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Emanuel appoints Sophia King to fill 4th Ward aldermanic seat 4/11/2016

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King was expected to appear before the City Council’s Rules Committee, then face a confirmation vote in front of the full City Council on Wednesday, according to the mayor’s office.

King is the founder and president of Harriet’s Daughters, a nonprofit group of professional women that helps find jobs for African-Americans, among other things. King is also a community advocate and volunteer, the mayor’s office said. King was president of the Kenwood Park Advisory Council from 2008 to 2015.

“I’m ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I believe the only solutions we are missing are the ones we won’t work on together,” King said in a statement. FOR THE REST OF THE STORY: <http://chicago.suntimes.com/politics/mayor-appoints-sophia-king-4th-ward/>

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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.
- www.southloopneighbors.org**

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Welcome to the Easter Seals Blog

A Mother and Her Daughter with Autism Cast Their Votes

Posted on March 11th, 2016
by [Beth](#)

Here's a guest post by a mother about her adult daughter with autism and how the

two of them research — and vote for — their candidates of choice.

by Bonnie Carol McGrath

Every year around election time I get the same question. “Molly votes?” People are surprised to hear that my 33-year-old daughter Molly, who has autism, is interested in elections, makes her own decisions about which candidate to vote for, and maneuvers the often-times complicated Cook County ballots at our polling place on her own.

And so, each election season, I end up explaining over and over again that Molly loves voting, and that she votes with enthusiasm and relish. In many cases, she knows the candidates as well — if not better — than most voters do. When her voter’s card arrives in the mail before the primaries every year, she cuts it out immediately and proudly places it in her purse.

So how can it be that an autistic person loves to vote? For starters, the Printer’s Row neighborhood that Molly and I live in here in Chicago boasts several community organizations that take elections seriously. Neighbors we know have run (and are currently running) for office. Candidates visit us regularly to ask for our vote at neighborhood candidate forums. Even Barack Obama, when he was a State Senator, made regular visits to introduce himself again and again. Little did we know....!

I have always been interested in politics and elections, and over the years I have dragged Molly (willingly) to hundreds, maybe thousands of events, fundraisers and talks featuring candidates and issues. Bottom line, Molly and I pretty much go to any candidates’ forum that we are invited to, and she meets the candidates up close and personal.

Molly probably doesn’t understand some of the finer points of public policy, but who does? However, she engages with the candidates over refreshments after their speeches and debates at these sorts of events. She knows the feeling of having a candidate look her in the eye and sincerely offer a handshake, a little joke or a kind word. Who doesn’t?

I am a lawyer, and this year I know many of the judicial candidates personally, and I have talked with Molly about them in advance of the upcoming March 15 primary in Illinois. I often remind her that so-and-so, a friend of ours, is running and tell her to make sure she doesn’t overlook them. I let Molly know which candidates are more likely to fund programs

for people with disabilities, and which ones aren’t. And trust me, she remembers — she understands how hard it is to raise money for [Project Onward](#), the Chicago art studio where she toils each and every day creating artwork alongside dozens of other very talented artists with disabilities.

My daughter knows if someone seems interested in her and her life, and I know she estimates their character in her own way. And isn’t character what we’re supposed to be gauging when we cast our vote?

The sort of in-person engagement that candidates offer Molly has paid off for a number of candidates who have won Molly’s loyal vote. This year, like always, she’s been out meeting candidates, and once she decides she likes them, she circulates their campaign literature to our neighbors any time she’s given the opportunity.

But what about the ballot itself, people want to know. How can she understand that long and very intricate list? I do help her on some of the finer points (I might remind her of the option to vote for more than one candidate when that is a possibility, for example). Election judges know that after Molly and I take our ballots, I’ll fill mine in before helping Molly maneuver some of those finer points. I’ve never pushed her away from or toward any candidate — until this year.

This election on March 15th, I am running for judge myself — Molly will have a chance to vote for her mom. This might be one race where I might give her a little nudge when we take our ballots.

