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Large Crowd Showed up at South Loop Neighbor's Candidate Forum.



Standing room only crowd showed up for the Candidate's Forum held Tuesday, February 8th at Grace Place. It was estimated that around 175 people attended the forum featuring all five candidates. A majority were from the South Loop, but there were also people from other parts of the Ward.

The forum was structured so all questions were to be submitted in writing. Questions were then consolidated so duplicate questions were not asked. A large number of people turned in index cards. A total of 13 questions including the first three being developed by South Loop Neighbors were asked. All questions were posed to all candidates and each candidate had one minute to answer. The candidates also had two minutes for an opening and two minutes for a closing statement. Roger Marsh also conducted a short presentation on the layout of the Ward and voter turnout, which seemed to receive a good response. An opportunity to win Toppers Pizza and Topperstix (x2) plus an annual South Loop Neighbor's membership were awarded as part of a drawing to end the evening.

Christine Hunt reporting.

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 Wed, Feb 22...8 & 10pmTrumpeter Markus Rutz Quartet
 Thur-Sat, Feb 23-25, 8 & 10pm.....Pianist Ryan Cohan Quartet
 Sun. Feb 26, 4pm/8pm & 10pmPianist Ryan Cohan Quartet
 Mon, Feb 27, 8 & 10pmVocalist Suneetha Vaitheswaran Quartet
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 Sun. Mar 5, 4pm/8pm & 10pm.....Harry Allen/Scott Hamilton/Andy Brown Quartet
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South Loop Neighbors is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.

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

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Australian Lungfish "Granddad" celebrates his 80th anniversary at the Shedd



Granddad, an Australian Lungfish and the Shedd Aquarium's longest living resident passed away February 5--from old age. He lived at the Shedd since 1933 and was probably at least a pre-teen, if not older when he got there.... He was beloved and well-cared for at Shedd and lived a good, long life. Here's a post South Looper Bonnie McGrath wrote in 2013, when Granddad had his 80th anniversary party. Not only was he the longest living resident at Shedd --he's also probably the longest-living resident in the South Loop! He's was here almost 87years!

When I met "Granddad" in 1978--the year I started volunteering, and ultimately working for pay for the next three years at [Shedd Aquarium](#)--he was just about to celebrate his 45th anniversary as a South Loop resident. And I thought he was old then! [Yesterday, the famous Australian Lungfish celebrated 80 years](#) in his river habitat home at the Shedd. He's been living in the South Loop a lot longer than I have. I've only been here 19 years. But we both came to live here during the month of September, although I arrived 61 years later.

So I went up there yesterday to help him celebrate his big day. I've been visiting Shedd since I was a toddler. My dad used to bring me to see the turtles in a shallow pool near the entrance. Which was replaced by a coral reef decades ago.

Granddad is probably something like 90 years old now, give or take. Almost old enough to be my granddad. No one will know exactly until he passes away how old he is --which probably won't happen until he's way past 100. [Australian Lungfish are long lived](#). The whole [species goes back](#) hundreds of millions of years. And he has a good life lolling around in his tank, with friends, good food and a lot of attention.

The [Queensland Lungfish](#) (its other name) eats slow-moving aquatic creatures--like worms and crayfish and shrimp and such. In captivity, lungfish love things like lettuce and other veggies; not to mention grapes and bananas. They love a nice varied diet. And they have the ability to swim up to the surface and breathe air through their mouths, too. Which is probably one of the things that's allowed them to survive as a species all these millions of years.

Granddad's tasty-looking birthday cake, which was

served after a few congratulatory speeches, was made of seaweed, raspberries and carrots, among other things. And it was thrown right into the water With him. He and his pals noshed on it while we guests were given information about Australia--and little pins with both the Australian and US flags on them.

Granddad, who's been here since the World's Fair of 1933--which was held near the Shedd on Northerly Island--didn't seem too interested in going back home. He's pretty happy in the home he's been in for 80 years.

Bonnie McGrath

Visit my blog: <http://www.chicagonow.com/>



If you want to effect change, you have to start local. These may or may not be your representative, however, if you live in Printers Row and Dearborn Park, they are.

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) |

Far and Away Jan 23, 2017



The weather has been, all things considered, very pleasant. Greetings from the land of towel warmers and biscuits. It's gloriously sunny and only a little brisk in Edinburgh, Scotland. We're a few steps downstairs at a little café drinking some potent black coffee, eating croissant and a bacon and cheese scone. We found it after being directed to a Starbuck's just across the street—we chose wisely.

