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2016 WISH LIST

Yeah, I'm one of those suckers for lists. Did you know that Illinois is one of the best states in which to retire? Who knew? Several of our contributors offered these interesting "wishes" for 2016.

I wish we could share the embarrassment of riches we have in the South Loop with the rest of the city, for example:

I want Auburn Gresham to have a grade school as good as South Loop Elementary.

I want North Lawndale teens to be able to walk to a school with the same facilities as at Jones College Prep.

I want Englewood to have not only a Whole Foods, but a Trader Joe's, a Jewel, a Walgreen's and a Target.

I want Humboldt Park to be as clean and as safe as Grant Park.

I want West Garfield Park to have real banks and not just Pay Day Loans.

I want all kids to be as safe in their neighborhoods as our kids are here.

Lorraine Schmall

I wish that every empty lot in the South Loop could be filled in. Not necessarily with a high-rise. But with attractive low-rises, nice town home complexes, some 6-flats, even 3-flats. Some interesting new stand alone restaurants or food-courts or other interesting businesses would be nice to build from scratch, too. And by the way, the empty "Rezko" land at Clark and Roosevelt--I wish that could be restored to either a forest preserve or a prairie.

Bonnie McGrath

I wish they would put a Red Lobster in at the new building going up across the street (at 1001 S. State).

Margaret Wallyn

My wish for 2016 is "may all our breaks be lucky ones."

Beth Finke

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Sun, 4 & 8pm

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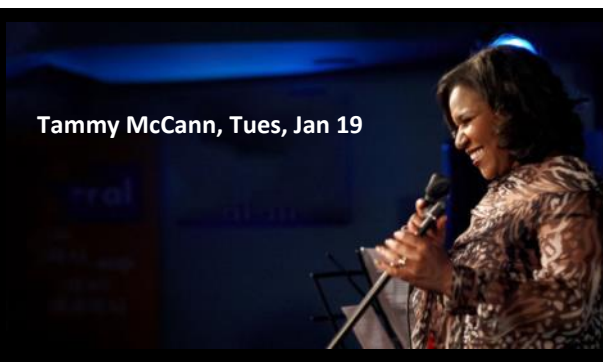
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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- 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 Chicago River to Lake Michigan.
- www.southloopneighbors.org**

Save the Date!

Wednesday, January 20, 2016
South Loop Neighbors Annual Meeting

6:30-8:30pm

Grace Place

637 S. Dearborn.

Stay tuned for details.

Ken Dunkin, State Representative 5th District is scheduled to speak.

Genita C. Robinson, Candidate for State Representative of the 6th District is scheduled to speak.

Rest in Peace Carol Hillman

South Loop Neighbors was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our long time member Carol Hillman on November 18. Carol participated in most of our events, most recently as a Loft Walk volunteer. This neighborhood will miss her greatly.



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Clarke House, the oldest house in Chicago, is suddenly starting a new life and a lot of people are wondering why January 6, 2016

Clarke House--180 years old this year--is starting a new life this week. It's suddenly and inexplicably under new management: the City of Chicago.

Anyone who knows anything [about Clarke House](#) is flummoxed. Doesn't the Rahm administration have [enough to worry about](#) right now? Why does the City suddenly want to run this very historic and very complex house alone? It's been lovingly, professionally and very meticulously managed for years by [Glessner House Museum](#), a world landmark just a stone's throw away.

Glessner provided curatorial services, spearheaded by a Clarke expert who spent her time researching, educating and preserving the home and artifacts in [an award-winning way](#). Glessner volunteer docents (of which I'm one) provided guided tours at Clarke--which were free on Wednesdays; a small admission was charged Thursdays through Sundays. The city provided maintenance for Clarke only. Glessner is involved in ongoing fundraising efforts and guided by a board of directors.

In exchange, the City, which owns the house--the oldest in Chicago--provided security personnel for both houses and a donation. The National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Illinois [generously provided the period furnishings](#) for the house. And how appreciated that was!

Why did the City Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events move in on a relationship that was so perfectly crafted over the years?

One can only speculate.

The City, which bought and restored the house and moved it to its present location at 18th and Indiana in 1977 (it became a landmark in 1970) recently said that Clarke House wasn't a priority anymore. Resources spent toward educating school children were more of a priority than folks who wanted to tour a historic house. And with the finances of the city in such a tremendously dismal state, priorities had to be set.

Which was odd because many, many school children visit Clarke House each year, well prepared for a hands on lesson in Chicago history by their teachers beforehand. The school kids took special tours geared for their particular age level. And they all went home with a deeper understanding of their city and how people lived in it when it first became a city.

So be it.

Then the City hemmed and hawed and waited until just a few weeks ago to tell Glessner House that the relationship was over. The City would be taking over. And that was that. A schism. A break-up.