- See more at: <http://blog.easterseals.com/voting-with-autism/#sthash.aM6W9ujO.dpuf>

Bonnie McGrath

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



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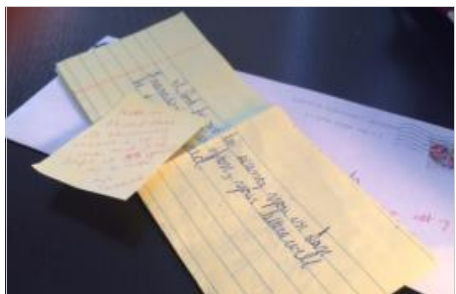
Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) | January 30, 2016



Mementos

A hand-addressed envelope from a long-time friend showed up in our mailbox Saturday. Dianne had been my supervisor when I interned at Washington [Consumers' Checkbook](#) magazine as a hayseed college junior. She was also kind of a cruise director for me and another intern, making sure we got something out of the work experience and also from living in the Capital of the United States.



Old school technology, timeless sentiment.

Dianne was there again when, after I graduated, I moved for real to D.C. to take a job at Checkbook. That was a tough time for me— I was homesick, felt lost and found myself literally lost virtually every day. The work required a lot of driving, and though D.C. proper was designed in logical fashion by Pierre L'Enfant, suburban Virginia and Maryland never got a whiff of the grid system.

Dianne was a steady force, helping me grow into my professional role, and to stick it out on the personal side. And [she introduced me to her friends](#) who became my friends—and are to this day.

Eventually, she was tagged to establish Checkbook's second magazine, this one in the Bay Area. When she moved, I wrote her a letter expressing my appreciation for all that she'd done for me, and my general admiration.

When I opened the envelope from Dianne, that letter was inside with a sweet note from Dianne saying, "Obviously it meant a lot to me given that I've kept it 35 years."

Just seeing the letter was powerful. The yellow legal paper (I couldn't be bothered with stationery). My handwriting actually being legible (it no longer is). It transported me to my early 20s, and all of that period rushed back.

I was almost afraid to read the letter, but mercifully, it was pretty well written. And it sincerely reflected my abiding gratitude for all she'd done for me.

I still write emails like the one I wrote to Dianne way back then. But I wondered if these kinds of pen-and-paper experiences will be entirely lost to the digital age.

My uncle George Knezovich (left) and my pop, Mike Knezovich on the right. Thanks Aaron.



Then this morning, I received a text message from my nephew Aaron. He was going through some belongings and happened onto a photograph of my father with his brother, my Uncle George, at a brothers reunion during WWII. That photo was attached. The twinkle in my father's eye just kind of dropped me in my tracks. And handsome George's unmistakable jaw line. And their uniforms.

Beyond those memories, it was Aaron, very much in the present day, letting me know he was thinking about me.

So maybe it's really not about the medium—legal paper and postage stamps and ink vs. pixels and jpgs and cable modems.

Maybe it's what it has always been: However you accomplish it, never underestimate the power of making clear to people in no uncertain terms what they mean to you.

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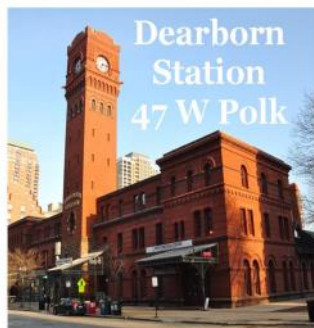


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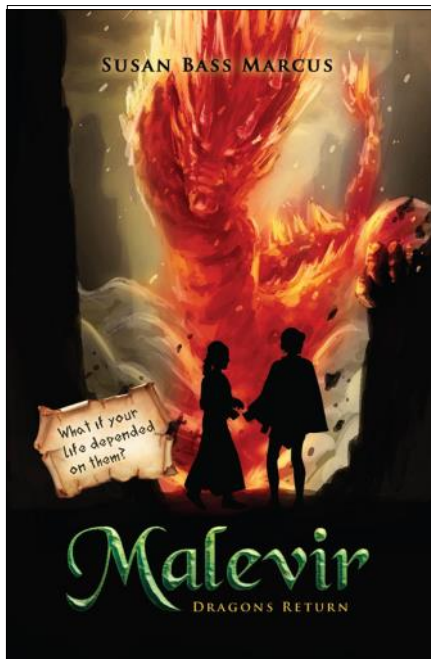
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A vacation and (No) Book Review: Reading in Da Nang

