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[A Huge Milestone for the South Loop's Portion of the Chicago River](#)

A great sign for the underutilized South Loop portion of the Chicago River ([via Curbed](#)):

The re-vamped eastern segment of the Chicago Riverwalk isn't the only new waterfront improvement headed downtown. Crews are putting the finishing touches on a quarter-mile-long pedestrian path between Harrison Street and the River City Apartments along the river's south branch.



Masterplanned by Perkins+Will and designed by Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, the new riverwalk is part of the larger Southbank development from Lendlease. It will offer a waterfront viewing platform, a kayak launch, natural landscaping along the river's edge, and the potential for a future water taxi stop.

A stone amphitheater at the adjacent Southbank park can host small public events and concerts, according to a statement from the developer. Although privately funded and maintained, these open space amenities will be available to the public when it is completed later this year.

Beyond this the post talks how the future of the South Loop portion will be extended:

The upcoming Southbank riverwalk offers a preview of what a revitalized south branch of the Chicago River could look like in the future. The first segment will be eventually joined by a new pathway crossing in front of the Riverline development to the immediate south. Just beyond that, a 100-foot-wide public riverwalk is planned at the sprawling mixed-use megadevelopment known as The 78.

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 Sun, Jun 30, 4pm, 8 pm & 10pm.....Vocalist Freddy Cole Quartet
Mon, Jul 1, 8pm & 10pm.....Pianist Bethany Pickens Trio
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 Sun, Jul 7, 4pm, 8 pm & 10pm.....Vocalist Dee Alexander Quartet
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 Thurs-Sat, Jul 11-13, 8pm & 10pm.....Pianist Ryan Cohan 4tet w/ John Wojciechowski-sax,
 James Cammack-bass & Neil Hemphill-drums
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 - ☐ 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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Time & Location

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The story of a Palestinian and a Jew in Chicago at a time when only loyalty to each other counted

Taufic Yusef "Ty" Cahas, a Palestinian, and [my dad, Lew Taman](#), a Jew, were very good friends. They met at a brokerage house my dad did business with decades ago. Ty worked there and they did a lot of business together. Until Ty died in 1984, they were on the phone many times a day, like two teenaged girls. The best of friends. My dad really loved Ty; and Ty really loved my dad. They kidded each other and they laughed a lot. They were pleased when buys and sells turned out the way they wanted them to. And they commiserated and moved on to the next ones when they didn't. They shared a lot of information every day, because back then, there weren't tweets and texts and YouTube videos, and you depended on friends to keep you in the loop.

There was a big age difference between them--but because my grandfather died when my dad was in the [Battle of the Bulge](#) in World War 2, it's possible that Ty was like the father figure my dad missed.

They respected each other and I don't think they ever thought about who they were in relation to the other, ethnically and internationally speaking.

In 1977, I went to Israel for several weeks with my first husband to visit one of my cousins--who was experiencing life on a kibbutz. Ty asked my dad to ask me to do him a favor. He wanted me to go to the house he grew up in, in Bethlehem, in the area occupied by Israel for the previous 10 years. And snap a picture.

When we got there, we rented a car and drove everywhere. From the northern part of the country where my cousin was--where the sound of bombs exploding at night never stopped--to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. And [Gaza](#), [Sharm el Sheikh](#) and the [Sinai Peninsula](#), areas that Israel has since given up.

We spent a lot of time in the area still occupied by Israel today, on the West Bank, looking for Ty's house. We drove round and round and round, in and around [Bethlehem](#), anxiously looking to snap a picture of it and give it to him when we got home.

We had no luck.

When I found [Ty's draft card](#) online accidentally a few days ago, in preparation for doing this post, I thought maybe we misunderstood him back then because it looks like he was born in "Birken," which is probably the town of [Burqin](#) (also on the West Bank) misspelled. But he never said he wanted us to visit the house he was *born* in, but rather the house he *grew up* in.

As our trip came to a close and we hadn't yet found the house, every time I spotted a postcard from Bethlehem

and other towns around it, I bought it for him. By the time we got home, I had a pretty nice stack of postcards for him. I thought he'd enjoy looking at the sights, especially the aerial shots, in the areas around Bethlehem and beyond, even though we never found the house.

A consolation.

My dad gave them to Ty at the end of the summer of 1977 when we got back. And Ty looked through them. My dad was with him when he did. Suddenly he found one that freaked him out (and us, too--when we found out about it). Ty began crying profusely, because right there on one of the postcards was his house!

We had brought him a picture of his house without realizing it. And professionally photographed, too!

My dad told that story for the rest of Ty's life--and the rest of his own life, too. A story that emanated out of God's country, from the actual town that Jesus was born in. The Jewish daughter of the Jewish friend of the Palestinian in the land of milk and honey (and Jesus, Mary, Joseph and three Wise Men) had inadvertently performed a mitzvah.

Which brings me, of course, to--where else?--today's politics. Especially the politics of a freshman representative in the House from Michigan, [Rashida Tlaib](#), the oldest of 14, whose parents are Palestinian immigrants, just like Ty was. But she's not sweet as pie like Ty. She seems to be really mad at Jews. She [accuses them \(even when they aren't really Jewish, but just supportive of our ally Israel\) of having dual loyalty](#). She says it [calms her to think of the Holocaust](#). Of all things. Because the Jews sought refuge after the war from her ancestors. Even though she's angry that her ancestors lost their land and their dignity because of it. ([Dual loyalty on her part?](#))

I feel sorry that she never knew Ty and Lew, two friends in Chicago, a Bohemian/Polish Jew born here and a Palestinian born there who talked every day about everything and laughed about a lot of things and who loved each other dearly.