Clarke is on its own now, being run by novice city employees. Visitor hours are cut back; there will be NO weekend tours. And all the work that was done in recent years is now in the hands of [DCASE](#).

And if that's all there is to it, that would be the best case scenario.

But what do I really think?

At first I figured some politically-connected builder wanted the land that Clarke sits on--adjacent to a beautiful park on a lovely street. Could they possibly be thinking of tearing down the oldest house in Chicago? [Or moving it at great taxpayer expense](#) like the nearby Rees House that made room for the new DePaul basketball stadium?

Or did someone just want to buy it outright--and do whatever with it? (Selling wouldn't be the worst idea in the world as long as a preservation not-for-profit group bought it and carried on the mission.)

But now--like so much else in the city that belongs to us, the taxpayers--I think that the home may become privatized in some fashion. In the same way the [Cultural Center](#) is. By event planners--and everyone gets kind of pushed around these days to make way for them.

The point is that no one knows what's really going on. This is what happens in a city that lacks transparency. We tend to think the worst.

I just have a feeling that there's another story behind [the bright eyes and the bushy tales](#) of those who say they'll be doing the job now. And with the City's abysmal reputation for lacking transparency, who knows if and when we'll know what the real motivation is for the pouncing on Clarke House.

I, of course, will be watching.

Bonnie McGrath



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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike: Mondays with Mike: Trumpentstein, guns, heavy thinking, and bars with- out TVs



by [mknezo2014](#) posted Monday, Jan 11, 2016

Here in Chicago it's beginning, at last, to feel like January. Yesterday, a sunny Sunday, the temperature only hit 18 at its peak here near the lake, and it was more in the 10 range out in the suburbs. But we dodged what looked like a bad storm—we got rain and not snow and ice before things got cold, and really, given how mild it's been, we're already playing on house money. That is, usually by now, I'm fatigued by constantly walking in stooped, careful fashion over packed ice and snow for weeks.

If you haven't figured it out yet, well, all this talk about the weather means I really don't have a cogent post in me at the moment. There's just too much craziness out there and a universe of random thoughts are fluttering around my brain like butterflies. I'm having a hard time collecting them all, so I'll just share a few and hope you find one or another interesting.

Trumpenstein is all over everywhere, of course, either blabbing himself or being blabbed about by talking heads who don't really seem to have any more insight than a stuffed animal. [But a friend shared this article](#) which takes a novel and useful point of view on Trump's constituency, and the ramifications for the Republican Party—and our two-party system.

The everlasting gun debate rages on, fueled last week by the President's speech. We've reached the point where [Bill O'Reilly is asking the NRA to be reasonable about background checks](#). But one of the most interesting reads [was in here in the Guardian](#). After Columbine—remember Columbine?—the Clinton administration negotiated with Smith & Wesson and the company agreed to some changes advocated by gun control advocates. The company was excoriated and boycotted by the NRA, it's sales plummeted, and had to eventually back out of its agreement with the government.

If you're up for something both meaty and spectacular, read this essay called "[Anatomy of the Deep State](#)" at Bill Moyers site. (It's a couple years old, but I think his description of the state of the government remains valid.) Now, if you lean right and can't stand Bill Moyers, don't let it stop you—the author was a stalwart GOP Congressional staffer for nearly 30 years. On the other hand, if you think because it's at Moyers' site the piece will be kind to liberal icons, you'll be disappointed—but should read it anyway. It's fascinating, superbly written, and the author—in addition to his own considerable experience, supplies substantive documentary support.



Lori K [found this Web site](#) dedicated to taverns (in Chicago and Madison) that have no TVs.

It's also a long and serious piece, so if you need a relief, we can help, courtesy of Lori K. Lori weighed in awhile back [on my post asking for suggestions of bars without televisions](#). She returned just this week to weigh in with a new resource:

[The Screenless Tavern League](#) is a Web directory of establishments without TV screens.

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An Exorcism is Easier: David Mitchell's Slade House (Random House 2015), by Lorraine Schmall

There are three really good things about this book:

It's beautifully-bound as a smallish tome that's satisfying to look at and hold. Covered in cardboard and cloth, the goldenrod front has a frame cut out of it to reveal an Escher-like drawing of the inside of a haunted house. It makes you want to jump in. It's printed in a delicate type, called "Bell," which emulates elegant 18th Century French copperplate engraving. It has 200 pages of expensive-looking raggy paper.

It's current, and hip, and an entrée to the way-past-Postmodern philosophes. Named 6 years ago as one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World, David Mitchell, with his perfect grammar and sublime vocabulary, instructs us in the ways of the wise and the contemporary as brilliantly as The Stage Manager in Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." His sentences are so interesting you want to diagram them.

It's short.

