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Bike Lane Improvements



Alderman King at the Dept of Transportation Presentation

Alderman King called a meeting at Grace Place on Tuesday evening at 6pm to discuss upgrades to the Bike Lanes in the South Loop. It addressed concerns by residents voiced two years ago when bike lanes were originally proposed. Since then, the Dearborn St. two-way bike lane has been constructed. The bike lanes on Harrison approaching State Street will have concrete curbs placed to define the lanes and protect the bikers. The Dearborn St. two-way bike lanes will be extended to the south side of Polk going east to Plymouth and will continue as a two-way path. Signage will be added to direct bikers to turn south on Plymouth and continue to 9th Street east along 9th on the south side to the lake. This portion of the route will not have concrete curbs and will not be painted, only signs.



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Weds, May 15, 8 & 10pm [SAXOPHONIST MARK COLBY QUARTET](#)

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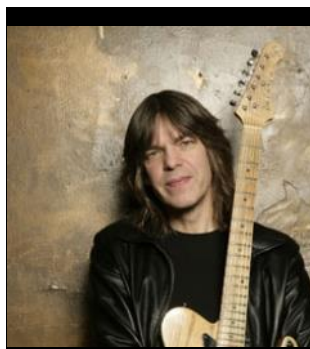
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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- ☐ 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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If you think Trump's taking away your democracy, you're wrong; it's the democrats who are

The last thing on Trump's mind is taking away your democracy. He's got enough to worry about. And even if he wanted to take it away, he wouldn't know how. He's got his tweeting and the hard hearts in China to deal with--and new missiles lobbing out of North Korea to keep him busy.

But it's the *very first* thing on the minds of the Democrats.

In case you haven't heard, [the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is developing a blacklist](#). Against political consultants who dare to help democrats who run against democrat incumbents in the primaries.

You help? You pay! With your career. That's their motto.

It's a hefty price. No more work from us heavy-hitters, they're told, if you buck the establishment.

This, naturally, [has created a backlash](#). There are even a few consultants who are daring them right back by daring to work for outsiders. And [students at scores of college campuses are crying foul](#).

[AOC is the cause](#). She threw everyone for a loop when she came out from behind the bar and beat a reliable long-time incumbent. She's the troublemaker. She's scary. She talks crazy about the world ending in a few short years. And she wants everything to be free for everyone. She's got a big mouth and beautiful lips and lots of airtime.

The rich elites who support the democrats are terrified they may have to cough up for all the freebies and they're scared they may have to cough up so much, God only knows what will happen.

It seems like the rich elites are laying down the law to those in charge of getting democrats elected to Congress: Stifle the outsiders with the crazy ideas. Make sure no one wants to do their mailings, their fundraising, their scheduling.

Or else.

So in order to keep their own gravy train coming, the neoliberal corporate Democrats are being told to stifle the campaigns of the candidates who have other ways of making the money they need to run so as not to waste the elites' money.



The corporate elites are going to try and make sure they won't be able to spend the money the outsiders get from the little people.

They don't like it that the outsider candidates don't want to depend on a bunch of phonies who couldn't care less if we have reasonably priced health care, an affordable college education or any of the other basics of life we should all have in the US. Those who want to maintain their greedy Richie Rich lifestyles. And that's that.

And the dems who don't like those who run against them are saying, "We'll fix 'em. Just keep giving to us and we'll make sure they can't get anyone to run their ingrate campaigns."

Which, folks, is a great assault on our democracy. They don't want nobody nobody sent to run against them. So they're going to fix it.

And while they're doing this, here's the hilarious thing: they're on all the shows saying the greatest threat to democracy that ever lived and thrived in this country is Trump.

And to that I say: Hahaha...haha...hahaha!!!

Bonnie McGrath

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



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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | April 15, 2019

THE WALKING DEAD



Back when cell phones were relatively new, I was routinely, involuntarily made privy to half a conversation — in elevators, checkout lines, restaurants, and just walking down the sidewalk. I still remember just passing a woman on my block and hearing her, quite loudly, say “Well, don’t tell anyone, but she has breast cancer.”

Most people seem to have gotten the memo on this kind of thing. But then again, with ever changing technology, cell phone etiquette is like Whack-A-Mole. There’s the simply rude behavior (guilty as charged) of not putting it away. But there’s also the dangerous stuff where people fall off cliffs in an effort to get just the right photo, they’re texting and driving, and a new-ish behavior that seems to be proliferating. It’s what I call Zombie Cell Phone Walkers.

It happens all the time where we live. I’m walking down the sidewalk and will spot someone walking toward me in the opposite direction. The person doesn’t seem to notice that we’re headed for a collision, and then I see that it’s because she or he is holding a phone and is glued to it.