Wellington Coffee, our little slice of caffeine heaven.

Last night we stopped at [The Oxford Bar](#), the spot frequented by [the fictional detective Inspector John Rebus](#) in the entertaining series of mysteries by Edinburgh's own Ian Rankin. Rankin [has penned his thoughts about the real-life tavern](#).

Oxford Bar was all that. Or, I should say, it wasn't all that. It was quiet. Civilized. It acknowledges its Rebus connection, but this is no Maragaritaville. It's still just a pub.

The conversation was rich. Bartender George and Harry the patron were deep into talks about music. George used to play in a band full-time back in the 70s and 80s, and he'd taken up music again for fun. Business was at a civilized pace and between patrons, and between serving patrons, Harry reviewed the lyrics of Whiter Shade of Pale, which his present-time band had added to its repertoire. All of us found lots of common ground in our awe of songwriters, including Carole King, whom Harry absolutely revered.

Later we visited with Fiona and John and their two handsome sons, Andrew and Douglas. You may remember that Fiona is the sister [of Sheelagh, our longtime friend who died from cancer several years ago](#). Fiona visited us last year. We are lucky to remain connected. We had a lovely evening, starting at grand and traditional pub called Bennett's, followed by dinner at Fiona and John's.

Throughout our journey, conversation has inevitably turned toward our current president. What was striking is how well informed our UK friends are. For example, back at The Oxford Bar, Harry and George knew the intricacies of our three-headed system, and held out hope that it would insulate us and them from catastrophe. They also knew our election cycle: "It'll be better in two years," said Harry, hopeful for the prospect of a Congressional turnover in the wake of two years of expected nuttiness.

Before heading to Scotland, [we spent three days in with our friend Jim Neill](#) at his London flat. We were in his living room on inauguration day. Jim is a political junkie and he and I watched the ceremony on BBC television while Beth sequestered herself for a nap.

For the record, things back in the USA don't look a lot better from across the pond. (Also for the record, Jim immediately commented on how less-crowded the mall seemed compared to

what he had remembered from previous inaugurations.)

An American should be reminded that, for better or worse, we have carved out a primary and incontrovertibly important (as opposed to "alternate") role in world affairs. These people in the UK are dealing with two unnerving developments: Brexit and a president that to them appears to be at a developmental level somewhere between high school senior and college sophomore.

Our time with Jim included a visit to his father's home in Hartlepool, located in a region that the Motorway signs label simply as The North. Hartlepool was once a shipbuilding power, but went through the same kind of hollowing out during economic transitions that our so-called rustbelt cities of the USA did.

Hartlepool is also a long, long way from London—not so much in distance as culture. Our talks with people along our journey confirmed that some things are universal. For one, the urban/non-urban divide. We have a good friend, Lydia, who immigrated north (and I really think that's the best term) to Chicago from the South to the chagrin of her family. They routinely and painfully referred to Lydia's adopted home as *That Chicago*. Someone spoke to us and used the phrase *That London* in much the same way Lydia's parents used *That Chicago*.

We stayed overnight at Jim's father's house. Jack is a hale octogenarian who walked us at a remarkable pace to the house of Carol and Phillip, his daughter and son-in-law who live about a 10 minute stroll away.

Our hosts served wine and finger food and we didn't have to work hard to coax his father and sister into telling embarrassing stories from Jim's childhood. We also got to know Carol and Phillip's youngest daughter, and learned about their son who is working in London, and their other daughter, a student at university.

At some point, Phillip recalled his time as a teenager in the Navy, when a few of his ports of call included American stops. Out of the blue, as he gazed off in his own imagination, he said, softly but firmly, "I love America."

I wasn't sure I'd heard him correctly and asked him to repeat it. He went on to tell stories about his times in the USA, stories that his daughter hadn't heard and which opened her eyes to the idea that her father had not always been her father.

Phillip recalled one stop in Norfolk, Virginia, where his British aircraft carrier moored next to the U.S.S. Nimitz. "Our ship was the biggest in our navy, and the Nimitz was twice as large!" More than that, though, he was impressed by the kindness of the American families that met the Brits at the dock to offer them housing or any help they needed during their stay. Norfolk's residents know what it is to have loved ones at sea for extended periods.

Mostly, I've stayed away from news sites and social media as much as possible. While we're away, I'm taking a badly needed break. But I did see the reports about the marches around the world, in cities across the USA, and particularly, my Chicago friends' social media dispatches. It was heartening, and I got the same feeling—strangely---that I'd had when we were stranded in New Orleans (how awful!) a few years ago because a huge snow-storm had shut down Chicago's airports.