The opening chapter of the not-too-scary ghost story is so compelling, a troubled 14-year-old boy made so interesting and complete in such few words, one can't

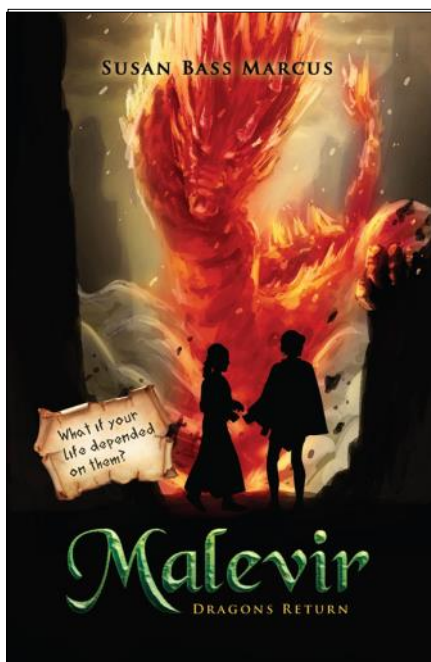
wait to read more. But then, his soul is sucked out by immortal twins who do exactly the same thing (after shape-changing) to the next four hapless victims. No surprises there. Finally, a female British-African antagonist (the good witch?) takes on the zombies. Described as humorous, the jokes come at the expense of folks who deserves empathy, not cohorts cracking-wise, even though the jokesters are also mocked.

Beyond that, it plays off the worst English stereotypes: a slavish acceptance of class divisions; the droll dismissal of religion; the terrors of middle-grade bullying; seemingly meaningless promiscuity. The deliberate amorality and intentional godlessness of the story make it hard to distinguish the good guys from the bad. The humor is subtle; one worries that the loathsome barbs, generalizations, and parodies mouthed by some of the characters might simply give readers an excuse to see such politically-incorrect harangues in print. Perhaps one needs to read more of this prolific and esteemed writer, nominated for ten prestigious writing prizes, to get him



Lorraine Schmall

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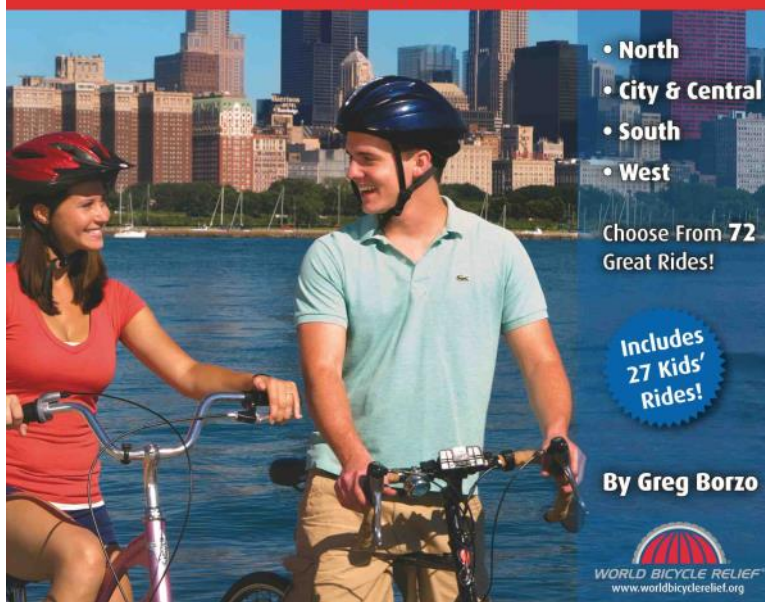
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Elliot Dijol (above)

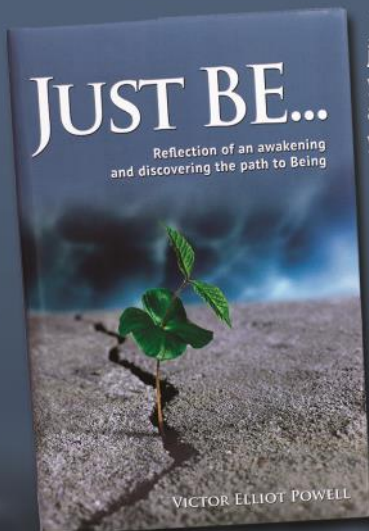


JJ McLuckie (Right)

New artwork for the exhibition, "Original Artwork by Columbia College Chicago Students", has been installed at the Byline Bank branch in Dearborn Station, 47 West Polk St. Curated by Columbia College Chicago senior and photography student, Tacey Hawkins (BA '16), this third exhibition in the Byline series is more interdisciplinary including painting, drawing, photography and multimedia sculptural work. Columbia student artists include, Elliot Dijol (fine art), Sara Law (fine art), JJ McLuckie (illustration), Rachel Nurmi (photography), Garrett Shafer (graphic design), and James Tsitiridis(illustration).