Mostly, as we get really close to one another, the Zombie Cell Phone Walker will notice me (or other objects) and veer at the last minute. But not always. I’ve had to jump out of the way in some cases, and in others, well, there has been contact. (OK, once or twice I kind of enjoyed scaring the bejesus out of the Zombie.)

The worst case? Backward Zombie Cell Phone Walking. Yep, that’s a thing. The other day I was walking with Beth, without Whitney. I was playing sighted guide, and Beth brought her white cane and held it in front of her. She doesn’t really use her white cane when she’s on my elbow, but it really helps me out. It clues in oncoming pedestrians that we can’t maneuver as easily or quickly as they expect.

That only works, of course, if they’re looking forward, and not at their phone. The other day, on State Street, as we walked north, we experienced double stupid: a young man approached us walking south, walking backward, oblivious to anyone but his girlfriend, whom he videotaped as he walked backward.



A polite Zombie always pays attention.

I couldn’t believe it—I even yelled, but he was completely into, well, himself. So I decided to play “I’m a wall and you’re not.” I planted my feet and let him run into me and bounce off. He turned, looked a little bewildered, saw the white cane, then turned around and started walking backward again.

You never have a chain saw when you need one.

Then there is the Stationary Cell Phone Zombie. They stop. At turnstiles. At the bottom of stairways. At crowded intersections. To, you know, finish reading that text. Or that article. Or who knows what. But whatever it is, it’s important. Important enough to disregard everyone and everything else around them.

With any luck, and a few unfortunate accidents, this too will pass. I can only imagine what will replace it.

MOST RECENT EPISODES

PODCAST



A High State of Agitation

After accusations that he mischaracterized the Mueller investigation’s findings, Attorney General William Barr blames the media for muddling the story. This week, On the Media dissects Barr’s deflections. And, how a Jewish satirist uses grotesque caricatures to cut to the heart of the discourse on antisemitism and why effectively combating hate requires building coalitions. Plus, how ABC’s *The View* became one of the biggest political stages on television.

South Loop Neighbor's Meeting on Crime, May 1, 2019 at Grace Place.

Roger Marsh of South Loop Neighbors led an informational meeting on Crime in the South Loop. Are things going in the right direction? His answer is yes. From doing due diligence and investing his personal time in studying police statistics, he was able to chart trends using 2018 data to compare with current 2019 data.

He reported there was a 5% reduction in crime 1st qtr over 1st qtr last year. He reported a 10% drop in violent crime for the same time period. The crime varies from Neighborhood to neighborhood. For instance, crime was very low in residential areas such as Dearborn Park I and II. Crime was higher in commercial districts or where there are lots of tourists.

Sgt Dombrowski, 1st District Community Relations Sergeant was invited to speak. 1st District focus is on robbery. They disseminate in real time for all units in area and all shifts. They have stationed a car at Wabash and Roosevelt (Beat 141). The first district has more officers to fill all beat patrol cars. Established post at the Skate Park at Michigan and Roosevelt. There are things the police can do. There are things the community can do.

A woman who was a victim of a domestic abuse who lives in Dearborn Park spoke of an incident at 9th and Plymouth. A car stopped to ask if she needed help. The occupants were young, they called 911 and they stuck around. The police arrived in five minutes. Witnesses signed the police report. So how do you react as a bystander? Know your locations if you call 911. Take a good look at the people involved . . . how many? Was there a mental health issue. The 5 Ds: Direct, Distraction, Delegation, Delay – follow up, and Document



Roger Marsh

Homeless Ministry, Mabel Guzman

They have been serving breakfast at Grace Place for 15 years. It is sponsored by the Chicago Temple (Chicago's oldest Church which is a Methodist Church). The food is prepared at Chicago Temple which is across from Daily Plaza and brought down to Grace Place. There is a short service before food is served. There are also donations of food from local eateries. They have clothing donations. They serve a spectrum of people in age two years old on up who have different housing situations: some live in SROs, homeless temporary shelters or some or no housing whatsoever. Several people in the audience made it known of their displeasure of the homeless hanging around the Printers Row Park across the street, especially when the Farmers Market is there. Some may be doing inappropriate things like shaving. Mabel responded by saying you have to engage with them and let them know the rules of the neighborhood. (Ed. Note: Printers Row Park it is a public park where neighbors take care of the plantings and keep it clean from litter).

