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Annual Public Meeting

Fri. Jan. 17

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn St.

The meeting will consist of:

Crime Safety and Self-Defense Presentation. Joe Rosner from Best Defense USA, presents to a number of audiences in the region including citizen police academies and community groups. This will be a presentation on a serious topic addressed in a humorous, fun way. Joe will give an overview on how to recognize and avoid dangerous situations, use voice and language for self-defense and defend yourself from attackers.

Crime Stats Update. There will be an overview of current crime statistics in the neighborhood.

Annual election of SLN Board officers. The annual election will take place.

SLN Community Builder Members Introduction. South Loop Neighbors will have an opportunity to meet our Community Builder members, local businesses who actively support the efforts of the SLN!

Call for Board Members

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Roger Marsh updating Crime Statistics at a meeting in 2019.

Jan 15, 2020

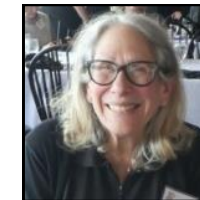
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COMING (See page 19 Photo Page) TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Wed, Jan 15, 5 pm & 7 pm.....Jazz Links Jam Session
 Thurs-Sat, Jan 16-18, 8pm & 10pm Saxophonist Chris Greene Quartet
 Sun, Jan 19, 4pm, 8pm & 10pm..... Saxophonist Chris Greene Quartet
 Wed, Jan 22, 8pm & 10pm.....Dave Gorden Quartet
 Thurs-Sat, Jan 23-25, 8pm & 10pmSaxophonist Christopher Madsen Quintet
 Sun, Jan 26, 4pm & 8pmSaxophonist Christopher Madsen Quintet
 Mon, Jan 27, 8pm & 10pm..WDCB 90.9FM Presents: Saxophonist Matt Shevitz Quartet – Free!
 Tues, Jan 28, 8pm & 11pm.....Bob Lark and Alumni Big Band
 Wed, Jan 29, 8pm & 10pm.....Brazilian Guitarist Luciano Antonio Trio
 Thurs-Sat, Feb 6-8, 8pm & 10pmVocalist Alyssa Allgood Quartet
 Sun, Feb 9, 4pm & 8pmVocalist Alyssa Allgood Quartet
 Wed, Feb 12, 5pm & 7pm.....Jazz Links Jam Session
 Thurs, Feb 13, 8pm & 10pmVocalist Paul Marinaro Quartet
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 Sat, Feb 15, 8pm & 10pmVocalist Paul Marinaro Quartet
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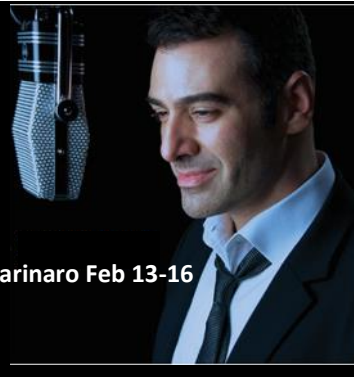
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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
- 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

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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | Jan 6 2020

Printers Row abides



Beth is aloft, on her way to [The Seeing Eye](#), and the breed/gender reveal party for her new guide dog should come tomorrow. I'll be the first to know. I will share the information with the highest bidder. (Just kidding.)

Meantime, I'm going to try to use my solitude at home to catch up on stuff that I'd sort of hoped to do during the holidays.

Usually during these extended absences, in the early days I do bachelor stuff like indulge in Harold's Fried Chicken or Pat's Pizza. But coming on the heels of the holidays, I think I need to indulge less, not more, so, I may skip that part.

Luckily, I have a new choice for more wholesome food—[The Grail Café](#) opened across the street from our condo building on January 1. We took special interest in this enterprise on multiple levels. First, every successful business on our little block of Printers Row that is not a nail salon or dry cleaners is a win. Second, because one of the proprietors is Beth's longtime hair stylist. He and his hubby are the forces behind The Grail. And we always welcome a new place to grab a bite.

We like to support new enterprises (even if they're not bars), so between us, I think Beth and I have visited The Grail seven or eight times. So far, a big thumbs up. On the first day, they were swamped—not something I or they would've expected on New Year's day. There were some hiccups, but judging from our later visits, things are smoothing out each day. Really high-quality, reasonably priced food.

Best of all, they do coffee. Really, really good coffee and espresso. Which means I will never have to step foot into our local Starbucks again. Not that I have anything against Starbucks, but man, nothing beats a good neighborhood joint.

In general, our little block is doing pretty well, a welcome development that counters the din and dust and construction of architecturally disappointing glass-box apartment buildings that are sprouting all around us.

For example, our local wine/spirits shop, [Printers Row Wine](#), has always had a really nice, approachable selection of wine, beer, and liquor, all with down-to-earth advice. Recently, they also got a liquor license and opened a bar and some cozy little tables. It's a great, quiet place to have a glass of wine or beer, and people watch. Just down the

street, a little corner market called [Totto's](#) (pronounced like the Wizard of Oz dog) opened a few months ago. It punches way above its square footage. And though our local bicycle shop closed (boo), a clothing store is replacing it. Our new local—[Half Sour](#)—at the old Blackie's location, appears to be thriving. And two long-time staples, [Sandmeyer's Bookstore](#) and [Kasey's Tavern](#), are humming along.

A few days ago, our friend asked how Beth and I found Printers Row. I explained that when Beth was in a residential rehab facility in the city after she lost her sight, her sister and brother in law would spring her from her dorm periodically. More than once, they went to Printers Row. Those evenings meant a lot to Beth. The name stuck in my mind.



Sandmeyer's has weathered big-box bookstores and now, even Amazon, because, well, it's Sandmeyer's.