Lorraine Schmall, April 2016

Da Nang is an up-and-coming tropical city with a million people, curved along lovely beaches with breathtaking views in the middle of the irregular crescent that is Viet Nam. At both edges of town, holy places are chiseled from marble mountains, overflowing with Buddhist and Cham deities. Streets and sidewalks are crowded with thousands of motorbikes and taxis, travelling at 35 mph, never stopping and heedless of traffic signals. There are nice beach hotels, empty lots, tenements and new construction, concrete-floored restaurants with canopy roofs and fabric walls, tubs overflowing with fresh and dried fish, coffee and exotic fruits. The Han River divides Da Nang. Downtown is three-streets wide and a mile long, with a market and ATM's, some temples and storefronts, and a French cathedral. There's a shiny-new river walk boasting haute eateries, a dragon bridge, a boardwalk, a stage, docks for tourist boats, and big neighborhoods. It's fabulous. And the people are really nice. Its recovery from war is amazing.

But there's almost no paper: not at table nor toilette; nary a notebook for sale or carried about; no newsstands; no missals at mass. Few books. And no places to read.



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Bass Marcus' epic fantasy series, a fresh take on classic themes of family, courage, and sacrifice that recalls the thrills fans find in the work of Anne McCaffrey or J.R.R. Tolkien.

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It claims five bookstores, an unseen public library and a volunteer-run children's collective with 500 used books from America. There's little public transportation, not one public bench, and no loitering. Big families of two or three generations share a home, even among the new professional class. Huts and lean-to's lack electricity, as do large swathes of the countryside.

But there's no dearth of words. Billboards proclaim "North-South Under One Roof," or celebrate feats by national sports teams. Oversize banners in front of myriads of government buildings commemorate the four decades of victory over the US, or the 85th anniversary of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union. Ho's photos float everywhere, offering written invocations. Hotels post rules that "apply for tourists." Students read an 18th century poet, Nguyen Du, and a mid-century fiction writer, Nam Cao--the Homer of the Cultural Association for National Liberation led by Ho Chi Minh. Private publishers have to pay for licenses for each book, whose content must be suitable for Vietnamese culture, customs and ethics. Writers have been arrested, imprisoned, exiled, had their passports revoked. The most famous contemporary authors live and publish out of the country, unread by their landmen. A country without a soul? Hardly, but not in print.



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The blind dating the blind

Mike and I are double-dating this afternoon with a 20-year-old friend of mine named Ali and her boyfriend Joe. Ali and Joe and I are blind -- Mike will be the odd man out!

I met Ali years ago when she and her mom attended a presentation I gave at a "blind and low-vision fair." Ali was an 11-year-old squirt back then, and we've kept up with each other ever since. She's grown up now and will be joining Joe at Northern Illinois University when she transfers there from College of DuPage in the fall. Here she is with a guest post about some of the challenges and joys of being -- and dating -- someone who's blind.

by **Alicia Krage**

In March of last year, as Joe and I lingered somewhere between friends and a couple, I'd often reflect on my friends' questions about whether I'd prefer dating someone who can see, or someone who is blind.

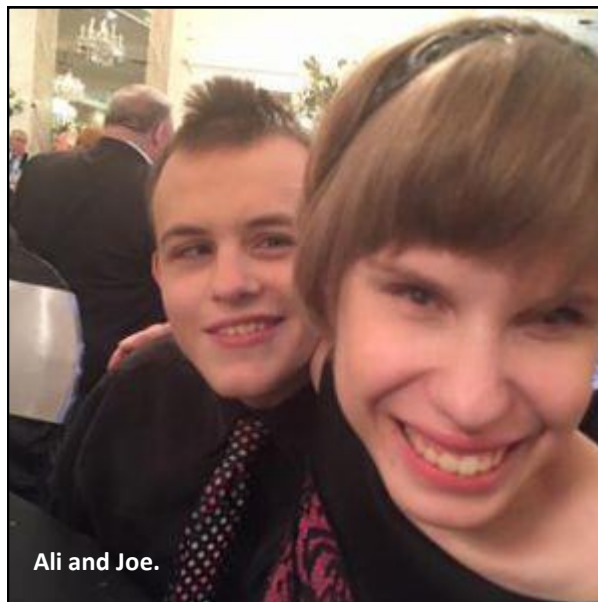
I thought about what the challenges were with both, and in the end I realized that being blind and dating someone who is blind is honestly not as hard as it sounds. Transportation becomes a problem sometimes -- you can't exactly stay out until 2:00 a.m. and drive home -- but working on things together like figuring out schedules for trains and buses has helped me gain a different sort of independence.