SEE ROGER'S REPORT ON PAGE 17

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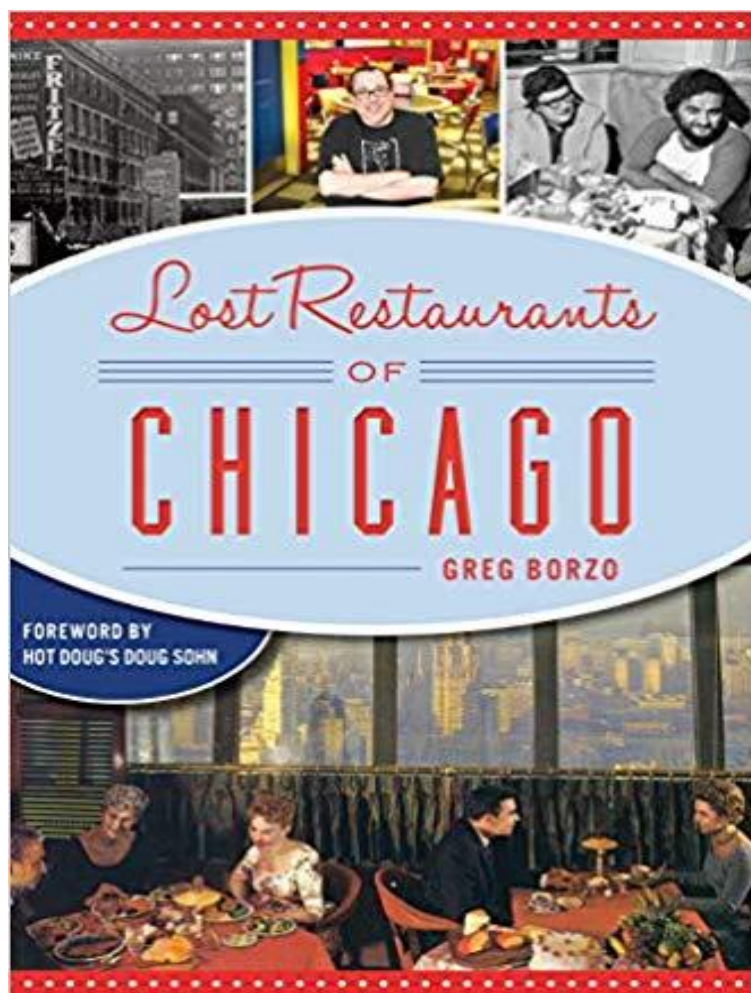
Sujata Massey, The Widows of Malabar Hill (Soho Press 2018).

Sujata Massey is an Indian-German writer, born in Britain, and traveled widely. She left her first gig as an ace reporter for the Baltimore Sun to become a prize-winning crime writer with a bent for cultural anthropology. Sujata's first mystery, mining the intersection of murder and Japanese cultural arts, won an Agatha (Christie) award and was followed by ten more thrillers from the Land of the Rising Sun. Now Sujata's returned to the subcontinent that gave birth to her and her two children. Her newest sleuth, Perveen Mistry, is a young Zoroastrian living in multicultural Bombay, a city whose women are profoundly impacted by colonialism, economics, and the cultural practices visited upon them by Muslim, Hindu, Parsi and English men in the 1920's. The fictional heroine Perveen is drawn from the life of Cornelia Surabji, the first female solicitor in India, whose gender barred her from a legal education at home and cost her a scholarship to study law at Oxford. Rich ladies raised funds for Cornelia's English law degree, and encouraged her, like Perveen, to focus her energy on the unmet legal needs of women who were more likely to be considered property than to own it. Perveen is harassed and bullied at her local law school, kept from the bar in her hometown, and married into an orthodox Parsi family who committed ancient discriminations against her that finally forced her to flee. Armed eventually with an

English law degree and her own painful history, Perveen sets out to protect a trio of widows living in purdah--a type of Muslim tradition that forced them to live apart from male society---except for the every *day* business they were allowed to transact through opaque and ornate filigree screens; or the every *night* business they were required to transact with their shared husband through secret hallways that allowed him conjugal pleasures outside the sight of the rest of the household. The setting: historical, cultural, and physical; the characters: three wives, one unborn son, a rich but recently-departed husband, a ruthless administrator and a crusading lawyer; the crime against a hateful and most-deserving corpse--possibly punctured by a letter opener thrust through the filigree; the glossary of terms: Irani, Hindi, Gujarati, Parsi, Urdu and English; the extensive bibliographic references; and, of course, the brilliant legal machinations of a barrister more hindered than helped by the law, make for a book to behold and a thirst for more of Perveen Mistry.

Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park, May, 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 huans, 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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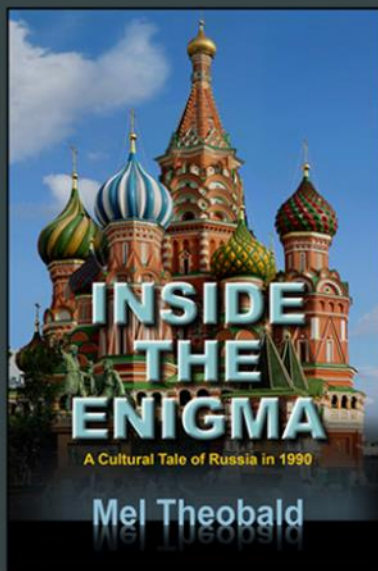
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BUT THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BARK

I've [written about Patty O'Machel here before](#). A writer, special needs advocate and the mother of a teenager who has cerebral palsy, Patty has started her own business to encourage other schools to use the disability awareness curriculum she developed years ago for her daughter's elementary school. [Educating Outside the Lines](#) launched last year, and already many Chicago suburban school districts have added the program to their curriculum. Prosthetic legs, wheelchairs and white canes can be scary to kids, so Patty developed her Educating Outside the Lines program to allow children to experience these "helping tools" hands-on and meet some people who use them. Example: before Whitney and I arrived in Highland Park for our school visits Tuesday, the third graders had used a Braille typewriter to write in Braille. Patty's program serves to demystify differences, erase isolation, combat bullying.

It's a great program for the kids who participate, and it's been great for me, too — Patty has asked my Seeing Eye dog Whitney and me to visit schools we've never been to before! And that, in turn, is good news for you *Safe & Sound* blog readers who enjoy hearing questions kids ask during my school presentations. Here's a sampling from the third-graders Whitney and I met at Braeside and Ravinia elementary schools in Highland Park, Illinois this past Tuesday:

How do you get into a car?

Do you remember what things looked like when you were a little kid and could still see?

Do you have lots of friends who are blind?

How do you swim if you can't see where you're going?

Can you play sports if you're blind?

Did you ever drown?

So after you get in the car, how do you drive, I mean, like, there are all those buttons so how can you tell those buttons and how can you know which one to push?



The day before Whit and I were in Highland Park, kids got to test out wheelchairs in the gym.

How old are you?

How do you get on the plane if pets aren't allowed on planes?

So if a friend comes to pick you up, how do you know if they're there and it's the right car?

Right then a boy named Alistair raised his hand. "I have an idea for you, Beth!" he exclaimed. "How about if you teach your dog to bark just once if its a friend? And then two barks would mean it's a taxi, and three barks...". What a sweet little guy. I hated to cut him off, but hey, we had to get going — there was still another school to visit. "Alistair! You're a genius!" I gushed, making a point to thank him before breaking the bad news. "One problem, though," I said with a sigh. "Seeing Eye dogs aren't allowed to bark."

Whitney and I are visiting two more elementary schools in Highland Park this Wednesday, so look for more questions in an upcoming post. In the meantime, you can [check out this short video](#) to see the positive impact Educating Outside the Lines has on the kids who participate, and [Link to the Educating Outside the Lines web site](#) for more information on ways to bring ability programs to schools.

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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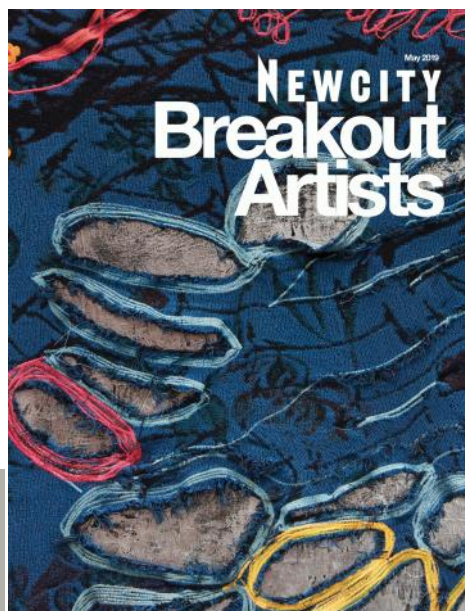
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Breakout Artists 2019: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers

April 24, 2019
BY ELLIOT REICHERT

Cover art: Melissa Leandro, Newcity Breakout Artist 2018



Each spring, when thawed bulbs burst forth from the soil with their exuberant and ill-informed joy for a precocious summer, the writers of Newcity Art match the spirit of the season by profiling a few of the artists who represent the unbounded energy of art-making in Chicago. They make Chicago compelling, complex and worth being a resident and a viewer of art. They challenge us and bring us the questions we never dared to ask and might not want to engage. And they are but a few among many who are doing just the same.

This is the fifteenth year of Newcity's "Breakout Artists" and the fourth and final year of my tenure at the editorial desk of Newcity Art. I am proud to leave this brilliant publication with these recommendations for Chicago's next generation of image-makers. This city wouldn't be the same without them, nor would I.

Newcity's Breakout Artists 2019 was written by Kerry Cardoza, S. Nicole Lane, Alisa Swindell, Anastasia Karpova Tinari, Chris Reeves, Vasia Rigou and Elliot J. Reichert.