The Grail is a welcome new neighbor.

Years later, when we decided to move to Chicago from Urbana, we did a couple scouting trips to the neighborhood. We struck up conversations with locals. Printers Row had a nice, welcoming feel that was at once vibrant and cozy.

I'm happy to say it still does.

MOST RECENT EPISODES

PODCAST

Climate Change, News Corp, and the Australian Fires

For years, climate change experts have said that hotter and drier summers would exacerbate the threat of bushfires in Australia. Fires have been raging since September and a prolonged drought and record-breaking temperatures mean the blazes won't stop for weeks — if not months.

But to read or watch or listen to the conservative press in Australia is to get an altogether different story: that it's arson, not climate change, that's mainly responsible for the deaths of nearly 30 humans and an estimated one billion animals.



Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

<http://Bethfinke.com/blog>



[A Typical Morning at The Seeing Eye](#)

Jan 10, 2020

How's life at the Seeing Eye, you ask? Here's an account of our latest day of training:

- **5:30 a.m.** Music comes through intercoms to wake us up. The day before we were matched with our dogs it was Fleetwood Mac's "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow." This morning it was "Baby its Cold Outside." Every day, a different song to wake us up.
- **5:35** Leave dog in her crate while you dish out one-and-a-half cups dry dog food from the tightly-closed bin on the floor near our dormroom door.
- Zip open crate, say and repeat the word "rest" as you place the dish in front of her. Keep saying "rest" until you stand up, clap your hands and happily call out, "Take it!" Your dog must stay in the crate by the bedpost until you say those magic words. If they go after the food before those magic words, you pick up the food and go through the entire routine again--she can't have her food until she stays in her place.
- **5:45** Your dog inhales her food, then you "heel" her to the bathroom (heel as in walk with leash, but no harness), measure out two cups of water, she drinks what she wants, and you empty out any water she didn't drink. She only gets water when you give it to her, part of the "bonding." She better follow my commands and keep me safe so that she can have water!
- **5:47** Dress up warm then out to the courtyard for "park time." Twenty blind people circle their dogs around them, all urging our dog to empty. Trainers are with us and call out to let us know when we've had success: "#1 for Dilbert!" and Dilbert's owner whoops it up to encourage him to always go on command. "Harry has a #2!" And his owner squeals with delight. Today was a red letter day, my dog did her #1 AND #2 fairly quickly: once they do both you can have them lead you back into the building (and warmth!) using the "inside!" command.
- **6:00** Back to our room. Clean out empty bowls with a little squeegee thing they gave us to do so, put bowls back on their shelf (above toilet) in bathroom.
- **6:05 a.m.:** I don't what others do, but I make myself a cup of instant coffee using this groovy collapsible "hot pot" Mike bought me for my birthday last month.

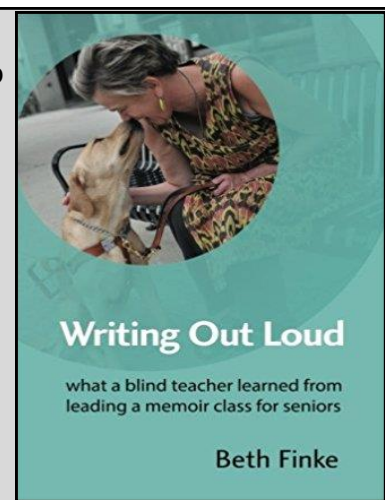
- **6:15** Check email.
- **6:30** Shower.
- **6:45** Call "6368" on desk phone to hear what the menu for today is, check blood sugar and take appropriate insulin to cover breakfast.
- **6:55** Announcement over intercom "first floor ladies, head down to the dining room" or "men from upstairs, start heading to breakfast." We all parade down to the dining room, our dogs leading the way.
- **7:00** Each student has an assigned seat in the dining room, we give dogs a series of commands to go "left" "forward" or "right" to get to our seat and praise them when they achieve their goal.
- **7:15** Breakfast. The dining room is lovely, white tablecloths and all. Waiters and waitresses come to get our orders so the dogs will know how to act in a restaurant.
- **8:00** Off in vans to training center in downtown Morristown.
- **8:15** Today we are practicing our "solo" route. We've been practicing a route around Morristown for the past couple days. The route includes T-intersections, four-way stoplights, a two-way stop sign, talking walk signals, left turns, two right turns. Our "solo trip" is Sunday, and during the solo the trainer is still behind us, but quite a distance.
- Uh-oh. Announcement over intercom just sounded: time to head to the vans to downtown Morristown. It's not even 8:00 a.m. yet!



The dogs work hard even before they meet their human companions. Here, a trainer teaches a dog how to lead around common obstacles.

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

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Monday, January 6, 2020

[The Grail Cafe Officially Opens Their Doors at 715 S. Dearborn](#)

Lots of excitement in the neighborhood about the opening of the new Grail Cafe at 715 S. Dearborn. They had a soft opening late in December, but officially opened their doors on January 1st, 2020 (from [their Facebook Page](#)):

And we've heard from a variety of readers, such as:

Wow, this place is extremely busy! Just wanted to let you know. Barely a seat open during lunch time rush.

We haven't been yet, but curious what everyone is thinking. If the first 7 reviews on Yelp are true (6 five stars and 1 four star), it seems like it's a gem. [We really liked what A.S.V. said on yelp](#):

"Even before entering, the curb appeal of the beautiful logo and art deco design, finely crafted dark woods and rich golden palette announces that this cafe is something special.