I visit Joe at his college every other weekend, and I take the train back and forth to Northern Illinois University by myself. I'm much more confident on my own now than I was before I met Joe.

We go on dates a lot, and restaurants are very good about walking us to our seat, offering us Braille menus (if they have some), or reading off some of the selections. If we know where we're going ahead of time, we use our speech software to look up the menu online before we go.

We've talked about experiencing other things on dates, like going to concerts, and I think we'll be doing more of that together soon. He's the kind of person that motivates you to be better, the kind that urges you (politely) to step out of your comfort zone a little bit.

Some things take more assistance than others, but it isn't impossible, and there's no one else I'd rather share crazy adventures with than my boyfriend Joe.



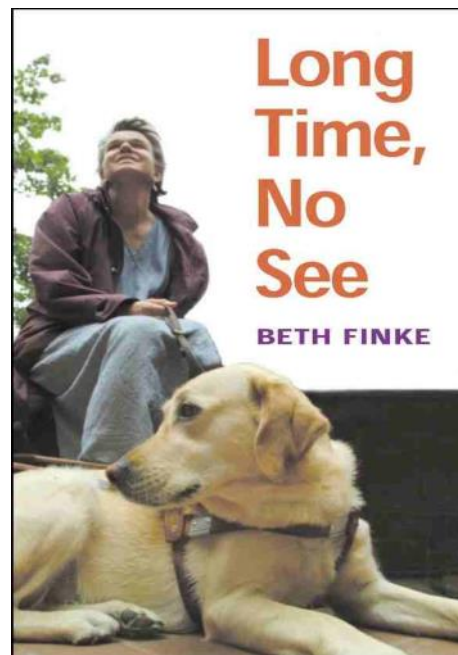
Ali and Joe.

I look back at my previous relationships and question my motives, but in the end, I know those relationships taught me a lot. I learned what I want in someone and what I don't, what works and what doesn't, and I took that into consideration.

Joe and I just celebrated our one-year anniversary, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Back to me. Ali, Joe, Mike and I will be hearing Trombonist Wycliffe Gordon play with The Columbia College Jazz Ensemble at the 4:00 p.m. show at Jazz Showcase in Chicago this afternoon, a weekly all ages show that owner Joe Siegel refers to as his effort to "save the children" from the pop music they usually listen to. Live nearby? Visiting Chicago? Come join us!

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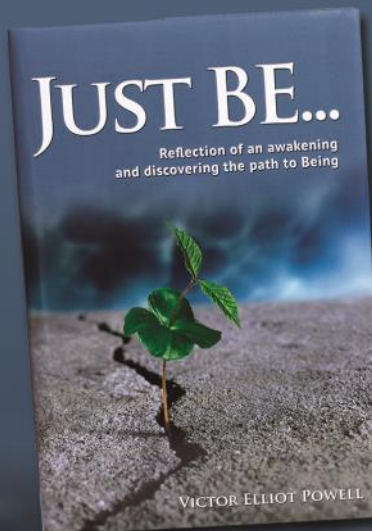
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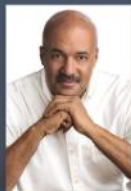


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Hackney's/Flaco's Owners to Open Ice Cream Shop in Printers Row?

A reader writes:

The brothers who own Flaco's Tacos and Hackney's on S. Dearborn b/t Polk & Harrison have acquired Castle Keepers, the real estate office that was in between the two businesses, and say they're putting in an ice cream shop. Don't know the timetable, but will keep you posted.

Seems like an amazing addition to Printer's Row. And given the track record of Hackney's and Flaco's, we are optimistic.

Standalone ice cream shops in the Sloop have been elusive. [Back in February of 2012, Marble Slab Ice Creamery closed up shop at 1241 S. Michigan.](#) Outside of that, you can get Ice Cream in the neighborhood, but tends to be as a dessert at a restaurant or a secondary offering.