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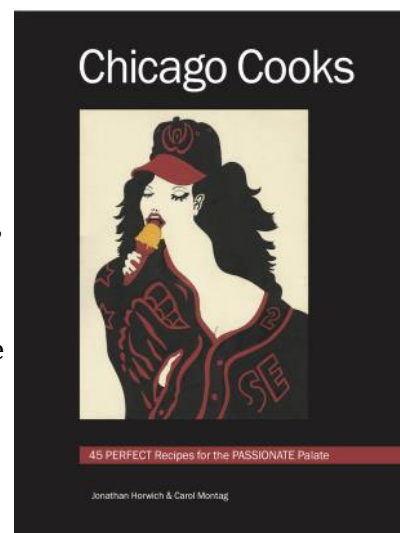
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The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago. Returning to Chicago after 40 years in California as a jazz producer and recording engineer, **Jonathan Horwich** has continued pursuing his passion for music and high quality sound. **Carol Montag** 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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Ominous Signs Show Up on Door of The Lobo Canteen (1307 S. Wabash) and Readers Are Pondering Why

We've received a lot of emails asking what's up with The Lobo Canteen at 1307 S. Wabash. We don't know what is going on, but wanted to include a reader's note:

Is this another south loop casualty? It never really found its footing and was never that good to be honest.

It baffles me with the amount of foot traffic that has occurred in this neighborhood over the past couple of years, that we can't seem to land any quality restaurants.

What does the West Loop have that we don't??

In our opinion, at this stage the West Loop and South Loop are very different neighborhoods. Yes, we share proximity to the Loop (hence each neighborhoods name), but outside of that the two neighborhoods have taken divergent paths. [We actually wrote about this on the back of a Crain's article in January.](#) While the West Loop has a bustling food and nightlife scene it doesn't have the same access to some of Chicago's most revered cultural and natural resources (Grant Park, Museums, Lake Michigan, etc).

Anyway, the reader is specifically talking about quality restaurants. This has been a heavily debated question since we've been in the Sloop (since 2008!). One could argue that there are quality restaurants - **Acadia, South Coast, Cafe Bionda, Kurah, Sociale, Umai, Half Sour, Mercat** - to name a few that come to mind.

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In case you missed it, a popular brunch spot in a prime South Loop location has shut down ([via Eater](#)):

The Bongo Room, one of the most popular brunch and breakfast spots in Chicago, is down a location. The South Loop restaurant, at 1152 S. Wabash Avenue, is closed for good, an employee at the Andersonville outpost confirms. Ownership hasn't responded to multiple requests for comment but the location has been removed from its website, its phone number is disconnected, and Yelp reports it closed in addition to the employee confirmation. The Andersonville and Wicker Park siblings remain in business.

It's unfortunate, but hopefully something else interesting moves in. The amount of foot traffic here seems like it would be a great opportunity for some other QSR type of restaurant (maybe something more local like a protein bar or something? doubtful, but one can wish).

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South Loop Entrepreneurs

will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next formal gathering with peer coaching will be **May 14, 6pm at Lakeside Bank**, Conference Room, 1350 S Michigan Ave. 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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Hear Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life Celebrated In Song

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has served on the high court for 25 years. A skillful and passionate advocate for equal rights, Justice Ginsburg has become a pop-culture icon known to fans as Notorious RBG, a wry nod to fellow Brooklynite, rapper Biggie Smalls, the Notorious B.I.G.

Justice Ginsburg's life and work are celebrated in this one-act dramatic concert featuring soprano/composer **Patrice Michaels** (called "a formidable interpretative talent" by *The New Yorker*) with her collaborative pianist **Kuang-Hao Huang** and their guests, soprano **Michelle Areyzaga**, tenor **Matthew Dean**, and baritone **Evan Bravos**.

For Justice Ginsburg, this concert and the accompanying CD are personal. These songs about her life are presented (and in many cases, written) by her daughter-in-law (Michaels) and produced by her son, Cedille Records founder James Ginsburg.

James Ginsburg will join us at Spertus for a post-show Q & A. The accompanying CD will be for sale at the post-program reception.

Performance is 75 minutes, no intermission.

Purchase
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(and hear Nina Totenberg
interview Patrice Michaels
and James Ginsburg
about this unique
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Bingo Enthusiasts enjoy BINGO WITH BETTY on the second Tuesday of the month brought to our attention by Mike Knezovich's blog on March 25th, <https://bethfinke.com/blog/2019/03/25/mondays-with-mike-b-i-n-g-o/> At Half Sour, Clark and Polk <https://halfsourchicago.com/>



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Retired in Chicago

Could worry, could deny memory loss. Or could just pay attention.