It only gets better when you step inside. While it just opened New Year's Day 2020, you feel like you could be in Paris circa 1925. The vintage stylings are complemented by original artwork by co-owner and accomplished artist Steven Cook. Despite the exquisite decor, it's also warm and inviting, with soft, comfortable booths, inviting smells, quiet ambient music and a friendly staff. Locals might be tempted to make a day of it, which is entirely doable, as the cafe serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We arrived after 5, and while not quite hungry for dinner, sampled the carrot, sweet potato with pistachio pesto soup, and the Mediterranean Couscous en papillote -- cooked in folded parchment paper to seal in moisture and steam the food. They open it up at the table where you get to breathe in the aromas. The herbs and spices were perfectly balanced, and I quickly forgot that I wasn't hungry and inhaled it (making an effort to slow down for moments to savor it). Compliments to chef owner Sheldrick Holmes for the best tasting couscous I might have ever tasted. I look forward to trying the others, Herbed Mahi Mahi and Za'atar Tofu, maybe with some wine next time." Welcome Grail Cafe and thanks to the owners for bringing your biz to the Sloop!

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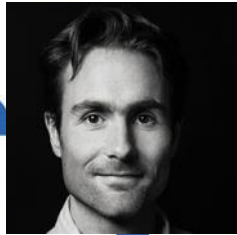
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Please note: This event was originally scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2019 but had to be postponed. This is the NEW date.

Join One Book, One Chicago as we welcome climate expert David Wallace-Wells. David Wallace-Wells is a national fellow at the New America foundation and a columnist and deputy editor at *New York* magazine. He was previously the deputy editor of *The Paris Review*. His book, *The Uninhabitable Earth*, is a No. 1 New York Times bestseller and reveals the dramatically different near-future lives that humans will lead due to the global impacts of the climate crisis.

David will be interviewed by Tony Briscoe. Tony Briscoe is an environmental reporter with The Chicago Tribune who has written extensively about issues facing the Great Lakes and the impacts of climate

Author David Wallace-Wells: The Uninhabitable Earth

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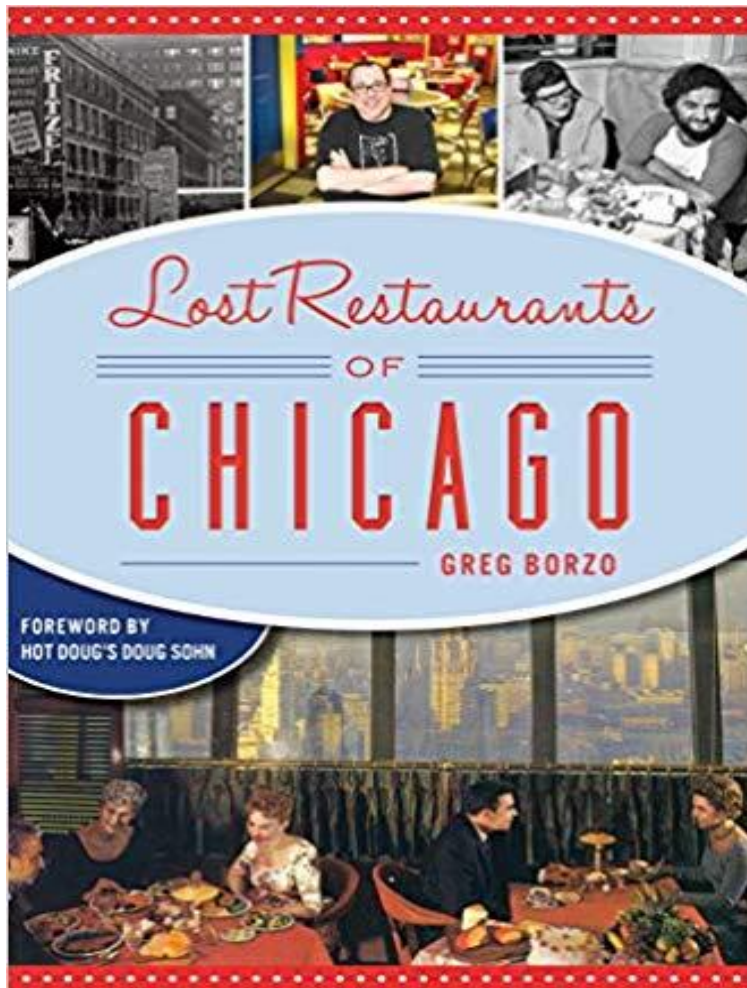
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change in the Midwest. Since joining the Tribune in 2014, Briscoe has delved into a broad range of issues, including the complexity of plastics pollution within the planet's largest system of freshwater and the dangers posed by wave phenomena known as meteotsunamis.

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

This program is a part of the 2019-2020 One Book, One Chicago season, exploring the theme Season For Change through the book [The Sixth Extinction](#) by Elizabeth Kolbert. For more information, visit www.onebookonechicago.org

Lorraine Schmall is on vacation



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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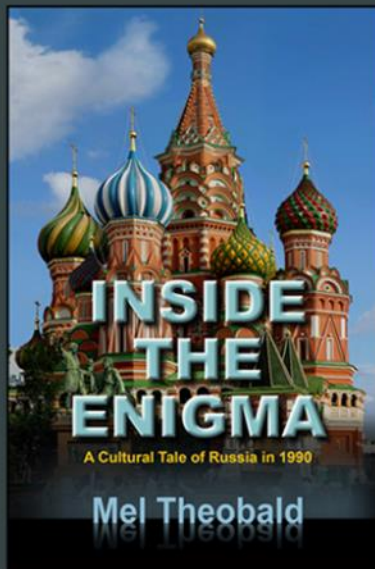
what a blind teacher learned from leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke

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A Cultural Tale of Russia in 1990

by Mel Theobald



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Retired in Chicago

Generosity was best of Dad's many good examples

By **Marianne Goss**, Jan 4th, 2020

There are many ways my father, who died two weeks ago, set a good example for us. His honesty, his religiosity, his friendliness. What I expect to remember most appreciatively was his generosity.