The closest we have would be Baskin Robins (1231 S. Wabash). Or you could get Gelato at Little Branch (1251 S. Prairie), Artist's Cafe (1150 S. Wabash), Stan's Donuts (26 E. Roosevelt) or frozen yogurt at Chicago Kernel (511 S. State). Obviously there are more, but these stand out.

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

Celebrate Joe's Birthday

Joe Segal turns 90 and the Jazz Showcase is celebrating it with Jazz Sunday through Wednesday, April 24 – 27, Sunday. Joe started providing jazz since 1947- 69 years. Joe, in 2015, was inducted into the NEA (National Endowment of the Arts) Jazz Master award. See page 2 for details and page 8 for another mention.



Photo by Marc PoKempner



Word on the street is that the Castle Keepers location has been purchased by next-door-neighbor Hackney's who plan to develop it as an ice cream shop..

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[Columbia College Chicago](#) student artists include: Elliot Dijol, Sara Law, [Artwork by JJ McLuckie - Illustration & Deviation](#), Rachel Nurmi, Garrett Schafer, and James Tsitiridis. Curated by Tacey Hawkins.

Old Navy Joining LensCrafters, Mago Grill & Cantina and Nando's as Newest Class of Retail at Roosevelt Collection

We recently received a press release from Roosevelt Collection updating us on some upcoming openings. We've covered some of them, but the Old Navy is new news to us:

Old Navy is projected to open a two-story, 15,700+ square-foot shop in late Fall 2016. The popular brand's first South Loop storefront will be centrally located on the east side of the plaza.

LensCrafters' 4,000 square-foot store will open on the west plaza level of the Collection in Spring 2016.

Mago Grill & Cantina will occupy 8,600 square feet of The Restaurants at Roosevelt Collection at the north end of the plaza. Its first outlet in the City of Chicago, construction of the upscale restaurant is already underway and opening is anticipated in May.

Nando's PERi-PERi will also join The Restaurants at Roosevelt Collection at the north end of the plaza with a 3,800 square-foot outlet. Expected to open in Summer 2016, this will be the first South Loop location for the fast casual eatery, renowned for its unique Peri-Peri sauce.

We recently posted about the [Nando's update](#) (back in March of 2016), [LensCrafters](#) (back in February of 2016) and Mago Grill (way back in Nov of 2014). Honestly, we thought Mago Grill wasn't happening given how long it's been since the signs went up.

We are excited about these openings, but will believe it when we see it.

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A few weeks ago, my wife and I met our financial advisor at our new BBQ place, Belly Up Smokehouse and Saloon. Where else would you meet your financial guy? We ambled in after watching for months on the outside. It was nice to actually enter the restaurant which features a huge rustic loft-like space with exposed brick wall and really high ceilings. We sat in at very comfortable booth near the front window which is actually a big garage door for opening up on those warm summer days which are right around the corner. This restaurant has what you would expect. I had a lunch special of sliders, chicken, pulled pork, and brisket. They have on the table four selections of sauce from mild to hot to mustard. My wife had the pulled pork, ½ order for \$12. Dave the financial guy, had the smoked brisket, ½ order. He had to take half of it home, a very generous serving and I think we all wished we had ordered it. He said it was delicious. Other offerings included Fried Catfish, Baby Back Ribs, the Belly Up Platter (choice of 3 meats, 3 sides, coleslaw and a dinner roll). All you hombres might like many of these meats as a sandwich which also includes a “Grown Up Grilled Cheese”, a variety of ½ lb burgers and a Shrimp Po’boy. And yes, they have some yummy appetisers (called “Starters” which includes something called “Burnt End Chili” and “South Loop Spring Rolls” - BBQ pulled pork wontons, pimento cheese, black beans, avocado ranch. And a choice of 4 salads. When we go back, I might just try starters and a craft beer. If you wish to mosey up to the bar, they are fully stocked. Wabash Street is starting to look like restaurant row with a very nice variety of eateries. It’s located at 1132 S Wabash across from Trader Joes. Go there now before the construction starts next door on a high rise building and all those construction workers hog all the good seats.

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A Cautionary Tale of "Deconverting" Condos to Rental

We recently posted about Marc Realty Capital wanting to deconvert River City condos to rental. It garnered a lot of discussion in our comment section. The one below was very interesting, so we wanted to post about it. [A cautionary tale:](#)



I feel sorry for all the people who live in this building and what they are about to go through.