By **Marianne Goss**, May 6, 2019

You've probably heard this example of how to tell dementia from a brain blip: If you can't find the keys, it's a brain blip. If you can't remember what the keys are for, it's dementia.

Would that all examples were that clear.

I've done a couple of things playing Scrabble that seemed really weird.

The first was putting a Q, a 10-point tile, on a double-word square and an I, a 1-point tile, on the square to the right of it. (For non-Scrabble players: qi is one of the q-without-u words allowed in Scrabble. It means the vital force in everything, according to Chinese thought.) I kept insisting I'd scored 21, my playing partner Sandie kept saying, "No, 22," until finally she got exasperated and said, "Okay, if you want, 21." Finally I realized that the Q was on a double-word and not a double-letter square.

The other time was when I put down a high-scoring word without linking it to anything. At least that time all it took to realize the error was for Sandie to raise her eyebrows. After the incident with qi, I hurried home to google how to tell brain blips from dementia. The Alzheimer's Association website lists 10 early signs of Alzheimer's disease. One of the examples given for number 3, difficulty with familiar tasks, is trouble "remembering the rules of a favorite game."

That hardly eased my fears — which, by the way, are shared by most seniors. A Met Life survey found that cancer is the only disease older Americans fear more than Alzheimer's. (I'm using dementia and Alzheimer's interchangeably here, although Alzheimer's is only one of the brain disorders classified as dementia.)

A couple of friends pointed out that I hadn't really forgotten the rules of Scrabble. In the first example, I was just confusing double-word and double-letter squares. In the second, excitement about a big score caused a temporary mental lapse.

Of course I liked hearing that. And, trying to be objective, I don't think I'm more addled than most people my age, although it does bother me that Sandie doesn't make memory errors when we play Scrabble. Comparisons aren't helpful, a wise friend once said.

There was a lot of reassurance online. Blanking about

names, misplacing frequently used objects, forgetting why you walked into a room, having trouble retrieving a word, and mixing up details of an event are normal brain blips. Cognitive changes in the aging brain can cause them, but so can other things, including depression, medication, brain overload, and fatigue. Brain blips, numerous sites say, are no reason for alarm unless they are interfering with your ability to function in your normal daily life.

Equally reassuring is research from the Alzheimer's Association that found that people with just one or two early signs of Alzheimer's may not develop full-blown dementia. Brain decline doesn't necessarily put you on a slippery slope to Alzheimer's.

It was good to feel reassured, but I also appreciate that one friend took a different tack. "If you're concerned, you could be tested," she said. "There are drugs you could start taking"

A sad [article](#) posted at nj.com also advised not dismissing concerns. It was written by a man who regretted that he didn't catch his mother's dementia warning signs sooner.

"What I know now — too late for my mother, but not too late for me — is that denial is no defense against dementia, and neither is lack of knowledge. I'd like to think I wouldn't miss those signs again, and there's no reason you should either. But you have to know what to look for," Tony Dearing wrote.

There's an ideal spot on the spectrum between panic and denial that would be good to aim for. It is paying attention.

As Dearing wrote, we have to know what to pay attention for. Here are some sites to help us differentiate dementia from normal forgetfulness:

Alzheimer's Association: [10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's](#)

Mayo Clinic: [Dementia](#)

Psychology Today: [3 Warning Signs of a Potential Memory Problem](#)

Even with such helpful sites, you may still find it hard to judge whether a memory lapse is concerning or normal. The advice then is to talk it over with your doctor.

ANYONE FOR PINOCHLE?

If any South Loopers are interested in playing pinochle every so often — how often and where to be decided — please send me a note at mgoss@northwestern.edu. Maybe we can get a foursome together.

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Kickboxing Fitness Biz - 9 Round - Coming to South State

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South Loop Crime decreased in 2018

by Roger Marsh, South Loop Neighbors



Crime reports in the South Loop declined over 7% from 2017 to 2018, according to data presented at a South Loop Neighbors meeting on May 1st.

Furthermore, that trend continued in the first quarter of 2019 with another 5% drop. This reversed a trend of slightly increasing reported crime from 2014 to 2017.

Statistics from the City of Chicago's Data Portal showed a reduction in reported crime of 2.3% across the city, 0.2% in the 1st Police District, and 7.6% in the four police beats that cover the footprint of the South Loop neighborhood. The largest drop was in Beat 0132, which covers the area east of Michigan Avenue between Roosevelt Road and the Stevenson Expressway.

The 1st Police District covers the Loop as far west as the Kennedy Expressway and the South Loop from Lake Michigan to the Chicago River and as far south as 31st Street. In 2018, the District received increased police officer staffing and was able to assign a patrol car to all of its 11 police beats for every shift. In addition, it had enough staff to place shifts at "hot spots" such as Pritzker Park and Roosevelt & Wabash. Computer analysis of trends in crime types and locations focused priority on the crimes of assault, battery, and robbery in and near CTA transfer points. The 1st District went so far as to assign some of its staff to support the Police Department's Transit Detail officers within CTA stations and on Red Line trains. Crimes in these areas showed dramatic reductions.