As my brother said in his eulogy, there was hardly anyone who asked Dad for money who didn't get it. He wasn't a wealthy man, so the donations were modest. He had Mom writing \$10 and \$15 checks all the time. He didn't write them himself because his hands shook from an essential tremor and he was embarrassed about his handwriting.

We all know that organizations don't ask only once a year, so Dad's annual contributions to many added up to several times \$10. He didn't keep track of when he last sent money; he just had Mom write another check. I don't think I was really aware of how much he was giving until one Christmas when I noticed the stack of calendars from grateful charities. There were also piles of notepads, boxes of greeting cards, and other thank you gifts.

I remember trying to convince him that a small contribution mostly goes for the administrative cost of processing it. Why not pick a few charities to which to give larger amounts? I could research the solicitors for him to make sure they were legitimate and efficient. Dad's response was "If they're asking, they need it."

Mom thought that their giving could be more discriminating, so I once asked her to save envelopes from the charities she didn't feel so inclined to support. I emailed the organizations to ask that my parents be removed from mailing lists because they were elderly and couldn't evaluate charities. In the time during which requests to discontinue were processed, many of the organizations must have solicited Dad again, and he donated again, since he remained on many of the same lists.

I once asked Dad how much he gave every month. He estimated about \$300. With that added to the generous ongoing contributions to their church, my parents' giving was above a 10-percent tithe. Those of you doing the math realize that they didn't have a large income. They weren't in the habit of vacationing, eating at expensive restaurants, and going to concerts, plays, or even movies. Their discretionary income went to charity.

Last year I finally started to tithe — to give one-tenth of my income from social security and the Required Minimum Distribution (more below).

I should have emulated my dad's generosity much sooner. As I decide where to contribute this year — just a few places, not all over the place as Dad did — I'm going to think of it as my tribute to Dad.

LETTING INVESTMENT COMPANY DO THE WORK OF CONTRIBUTING FOR ME

During the annual end-of-the-year giving rush, I was going to write about an easy way to make contributions through one's investment company, but my dad's death delayed that post.

I started tithing when I had to begin taking the Required Minimum Distribution, the withdrawal from heretofore tax-free savings that must be made annually after a certain age. The age was 70½ when I started to take a RMD in 2019, but it has been raised to 72 for 2020. The amount is a percentage of the tax-free savings.

My adviser at Fidelity Investments allowed me an uncomplicated way to make contributions. Last January I gave her the list of charities I want to support, and she had the checks sent out. RMD donations to charitable organizations aren't taxed as long as the money goes straight from the investment account to each charity, so the charities received my full intended contributions. I was able to give anonymously to charities I don't want solicitations from.

My adviser and I decided to meet every January about the coming year's contributions. Sometime soon I'll review last year's list of charities and decide whether to add to or subtract from it. When we meet, my adviser will estimate a tithe amount, I'll divide it among the charities, and she'll have checks sent out again.

Then for the rest of the year I won't feel bad about discarding mail asking for donations. Not like my dad, but I feel good knowing he'd applaud tithing. I wish I had told him I was doing it.

ANTI-TRUMP QUOTATIONS: 94TH IN AN ONGOING SERIES

"Given the foreign affairs and national security incompetence of this president, his disregard for professional knowledge and experience, and his impulsive decision-making process, I have no confidence that this administration can handle the war they stimulated."

— James W. Pardew, former US ambassador to Bulgaria, deputy assistant secretary-general of NATO, and career Army intelligence officer

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Tuesday, January 14, 2020

[Harbor Officially Opens at Former Gioco Space on Wabash \(1312 S. Wabash\)](#)

Another big opening for the Sloop (via [Eater](#)):

A beloved South Loop restaurant space will roar once more starting on Monday night when Harbor opens at 1312 S. Wabash Avenue. The restaurant pays homage to the Great Lakes and its owners's passion for sailing. Harbor replaces Gioco, an Italian restaurant that lasted 19 years before closing in May 2018. The opening is a big deal for South Loop residents eager for more neighborhood restaurants.



Chef-partner Anthony Bernal, formerly of Mastro's Steakhouse in River North, put together a tight menu that includes lentil falafel, a raw bar, and plenty of lake fish. The kitchen features a wood-fired oven for thin-crust pizza, and fans may be interested in the New Haven, Connecticut-influenced clam pie. The owners — Joe Taylor, Chris Parth, and Adam Ellis — are industry veterans.

The menu looks small, but interesting. Curious to try it out, but if you've been let us know.

The bones of the restaurant look similar to Gioco, but certainly has a different vibe inside: <http://www.sloopin.com/>

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Players 2020: The Fifty People Who Really Perform for Chicago

January 2, 2020 by [Kevin Greene](#)



Regina Victor, J. Nicole Brooks, Yu Shibagaki and Erin Kilmurray/
Photo: Joe Mazza | Brave Lux

