silberman began talking with a bank teller and threatened them with a gun or a bomb, the complaint said. He stole a total of \$3,513, the complaint said.

The first robbery was at the Fifth Third Bank at 601 S. Clark St. about 4:15 p.m. on Dec. 13 and \$520 was stolen. About 9:05 a.m. on Dec. 14, a US Bank at 5201 W. Madison St. was robbed of \$1,125.

About 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 15, a robbery at Chase Bank at 10 S. Dearborn St. was unsuccessful when a teller did not hand over money. Ten minutes later, a Chase Bank at 55 E. Monroe St. was robbed of \$1,868, the FBI said.

Tips starting rolling in after the FBI **posted an alert on its website** that showed surveillance images of the suspect, the affidavit said.

Someone who was the friend of Silberman's parent contacted the FBI and relayed that Silberman's parent was going to pick him up from "a drug detoxification center and take him to their attorney and have him turn himself in," the complaint said.

A friend of Silberman also contacted the FBI.

The four bank tellers identified Silberman from a photo lineup, the complaint said.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-matthew-silberman-bank-robberies-20180104-story.html>

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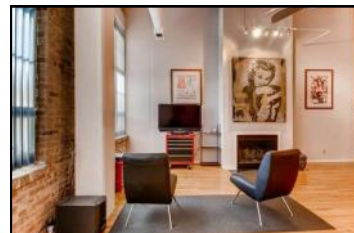
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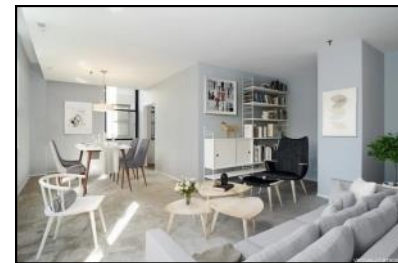
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