

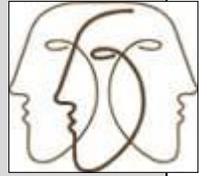


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South Loop Parking Meeting

As reported by Kathy Lewis

As was publicized in Alderman Sophia King’s newsletter, her office hosted: “a community meeting to discuss parking in the South Loop—particularly the area from Congress Parkway (Ida B. Wells Drive) to Roosevelt Road by Wells Street to Wabash Avenue. We plan to share recommendations, get feedback and discuss possible solutions. We will be joined by representatives from the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Finance Department who will answer questions regarding their work in the area. The meeting will take place at Grace Place (637 S. Dearborn) at 6 p.m.”

Summary South Loop Neighbors described the meeting succinctly: At Alderman King’s meeting on October 11, she proposed adding additional street parking in the South Loop. Options include adding free parking with no restrictions and extending overnight free parking, but does not include expanding permit parking.

South Loop Parking Discussion Alderman King arrived at about 6:20pm to a crowd of around 65 people. She and her team have been investigating ways to increase parking in the area. She commented that her office would issue no more “letters of exception” until having a broader discussion with area residents. These exceptions are requested by residents in new buildings who have pay-for parking available and do not qualify for the 1673 permit. New buildings are not allowed to get 1673, because they have available parking.

Several attendees were from Dearborn Park and were concerned about keeping their 9-11am parking ban in place. Alderman King assured them that the issue had been resolved 18 months ago, and the ban would remain.

Alderman King and her team has worked with CDOT for recommendations on expanding parking spaces in the area. The meeting was to get feedback on their recommendations and plan a path for going forward. Obviously, there will always be more cars than spots. Due to the city’s privatized parking meters, there are limited options for evening public parking and extended free parking.

The Alderman has identified 16 spots in Dearborn Park One (DPI) and 51 spots outside. These could just be added, or they can be leveraged with other currently metered spots and expanded to become 130 spots that are free in the evening. All would be free—not zoned. (Continued on page 13)

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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

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 Tue, Oct 23, 8pm & 10pmRoosevelt University Special Concert from Brazil—Choro Das Tres
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 Wed, Oct 31, 8pm & 10pmSaxophonist Mark Colby Quartet
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- 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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How come the cops never give tickets for riding a bike on the sidewalk in MY neighborhood? Because they're too busy doing it in other neighborhoods

The one good thing about winter coming? The number of bicycle riders on the sidewalk will diminish. They won't disappear. They won't stop posing a danger to us pedestrians. But the cold, the snow and the ice will lower their numbers and reduce the chances of us walkers getting seriously injured.

For those of us who make our homes in and around the Loop, we know the types who ride on our sidewalks. The young guys who get a real thrill riding at race car speed, coming up alongside us and brushing our shirtsleeves as they do.

Then there's the idiots who get irritated when we're in *their* path and just about hit us head-on, but don't because *we* get out of *their* way.

And there are the tourists--sometimes whole families of them--who rent [Divvys](#) and ride along the sidewalk, swerving and looking side to side as they sight-see in our commanding city, and who also get irritated that us pedestrians are there, getting in the way of their bikes that have become their private tour buses.

Anyway, there is a complete underuse of the street for bike riding around downtown, not to mention an underuse of the bike lanes that have disrupted [and uglified](#) and added dangers to our downtown thoroughfares.

Instead, we have an abundance of rude (maybe even psychotic) bicyclists who protect themselves from cars by ruining our lives on the sidewalk. And they protect themselves with helmets and various joint padding devices, while [we pedestrians out for a walk have no protection](#) from them at all.

But wait! There's [an ordinance in our fair city](#) that gives the cops the right to ticket these little monsters, right? Right! There is! And they do! But guess where?

According to [an article in the Reader this summer](#), the highest rate of ticketing for riding on the sidewalk in Chicago is in neighborhoods on the west and south sides. Often on streets barely used by pedestrians. Often on streets where an older man may be riding on a deserted sidewalk for a block or two to avoid myriad potholes.

And the lowest? Neighborhoods like mine in the South Loop. Exactly where ticketing errant bike riders could do some good and help prevent serious injuries. There are plenty of tickets they could be giving downtown, lots of law breakers to choose from, and lots of ticket revenue to collect. But instead they choose to hassle bike riders in poor black neighborhoods.



You know the saying, "[driving while black?](#)" Which has come to signify a violation in and of itself, all for the purpose of finding some contraband and making an arrest. Well, apparently the same goes for biking on the sidewalk in a poor neighborhood while black.