As RSVPs started rolling in for this year's **Players photoshoot** (a multi-day marathon that would not be possible without the grace and good cheer of Joe Mazza and Susan Ask of Brave Lux), a handful of folks wrote back saying they regretted they would have to miss the shoot because they would be out of town for work. These days, this is hardly unusual: a quick scan of the production credits of the artists on this list sees many working around the country as well as in a variety of media and roles. Meanwhile, Chicago has long been a mecca for artists looking to cut their teeth in the local style: a spirited and scrappy can-do ethos, which translates to hundreds of productions across the city at any given time. This is a central paradox of our performance communities: an abundance of both supply and demand. And while the pros to this symbiotic arrangement are too numerous to fully account for, the drawback is that we sometimes have difficulty holding onto the talent we already have as we import dancers, directors, designers and Dionysians of all stripes from abroad and, too often, scribes from beyond the grave. And while cultural exchange is an essential artery in the infrastructure of art-making and heedlessly embracing a politics of isolation would be a disaster for our city, what I've come to admire most about Chicago's performance community is the collective chip on our broad shoulders. We can do it better, faster, cheaper as well as more affordably and accessible than anyone, anywhere, period. And while conversations around equity and representation purposefully persist, during this season of reflection and anticipation, poised as we are forever on the precipice of change and stasis, we arrive at an agreeable theme: gratitude. To the long-awaited revenant and lifelong resident alike, thank you for giving Chicago its most meaningful epithet of all: home. (Kevin Greene)

Players 50 2020 was written by Kevin Greene and Sharon Hoyer, with additional contributions by Amanda Finn, Ben Kaye, Erin Shea Brady, Zach Freeman and Hugh Iglarsh.

Click here for the rest of the story:

<https://www.newcitystage.com/2020/01/02/players-2020-the-fifty-people-who-really-perform-for-chicago/2/>

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The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago. Returning to Chicago after 40 years in California as a jazz producer and recording engineer, **Jonathan Horwich** has continued pursuing his passion for music and high quality sound. **Carol Montag** grew up in St. Louis, MO and came to Chicago to attend The University of Chicago and never left. She has been an educator for 52 years as a classroom teacher, school administrator, and educational coach.

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Jonathan Horwich & Carol Montag

Please join me and Huddle in the Loop for the Women's March on 1/18. Here are the details about 2 different events:

Pre-Women's March Meet Up

We'll be meeting at 10am in the 1st floor coffee shop at the Union League Club (65 W Jackson) before heading to the Women's March in Grant Park at 10:20am.

Post-March Postcard Party

After the Women's March, we'll meet at Latinicity (108 N State St) to grab some food/drinks and write postcards for Congressional candidate for IL-03 **Marie Newman** and IL Supreme Court Justice candidate **Cynthia Cobbs** (Cynthia would be the first African American Female Justice in IL).

We will have postcards available, but feel free to bring your own as well. Meet us around 12:30pm in the back eating area of Latinicity for an afternoon of activism to get more women elected in Illinois.

Links to both of the Facebook invites are above. Please join me and please spread the word - the more the merrier!

Hope to see you next weekend! Kathy



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Alderman Dowell's Ordinance on Dangerous Motorcycles Heard Today in Committee, Jan 9th, 2020

Today, the City Council Committee on Public Safety held a hearing on Alderman Dowell's ordinance that asks the City to outline a plan to deal with the illegal and dangerous groups of motorcycle riders that recklessly ride around many neighborhoods in Chicago. Thank you to Chairman Chris Talieferro for holding this important hearing, and to Chicago Police Department Bureau of Patrol Chief Fred Waller, Commander Sean Loughran and OEMC Executive Director Rich Guidice for their testimony at the hearing.

Alderman Dowell is also grateful for the support she has received from her fellow aldermen who share this problem, including Aldermen: Reilly, Hopkins, King, Napolitano, Smith, Hairston, Sigcho-Lopez, Tunney and Daley Thompson.

For full coverage and police plans to address this issue, please go to <https://chicago.suntimes.com/city-hall/2020/1/9/21058719/motorcycle-clubs-police->



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Roots PPA Meeting Also in December, our office hosted a community meeting in the South Loop to discuss Roots Pizza's (Dearborn and Polk) request for a Public Place of Amusement License. This license will allow them to hold select private events on their second floor. Members of the community offered excellent feedback regarding their concerns and we will use this feedback to craft a plan of operation for the establishment.

Community Advisory Councils

Don't miss an opportunity to get more engaged in your community. We are launching Community Advisory Councils, which will represent the six community areas that make up the ward (to see a map of the community areas, click here). Currently, our office is seeking individuals who are interested in taking an active role in their community to join their local Advisory Council. The Council will take lead in advising our office in areas such as the arts, development, public safety, infrastructure, economic development, education and much more. We plan to hold kick-off meetings in January and February to discuss the specifics further with individuals who are interested in serving. If you are interested in being involved, please click here. If you would like more information, please contact our office and request to speak with Mack Thurman. Our next Advisory Council meeting will take place for the South Loop community, on **January 15 at 6 p.m. Columbia College (618 S. Michigan) Second Stage**. We are in the process of scheduling the remaining meetings, so stay tuned for those dates and locations in the near fu-

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A strong (cold!) finish for South Loop's cross country team

By Ben S., 5th grade

The South Loop Cross Country Team was amazing at the Nov. 7th City Championships! It was about 15 degrees Fahrenheit outside, but our South Loop Lions kept running.



All of the team made it to the City Championships because regionals were canceled. In both 5th and 6th grade races, there were more than 150 people running. In the girls 7th and 8th grade race, there were 117 people and in the boys 7th and 8th there was 140. Here are some of the top South Loop Lions.

5th and 6th grade girls: Morgan Thielke, Kate Smaroff, Marin Benson, Salome Benson, and Ari Moore

5th and 6th grade boys: Sinan Abuzayd, Warren Mason, Chase Green, Peyton Mathen, Ben Smaroff, and Will Stevens

7th and 8th grade girls: Karis White and Amariah Word

7th and 8th grade boys: Zach Smaroff, Sam Powers, and Blake Owens

If you want to see the times, go to lakeshoreathleticservices.com.

That was the last cross country meet of the year, but look forward to track in the spring!