Lew and Ty knew how to get along with each other in the United States of America. And there's no reason she can't learn that, too.

Bonnie McGrath

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | June 17, 2019

The smart way to get directions?



One of the first ride-shares I ever used picked me up near the University of Illinois-Chicago Hospital west of the Loop. Destination: 401 N. Michigan. The driver slavishly adhered to the GPS directions. And he took us into hellacious traffic that I calculated to have been pretty easily avoidable, and lacking that, escapable. Finally, he said, "It says we're here."

Well, kind of. We were at Lower Wacker Drive and Michigan. For non-Chicagoans, that's a cave-like intersection below anything you see on The Magnificent Mile. He didn't know the difference. From there I opened the door and got out of the ride from hell, gladly taking the rusty old stairs up to daylight.

I drive pretty infrequently these days, and it seems like it's getting more randomly dangerous out there on the road virtually each time. I lay part of that on Ubers and Lyfts—when someone does an ill-advised U-turn without realizing I'm driving right behind them, it most often is a ride share car. Ditto vehicles stopped in the worst possible places to stop—their drivers are looking for their next customer, oblivious.

But the robotic adherence to GPS directions is hardly only an Uber/Lyft phenomenon. Everybody's doing it, doing it. And apart from triggering bad driving behavior, it may be making us stupider.

A little while ago, the Washington Post ran an article headlined "[Ditch the GPS. It's ruining your brain.](#)" The writer does a great job of explaining and summarizing a very sophisticated research paper that was originally published in the journal Nature. (That one is titled [Hippocampal and prefrontal processing of network topology to simulate the future](#). Phew.)

It seems that when we navigate without the aid of GPS, we're stimulating, exercising, and even growing the vitally important part of our brain called the hippocampus.

From the Post article:

The hippocampus is crucial to many aspects of daily life. It allows us to orient in space and know where we are by creating cognitive maps. It also allows us to recall events from the past, what is known as episodic memory. And, remarkably, it is the part of the brain that neuroscientists believe gives us the ability to imagine ourselves in the future.

Studies have long shown the hippocampus is highly susceptible to experience. (London's taxi drivers famously have greater gray-matter volume in the hippocampus as a consequence of memorizing the city's labyrinthine streets.) Meanwhile, atrophy in that part of the brain is linked to devastating conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder and Alzheimer's disease. Stress and depression have been shown to dampen neurogenesis — the growth of new neurons — in the hippocampal circuit.



We apparently hit our peak of navigation skills at 19 years old (what's new!). But wait, there's good news:

"...neuroscientist Véronique Bohbot has found that using spatial-memory strategies for navigation correlates with increased gray matter in the hippocampus at *any* age. She thinks that interventions focused on improving spatial memory by exercising the hippocampus — paying attention to the spatial relationships of places in our environment — might help offset age-related cognitive impairments or even neurodegenerative diseases.

At some intuitive level, it seems reasonable that by routinely ceding one of our brain's activities to our tech gadgets, we could be getting dumber.

Now obviously, GPS can be extremely useful. But maybe after I do my crossword puzzle each day, I'll start studying maps, too.

MOST RECENT EPISODES



PODCAST

Introducing: The Scarlet E

Millions of rent-burdened Americans face eviction filings and proceedings every year. On this week's On the Media, what we *think* we know, and what we definitely *don't* know, about America's eviction crisis. Plus, how local journalists failed the Central Park Five.

1. Jim Dwyer [[@jimdwyrnyt](#)], columnist for The New York Times, on his experience reporting on the Central Park Five trial.
2. We hear the story of Jeffrey, a security guard in Richmond, Virginia whose severe rent burden caused his family to be evicted.
3. Matthew Desmond [[@just_shelter](#)], founder of the [Eviction Lab](#), explains what he and his fellow researchers have learned from their massive collection of eviction data.

Author! Author!



Two local favorite authors at the Printers Row Lit Fest were Valerie Jarret being interviewed regarding her new book "Finding My Voice."

And Greg Borzo shown here getting ready to promote his new book called: "Lost Restaurants of Chicago"



If your question in *Dearborn Express* was not rhetorical, the Park District came the morning of April 19th and removed it:

The front side of the sign was the last vestige of a Par-course (several stations with recommended calisthenics) arrayed around Dearborn Park's running track when it opened circa 1980. About 15 years ago, South Loop Neighbors put cork on the unused back side, where people were already posting flyers.

The concrete footings had heaved a bit (or perhaps the ground had dropped) over the years, and the sign leaned a bit. My guess is that some new supervisor saw it leaning and ordered it removed "for safety."