I live a few blocks away and just went through this with Marc reality. Unfortunately the whole process is a con. We were also offered 225 a sq ft from an initial letter of intent to buy. The first vote was approved, then they started doing their research and all the sudden the price per sq ft. turned into a bulk offer that was wayyyyyyy less, and of course it was "best and final", yeah right you will hear that a few times!!

That vote got declined without contest. A few days after the NO vote, there was a new higher offer, which again required a vote. This one passed with significant margin. From that point on, we were told this was a done deal on the base offer. Then we moved on to the point of letting them walk through all the units to decide on upgrade credits, up to 20k. Kind of a joke, without outline as to how that would be decided and what the qualifying values were.

To complicate matters, they brought on board another partner company which was now running the deal. They also offered a discounted rent back formula so people could rent back their homes if

so desired. It was a fixed formula based upon purchase price. Well that was B.S. too. After walking through the units, that rent back formula disappeared and now a random list of rent back prices came out. No one could figure out a new the formula since the values were all over the board. If you had an upgraded unit, you were screwed since they wanted going rate for the neighborhood.

Anyway, the process struggled its way forward and more than 75% were on board with the new values, upgrade credits, and rent back prices. All that was left was a final vote to ratify the deal and it would have been done. Well that's when everything fell apart. Just before the day of the vote, a new offer was submitted that was drastically lower than what was proposed the second time around.

By this point, months had passed and people were making plans to move out and buy / rent new homes. I even heard that some people bought and signed leases. Basically, they waited until people were near or past the point of no return without options and gave everyone the shaft. They also tried to say that at least 50% of people were required to rent back from them at their non discounted going rate prices.

Needless to say, The new vote did not pass and the whole thing went down the drain.

Lesson learned; This process takes months, and during that time no one can sell units, start new leases, or basically do anything. If you are a land lord in river city this is your worst nightmare. Who wants to rent in a building that's for sale. While the deal sounds great, don't be fooled the end value will not be 225 a sq ft. or even close.

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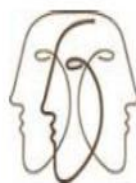
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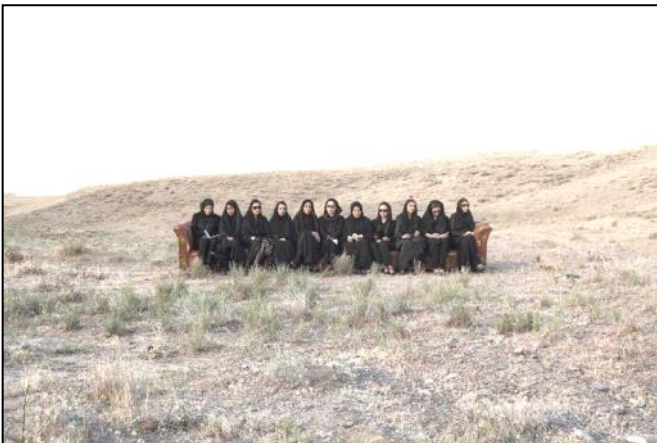
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South Loop Referral Group is a professional organization, made up of individuals with a high level of skill and passion for serving their community. The members all live and work in the south loop area: which means they are well known locally with many resources and testimonials. A referral groups goal is to have only one representative from each category. The quality of their work and the care they provide makes them truly unique, and whether you are looking for a printer, a banker or a contractor, you can be sure whomever you hire from our group, will be attentive, on time, and competitively priced.

The group also serves as a rainmaker, encouraging local business development and supporting a thriving professional community in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood through motivation, communication, and education.

Opening Reception: Burnt Generation and Midwest Photographers Project - Hossein Fatemi

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Image credit: Gohar Dashti, *Iran Untitled*, 2013

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[Big Heat: Chicago's Food & Drink Fifty](#)

Big Heat, 2016, is Newcity's list of chefs, bartenders, bakers and other food producers who are, undeniably, very good and sometimes great. The best? YMMV.

Lists are fundamentally flawed in that they suggest an objectivity impossible to attain because, you know, we're talking about taste, which is individual, subjective, difficult-to-impossible to verify.