And that really stinks.

Bonnie McGrath

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



Commentary regarding Parking

Early in the meeting, the Alderman mentioned not reducing or increasing permit parking. She commented that she doesn't believe that permit parking works. However, she could have saved everyone a lot of time if she had said upfront that she will NEVER increase permit parking anywhere in her ward. She ultimately stated this toward the end of the meeting. This is unfortunate, because permit spots help the community as opposed to the general public—which is particularly important in the Loop.

Kathy Lewis

Dearborn Park

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | Sept 24, 2018

THEY DID THE RIGHT THING



Last week I wrote a little about the trial of a Chicago Police Officer named Jason Van Dyke. He shot a 19 year-old named Laquan McDonald 16 times and was charged with first degree murder plus other lesser charges.



I included a link to the dash-cam video of the killing. I'm not going to include it here, and I'm never going to look at it again. It was the cornerstone of the trial, one that made it impossible to buy explanations or excuses for the shooting.

Chicago police have an incredibly difficult job—in many ways, we leave them to deal with what our leaders fail to deal with and we fail to deal with as an electorate. My interactions with the local bicycle cops and beat walkers has always been nothing but friendly.

But there's a long history of less than fair or friendly interactions with citizens in other neighborhoods. It dates back decades—in my lifetime there has been the horrific John Burge torture regime, which future Mayor Richard M. Daley overlooked when he was Cook County District Attorney. Throw in an alarming number of false convictions over the years, and it's not unreasonable to conclude that black people in the wrong place at the wrong time have a harder time getting a fair shake than I do. That's on all of us.

Last week, the jury in the Van Dyke case delivered a verdict. I can't say I'm happy about their guilty verdicts on 2nd degree murder, plus 16 lesser charges. I hate to see anyone go to jail and have their lives and their family and friends' lives changed forever. And McDonald is still dead.

I can say that after listening to the jurors talk about the trial after the verdict, I was heartened. They took their jobs seriously. They took each other seriously and listened to one another.

They answered questions articulately. They were proud of their service. They were not sensational.

I was proud of my fellow citizens, because they—in my view—delivered justice.

MOST RECENT EPISODES

The Radical Sears Catalog,

<https://www.wnycstudios.org/shows/>

Oct 18, 2018. Another chapter in the history of American consumerism came to a close this week when the retail giant Sears announced it was filing for bankruptcy and closing 142 of its unprofitable stores. As experts sifted through the details [about what doomed Sears](#), we found ourselves [reading a Twitter thread](#) about a little-known bit of shopping history. [Louis Hyman](#) is an economic historian and professor at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He tweeted: "In my history of consumption class, I teach about Sears, but what most people don't know is just how radical the catalogue was in the era of Jim Crow." In this week's podcast extra, Hyman talks to Brooke about what we can learn from the way Sears upended Jim Crow power dynamics, and what lessons it offers about capitalism more broadly. His latest book is [Temp: How American Work, American Business, and the American Dream Became Temporary](#).



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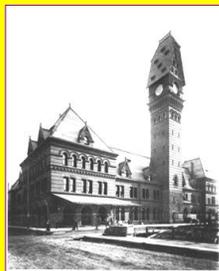
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Book Review: Don't Believe Everything You Think: Louise Penney, **A Great Reckoning** (Minotaur Books 2017).

Snow has already dusted the cliffs of Starved Rock, and it is as dark at 6AM as it is as 6PM: a perfect time to curl up and revel in the delicious prose of **A Great Reckoning**, one of a series of Québécois mysteries, thrillers, crime novels, or as one reviewer called them "as much spiritual investigations into the nature of evil and divine mercy as ... entertainments." The star of these novels is Armand Gamache, a handsome, brilliant cop extraordinaire, former Chief of Detectives for the Province of Quebec, (where it seems murder is ubiquitous, although only 67 denizens died violently last year). In his present incarnation, Gamache is Commander of the *La Sûreté* Police Academy, having rejected the opportunity to lead the prestigious Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He is a man for our times. Not only does he apprehend criminals, but, like reformers on the streets of Chicago, he roots out the isolated but dangerous evil within the ranks of uniformed officers. Tragically, the rot and corruption has infiltrated even the faculty and young recruits in the Academy, whose souls and professionalism Gamache has made his mission to save. He's driven by his own impeccable moral compass, and by the words of his friend and neighbor, a crotchety but celebrated poet, who cautions:

"Sneak home and pray/you'll never know the hell where youth and laughter go." Penny writes: he is "a man more inclined to track down a rare book than a murder...but find killers he'd done...serial killers, singular killers, mass murderers. Those who premeditated and those who meditated not at all...."