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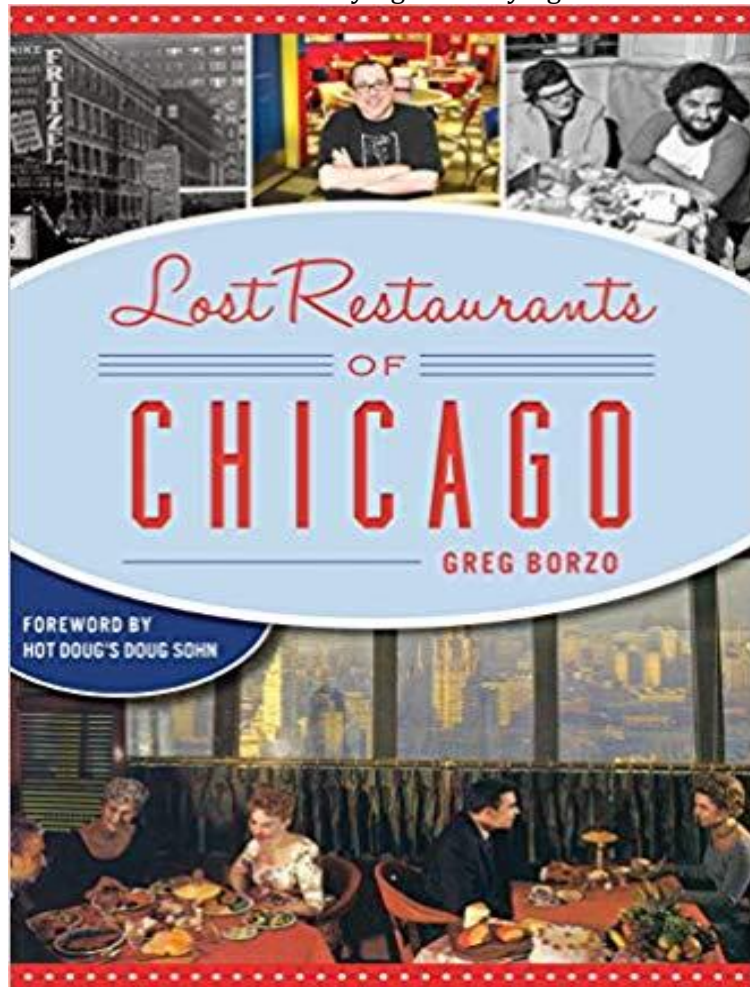
Gay Pride Month: Less is More, Andrew Sean Greer, **Less** (Little, Brown & Company 2017)

Mies van der Rohe's famous quote neatly describes Andrew Sean Greer's LOL satire, **Less**, starring a minor writer who's enjoyed moderate success, won middling prizes, and madly loved a few good men. **Less** is about self-discovery, aging, phony literati, and love. "So many people *will do*" but once you've actually been in love you can't live with *will do*; it's worse than living with yourself." Greer plays with words and broad physical comedy just short of offensively. Arthur Less risks life and limb, dangling from a balcony, trying to break into his villa because *he must iron his shirt*. When he learns he is nominated for the "Wilde and Stein Literary Laurels," a prize he didn't even know existed, Arthur hears, '*Wildenstein*,' and protests, "but I'm not Jewish." Arthur's agent "coughs and says, 'I believe it is something gay.' 'How did they even know I was gay?' Arthur asked this from his front porch, wearing a kimono." Arthur embarks on a trip around the world to avoid attending an old beau's wedding, (wondering why today's young gay men insist on marrying. "Was this why we all threw stones at the police.... for weddings?); teaching here and there and accepting obscure awards from the likes of Italian teenage judges. Arthur's had luck rewriting the Odyssey but is not keen on travelling. "Because he's afraid of everything and nothing is harder than anything else, taking a trip around the world is no more terrifying than buying a stick of

gum." The ex-lover of a Pulitzer prizewinner and a much younger, self-centered beauty, Arthur muses: "Strange to be almost fifty, no? I feel like I just understood how to be young." His travel provides excellent life lessons. Getting older "is like the last day in a foreign country. You finally figure out where to get coffee, and drinks, and a good steak. And then you have to leave." Although, alone is his tub, he is "pink to his middle, gray to his scalp, like those old double erasers for pencil and ink," Arthur finds a kind of serenity, because he has "survived everything in life--- humiliations... disappointments... headaches...missed opportunities, bad dads... bad jobs... bad sex... bad drugs... all the trips and mistakes and face plants of life." Writing such delicious language is just frosting on the cake for Andrew Greer, celebrating his Pulitzer in a recent interview: "It certainly shocks me to see so many people reading this book about a *gay* man traveling around the world, and they never talk about that. They talk about him as a character, and that really moves me." Yum. Read it.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park, June, 2019



Susan Bass Marcus writes and illustrates fiction, essays, and reviews. Her Dragonwolder fantasy novels, *Malevir: Dragons Return* and *Where Dragons Follow*, offer a world of dragon clans, an enigmatic menace the Malevir, sprites, goblins, questing humans, and magical giants. Her musings appear weekly on her blog, "About Susan Marcus," <https://susanbassmarcus.net>. Both paperbacks are available at Sandmeyer's Bookstore.

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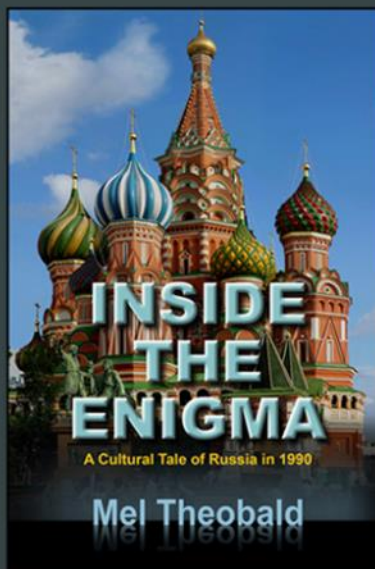
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leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke

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Perfect gift for Father's Day? Encourage him to write his memoir

The email came just before Father's Day last year. A young woman wanted to know how to sign her dad up for my memoir-writing class. The request made me a little nervous. What if her dad didn't like to write? Didn't want to write? Couldn't write?