Crimes that did not show a reduction in the South Loop were Theft and Deceptive Practice. These "property" crimes actually increased and are a particular problem in the 1st District because perpetrators often target commuters and tourists. Police suggest protecting cell phones, purses, and wallets and locking car doors even while driving.

Analysis of crime locations down to the street and block show that South Loop residential locations are much safer than commercial areas. For example, the Dearborn Park 1 neighborhood had only 48 reported crimes in 2018 while the Roosevelt-Wabash intersection had 563.

In addition to the presentation of crime statistics, the South Loop Neighbors meeting provided discussion of "quality of life" concerns, such as, resident support for public safety, relationships with homeless populations, and community care for the neighborhood's public locations.



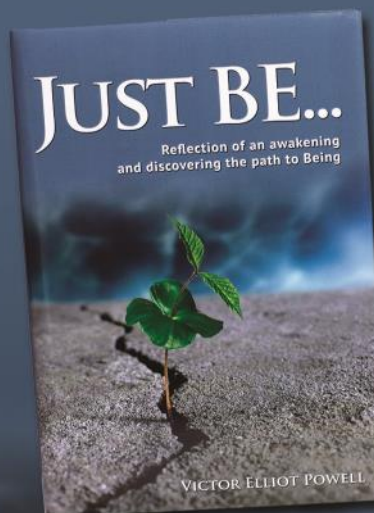
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LOT 623 (635 S Wabash Ave)

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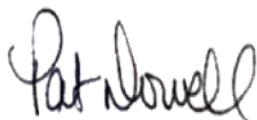
On Monday, May 20th at **Wintrust Arena** in the 3rd Ward, we are inaugurating Lori Lightfoot as the new Mayor for the City of Chicago and welcoming a new City Council. This is truly a historic day for our City and I am so proud our ward is hosting such an important event. I have known Mayor Lightfoot for many years and I look forward to working with her and my City Council colleagues new and old to address the needs of our City.

I know my priorities of increased public safety, better police accountability and transparency, equitable neighborhood development, and fair educational opportunities for all children in Chicago are shared by Mayor Lightfoot. In the 3rd Ward specifically, continued housing development (at all price points), new retail development, improved neighborhood infrastructure, increased transparency on decisions that affect the community, and meeting the specific educational needs of each neighborhood are items I am encouraged we can address with the help of Mayor Lightfoot and the new City Council.

It is inspiring to have someone like me, an African-American woman, lead our City. This commitment to hearing the diverse voices of Chicago is also reflected in the makeup of the new City Council. These are things we as Chicago residents can all be proud of. It's a new day for our City, one filled with hope for all of Chicago's neighborhoods.

If my team or I can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out anytime at 773-373-9273. Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please share it with a neighbor or friend.

Sincerely,




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South Loop Elementary Enrollment Information

Registration for South Loop Elementary for fall 2019 is open for neighborhood residents (those living north side of 18th Street to Wacker drive; east of the river to the lake). Documents needed for registration are included on the school website (www.southloopschool.org/about/admissions). Please register early so the school can adequately plan for staffing and space utilization.

In addition, South Loop Elementary School invites the community to tour our new middle school building. All are welcome! The tour is scheduled for June 10th at 6:00 p.m. or June 14th at 9:00 a.m. at 1601 S. Dearborn Street.



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Robberies

By Alison Martin

Police are warning South Loop and Chinatown residents to be aware of their surroundings after two robberies were reported on the Near South Side in April.

In both incidents, the robber approached victims and demanded or forcefully took property, according to a community alert from Chicago police.

The robberies occurred:

- At 4 p.m., April 22 in the 1900 block of South Wells Street; and

At 11:06 a.m., April 23 in the 2200 block of South Archer Avenue.

Police described the robber as an 18- to 22-year-old man.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Area Central detectives at 312-747-8382.

Police are also asking for the [public's help in locating a 23-year-old woman](#) who was reported missing Tuesday from the South Loop.

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Alison Martin

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The victim was getting ready to fill up her car when a man in his late teens pushed the woman, then jumped into the driver's seat and sped away with her black Kia around 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

Minutes later, the car was found abandoned with its engine running in the northbound lanes of Michigan Avenue near Balboa. Witnesses told police that two men in their late teens jumped from the car with a woman's purse and climbed into a nearby silver Toyota that fled the scene with a third person driving.