My first impulse: I wanted to be there, despite it all. It is home. All of it, good and bad.

Than again, a single-malt later, I realized I'll be there soon enough.. See you then.

See How \$46 Million In CPS Cuts Affect Your School

By [Tanveer Ali](#) and [Heather Cherone](#) | February 6, 2017

5:30pm | Updated on February 6, 2017 5:39pm

CHICAGO — Here's a school-by-school breakdown of the \$46 million in midyear cuts announced by Chicago Public Schools Monday.

The cuts were announced as a way to fill the hole in the CPS budget after Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed \$215 million officials had been counting on, CPS said.



School	Original Budget	Amount Cut Mid-Year	New Budget	Pct. Change
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Book Review: *Evicted. Poverty and Profit in an American City* by Matthew Desmond (Crown 2016)

Two point five million families were evicted in 2015, according to Redfin Residential, usually after an armed sheriff knocked and a pair of movers offered a grim choice: “Street or storage?” Passing the bedraggled belongings of families recently homeless, we might wonder how they got there. Harvard Professor Matthew Desmond employs his Wisconsin PhD to show us. Some people’s hard lives are made even bleaker by the amount of time, money, energy and faith they expend trying to find, make habitable, and maintain the barest of roofs over their heads. *Evicted* is an unrelievedly painful study of the practical and legal machinery that roots out residents who are disturbed, disabled, drug-addicted, or simply down-on-their luck, in two segregated Milwaukee neighborhoods where Desmond lived for a year. Tenants there spend more than half their incomes for places that are as mean and miserable as the hovels of Les Mis---one a trailer park and the other where rental properties can be bought for \$5000. His intimacy, empathy and precision harken to other great books that make sociology readable: Nicole LeBlanc’s *Random Family*, Isabel Wilkerson’s *Warmth of Other Sons*, and Katherine Boo’s *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*.

Evictees may have made bad choices, but Desmond argues they have precious few to begin with. Everything bad follows eviction: kids wander unsuccessfully from school to school;

adults have trouble keeping their jobs; everybody loses their few possessions; and having no address may cost public benefits.

Forever afterwards, they are forced to live “shoulder-to-shoulder with drug dealers, sex offenders, and other lawbreakers” because they’re kept out of better places. Desmond’s two landlords didn’t much screen their applicants and their renters didn’t require much in the way of capital investment, creature comforts, or safety. Rents were higher than market. Tenants got behind. Lawyered-up landlords prevail over tenants who don’t show up, or come without a way to explain to the court how they plan to satisfy their delinquencies and improve their financial situations. Like major banks that give credit and sub-prime mortgages to people who cannot afford them, and payday lenders who offer loans to people with lousy histories, Desmond’s two landowners understand: “there is a business model at the bottom of every market” that makes some people very rich. Poverty as a symbiotic relationship between the haves and have-nots is no more starkly shown than by an eviction. Hard as it is to read, *Evicted* belongs on everybody’s list.

Lorraine Schmall

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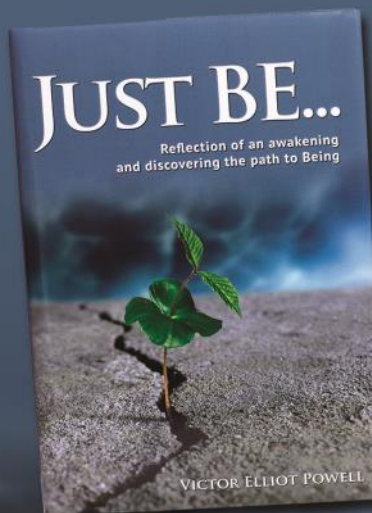
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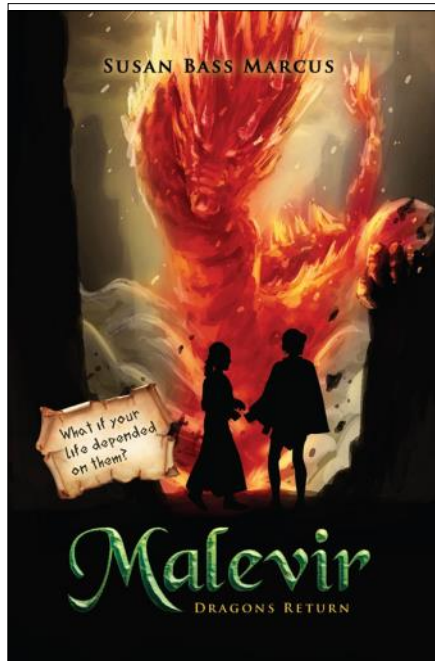
Indivisible Principles:

Small local groups of dedicated citizens can apply strong pressure on their Members of Congress (MoCs) using phone calls, direct meetings and media to oppose even a popular president.