It'd be a gift, she said.

A gift for him, or a gift for her?

So many of the people who find out I lead memoir-writing classes tell me how much they wish their parents had written their family stories down. Come to think of it, I am one of those people.

Two weeks after my third birthday, my father suffered a fatal heart attack at home. I don't remember much about Ed Finke, but from stories Flo and my six older siblings shared I know he grew up in small-town southern Illinois. In exchange for a scholarship to a teacher's college near Chicago, he was required to teach at a Lutheran elementary school after graduation. He taught one year, quit, and never looked back.

Why did my dad quit teaching? What happened that first year to change his mind? Maybe Eddie Finke never intended on a career in education. Did he accept the scholarship to escape rural life? Or his overbearing mother? Or to leave grief behind after his 7-year-old sister Wilma died of diphtheria?

I never got to ask him. When a friend from my dad's college days told me decades later that Eddie was a good writer, I was fascinated -- and disappointed. If he had put some of his own life stories on paper, I might know him better.

Considering all that, I had to commend the young woman who'd emailed me. She didn't even ask her father if he wanted to take a memoir-writing class. She just signed

him up. And guess what? Her father enjoyed the class so much that he signed himself up for a second session.

And then this year it happened again. A totally unrelated young woman emailed me with the same idea. "I was hoping to sign my father up for one of your classes," she wrote. "He has just started writing his memoirs and I was looking for something that could help support his process." Bill finished his first six-week session in May and emailed me a thank-you last week. "It was just what I needed," he wrote.

Out of ideas for Father's Day? Live in the Chicago area? Consider giving him a gift for both him and you: [sign him up for a memoir-writing class](#). No memoir-writing classes available near where he lives? No problem. Gift dad with a copy of my latest book *Writing Out Loud* -- available in paperback, on kindle, and at [audible.com](#). *Writing Out Loud* is a whimsical look at how I manage, thanks in large part to my husband Mike Knezovich and Wonder dog Whitney, to live a creative and fulfilling life here in Chicago. I describe the classes I lead and all I learn from the writers who sign up, too, and that part might encourage your dad to start writing as well.

Oh, and the dad I mentioned at the start of this post? Tune in to my next post to find out what happened while preparing to read his essays out loud to the family -- he has a good story to tell!

<https://bethfinke.com/blog/2019/06/08/perfect-gift-for-fathers-day-encourage-him-to-write-his-memoir/>

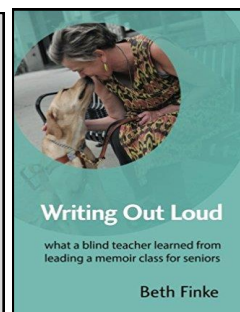
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Monday, June 10, 2019

[The Grail Cafe Coming to Printers Row](#)

Looks like Printers Row is getting cafe - yay! A reader writes:

I'm not sure if you're aware of this yet...

We went to the thegrailcafe.com website, but it has little information. We've always thought that Dearborn was a prime strip for more restaurant/bar options. Hopefully this is a sign of more to come.

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June 3, 2019 by
[Ruth Lopez](#)

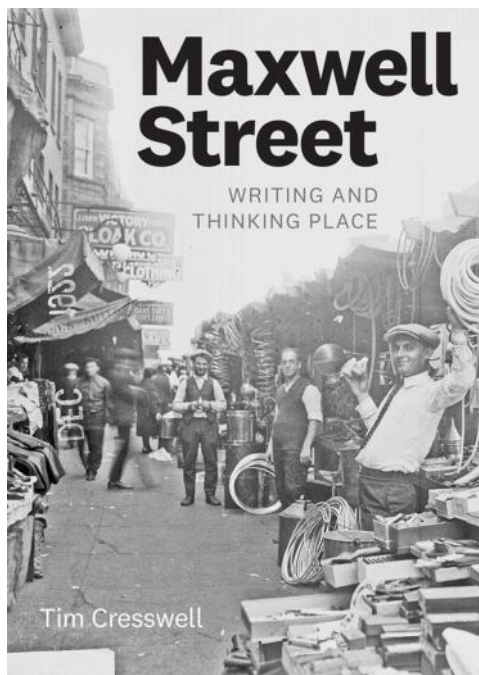
For preservationists
and Chicagoans of a
certain age, the loss
of Maxwell Street

still smarts. The open-air market—amply documented for decades by photographers, urbanists, writers and historians—took its first hit in 1957 when the construction of the Dan Ryan Expressway shrunk it by half; the expansion of the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2000 wiped out the rest. Yes, the Maxwell Street Market exists in a new location, but gone are the empty lots where one could hear the blues, gone is the spirit of place. What is left in the old location are a few facades, repurposed to form the walls around a parking structure, and you can still get a Polish on a side street near the entrance to the freeway. You might smell the fried onions, one of the pervasive base notes of the area for generations.