There will be a reception for the artists at the Byline branch April 22 from 5pm -7pm. The artwork will be on display through December 2016 during regular bank hours. Many of the artworks are available for purchase directly from the artist. More information about the artists and the artwork can be found at this **Byline Bank branch inside the Dearborn Station.**

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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

<http://Bethfinke.wordsmith.com>



Questions from the kids: our first school presentation of 2016

by [bethfinke](#) posted Weds, Jan 13, 2016

My Seeing Eye dog Whitney and I started our new year of elementary school visits in a big way: we took a commuter train to Elmhurst (The Chicago suburb where I grew up) and gave a presentation to **250** kindergartners, first-graders, and second-graders. All. At. Once.

Whitney usually leads me to the train station in downtown Chicago on her own, but when my gem of a husband, Mike Knezovich, said he'd accompany us yesterday morning, I had five reasons to swallow my pride and accept his generous offer.

1. Freezing temperatures -- if Whitney and I found ourselves lost or turned around for just a few minutes, we might have ended up with frostbite!
2. Snowy slippery sidewalks
3. Salt (Mike can spot it on the roads and help us avoid those areas so it doesn't end up in Whit's paws)
4. The train we needed to catch left at 7:40 a.m., which meant we'd be approaching the train station precisely when commuters were getting off trains and rushing to work
5. And oh, yeah. I still have a cast on my broken left hand.

My sister Cheryl lives in Elmhurst. She greeted Whitney and me with hot coffee at the train station there, brought an extra-large-sized pair of mittens in the car to fit over my cast, drove us to Lincoln Elementary School, took pictures at the assembly, and then drove us all the way back to my doorstep in Chicago afterwards. Cheryl has always had a way of boosting my confidence, and we have fun whenever we're together. I grew up the youngest of seven children. Cheryl is fourth in line, and this [explanation of middle child syndrome](#) describes her perfectly:

Many times they go in the opposite direction of their oldest sibling to carve out their own place of achievement and relish in the satisfaction of being capable of doing it on their own. They are sensitive to injustices and much less self-centered than their siblings (first born and last born), which allows them to maintain successful relationships. They are put in the position to learn social skills that are extremely useful, not only within their household, but within



their social community.

The kids at Lincoln School were sweet, polite, and very curious. The Q & A part of the presentation was entertaining, as always. A sampling of their questions:

What does your dog like to chase?

How can you tie your shoes if you can't see them?

How long did it take you to learn to read and write Braille??

How do you write if you can't see?

Do you shop by yourself?

Can you write cursive?

Does Whitney ever slip on the ice?

Does your dog keep you safe from other things?

Do you always have to say your dog's name before you tell her what to do?

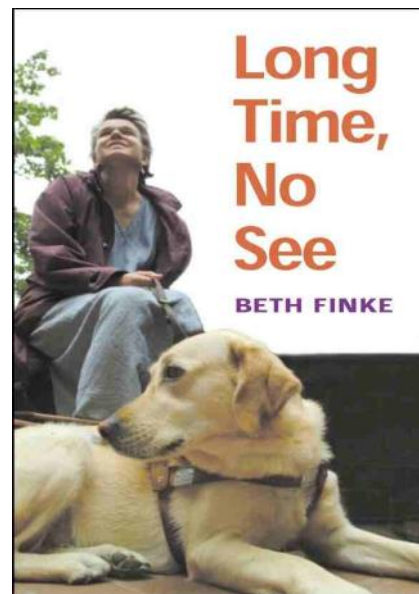
For that last question, I picked up Whitney's harness and told the kids that when you're training at the Seeing Eye school they teach you to always say your dog's name before giving them a command. "If I just say the word 'right' like I just did there, Whitney doesn't even notice, but if I say, 'Whitney, right'..." I had to stop talking right there, mid-sentence. Whitney had immediately flipped right and was guiding us toward the hallway! "I guess the Seeing Eye knows what they're doing," I said with a laugh. The kids laughed right along. Whitney was a big hit.

The most thoughtful question yesterday was this one: "What is your biggest challenge of the day?" My days have been particularly challenging lately with this cast on my hand, but Mike and Cheryl made my day yesterday far less challenging than it would have been otherwise. Huge thanks to them both, and also to all my other friends and family who have boosted my spirits, many of them by taking me for walks while the cast was preventing me from grasping Whitney's harness.

Broken hand update: my friend Colleen drove me to a medical appointment Monday and helped me convince the hand experts to shorten the cast a bit to expose the tips of my fingers. It's a ton easier to hold the harness now. Whitney and I take a train to another suburban school tomorrow morning, and if the weather warms up enough by then to melt some of the snow and ice, we may be able to get to the train station on our own. I have my Fingers crossed -- the ones in my right hand, at least.