When your party does not have the votes in Congress to promote a new legislative agenda, you must act defensively against the agenda of the party in power. For us, this means saying NO to MoCs on home turf, rejecting concessions to Republicans, and targeting weak Democrats.

Members of Congress care about 1 thing: reelection. To make them do what you want them to, they must believe that opposing you will threaten their reelection. They are very sensitive to bad press and any impression of public dissent or disapproval.

Members of Congress don't care about your opinion if they don't represent you. You need to focus on your own representatives.



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Indivisible Tactics:

Form into small local groups and communicate how your MoCs are performing with regard to specific issues of the Trump agenda.

Have groups attend every town hall or public meeting of your MoCs and demand answers. Be visible to the public and the press.

Make coordinated phone calls to MoC offices to voice concerns and opinions. If possible, have every member of the group call MoCs on the same day to express your stance on a particular issue.

Make group visits to MoC offices for meetings with MoCs or their representatives. Demand that you are granted a meeting, and make it public if you are refused.

Provide positive reinforcement and support to MoCs who are already doing what you want. Positive calls and visits to MoC offices are rare, and very much appreciated. Help embolden MoCs to stand up to Trump by letting them know they have your support.

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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

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I love this group. No one loves this group more than I do.

Last week the prompt for my Wednesday memoir-writing class was, "How I Got through a Transition in Life that Wasn't my Choice." An [overwhelming number of Chicago-ans had voted against the new president](#), so I reasoned a lot of my writers might be concerned about Friday's inauguration. "For next week I want you to look at one of these transitions, -- a relationship that split up? leaving a job? moving somewhere? -- that you didn't want to have happen. Tell readers how you managed to survive it."

Writers came back with stories of divorces, career changes, and job lay offs. Some wrote about advice from experts getting them through. For others it was help from family and friends. Letter-writing campaigns. Sheer determination.

And then came Sharon Kramer's turn to read. Sharon was one of many women in class who'd participated in Chicago's Women's March last Saturday, and the essay she read aloud in class told us that when all else fails, she turns to parody:

My Transition to Alternative Facts

by Sharon Kramer

Abraham Lincoln was the 5th president of the United States. The most popular sport in the United states is table tennis. Lake Michigan is slightly larger than the Atlantic Ocean but not as salty.

You know those pesky things called facts? Remember them? A fact is something that has really occurred or is actually correct. Boring! Only losers believe in facts. So, what is an alternative fact and is it ok to change reality in favor of this new kind of fact? Our esteemed president and his staff seem to think so. Me too. I happen to love alternative facts. It makes my life better. I mean really better.

But now as to why I am here. I want to address you, my classmates, the largest audience ever gathered of any writing class in the history of this great country. Really. This is a HUUUGE class. Thank you for coming. Much bigger than any class attended by Barack Hussein Obama or Lying Hillary.

I also want to let you know that I created a wonderful story for you today but gave it to our Renaissance Senior Center director to edit because Beth was out of the country and it was leaked to the lying press and I had to destroy it -- for security reasons. Because I truly want to



She's in there!

protect our great country as well as our Senior Center. I love this Senior Center. No-one, no-one, loves this senior center more than I do. I have sacrificed a lot for this place. For example, just today I gave up my Zumba class to be here with you.

You will be happy to know that as soon as my story is released, I will read it to you. You will be shocked at how great it is. Really. It is beautiful. Incredible. Beth would have loved my story and definitely posted it on her blog. The comments would have been extraordinary. Probably the most amazing comments she has received from any story on her blog -- ever.

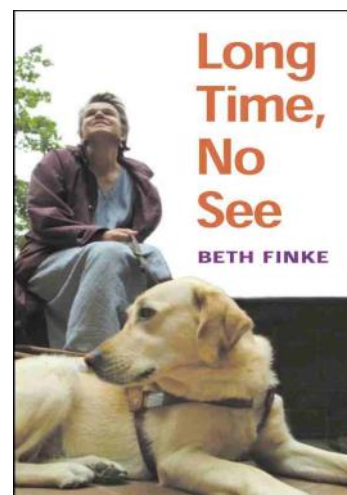
Don't be upset though, for next week I will write another brilliant story and be able to share it with this incredible group of people. I love this group. No one loves this group more than I do. The story you will hear next week will make you laugh and cry at the same time. It will be flawless -- a new standard for the written word and the unwritten word. And, with the support of the millions of people who love me, I am declaring this day next week -- when I read my story - as a new holiday: National Writer's Day in honor of me.