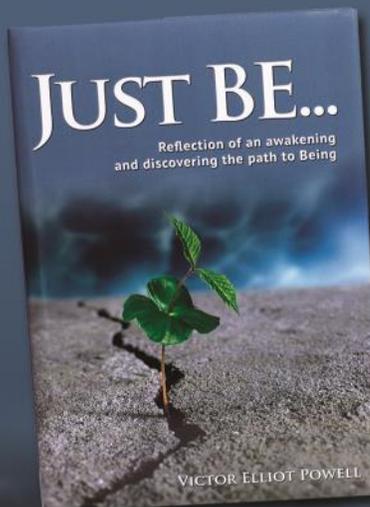
Gamache is joined by a cast of characters so well-developed you feel like you're living among them. Besides the poet, who's as likely to give the middle finger as pen a lyrical phrase, there's the renowned artist; the antiquarian; the bookseller (and former prison psychologist); and the bistro chef. There's the murder victim and the killer; the myriad suspects (Gamache among them); the pets (which may include a ferret and a lion); and the students: a tatted and pierced "Goth;" the "Chinese Girl," the gay Anglo; and the class leader, who teeters at the edge of hell before finding salvation as a volunteer in Haiti. Then there's the *bibliothécaire* wife, who lovingly prepares *beef bourguignon* and *bouillabaisse*, filling the air and the crimefighters' gullets with the scents and tastes of *bouquet garni*, *baguette*, veal,

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park, October, 2018

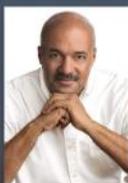


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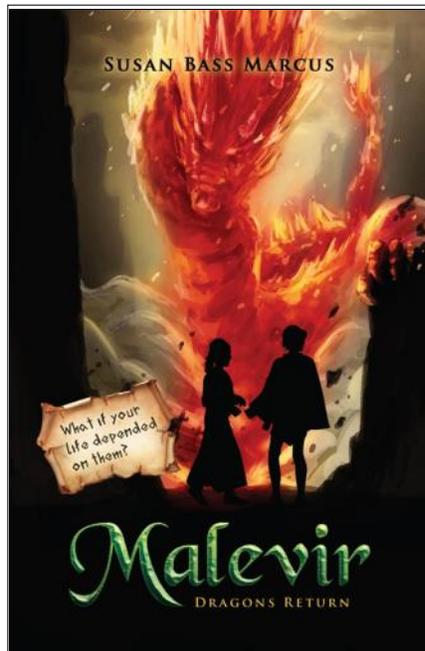


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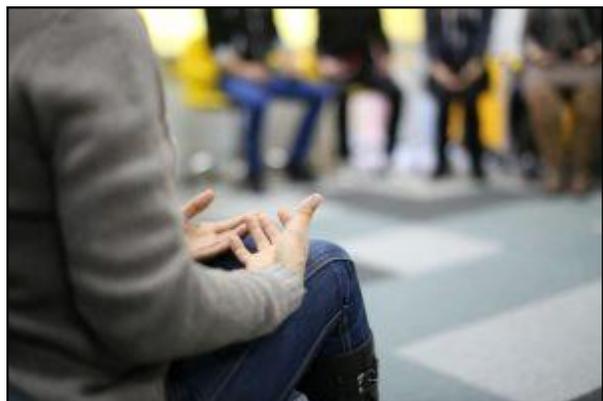
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BENEFITS OF TEACHING MEMOIR: PROVIDING AN ANTIDOTE TO LONELINESS

Writers join the memoir-writing classes I lead for all sorts of reasons. Some tell me they want to hone their writing skills, some hope it will improve their memory, others want to publish their work.



And so on.

None of the writers in my classes have told me they signed up for their first class hoping writing would make them feel better and get healthier, but [a post in the Harvard Health Blog last month](#) presents scientific data supporting the idea that writing about your life does exactly that. In his post, Dr. Jeremy Nobel points out the benefits of writing about life events and adds that **sharing** our writing with others can be energizing, life-enhancing, “and even lifesaving in a world where loneliness — and the ill health it can lead to — has become an epidemic.” From his blog:

Picking up a pen can be a powerful intervention against loneliness. I am a strong believer in writing as a way for people who are feeling lonely and isolated to define, shape, and exchange their personal stories. Expressive writing, especially when shared, helps foster social connections. It can reduce the burden of loneliness among the many groups who are most at risk, including older adults, caregivers, those with major illnesses, those with disabilities, veterans, young adults, minority communities of all sorts, and immigrants and refugees.