Tim Cresswell, an American studies professor from Trinity College in Connecticut, uses Maxwell Street as a case study for many ideas about space and place. (Read the section on "Waste/Smell" for a more complete sense of the market's perfume.) As a compendium of theories, filled with book excerpts from a range of interdisciplinary sources, it offers fascinating jumping-off points. A passage on African-American writer Willard Motley (nephew of painter Archibald Motley, a fun fact curiously missing from this otherwise tidbit-filled book), a denizen of the market area for a time, sent me running to the online library catalog to order one of his books. [Click link below for the rest of the story.](#)

Maxwell Street: Writing and Thinking Place
By Tim Cresswell
University of Chicago Press, 242 pages

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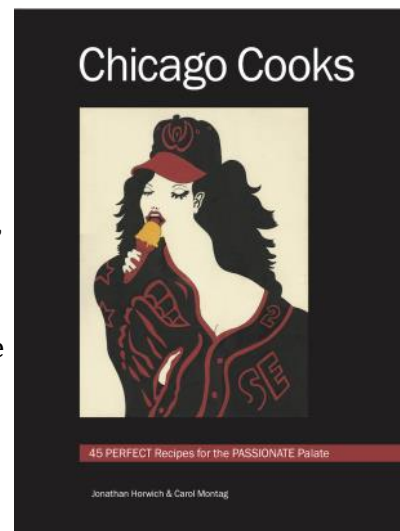
Not every food category is included here, but the ones we have chosen represent a foundation any cook will need to provide for a family or to entertain brilliantly.

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The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago.

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Neighborhood Enhancement: Thank you, NEMA!

by [GSLA Editor](#) on [May 6, 2019](#) in [News](#)

GSLA wishes to thank Crescent Heights, the developer of NEMA, for their ongoing support to the South Loop neighborhood. Crescent Heights is a regular supporter of GSLA's Movies in the Parks, and has just made a generous donation to GSLA's Neighborhood Enhancement Initiative.

GSLA will use 100% of this donation to engage [Cleanslate](#), a not-for-profit entity, to periodically clean the trash and litter from the sidewalks along the Roosevelt Corridor. Crescent Heights' donation will fund the activities for the next few months. The GSLA is hopeful that other businesses in the area will see the value of the clean up efforts and make similar donations to this worthy cause.

For more information about the GSLA Neighborhood Enhancement Initiative or to receive more information about the Roosevelt Corridor cleanup initiative specifically, please email nicelookingneighborhood@greatersouthloop.org.

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[Two Sloop Bars Register On Eater's "15 Hottest Rooftop Bars & Terraces" List](#)

The buildout of terraces and rooftops is a trend most Chicagoans love. For the Sloop, unfortunately we didn't really have many options, but in the past year that has changed and Eater has taken notice as two Sloop spots register on their list of the "[15 Hottest Rooftop Bars & Terraces](#)":

13. SX Sky Bar 808 S Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60605

The team behind perhaps the city's most popular rooftop bar — Londonhouse — debuted this swanky night-life-driven terrace on the fifth and sixth floors of the Hotel Essex in the South Loop. Fancy expensive cocktails, snapper sashimi, a dance floor, and views of downtown landmarks are on offer.

14. VU Rooftop Bar 133 E Cermak Rd Chicago, IL 60616

The South Side got its first rooftop bar when this year-round spot opened in fall 2018 near McCormick Place. VU Rooftop Bar has terrific views from the 22nd floor, three bars, a karaoke room, firepits, and retractable windows for the colder months.

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will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next formal gathering with peer coaching will be **July 9th, 6pm at location TBA**. Each evening features a presentation by an entrepreneur in the South Loop, followed by breakouts to consider questions in smaller groups, and "collective wisdom," as we share something we've learned with the whole group. Follow us on facebook.

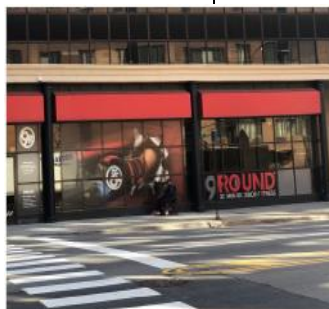


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Chicago Bike Week



Looking for a great excuse to get your butt on a bicycle?

The 28th annual Chicago Bike Week, taking place June 21-28, provides the perfect opportunity.

The event is presented by [Freeman Kevenides Law Firm](#) and produced by the Active Transportation Alliance. We've got a great lineup of events for the week.

June 14-28: Bike to Work Challenge

[The most anticipated part of Chicago Bike Week is the two-week-long Bike to Work Challenge](#) — when rivalries take hold among workplaces throughout Chicagoland as they vie for the top position in their category. This year's challenge is presented by [Keating Law Offices](#). Workplaces compete by earning points and getting the most employees riding to work during the week (a bike commute can mean a full or partial bike trip). [Be sure to stop in at one of our pit stops during the challenge.](#)

June 21: Chicago Bike Week Rally

Join hundreds of other bike commuters as they gather on the morning of June 21 from 7:00am -9:00am for the Bike Week Rally in Daley Plaza, presented by Freeman Kevenides Law Firm. See rest at