Workers installing windows in the new building going up on Clark St near Polk. Photo Dec 29, 2019.

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South Loop Memory Café

The South Loop Memory Café is a monthly social gathering for persons living with dementia and their family, friends and care partners.



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2019 Meeting Dates

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- *Sep 12 In development
- Oct 10 Sing-a-long
- Nov 14 Cooking Demonstration
- Dec 12 Holiday Music Program

*South Loop Farmers Market dates—plan to stay a while after the meeting and shop!



OPINION

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"Recreational" marijuana? What? Do you get a bowling ball and a tennis racket with your purchase?

Now that it's perfectly legal to buy pot, I'd like to know why it's called "recreational?" What other drug goes from prescription drug to recreational drug via government sanction? Do you get a box of ping pong balls and a boxing glove to go along with your purchase? Why "recreational?"

How marijuana smoking (and eating) went from the greatest scourge of humanity to great sport over a century or so, I guess you have to be a baby boomer to figure out. (Like me.)

And follow the money, too.

When I was in grammar school, my mother burst through the door of my room one day, as she was wont to do from time to time with some advice. "Do not ever take a drug from anyone who wants to give you one. Because if you do that, you will never be able to stop taking that drug and you will spend the rest of your life being dependent on that drug and you will be begging people for money so you can get it. And then you will die. Young."

Well, I had no idea what she was talking about. But it worked. I never took a drug because she scared me to death. I stayed away from everything from heroin and cocaine to Advil and aspirin. I never took anything anyone tried to give me. And I am the only person on earth who believed Bill Clinton when he said he never inhaled. I never did either. Booze was another story. We had a house full of booze. And my mother never warned me about that. Never. No matter what.

However, I know why my mother felt the way she did. She spent a lot of time in jazz clubs. She was friends with some of Chicago's greatest jazz musicians and those who made it all happen. She and my father hung with everyone in the jazz world. She knew from that world what could happen if someone pushed a drug up your nose or into your veins or down into your stomach.

The mother of one of my brother's friends who lived a few doors away used to pay a regular visit to my mom, asking to "borrow" money. She was a heroin addict. And my mother felt sorry for her. So she "lent" her the money whenever she asked.

Today, she would probably insist that she go to a rehab, and maybe even help her pay for it. But in those days, who knew? My generation is the one that soaked up shades of that horror movie about pot that everyone still laughs heartily about: [Reefer Madness](#). My generation is the one that had marijuana portrayed as a gateway drug that would lead to everything from white slavery to early entry in a coffin.

And let me say this: In the 60s, I did know some very promising people who I went to college with who started with pot, progressed to harder and harder drugs and who ultimately choked on vomit or had an inexplicable heart attack in their beds and died.

But they were a special minority. They were the kinds of people who had an inherent and organic propensity to drug addiction and drug abuse ([studies say there is a substantial percentage of us who do](#)) and who have allowed street gangs and drug companies, both of which discovered this weakness, to cash in.

Pot, of course, has a very interesting money story. Like jitney cabs and policy games, weed sales--traditionally run by black entrepreneurs--have been taken over by mainstream business people and politicians and turned into Uber/Lyft, the Lottery and now recreational pot, respectively.

One problem that may be solved by this, though, is the pot--for the most part, at least--won't be cut with lethal poisons.

Why let them have all the money, when we can have it? I'm sure JP Pritzker said when Springfield gave the A-OK. Better those who want to buy it get it cleanly and safely and that the money helps the State's bottom line. And that people's lives are no long going to be spent in jails and prisons (some for life) as collateral damage from an illegal drug trade. In fact, Pritzker says the [people most harmed by pot being illegal will benefit the most from it being legal](#).

Four years ago, legal pot entered Illinois' stream of commerce as medicine. A prescription was required. Marijuana was suddenly deemed to cure everything from depression and digestive disorders to seizures and PTSD!

And that is good!

But what I couldn't figure out is why the pot industry wasn't turned over to Walgreen's and CVS like all prescription drugs? Why did it need its own dispensary?

Maybe so the politically connected could get yet another state-sponsored payoff with a license to sell?

If it had been turned over to the official legal drug trade via drug stores, it would now be considered an over the counter drug, taken whenever the mood strikes. The same way one decides to take meds for colds, headaches, aches, pains and vitamin deficiencies.

I guess there aren't any drugs at Walgreen's that say "strictly recreational," though. (Snicker, snicker.)

Which I guess gives pot a special designation that doles it out by dispensaries for "recreational" purposes.

And why [our Lt. Governor was standing in line at a dispensary on Day One](#) of sales with a giddy smirk on her face. Think of the same picture at a liquor store waiting in line to buy a bottle of Johnny Walker Red or a six-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon? Not that there's anything wrong with standing in line to do either one.

But....

Pot: A new day, a new world, a new life. A new drug. And a new value judgment?

And a totally new adjective: recreational.

One thing I don't remember in the old days is this: No one was much up for a bowling game, a ping pong match or a volleyball tourney after smoking a little pot. They got a little too mellow for that.



Bonnie McGrath

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

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Printers Row Park Advisory Council

The next meeting, which will include the Advisory Council Election, for the Printers Row Park Advisory Council will be **Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm** at Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn.