That’s a lot of people.

We need more memoir-writing teachers! The publisher of [Writing Out Loud](#) has been working with my husband Mike Knezovich and me for nearly a year to produce an online masterclass for leading classes like mine, and I’ll be debuting our Beth Finke Masterclass on How to Lead Memoir-Writing classes at the [2018 National Village Gathering](#) next week in San Diego.

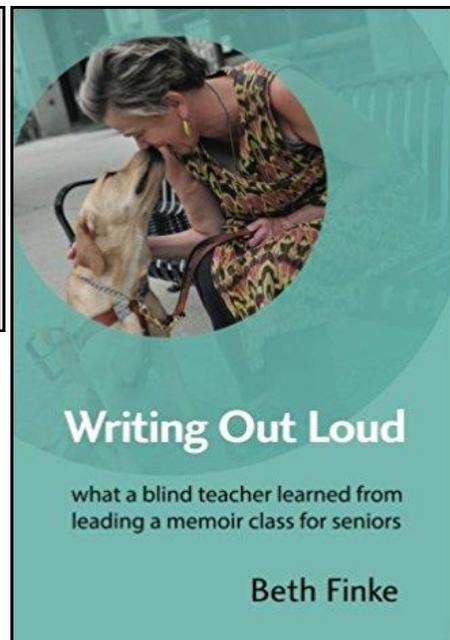
I lead three weekly memoir writing classes for Village Chicago, and hundreds of leaders from similar nonprofit organizations throughout the country will be at the conference. We’re currently piloting the masterclass with Village Chicago (a memoir-writing class that started last month is led by a writer who was in one of my Village Chicago classes before). During next week’s presentation I may share some of the things I’ve been learning mentoring the new teacher.

Dianne Campbell, Founding Executive Director of Village Chicago, summed it all up in a [story published in Classic Chicago Magazine today](#): “It’s exciting to know that Beth’s work in Chicago can be scaled to seed her winning memoir class model in communities across the country.” I hope so — wish me luck!

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Whispers in chorus: the sixth annual Film 50 assembles the wise words of fifty individuals or collaborators or collectives who shape the Chicago film scene as filmmakers of one kind or another. Does two years constitute a generation in accelerated media time? Twenty-six entries recur from 2016's filmmaker roster; twenty-four entries embrace new faces. A total of sixty-five individuals. Nineteen represent partnerships or collectives. (We'll give you your Chicago fire.) Freshmen alongside the experienced, industry cheek-by-jowl with art: the young, thine experienced, each finding their moment, this moment. Filmmakers are under the radar, sounding the sonar, nearly surfacing, not yet surfacing, then breaking onto the scene. Remember, overnight success requires at least ten years of preparation: Chicago is a succession of bushels, with light kept under them until suddenly, as with our cover subject, why had more of us not heard of Bing Liu?

Many of the figures in these entries find inspiration and nourishment from family and friends, grants and groups, collectives and collaborations, academic employment or connections, but all have a home-away-from-home (along with mostly modest homes). As we asked variations of the "Why Chicago/How Chicago" question, most responses came as representative of a complex of edifices rather than the century-long edifice complex that fashioned our skyline. When you find headquarters, when you find home, you can shelter and fashion the world that will take you down the path to the rest of your life.

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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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45 PERFECT Recipes for the PASSIONATE Palate

Jonathan Horwich & Carol Montag

Author Elizabeth Rush discusses "Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore" Monday, October 29, 2018 (6:00PM – 8:00PM)

Harold Washington Library Center



In partnership with the **Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**, Chicago Public Library is pleased to welcome author **Elizabeth Rush** for a conversation about her new book **Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore**. The conversation will be moderated by NRDC Senior Policy Analyst Rob Moore, whose

work focuses on water-related impacts of our rapidly warming climate, including the rising risks of flooding and the effects of sea-level rise.

Description of *Rising*

Harvey. Maria. Irma. Sandy. Katrina. We live in a time of unprecedented hurricanes and catastrophic weather events, a time when it is increasingly clear that climate change is neither imagined nor distant—and that rising seas are transforming the coastline of the United States in irrevocable ways.