To compile our list, we took input from leaders in Chicago food culture, people who've been on the list before and others in the industry. We based our decisions on those recommendations as well as upon the performance and promise of candidates. Throughout, we kept thinking of other names we wanted to include, names that one could argue should be included; yet we have space for only fifty. Some omissions may be obvious and some, arguable. Why, for instance, isn't Grant Achatz on the list? Because Alinea is closed for re-concepting. Why aren't dozens of other worthy men and women on this list? Because tough decisions had to be made. A particularly painful omission was that of Jean-Claude Poilevey, chef/ restaurateur of Le Bouchon and La Sardine; Poilevey died in a traffic accident shortly before we went to press. Long a member and mover of Chicago's restaurant community, Poilevey was so much a part of the local culinary landscape that we, admittedly, lost sight of him, as did many who in the last decade or so compiled such lists. We're not seeking forgiveness for such omissions; simply understanding.

Although you may disagree with a call this way or that, we hope that, for the most part, you agree that all the people listed here should be on the list—and, no doubt, many more. (David Hammond)

Big Heat was written by John Carruthers, Sarah Conway, Robert Gardner, David Hammond, Rebecca Holland, Monica Kass Rogers, Lauren Knight, Rosemary Lane.

Cover and inside photos: Joe Mazza/Brave Lux

- See more at: http://resto.newcity.com/2016/04/14/big-heat-chicagos-food-drink-fifty-2016/?utm_source=Newcity+Chiletter&utm_campaign=dddfae5a0d-306512713#sthash.le3J7xHf.dpuf

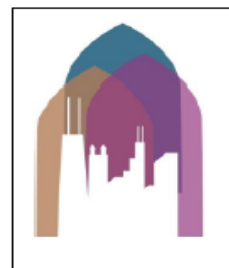
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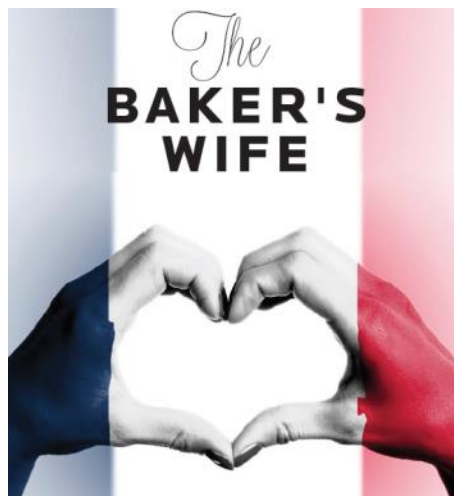
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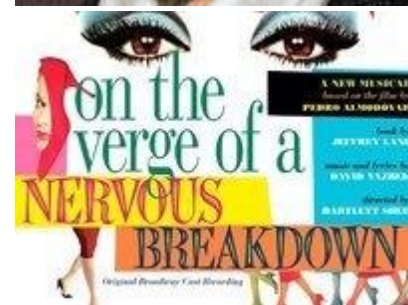
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Two Large South Loop Properties have changed hands.

Blackstone Hotel hit the market back in September among much speculation. It is owned by Sage Hospitality of Denver. According to a recent entry of the real estate transactions. It has apparently sold for \$54,500,000.

Roosevelt Collection was purchased by Madison, N.J.-based Prudential. Roosevelt Collection opened when the real estate market collapsed. Eventually purchased by developer Dan McCafrey who gradually filled the vacant retail stores and brought in the British School. He also owned a parcel behind Roosevelt Collection that he sold to Wood Partners and is now in- the-ground stages of a high rise apartment building.

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Family Day: April 30, 12-3pm

The Bologna Illustrators Exhibition offers a broad picture of the most innovative trends in children's illustration at an international level.

Created by the Bologna Children's Book Fair in 1967, the Bologna Illustrators Exhibition offers illustrators from all over the world a unique opportunity to display their talent to key players in the sector who come to Bologna every year for the most important trade show for the exchange of copyrights for children's literature. An authoritative international jury consisting of publishers, artists and museum directors selects established artists and emerging talents. This year Columbia College Chicago, in partnership with the Bologna Children's Book Fair and the Italian Trade Agency has launched an initiative for its students not only to apply to the exhibition, but also to assist in the presentation of this iteration of the Illustrators Exhibition.