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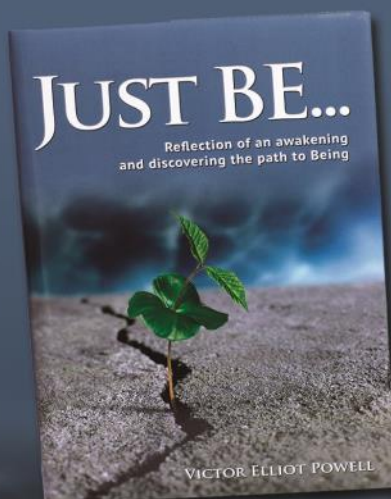
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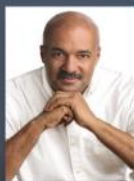
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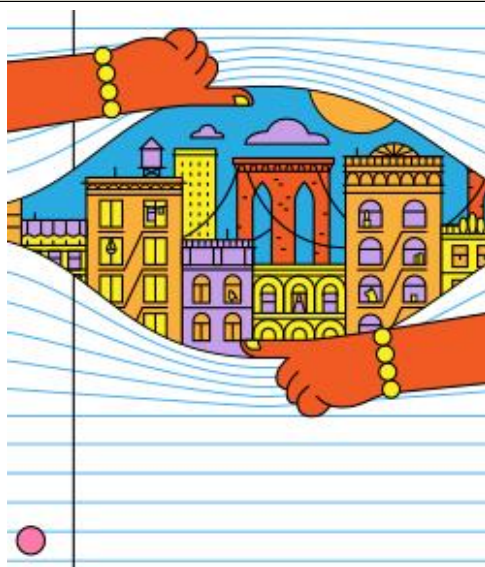
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Friday, February 14th, 7:30 p.m.
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by Melissa James Gibson
directed by Coya Paz

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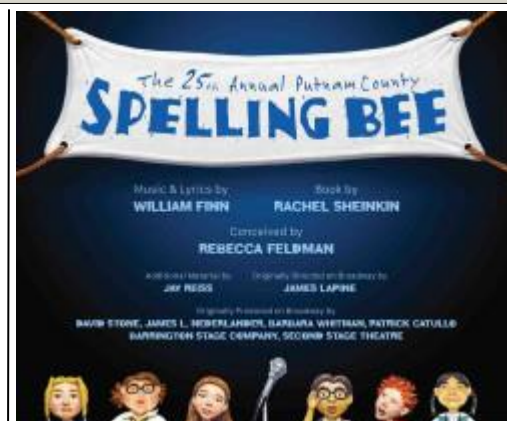
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By [Sun-Times Wire](#) Jan 10, 2020, 10:35pm CST



A coyote was spotted Jan. 10, 2020, near Shedd Aquarium. *Google Maps*

Officials were investigating a reported coyote sighting Friday near Shedd Aquarium.

Officers responded about 7 p.m. to the 1200 block of South Lake Shore Drive after a possible coyote was seen "running after a jogger" in the area, Chicago police said.

Chicago Animal Care and Control spokeswoman Jennifer Schlueter said officials were working to confirm the sighting.

Thursday night, a [coyote was captured](#) as officials responded to reports of the animals roaming the city.

It was all set in motion by [two separate](#) coyote incidents — the boy bitten near Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum on Wednesday afternoon and, a few hours later, a man reported to police that a coyote bit him on the buttocks.

The boy was bitten multiple times about 4 p.m. He was on a walking path just north of the nature museum entrance when he ran up a hill a few steps ahead of his caretaker and came face-to-face with the coyote, which attacked.

THE DEARBORN EXPRESS

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Wednesday, January 8, 2020

[Beware! Coyote on the Loose in the Sloop!](#)

From a reader:

I don't have a picture because my instincts and reflexes aren't the best, but this morning, I was walking on Plymouth, underneath Roosevelt, when a large, brown coyote ran through the tunnel heading south at a breakneck pace. It was in a full sprint, zipping past parents with children. A car was pulling out of South Loop Elementary and almost hit the coyote, but it ricocheted off the corner of the hood, its limbs akimbo before landing on the asphalt. It then continued barreling down Plymouth.

Everyone stood motionless for a beat, wondering what had just happened. Kids seemed undisturbed, as they probably thought it was a loose dog.

Keep your small pets on short leashes, Sloopers.

<http://www.sloopin.com/>

Abigail first became fascinated by the body's structure and movement at an early age. As a young adult, she immersed herself in the world of performance art and was a member of multiple youth circus troops

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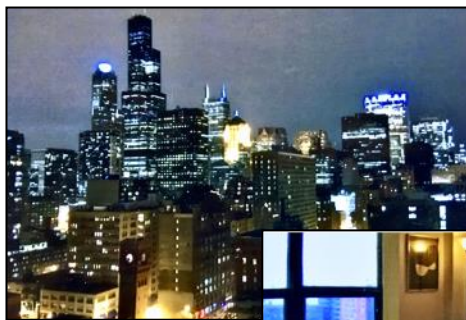
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6:00pm at 525 S. State St.

(Every 2nd Wednesday)



Police Blotter

<http://home.chicagopolice.org/>

BEAT 123

Sun, 15 Dec 2019 03:57 1100 S Wabash Ave
BURGLARY Restaurant

Sun, 15 Dec 2019 01:12 600 S State St
AUTO THEFT Non Resid Garage/Parking lot

Sun, 08 Dec 2019 10:20 1100 S State St
ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY CTA Platform

Fri, 13 Dec 2019 18:44 0 E Roosevelt Rd
AGGRAVATED BATTERY CTA Station

Tue, 17 Dec 2019 08:16 1100 S Wabash Ave
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Restaurant

Wed, 11 Dec 2019 16:45 700 S State St
STRONGARM ROBBERY School

Thu, 26 Dec 2019 11:15 0 W Polk St
BURGLARY Commercial/Business Office

Sun, 29 Dec 2019 18:40 1100 S State St
STRONGARM ROBBERY CTA TRAIN

Tue, 31 Dec 2019 00:55 1100 S State St
STRONGARM ROBBERY CTA Platform

Sun, 29 Dec 2019 03:20 600 S State St
STRONGARM ROBBERY CTA Platform

BEAT 131

Sat, 07 Dec 2019 23:21 1600 S Wabash Ave
AUTO THEFT

Sat, 07 Dec 2019 23:55 1200 S Wabash Ave
AUTO THEFT Parking Lot (non Resd.)