In this highly original work of lyrical reportage, Elizabeth Rush guides readers through some of the places where this change has been most dramatic, from the Gulf Coast to Miami, and from New York City to the Bay Area. For many of the plants, animals, and humans in these places, the options are stark: retreat or perish in place. Weaving firsthand accounts from those facing this choice—a Staten Islander who lost her father during Sandy, the remaining holdouts of a Native American community on a drowning Isle de Jean Charles, a neighborhood in Pensacola settled by escaped slaves hundreds of years ago—with profiles of wildlife biologists, activists, and other members of the communities both currently at risk and already displaced, *Rising* privileges the voices of those usually kept at the margins.

South Loop resident Beth Finke's memoir-writing classes in Printer's Row meet for six weeks at 10 a.m. Thursday mornings on the second floor of Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn and will start up again Thursday, October 25, 2018. The fee is \$80 for six classes, and you can sign up now online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memoir-writing-for-seniors-fall-2018-tickets-50741756961> or email Beth at info@bethfinke.com if you prefer paying by check.

Keep up with Beth and her husband Mike Knezovich by following their Safe & Sound blog at www.bethfinke.com/



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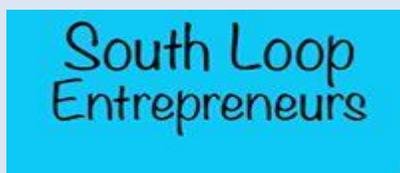
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Many Dearborn Park One residents were concerned about the placement of the 16 new spots in DPI due to congestion, lack of vehicle turnover, and increased traffic due to the “no outlet” streets. Alderman King stated that new spots in DPI would be free 24/7 and not subject to the 9-11am ban. DPI residents were clear that they opposed free spots due to traffic in and out with drivers looking for parking, confusion on the different parking types, and cars left indefinitely. Residents were open to having the spots if they were permit parking for 1673 (which encompasses the full area—not just DPI). Alderman King said that permit parking is not an option. She simply won’t add any additional permit parking ever.

The Alderman then polled the audience. There was widespread support for adding the 51 spots outside DPI, with “leveraged” spots preferred. There was some pushback on adding spots near The Jazz Showcase due to the proposed bike lanes that may be installed there. There were also requests for adding spots on Plymouth Court north from Polk to Harrison instead. Due to extensive objection to the 16 free non-permit spots within DPI, the Alderman said she “probably won’t change that at all”. In other words, they will not be added.

The meeting concluded around 8pm. *Kathy Lewis*

South Loop Entrepreneurs will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next formal gathering with peer coaching will be Nov. 13th, 6pm at 1600 S. State, room 125, Columbia College. 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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Pondering the Future of Mattress Firm at State/Roosevelt



Shopping for a mattress always seemed like a strange experience to us. Additionally, it often seems that mattress stores rarely have an abundance of shoppers inside. Couple those points with the ease and emerging popularity of online mattress shopping and it's easy why Mattress Firm has filed for Bankruptcy (via [Chicago Tribune](#)):

Even Mattress Firm now acknowledges that a particular street on Chicago's North Side has more than enough spots to buy a mattress.

The Houston-based retailer, which filed for bankruptcy protection last week, plans to close 209 stores nationwide by the end of the month, including 29 of its 211 locations in Illinois. Two of the stores on the closure list are on neighboring blocks of North Clybourn Avenue near Cortland Street, according to bankruptcy court records. The company has two other stores still in operation on Clybourn between Cortland and Wrightwood Avenue.

East-West University Student Life Center at 829 S Wabash is looking for a Restaurant to fill the space vacated by AuBon Pain.



Eventually, Mattress Firm plans to close as many as 700 of its roughly 3,400 stores, focusing on those in areas where it has too many locations that are too close together, CEO Steve Stanger said Friday in a statement on the company website.

So why are we writing about this? We've always been fascinated as to the location of a Mattress Firm at the corner of State and Roosevelt (see picture above). This [was a dry cleaner](#) then [converted into a Bedding Experts](#) which was later bought out by Mattress Firm. This location rarely seems busy and in our opinion would be much better served as a restaurant/coffee type of business (although loitering seems to be a problem here and at the Starbucks).

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Roots Pizza



The Landmarks Commission has approved the design of a new building for Roots Pizza, to be built at the north-east corner of Polk & Dearborn, adjacent to the Franklin Building. The two-story restaurant will have a retractable glass roof to allow dining under the sky in nice weather.