Beth Finke's books:

"Safe and Sound" and "Long Time No See" can be purchased at Sandmeyer's Book Store.





Tuesday, December 22, 2015

[Darryll Schiff New Project in Wabash Arts Cooridor Hits Funding Goal](#)

A follow-up from a post [we did back in mid-November](#) on a project to light a new addition to the Wabash Arts Cooridor. This new piece will be by local artist Darryll Schiff and will be on the south facing wall at 705 S. Wabash. Looks like they're aiming for late January for it to be completed:

If weather allows, our install date will be early in the last week of January and our opening reception will be January 27th. The event will be held at Elephant Room Inc., a nearby gallery at 704 S. Wabash.

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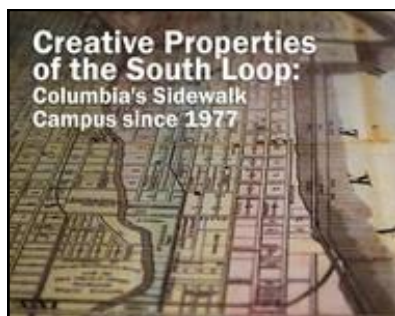
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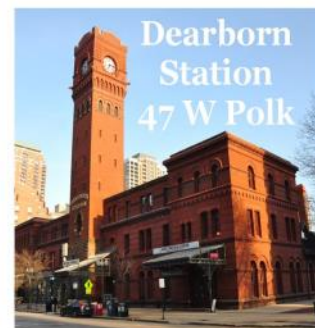
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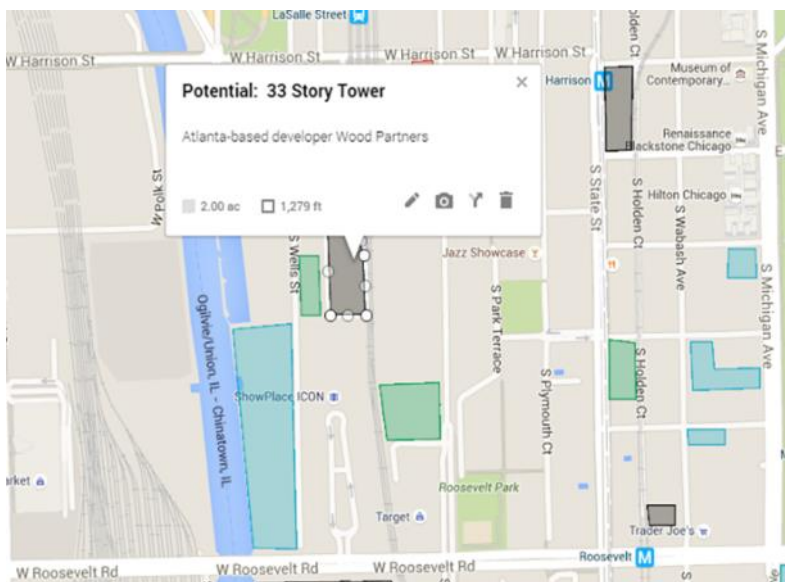


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Plans Emerge for 33 Story Tower at Polk and Financial, Weds, January 2016

And it continues (via [Chicago Business](#)):

Atlanta-based developer Wood Partners has landed a \$96 million construction loan for an apartment project north of the Roosevelt Collection, according to Cook County property records. In December, the city approved a 33-story building with 496 units that Wood had proposed on the vacant site along the Metra tracks south of Polk Street.

A Wood venture took out the loan from JP Morgan Chase Bank and paid \$15.5 million for the property in December, buying it from a joint venture between Chicago-based McCaffery Interests and Los Angeles-based Canyon-Johnson Urban Funds, county records show. A Wood representative did not return phone calls.

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A rendering of the 30 East tower. [Solomon Cordwell Buenz]

South Loop Dive George's to Make Way for New 16-Story Apartment Tower

By [David Matthews](#) | January 8, 2016 6:36am
[@DavidLMatthews](#)

SOUTH LOOP — George's Cocktail Lounge, the late-night South Loop dive known for its graffiti'd exterior, has shut its doors as a developer prepares to tear it down for high-rise apartments.

George's, 646 S. Wabash Ave., will soon make way for a 16-story, 134-unit tower at Wabash and Balbo avenues. Planned by Providence, R.I.-based Gilbane Development, the Solomon Cordwell Buenz-designed building dubbed "30 East" will include residences ranging from studios to four-bedroom apartments. The name refers to the building's future address, 30 E. Balbo, as Gilbane hopes to attract students attending nearby colleges and other young people.