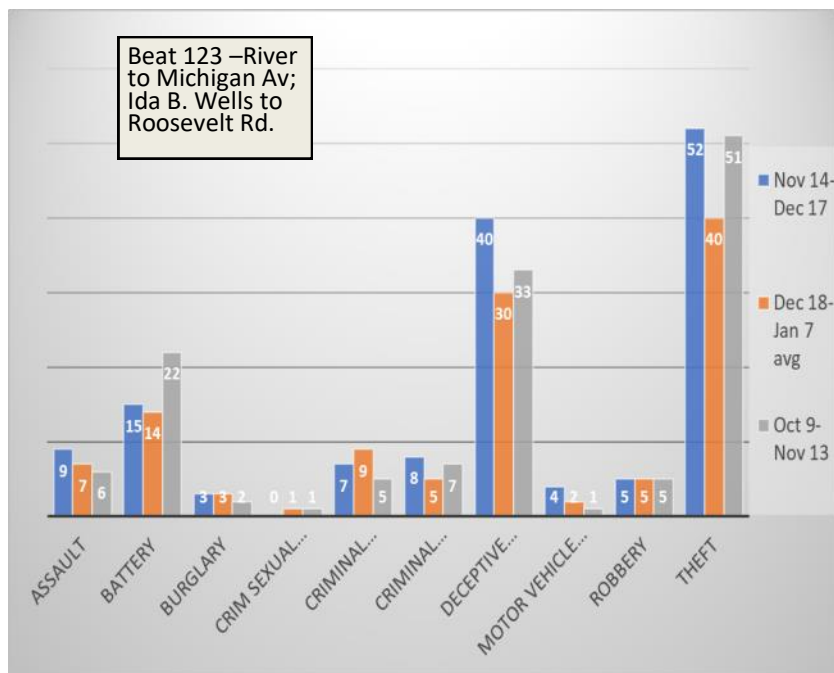
Sat, 23 Nov 2019 02:05 0 W Cermak Rd
BURGLARY Forcible Entry School Public Building

Mon, 02 Dec 2019 14:10 0 E Roosevelt Rd
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY Small Retail Store

Mon, 09 Dec 2019 08:41 1300 S Federal St
BURGLARY Residence Garage

Wed, 01 Jan 2020 04:00 1100 S Michigan Ave
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Apartment

Sat, 28 Dec 2019 16:45 0 E Roosevelt Rd
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CTA Train



[CTA Red Line](#)

Two Teen Girls Charged in Red Line Robbery, Beating: Police

Four females and two males were wanted in connection with the Dec. 29 attack

Published on January 5, 2020

Two teenage girls were charged in connection with a robbery on a Red Line train last week in the South Loop.

The 15 and 16-year-old girls were each charged with one felony count of robbery and two felony counts of aggravated battery in a public place, Chicago police said.

A group of suspects beat and robbed a person about 6:40 p.m. Dec. 29 on a train at the Roosevelt station, police said. Four females and two males were wanted in connection with the attack.

Police said the two girls admitted to punching and kicking two females on the train. The investigation is ongoing.

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3:00 AM - 7 AM DAILY**



Bureau of Detectives – Area Central

Community Alert



Alert #P20-1-003CA
January 4, 2020

Robberies 1st District (Central)

About the Crime:

This alert gives notice in the 1st District (Central) of CTA (Redline) Robbery incidents which have occurred during the month of December. In these incidents, offenders were in a large group riding the CTA Redline train between the Chicago and Roosevelt stops. Offenders confronted passengers without reason, began striking them, and took their personal property. All incidents are occurring in the evening hours. These incidents have occurred in the geographical locations listed below.

The incidents are listed below:

- 100 Block of North State St., Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 11:40 PM
- 600 Block of South State St., Sunday, December 29, 2019 from 3:20-3:30 AM
- 1100 Block of South State St., Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 6:40 PM
- 1100 Block of South State St., Tuesday, December 31, 2019 from 12:55-1:14 AM

About the Offenders:

Multiple offenders involved described as male and female, black race, 14-18 yoa and female, white race, 14-18 yoa, with blue hair.

What you can do:

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Report suspicious activity immediately
- If you are confronted by an assailant remain calm
- Remember any unique physical characteristics (scars, limp, acne, teeth, etc...)
- Never pursue a fleeing assailant, provide the information to the police
- If video surveillance equipment is present, please save a copy of the incident for investigating detectives
- If approached by a witness to the incident, request contact information
- Dial 9-1-1 immediately and remain on scene when possible

**If you have any information Contact the Bureau of Detectives –
Area Central (312) 747-8380**

**JC563804, JC564506, JC564767, JC566061
Reference: PATTERN # P20-1-003**

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1322 S PRAIRIE ST 1807
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\$242,000
1530 S STATE AVE 426
11/8/19

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\$225,000
1430 S MICHIGAN AVE
11/7/19

\$265,000
1 E 8TH ST 702
11/8/19

\$248,500
1440 S MICHIGAN AVE 315
11/6/19

\$772,500
1111 S WABASH AVE 2602
11/5/19

\$385,000
1530 S STATE ST 811
11/4/19

\$514,000
100 E 14TH ST 1104
11/1/19

\$196,000
780 S FEDERAL ST 207
11/1/19

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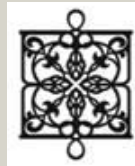
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