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Renting a car for no reason except to drive

By **Marianne Goss**, October 5, 2018

Do people take Sunday drives anymore? When I was a kid, we'd eat Sunday dinner at my grandparents' house on the East Side of Joliet, and then all eight of us would pile into the car for a trip to Pilcher Park, always stopping at the greenhouse and the artesian well.

Sunday drives have largely gone by the wayside, probably for multiple reasons. I don't hear people say they get in the car just to take a drive anymore; indeed, many people would consider it environmentally irresponsible.

I was thinking about this a couple of weeks ago as I was driving through the scenic Jemez Mountains on New Mexico Route 4. Coincidentally, it was a Sunday. A long route from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, Route 4 would allow a stop at Bandelier National Monument. I didn't even realize until afterward that Route 4 is a National Scenic Byway, but it was clear why it is: the scenery is gorgeous, especially on a clear, sunny day. How exhilarating it was to drive the winding roads up and down the mountain sides, marveling at the many colors of rock when I dared to take my eyes off the road. There were few cars, and I often felt alone in nature.

And suddenly it dawned on me how to indulge a desire to drive when I don't own a car: rent a car now and then for a scenic drive out of town — a version of a Sunday drive.

Car ownership makes no sense for me — even less sense now than when I gave up my last car because the odometer was registering only 2,000 miles a year. In my current South Loop location, there are two grocery stores on the corner, the Roosevelt el station and the State Street and Michigan Avenue buses a block away, and the Loop a 20-minute walk away.

Yet I miss driving. When I say that, I don't mean that I miss the convenience of having a car. It's not a sacrifice to take public transportation or walk. Zipcars are available right down the street if I need to haul something heavy.

Nor does missing driving have to do with the machine. My cars, most of them bought used, were utilitarian subcompacts — Toyota Tercel, Nissan Sentra, Geo Prizm. I never owned a car that anyone would ooh and aah over.

What I miss is the physical act of driving. It's fun, traffic jams excepted. Driving is the most fun on open roads where you seldom have to stop for a red light.

Since giving up a car more than a decade ago, every time I've rented a car, it's been to transport myself or stuff from point A to point B. Renting a car just to drive rather than out of need would be new, a sort of mini-minivacation. I wouldn't need a driving fix frequently. Every few months would do.

Where would I go? As a start, Sheridan Road on the North Shore and the Fox River Valley come to mind.

But too much planning seems counter to the idea of a joyride. It might be felicitous just to meander with no design in mind and see what unfolds, not knowing where I'm going until I get there.

FOLLOW-UP ON RESTAURANT NOISE

A few months ago I wrote a [post](#) about noise, particularly in restaurants. I said that when I eat out, it's for conversation as much the food, so I want to hear my companions. I made an assumption that restaurants are catering to a younger generation that likes loudness. That's not true, according to stories last Wednesday in the *Tribune* and on Block Club Chicago. Restaurants are trying to turn down the volume in response to complaints about noise, the articles said, but fixes are expensive.

We don't have to put up with noise when we eat out, however. A new app, Soundprint, allows users to search for restaurants, bars, and cafés based on noise levels. Described as “like Yelp, but for noise,” the app was created by a New York man with hearing loss. More than 30,000 submissions in 12 cities, including Chicago, were sent to his database. SoundPrint reports that more than 450 Chicago venues are evaluated as quiet, moderate, loud, and very loud. Block Club Chicago listed the 20 quietest in its [article](#). I was pleased to see one of my favorite South Loop restaurants, Amarit, listed as number two.

Soundprint is available only for Apple devices for now. Android versions are being considered.

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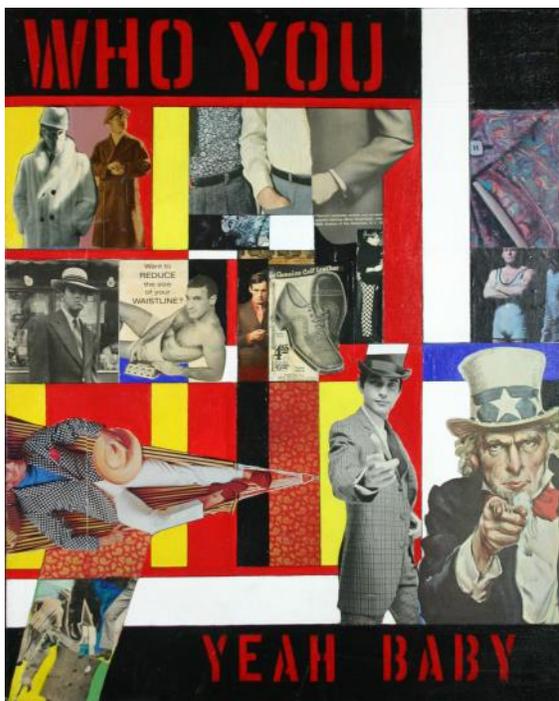
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The Many Hats of Ralph Arnold: Art, Identity & Politics Oct 11 — Dec 21, 2018