<https://activetrans.org/bikeweek>



Sun, Jun 23 | The Art Institute of Chicago

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Time & Location

Jun 23, 2:00 PM

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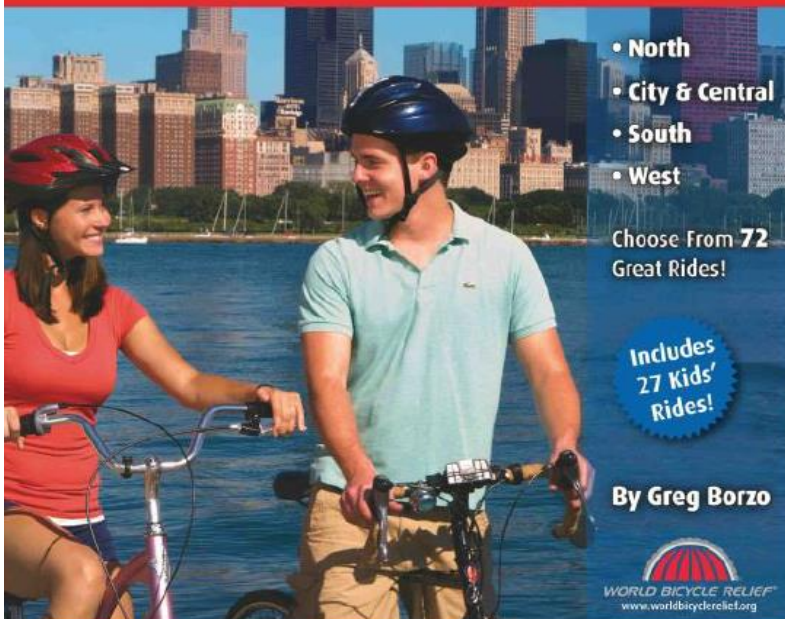
About the Event

Chicago tour guide Dennis McClendon will lead a bike tour of the world-famous public art found in Grant Park. Meet at the Art Institute's Stanley McCormick Court, northeast corner of Jackson and Michigan, at 2 pm. [REGISTER NOW](#)



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On architecture and two lighter topics

By **Marianne Goss**, June 4th, 2019

What do architecture, spelling, and window cleaners have in common? Not much, except this post. Snippets solve the dilemma of not having enough to say on a single topic.

ARCHITECTURE FOR ALL OF US

Without featuring all kinds of skyscrapers in a city known for its architecture, my Chicago Greeter tours of the Loop would be missing essentials. Yet I've been ambivalent about architecture, associating it with glitzy corporate buildings and high-end residences. The rich hire architects and the middle class chooses from a handful of floor plans. Sometimes I notice proposals for rethinking public housing, but they get much less attention than multimillion-dollar houses and corporate headquarters.

It wasn't the enlarged, light show-enhanced model of the central city or the oversized models of the world's most innovative skyscrapers that most attracted me during three visits to the new Chicago Architecture Center at 111 East Wacker Drive. It was the modest exhibit on the second floor at the top of the stairs, "From Me to We: Imagining the City in 2050." The title seems to acknowledge that architects up to now have focused on individual buildings rather than whole communities. It may also signal a shift to thinking that architecture should contribute to meaningful lives for everyone — poor and rich and those in between. In a wall of display boards, select local architects imagine a future Chicago with compact, denser neighborhoods; fewer cars and more walking, bicycling, and alternative transportation; and today's streetscapes repurposed for recreation.

"From Me to We" is a temporary exhibit, to be followed in the same space by other displays about the future development of cities, which, an accompanying map shows, will keep adding people. Maybe the upcoming Chicago Architecture Biennial will also have exhibits on the same topic.

Of course architects will keep designing expensive residences and office buildings, but it's nice to learn that some of them think about the needs of those who aren't well-heeled clients.

IS THIS SKILL WORTH DEVELOPING?

I might have correctly spelled erysipelas, a word in the final round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee last week, because it is listed as the cause of death on great-great-grandfather Silas Goss's death certificate. I wouldn't have

reached that round, however, if I'd had to spell tettigoniid in an earlier round. Eight finalists — middle-school students — handled the spelling of obscure words for 20 rounds, so the spelling bee ended with all of them declared winners.

As much as I admire the eight of them, I wonder how useful their spelling skills will be. In a 45-year career in the editorial business, I don't think I ever encountered palama, cer-nuous, and pendeloque, all in the final round. If I had, I would have looked them up. That's always the best practice with tricky spellings.

HAPPINESS IS A CLEAN WINDOW

You take your pleasures where you find them, and right now I'm excited about having clean windows.

Disappointed with the streaky results from vinegar, a squeegee, and wadded-up newspaper, I washed windows much too little. Luckily, the building takes care of washing all outside windows except the glass by balconies.

I recently read that a squirt of dishwashing liquid in a bucket of warm water will do the trick, and that the squeegee is for removing excess water, not for cleaning. I took a bucket of soapy water out to the balcony Saturday and didn't even need the squeegee. A wet cloth to wash and a another cloth to dry were all I used, rinsing out the washing cloth between every section. That it took only 15 minutes, and that I'm enjoying looking through the glass, instead of at dirt and grime, should motivate me to wash windows more frequently.

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— London Mayor Sadiq Khan, writing in the *Observer*

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Bitten by the Blues: The Alligator Records Story as Told by Bruce Iglauer and Patrick A. Roberts

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 (6:00PM – 7:15PM)

It started with the searing sound of a slide careening up the neck of an electric guitar. In 1970, 23-year-old Bruce Iglauer walked into Florence's Lounge, in the heart of Chicago's South Side, and was overwhelmed by the joyous, raw Chicago blues of Hound Dog Taylor and the HouseRockers. A year later, Iglauer produced Hound Dog's debut album in eight hours and pressed a thousand copies, the most he could afford. From that one album grew Alligator Records, the largest independent blues record label in the world.