The two primary offenders were described as black males in their late teens. One was wearing a black hoodie. The Toyota, which has significant damage to its passenger side, was last seen westbound on Harrison from Michigan, according to a witness.

<http://www.cwbchicago.com/2019/05/another-downtown-carjacking-under.html>

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Fri, 26 Apr 2019 21:22 1900 S Wabash Ave
CAR THEFT Street

Sat, 20 Apr 2019 10:45 1300 S Wabash Ave
ARMED ROBBERY HANDGUN Bank

Thu, 25 Apr 2019 18:30 1900 S Michigan Ave
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Tue, 23 Apr 2019 08:55 0 E Roosevelt Rd
POCKET-PICKING CTA Train

Sat, 27 Apr 2019 21:15 1200 S Wabash
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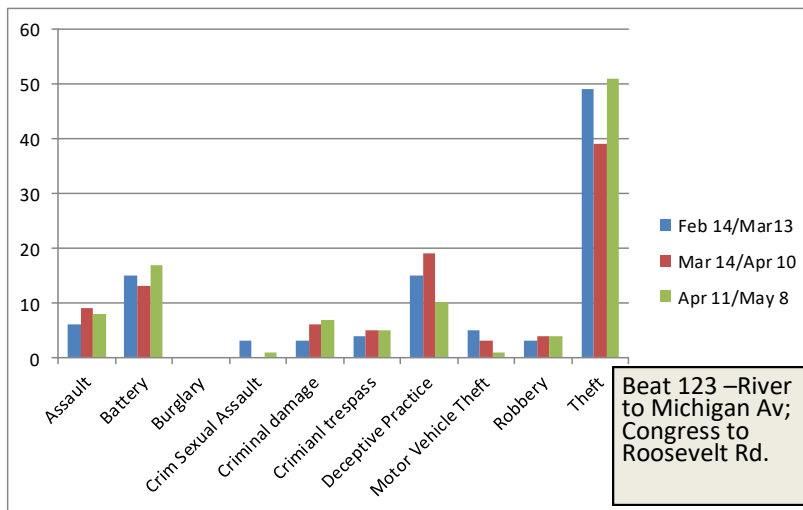
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Thu, 25 Apr 2019 17:10 200 E Cermak Rd
AGGRAVATED BATTERY Sports Arena

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, JUNE 12, 2019



04/26/2019, 07:12am

An alleged carjacker was shot to death by his intended target in the Loop

By Sun-Times Wire

Ida B. Wells Drive is closed from LaSalle Street to State Street for an investigation after a 22-year-old was fatally shot in the head Friday in the Loop.

A 41-year-old man told police that he was in his 2015 BMW when a 2019 Volkswagen driven by the younger man rear ended him about 3:15 a.m. in the first block of Ida B. Wells Drive, Chicago police said.

The older man got out of the BMW to see the damage, went back to get his cellphone and the driver of the Volkswagen approached him with a gun, police said.

The younger man demanded the keys to the BMW and pushed the man into the car, police said. The 41-year-old, who has a concealed-carry permit, pulled out a gun from the vehicle and the shot the man in the head.

He was taken to Stroger Hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said.

The shooter is being questioned by Area Central detectives.

We focus on crime that is violent or may affect your physical safety. If you look at the graph on top of this column, you will see that the highest incidence of crime is theft, usually on the street or in restaurants (like cell phones stolen from tables). The crime shown on this page is based on Beat 123 131 and 132.

Real Estate Transactions

\$425,000.00

1400 S MICHIGAN AVE 1710, 60605-3724

04/17/19

\$555,000.00

1201 S PRAIRIE AVE 1006 & GU 272, 60605

04/17/19

\$335,000.00

1400 S MICHIGAN AVE 2101 & P 405, 60605

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\$450,000.00

1439 S PRAIRIE AVE J, 60605-3034

04/16/19

\$305,000.00

1101 S STATE ST H1202, 60605-3175

04/16/19

\$280,000.00

1111 S WABASH AVE 1005, 60605-2556

04/15/19

\$310,000.00

1111 S WABASH AVE 1907, 60605-2569

04/15/19

\$200,000.00

740 S FEDERAL ST 207, 60605-1865

04/15/19

\$302,500.00

41 E 8TH ST 5B, , 60605-2363

04/15/19

\$470,000.00

1400 S MICHIGAN AVE 2004, 60605-3726

04/12/19

\$351,500.00

1464 S MICHIGAN AVE 602, 60605-3599

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\$278,000.00

720 S DEARBORN ST 605, 60605-3832

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\$330,000.00

1160 S MICHIGAN AVE 1606, 60605-2864

04/11/19

\$360,000.00

1529 S STATE ST 19G & P13, 60605-3108

04/10/19

\$277,500.00

1430 S MICHIGAN AVE 310, 60605-2959

04/10/19

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