The exhibition is a pivotal experience for the Illustration students at Columbia College Chicago who study in a nationally renowned illustration program. The college offers a rigorous Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree, but is also one of the few colleges in the country to offer a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. This exhibition and competition is a result of a collaboration by almost all of the 150 undergraduate students and over a dozen teachers that constitute the Illustration Program.

This exhibition is sponsored by the Bologna Children's Book Fair and the Italian Trade Agency. The Bologna Children's Book Fair is the most important international event dedicated to the children's publishing and multimedia industry. In Bologna authors, illustrators, literary agents,

licensors and licensees, packagers, distributors, printers, booksellers, and librarians meet to sell and buy copyright, find the very best of children's publishing and multimedia production, discover new business opportunities, and discuss and debate the latest sector trends. The Italian Trade Agency is the government organization that promotes the internationalization of the Italian companies, in line with the strategies of the Ministry of Economic Development, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Chicago Office is responsible, among others, for the publishing sector as well as maintaining and regularly updating its publishing website www.italbooks.com.

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Wabash & Roosevelt Rd
Aggravated battery/ on sidewalk

Mon, Mar 28 @ 7:30 PM
700 block of S Dearborn
Theft \$300 and under at restaurant

Tues, Mar 29 @ 8:50 PM
1100 block S Delano Ct (Roosevelt Collection)
Armed Robbery other dangerous weapon retail store

Weds, Mar 30 @ 4 AM
Wabash and Roosevelt on street
Stongarm Robbery no weapon

Weds, Mar 30 @ 11:26 PM
900 block S State St
Vandalism: Criminal damage to property

Sat, April 2 @ 5 PM
500 block S Dearborn
Theft from Restaurant

Sun, April 3 @ 2:44 PM
1100 block S State
Strongarm Robbery no weapon Red line platform

Tues, April 5 @ 4:34 PM
1200 block S Plymouth Ct
Simple Assault on Sidewalk

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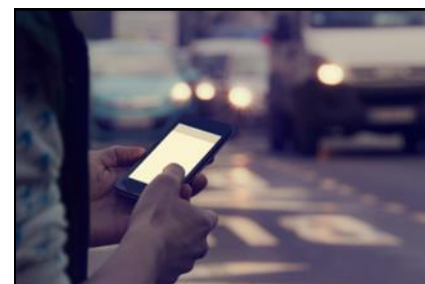
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Robbers, One As Young As 10, 'Ripping' Phones From Downtown Pedestrians

By [David Matthews](#) | April 11, 2016 11:46am
[@DavidLMatthews](#)

DOWNTOWN — Police are alerting Downtown residents of a rash of robbers "ripping" cellphones and headphones from unwitting pedestrians in the Loop. One suspect is believed to be as young as 10 years old.



In each case, the robber approached a pedestrian from behind while on the sidewalk or a CTA platform and grabbed the items, "using physical force if necessary," police said.

The robberies occurred:

- At 1:30 a.m. March 6 in the first block of East Randolph Street
 - 7:30 p.m. March 17 in the 100 block of North State Street
 - 10:15 p.m. March 31 in the first block of South Wabash Avenue
 - 9:25 p.m. April 1 in the first block of East Lake Street
 - 9:35 p.m. April 1 in the first block of South Dearborn Street
 - 11:40 a.m. April 4 in the 100 block of North Wabash Avenue
- The robbers work alone or in a group, police said. One suspect is believed to be between 10 and 12 years old, according to Officer Ana Pacheco, a police spokeswoman. There have been 11 robberies in the area from March 5 to April 1, the most recent period data is available, up from six during the prior 30-day period, according to the city's crime data portal.

The trend mirrors a pattern of rising robberies throughout the city. Police last week warned of muggers targeting people "distracted by texting" in Wicker Park, and [robberies in River North are at their highest levels since 2005](#).

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\$385,000.00
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\$458,000.00
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03/21/16

\$545,000.00
621 S PLYMOUTH CT 805, CHICAGO, 60605-1857
03/21/16

\$650,000.00
1101 S STATE ST H2400, CHICAGO, 60605-3175
03/21/16

\$220,000.00
910 S MICHIGAN AVE 1519, CHICAGO, 60605-2288
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