"We have tailored our amenities and floor plans to the needs of today's student/millennial renter," Robert V. Gilbane, the developer's chairman and CEO, said in a statement. "And our site's proximity to the South Loop's multiple colleges and universities, convenient access to the area's major transportation links, and a wealth of nearby cultural and retail destinations make 30 East an ideal community for those seeking an active urban lifestyle."

The tower is the latest addition to a South Loop construction pipeline [replete with new residential towers](#) as developers aim to court people priced out of more established Downtown neighborhoods. Demolition of George's and an adjacent, closed Harold's Chicken Shack will begin later this month, and the new tower is expected to open in August 2017, said Wes Cotter, a Gilbane spokesman. He declined to disclose how much rent at 30 East will cost.

The development means the end of George's Cocktail Lounge, [one of the South Loop's first, and only, late-night destinations](#). Adorned with graffiti and connected to a parking garage, the bar's [Yelp reviews are equally colorful](#). Bartenders and other George's staff repeatedly declined to comment in the weeks leading up to the bar's closure this week. Cook County property records show a venture led by Gilbane paid \$3.85 million last year for the site.

Once built, the tower will include street-level retail and amenities including a club room, gym, gaming and study rooms, and outdoor terraces. The apartments will be fully furnished, include washers and dryers, and the building will offer a roommate matching service, among other services, Gilbane said.

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A rendering of the 120,000-square-foot mall slated to open next year at Jefferson and Taylor streets.

By [David Matthews](#) | January 13, 2016 12:13pm

SOUTH LOOP — A new boutique mall is slated to open next year in the South Loop, one that would compete directly with The Maxwell shopping center about a block away.

There's no name yet for the four-story, 120,000-square-foot mall planned for the northeast corner of Taylor and Jefferson streets, said Jim Schutter, who's handling leasing for the property. But construction is expected to begin in March as the mall's developer eyes an opening in the spring 2017.

Schutter, a senior managing director in the Chicago office of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, said no tenants have been signed yet for the project, but he's "close" to a lease with a furniture store and is also talking to restaurants, home goods stores and clothing shops. He thinks about 10 retailers would fit in the development.

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[Go See A Legend While You Can: Buddy Guy Performing 16 Shows at His Club in January](#)



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For awhile now, legendary blues-man Buddy Guy has been showing up to his South Loop club, Legends (700 S. Wabash), for a variety of shows throughout the month of January. This year is no different ([via ABC7](#)):

Chicago Blues legend Buddy Guy will perform 16 shows in January 2016 as part of his annual residency at Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago.

The "Buddy Shows" will run Thursday through Sunday every week from January 7 - January 31.

The six-time Grammy Award winner and Rock & Roll Hall of Famer only does schedules performances in his namesake club in January and the shows consistently sell out.

As of this morning there was still availability (although some shows are sold out).

[We went back in 2010](#) and had quite the experience.

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Newcity's Top Five of Everything 2015

As 2015 a closcomes to e, it's hard to imagine this being a year of anything but infamy in Chicago. But that overlooks the fact that many of us live in and love this city in spite of its politics and social injustices. Consider its culture. We do, here in and more than a hundred Top 5 lists throughout our virtual and real pages. See you in 2016! (Brian Hieggelke)

Top 5 Cultural Events of 2015

Doris Salcedo at MCA
The Herd at Steppenwolf
An Evening with Kurt Elling at Grant Park Music Festival
The Secret Garden at Court Theatre
Grupo Corpo at Auditorium Theatre
—Brian Hieggelke

Top 5 WTF Moments Living in Chicago in 2015

Chicago's fifth-largest blizzard in history
Rahm Emanuel is reelected as mayor
Chicago's City Council passes the city's largest property tax
Laquan McDonald shooting and video tape go public
"Back to the Future 2" disappoints as the Cubs make it to the second round of the MLB playoffs and lose to the New York Mets
—Mary Kroeck

Top 5 ways living in Chicago is like chronically being on vacation

The beaches
The museums
The nightlife
The food
The Midwestern easygoingness
—Andrew Vesselnovitch

Top 5 excuses given by Jeff Samardzija for his horrible season in 2015

Realized he was pitching for the White Sox
Still hurt over not having the chance to blow the All-Star Game for the National League in 2014
Wanted to match Jason Hammel in pitching in-game batting practice, a ritual the two started in Oakland
Aftershave fumes from weak, porn-star mustache obscured his vision of home plate
Worried about "Dear Jeff" email from Manti Te'o's ex-girlfriend.
—Corey Hall

Top 5 Places to Disappear

SpaceTime Flotation Tanks
Great Hall at Union Station
Heart of Italy
Harold Washington Library
Garfield Park Conservatory
—Rosemary Lane

Top 5 Blue Line Matrons of Commerce

The lady at the Whirlaway Lounge, who eyes your dates skeptically
The lady at the Scrub-A-Dub Laundromat on Fullerton, who gave me a bag of candy on Halloween

The lady at El Habanero, who always says "see you soon" and seems concerned about your nutrition
The lady at Sunrise Cafe, who tells you to stop reading and start eating when she brings the food
The lady at the J&M Tap, who will make cupcakes for your birthday party there if you ask ahead of time
—John Wilmes

Top 5 tiny nice things you should do this winter even though you can't brag about them later

Hit the heat button on the El platform first.
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Do a courtesy wipe of your table after you eat something crumbly at a cafe.