Hear a lively discussion by Iglauer and Patrick A. Roberts, authors of [Bitten by the Blues](#), a memoir of a life immersed in the blues—and the business of the blues. No one person was present at the creation of more great contemporary blues music than Iglauer: He produced albums by Koko Taylor, Albert Collins, Professor Longhair, Johnny Winter, Lonnie Mack, Son Seals, Roy Buchanan, Shemekia Copeland and many other major figures. The book takes readers behind the scenes, offering unforgettable stories of those charismatic musicians and classic sessions, delivering an intimate and unvarnished look at what it's like to work with the greats of the blues.



Doors to the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium open at 5 p.m., and seating is first come, first served. Books are available for purchase, and the authors will autograph books at the conclusion of the program.

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June 10, 2019: Women's Right to Vote Day

On Monday, June 10, the lower and upper levels of Thompson Center were rocking to the lyrics of Whitney Houston's version of "I am Every Woman." Eight honored guests celebrated the past struggles and, just as forcefully, committed to continue the fight for voting rights and voting equities. Sol Amores Flores, Deputy Governor, read the official proclamation written by Priscilla Mims, member of the League of Women's Voters of Chicago. The Proclamation is a testimony to significant markers in the suffrage movement, culminating in Illinois being the first to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment on June 10, 1919.

The eight speakers echoed the themes of memory and future commitment. Poet Lesle Honore affirmed the power of persuasion, "persuasion can build a nation." Alexandria Boutros, Chicago Votes, evoked the lives of ordinary women, Indigenous women and oppressed women, women whose names have been "left out of the history books." Audra Wilson, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters Illinois, spoke of a need for rededication to the right to vote. She enthusiastically announced the League's futuristic theme, "100 Years and Beyond" as the League looks forward to its own 100th anniversary in February 2020.

Illinois and Chicago political leaders were well represented at the ceremony. Present and future engagement was the keynote and embraced as the best way to honor suffragists. Lt. Governor Julia Stratton urged women to run for office, to "move into spaces where decisions are made." Illinois State Senator Melinda Bush (D-31 district) affirmed the legislators' commitment to protecting and advancing women's rights and cited the recent legislative achievement, Reproductive Health Act. Anna Valencia, Chicago City Clerk, shared her vision of empowering women and girls which will culminate in a 2020 Summit.

Senator Tammy Duckworth closed the celebration in Lincolnesque fashion. She stated, "our union has been made more perfect by women and because of women." She also warned that voting rights were not secured in 1919, nor are they secure in 2019. Senator Duckworth stressed the importance that Illinois should lead and "keep alive the work of yesterday's women."

In a line dance finale, the guests and audience celebrated the day, the moment and the future. That morning we were all, in a real sense, every woman.

Nancy Kelly-Martin

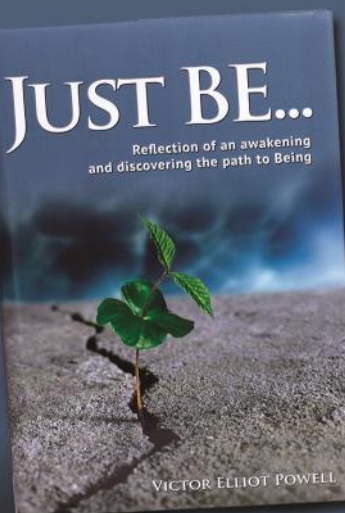
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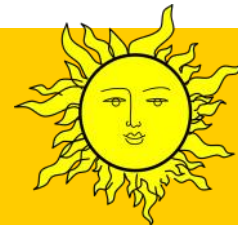
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- May I Have This Dance (Swing, Jitterbug)

Friday, June 28, 6–9pm – House

Excursions: DJs Cordell Johnson & James "JV" Vincent (House DJ set)

Saturday, June 29, 6–9:30pm – Salsa

- Charanguero (Salsa)
- Andres Meneses from Latin Street (Salsa)

Sunday, June 30, 4–7pm – Folk Dances & Music from India

- Ishti presents Pulse of India: An Evening of Folk Dance and Music

Ishti Dance (Bhangra, Raas-Garba, Kalbelia, Ghoomar, Sambalpuri)

Thursday, July 4, 6–9:30pm – Zydeco

- Terrance Simien and The Zydeco Experience (Zydeco)
- Buddy Bates and Susan Kaufman (Zydeco Two-step)

Friday, July 5, 6–9:30pm – Salsa

- Afinca'o (Salsa, Mambo)
- Mixed Motion Art Dance Academy (Salsa)

Saturday, July 6, 6–9:30pm – Cumbia

- Son Monarcas (Cumbia, Son)
- Latin Rhythms (Cumbia)

Sunday, July 7, 4–7pm – Eastern European Folk Dancing

- Dardania (Albanian Folk Music)
- Altin Naska (Balkan & Eastern European Folk Dances)

Thursday, July 18, 6–9:30pm – Swing

- Outcast Jazz Band (Big Band Swing)
- Big City Swing (East Coast Swing)

Friday, July 19, 6–9:30pm – Salsa

- Angel d'Cuba (Salsa)
- Denita Inez & Desueño Dance (Salsa)