During the tumultuous 1960s and 70s, the prolific artist Ralph Arnold made photcollages that appropriated and commented upon mass media portrayals of gender, sexuality, race and politics. Arnold's complex visual arrangements of photography, painting and text were built upon his own multilayered identity as a black, gay veteran and prominent member of Chicago's art community, hence the title for the exhibition, which is drawn from one of the artist's more personal pieces. Arnold participated in some of the era's most provocative exhibitions yet by the mid-1980s he increasingly focused on his teaching and service to the art community. This exhibition brings together Arnold's most significant contributions to the art of collage, including a recently rediscovered triptych made for the 1968 MCA Chicago exhibition, *Violence in Recent American Art*. It also includes work by contemporaries and colleagues like Robert Rauschenberg, Ed Paschke, and Barbara Jones-Hogu to add further context and enrich our understanding of Arnold's legacy.

The MoCP is supported by Columbia College Chicago, the MoCP Advisory Board, the Museum Council, individuals, and private and corporate foundations. The 2018-2019 exhibition season is generously sponsored by The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the Illinois Arts Council Agency, and the Efroymsen Family Fund. *The Many Hats of Ralph Arnold: Art, Identity & Politics* is funded by the Terra Foundation for American Art, The Joyce Foundation, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, and by the Chicago Community Trust.



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Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Shooting Inside Car In Front of Congress Hotel Leaves Two Dead

Another scary scene late last night on Michigan Avenue in front of Congress Hotel (via [ABC7](#)):

Four people were shot, two fatally, after a shooting inside a car that crashed in front of the Congress Plaza Hotel in the South Loop.

Five people were inside the car as the driver was going south on Michigan Avenue at about midnight Monday morning when someone inside started shooting, police said.

The driver hit a light pole and a planter box in front of the Congress Plaza, in the 500 block of South Michigan Avenue and then flipped on its roof.

www.sloopin.com

Dearborn Express

Next issues:

Nov 10

Nov 30

Dec 20

PARKING FOR SALE

801 S. Plymouth Ct P#223/P#222 - Tandem Parking Space at The Terraces - \$58,888.-

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Next CAPS Meeting Nov 14, 2018

6:30PM at 525 S. State St.

(Every 2nd Wednesday)

Police Blotter

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

Sep 2018 13:35:00 1100 S STATE ST
THEFT **POCKET-PICKING** CTA Platform

Mon, 01 Oct 2018 11:06:00 0 E ROOSEVELT NY -
THEFT **POCKET-PICKING** CTA Platform

Sat, 29 Sep 2018 20:30:00 600 S LA SALLE ST
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT Car in Street

Fri, 28 Sep 2018 21:50:00 800 S PLYMOUTH CT
ROBBERY STRONGARM - No Weapon on Street

Sat, 22 Sep 2018 17:40:00 1100 S CLARK St
THEFT OVER \$500 Department Store

Sun, 23 Sep 2018 21:50:00 700 S CLARK ST
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, Handgun on Street

Mon, 01 Oct 2018 00:00:00 500 S MICHIGAN AVE-
HOMICIDE - 1ST OR 2ND DEGREE on Street

Thu, 27 Sep 2018 22:15:00 1000 S STATE ST
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT Car on Street

Wed, 26 Sep 2018 12:17:00 700 S PLYMOUTH CT
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT Car on Street

Mon, 24 Sep 2018 22:15:00 1100 S STATE ST NY -
THEFT POCKET-PICKING Subway CTA Station

Thu, 27 Sep 2018 04:00:00 1100 S STATE ST
ROBBERY STRONGARM - No Weapon on Street

Mon, 24 Sep 2018 22:15:00 1100 S STATE ST
THEFT POCKET-PICKING Subway CTA Station

Thu, 27 Sep 2018 04:00:00 1100 S STATE ST
ROBBERY STRONGARM - No Weapon on Street

Sun, 30 Sep 2018 03:00:00 1400 S WABASH AVE
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT Car in Street