Walk around tourist pictures instead of through them.
Just shovel the ten feet of tiny sidewalk in front of your apartment building before it becomes an icy death trap.
Please. You can brag about that one.

—Meredith Wilson

Top 5 Puns of Our Mayor's Name

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Viet Rahm
The Rahmfather
Top Rahmen Rahmbo
—John Wawrzaszek

Top 5 Unconventional Ways to See the City

Puttering along in the Chicago water taxi
Exploring Chicago's old telegraph, freight and coal tunnels
Sailing along Montrose Beach
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—Gregory Maher

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Restaurant Review for Eleven City Diner

Eleven City Diner at 11th St and Wabash is celebrating it's 10th anniversary. Really? It's been ten years? During the holiday break, we decided to try out the breakfast. And yes, it WAS the holiday season so Dennis had a Bloody Mary and I had a Mimosa. As you enter the restaurant, you go left for the deli, and right for the dining area complete with a long snack bar, large booths, chrome and tile everywhere. This elicits visions of diners from decades ago. So it's a fun place to go to before you even look at the menu. Dennis had the French Toast Plain Jane. I had Coco's Eggs which was made up of Feta, Spinach, Tomato, Scallion with hash browns. I enjoyed it and my wife enjoyed it the next day because the serving size is generous. I look forward to going back. In fact, I came back with another friend the following week. This time, I had the French Toast with bananas and Pecans. OMG.



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[Helmut Jahn Tower May Lose Supertall Status With Height Cut](#)

Monday, January 11, 2016, by [Jay Koziarz](#)

Helmut Jahn's [design](#) for a **1,001-foot** South Loop apartment/condo tower arrived on the architectural scene with much excitement as Chicago appeared set to add multiple **supertall** buildings to its iconic skyline, joining Jeanne Gang's proposed [Vista Tower](#) in Lake Shore East. Jahn's new tower, along with Rafael Viñoly's 76-story vision for [113 E. Roosevelt](#), was heralded for bringing a transformative aesthetic balance to the horizon by bulking up the southern end of Grant Park with some much-needed height. Shaped like a giant exclamation mark with its upper portion comprised of three offset cantilevering glass boxes, Jahn's 86-story tower at **1000 S. Michigan Avenue** was poised to become the city's fifth tallest, or sixth if Vista is built as planned. However, according to the Chicago development and building watchers at [Skyscraperpage](#), Jahn's 1001-foot design may be whittled down to the **non-supertall height of 823 feet** — a move that would demote 1000 S. Michigan to 13th place on Chicago's current list of tall buildings.

While it was generally understood that the design would face some degree of refinement after renderings were first unveiled at a [public meeting in October](#), the major height chop was not the result of a community-driven process but rather a deal reached between the Mayor's Office and the city's **Landmarks Commission**, according to the discussion on [SkyscraperPage](#). Because the 1000 S. Michigan site is located within the Historic Michigan Boulevard District, a strict interpretation of the landmark guidelines would have meant that Jahn's design needed to be referential to the **size and scale** of the existing buildings along Michigan's protected streetwall between Randolph and Roosevelt. It's obvious there is a reasonable degree of flexibility built into the landmark rules or the plan would have never have been even considered in the first place, but how a still very tall 823-foot structure could satisfy these contextual requirements where as a 1001-footer was beyond the pale is certainly a bit perplexing. Fueling further speculation, the previously posted renderings of 1000 S. Michigan Avenue have disappeared from [JAHN's official website](#).

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POLONIA STAGE
presents

Alice in Wonderland

January 22-24
Vittum Theater 1012 N Noble St, Chicago, IL

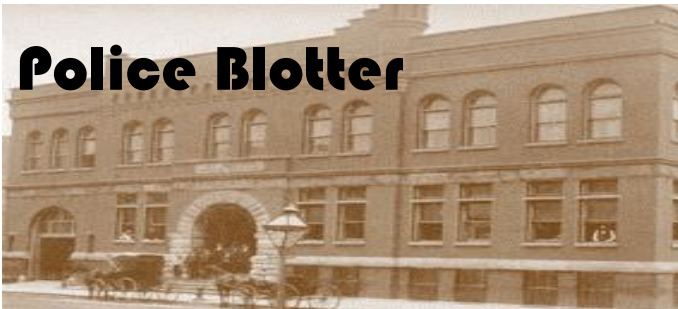
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TICKETS
www.vittumtheater.org
773-342-4141

Enjoyed by everyone ages 5 to 105!