Saturday, July 20, 6–9:30pm – Brazilian Samba

- Casuarina (Samba)
- Edilson Lima (Samba)

Sunday, July 21, 4–7pm – Ballroom

- Teddy Lee Orchestra (Ballroom)
- Arthur Murray Dance Center (Foxtrot, Rhumba)

Thursday, July 25, 6–9:30pm – Cumbia

- (((Sonorama))) DJ Collective (Cumbia)
- Latin Rhythms (Cumbia)

Friday, July 26, 6–9pm – House

DJ Duane Powell (House DJ set)

Saturday, July 27, 6–9:30pm – Argentine Tango

- Tango 21 presents: An Evening of Tango Dance and Theatre
- Tango 21 (Tango)



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Teriyaki Madness - "a Japanese Chipotle" - Moving in at 829 S. Wabash

Via [Chicagobusiness.com](http://chicagobusiness.com):

Teriyaki Madness, a fast-casual Asian restaurant chain, hopes to open 20 locations in the Chicago area, starting with a store in Lombard on Monday and the first of three planned downtown spots this summer, serving made-to-order bowls of meat, rice and vegetables.

Three franchise owners are on board for Chicago-area stores, including one at 829 S. Wabash Ave. in the South Loop this year, two in yet-to-be-announced locations and another in Cherry Valley near Rockford in 2019 or early 2020.

The openings play into the Denver-based company's plan to grow from its current 55 stores to 500 over the next five to seven years. Teriyaki Madness lets guests choose their protein, rice or noodles, and vegetables, dished up in huge portions.

Nik Patel, who with his wife, Rita, owns the Lombard location, describes the concept as "a Japanese Chipotle."

We've never heard of this place, but according to Yelp it's pretty popular ([4.5 stars](#)). It looks more like a Panda Express style restaurant than a Chipotle, but what do we know.

As a reminder the 829 S. Wabash location is in the East/West University building and [was home to Au Bon Pain for 3 years](#).

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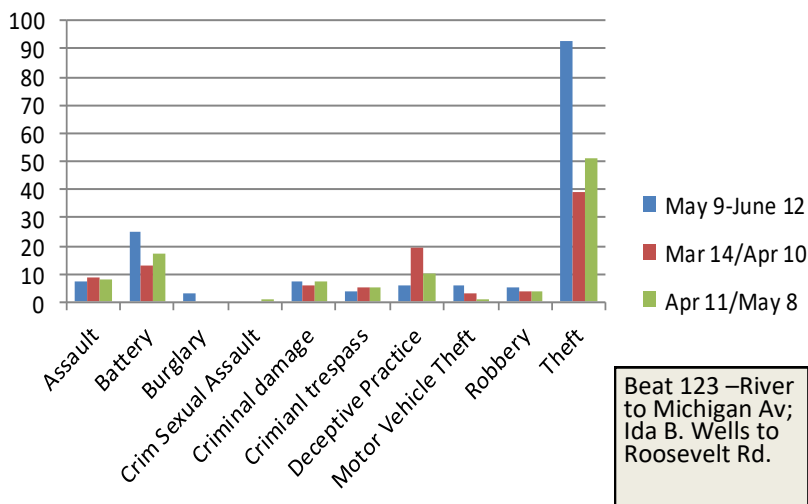


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District # 001

SECTION 1 – PROBLEM SOLVING ON CRIME REDUCTION PRIORITIES

Section 1 focuses on chronic, long-term problems, to be addressed over the course of a year and identified by the community.

Priority #1: Reduce incidents of robberies in and around Red Line CTA trains and stations

Problem Statement

1. What specific challenge, issue, or group are you focused on?

Robberies occur on a District-wide basis with many incidents happening on CTA Trains and in CTA Stations. Most victims are part of the District's enormous transient population.

2. What has been done in the past to address this issue?

Daily mission activity; mandating that 1st District Units ride CTA Trains and visit CTA Stations; disseminating robbery offender information in real time.

Mitigation Missions

Mission #1

Mission #2

Description

Describe the missions that will address the priority/problem

Daily robbery-focused missions by the tactical team, centered on the CTA Red Line. The missions will be done strategically based on data findings on offenders, locations, methods, and times.

Watch personnel will conduct daily missions on the CTA Red Line by visiting Red Line CTA Stations and riding Red Line CTA Trains while actively engaging the Public in conversation and

Community Resources

List involved community stakeholders and specific commitments

CAPS to include robbery prevention information at beat, community, and business meetings.

Coordinate prevention efforts with the Loop Alliance and the District's university community. The CAPS office will attend meetings with these organizations to provide safety & security information, give updates, and share ideas and how to reduce crime issues in the Dis-

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5/13/19

\$605,000
520 S STATE ST 1101
5/10/19

\$258,500
1111 S WABASH AVE 1305
5/8/19

\$221,000
1111 S STATE ST 603
5/6/19

\$200,000
732 S FINANCIAL PL 413
5/6/19

\$1,655,000
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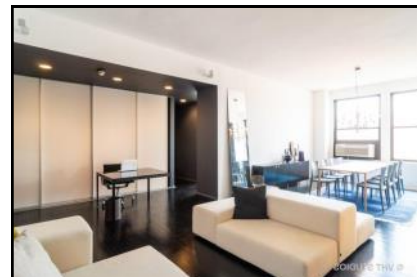


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