Thu, 04 Oct 2018 15:30:00 1200 S WABASH AVE-
PURSE SNATCHING Convenience Store

Tues, Oct 2, 2018 1300 S WABASH AVE
BURGLARY UNLAWFUL ENTRY Apartment

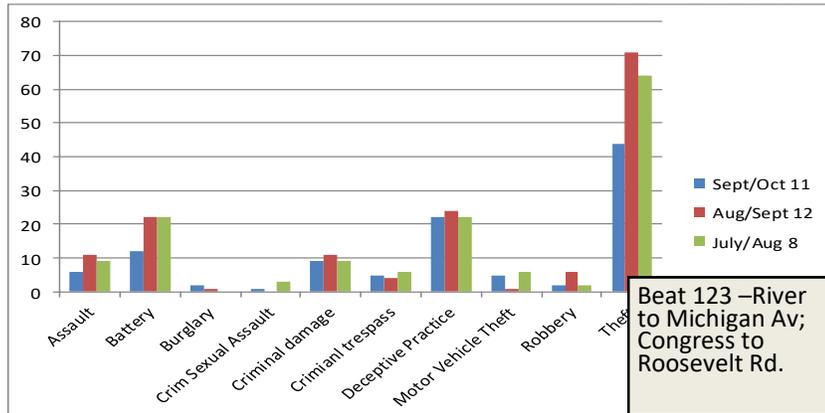
Mon, 01 Oct 2018 18:30:00 600 S STATE ST
THEFT \$500 AND UNDER CTA TRAIN

Tue, 02 Oct 2018 13:30:00 500 S STATE ST
THEFT RESTAURANT

Sat, 06 Oct 2018 15:00:00 800 S STATE ST
THEFT ATHLETIC CLUB

Beat 123 Meeting will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. The Meetings are held at University Center 525 S State.

Next Meeting, Weds Nov 14, 2018



Caps Recap, Oct 10th Meeting at University Center

Dearborn Park 12 young people drinking and smoking 10:30pm left broken bottles and trash.

Building near Roosevelt Rd and State: problems with homeless and mentally ill individuals who hang out in the garage lobby near the red line subway stop.

500 block of S Plymouth Ct. Homeless sleeping in sleeping bags across the street in the deep doorways. Public exposure and urination

Prosecutors: Man cut teen's throat with a box cutter for "taking up too much sidewalk"



A man slashed a 17-year-old boy's throat in the West Loop because the teen and his girlfriend were "taking up too much sidewalk," according to court records.

Chevazz Campbell, the boy and a 16-year-old girl were walking in the 400 block of West Roosevelt around 7:15 p.m. last Friday when Campbell allegedly became enraged that the teens were walking side-by-side. After insisting that the couple was taking up too much space on the sidewalk, Campbell pulled out a box cutter and cut the boy's throat, prosecutors said.

The victim was admitted to Stroger Hospital, according to court records.

Police found Campbell near the Roosevelt Red Line station a few minutes later and took him into custody. He was later identified by the girl in a photo line-up, police said.

Prosecutors charged Campbell, 29, with felony aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Judge John Lyke ordered him to be held without bail. <http://www.cwbchicago.com/>

Real Estate Transactions

\$737,500
1111 S WABASH AVE 2201
8/16/18

\$308,000
170 W POLK ST 1006
8/16/18

\$1,721,500
500 S DEARBORN ST
8/16/18

\$305,000
40 E 9TH ST 1808
8/16/18

2,050,000
1211 S PRAIRIE AVE 3001
8/15/18

\$141,000
680 S FEDERAL ST 407
8/14/18

\$470,000
1305 S MICHIGAN AVE 1813
8/13/18

\$316,500
740 S FEDERAL ST 901
8/10/18

\$235,000
600 S DEARBORN ST 2103
8/10/18

\$275,000
1101 S STATE ST 1905
8/9/18

\$375,000
901 S PLYMOUTH CT 406
8/9/18

\$300,000
1115 S PLYMOUTH CT 609
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August 1st, 2018 OCCUPANCY. Printers Row Historic District. Extra Large 900 sq ft - 1/BR+Den 1/BA. Spacious Open Floorplan, Huge LR/DR, Separate Bedroom with full height walls and a door for privacy. Included in rent; RCN Cable TV w/TIVO & Super High-Speed Internet/WIFI. Building Features 24 Hr Doorman, Onsite Manager, Engineer and Brand New Exercise Room.

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