Next CAPS Meeting Feb 10, 2016
7PM at 525 S. State St.
(Every 2nd Wednesday)

Police Blotter



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

Weds, Dec 23 @ 7pm
600 block S Wabash
Purse-snatching

Weds, Dec 23, 12:15pm
1500 S State
Burglary unlawful entry Apt

Thurs, Dec 24th @12:30am
900 S Wabash Ave
Strong Arm Robbery

Fri, Dec 25th @ 3:30am Merry Christmas
Roosevelt and Wabash
Aggravated assault with handgun

Fri, Dec 25th, 3:30am
Wabash and State
Aggravated Assault w/handgun on street

Sun, Dec 27 @ Noon
900 Block S Park Terrace
Auto theft

Thurs, Dec 28 @1:48pm
600 S. Wabash Ave
Armed Robbery at apartment

Thurs, Dec 31@ 6pm
800 S Plymouth
Theft under \$500 on street

All meetings will be held at:
525 S. State
7:00 p.m.
Every Second Wednesday of each month



For Residents on Police Beats: 121, 122, 123, 124



Bureau of Detectives – Area Central

Business Alert



Alert # P16-1-015BA
January 13, 2016

ROBBERY

About the Crime:

1st District (Central)



This alert gives notice to citizens residing in the 001st (Central) District of robbery related incidents during the month of January. An unknown offender entered the convenience stores, displayed a black revolver, and demanded money from the clerk. These incidents have occurred during the evening hours in the general geographical locations listed below:

Incident times and locations:

- 800 block of S. Wabash Ave. on January 9, 2016 at 10:42 PM
- 800 block of S. State St. on January 11, 2016 at 9:57PM

About the offenders:

Male, Black,
Male, Black, 20-40, 5'08-6'00, 140-180lbs. Dark complexion, black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, blue high-tops.

If you have any information Contact the Bureau of Detectives – Area Central
(312) 747-8384

HZ110282, HZ112361

(Reference: PATTERN # P16-1-015)

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January 13, 2016



20 Sector Residential Meetings

Every Second Wednesday each Month

7:00 p.m.

2016 Meeting Dates:

Beats 121, 122, 123, 124

University Center
525 S. State

January 13

February 10

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October NONE

November 9

December NONE

Visit us online:
www.chicagopolice.org
1st District Events Calendar.

Chicago Police Department
1st District CAPS
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- Meet the Beat Officer
- Discuss Current Events
- Review Crime Statistics
- Share Ideas/Problem Solve
- Identify New Concerns
- Learn About Upcoming Neighborhood Projects
- Get Involved



Technology and Real Estate

Bonnie Muir will be back next month



For Sale

See listings on next page

Dearborn Street Realty

Tom Feddor,

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Garage Condo Available
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Immediate Occupancy
Slot #331 (First Floor)

\$41,000
Maintenance Fee \$42/ mo
Taxes: \$576/ yr
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801 S. Plymouth Ct. P#248 - \$235/per month -

immediate occupancy. Main floor parking space close to North exit door

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910 S Michigan, #401
2 bed/ 2 bath, 1725 Sq Ft
\$549,900

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800 S Wells, #1338
1 bed/ 1 bath, 660 Sq Ft
\$190,000

Bret Derrickson
Urban Aire Realty
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600 S. Dearborn St Unit #709 -
\$234,900

Printers Row Spacious, fully rehabbed 1br/1ba Lux Condo. New Kitchen w/ Stainless, Granite, White Cabs. Hardwood Flooring, Rehabbed Bath & In unit Washer & Dryer.

600 S. Dearborn St Unit #2006 -
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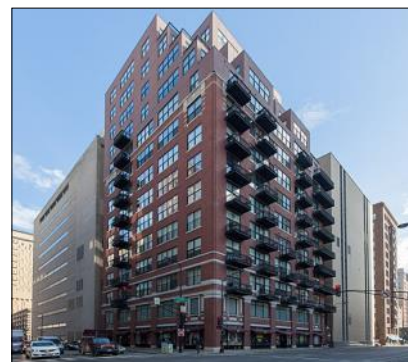
124 W Polk, #303
1 bed/ 1 bath, 1000 Sq Ft
\$179,900

Arthur Cirignani
Chicago realty Partners Ltd
312-575-0100



161 W Harrison, #701
2 bed/ 2 bath, 1450 Sq Ft
\$399,000

Kathleen Malone
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41 E 8th, #2507
2 bed/ 2 bath, 1303 Sq Ft
\$359,000

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888 S Michigan Av, #402
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\$265,000

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