In the meantime, enjoy your weekend, you wonderful writers.

Signed: Sharon, a 25-year-old, 5 foot 10 inch, gorgeous blond bombshell, weighing in at 105 pounds and loving the alternative fact world.

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

See Beth's column on page 9





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Photo Jan 19, 2017



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Women Artists Rock the Protest Poster!

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What We Mean When We Talk About Tolerance

Lessons Found In A Metaphorical Pebble In Our Shoe By Mahjabeen Syed

The English language has always fascinated me. Growing up, I was fluent in both Hindi and English. Although Hindi has a delicate cadence all its own, I didn't find it to be quite as playful. There weren't countless synonyms to describe the precise state of one's happiness or a dozen ways to explain the warm earthy scent that rises from a lush open field recently lavished by rain. But I suppose everything has points of weakness. Not even language stays the same, since the meaning of certain words morph as we age.

Robin Williams is quoted as having said, "No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." Now more than ever, I believe that holds to be true. Although Barack Obama and Donald Trump are drastically different people, both were elected because of their promise and call for change. We remain divided at this time because of our own ideologies and those of our new president. Whether you support Trump's opinions and actions or not, we all strive to find peace in some form, but words like tolerance are what hold us back.

From the time we are children, we associate tolerance with a pain threshold. Tolerating the dull ache under our foot from a pebble in our shoe or, as teenagers, tolerating the long commute to school during inclement weather and then, as adults, tolerating others, their way of life and their beliefs. In every sense of the word, tolerance means coming to terms with something because we *have* to endure it, not because we want to. So when we say we need to have racial or religious tolerance, we are associating it with something uncomfortable, something we don't want to do—a metaphorical pebble in our shoe.

Tolerance is the equivalent of settling. The word might seem ordinary and harmless, maybe even positive because many parents and schools pride themselves on teaching it at home or in the classroom, but if the foundation is unstable, so is its message.

The fact is, the word itself is tainted. Tolerance does not apply to the majority, but is contextually fashioned to encompass only outsiders: those with religious backgrounds that differ from the majority, those whose sexual orientation is not deemed as "the norm," those who don't look like most of the people in mainstream media and so on.

As a Muslim-American who came of age in a post-9/11 America, I can tell you that the last thing someone like me who comes from a persecuted religion wants to hear is that my religion and my existence is merely *tolerated*. Telling anyone that they are tolerated is taking the easy way out because you have decided it isn't worth your time to learn about them yourself. There is no gray area when it comes to acceptance. Either you accept someone or you don't. We cannot attain the change we so desperately seek when the words we use are inconsistent with the message we are trying to convey.

I have read and heard hundreds and possibly thousands of negative things said about my religion, but I still don't think that the vast majority of people who voted for Trump are inherently racist and hateful, I think they are misinformed.

If you watched the first ten minutes of Saturday Night Live the day following Trump's inauguration, you would have heard host Aziz Ansari comment on whites who think brown people don't belong in America. "I think part of the problem is a lot of these people, they just haven't interacted with any brown people in their normal life. The only people they see are these monsters in the news who are just a drop in the ocean. Maybe what needs to happen is when they do the news report, they should do a second report about some other brown people that are just up to normal stuff—just to calm those people down."

For the rest of the story, click here.

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Jahn-designed South Loop tower to break ground in 2018, says developer

Work on the planned 832-foot residential tower at 1000 S. Michigan is reportedly at least one year away

BY [JAY KOZIARZ](#) JAN 24, 2017, 1:09PM CST

While this winter saw skyline-altering South Loop projects such as Rafael Viñoly's [One Grant Park](#) and HPA's [Essex on the Park](#) move forward, work on 1000M—architect Helmut Jahn's 73-story residential tower—is reportedly at least one year away. The news comes from Robert Singer of developer Time Equities who recently told the [Chicago Tribune](#) that groundbreaking is anticipated to take place in 2018 with delivery targeted for 2021. New York-based Time Equities is co-developing the project with partner JK Equities.

Arguably the most high-profile South Loop project of the current crop of towers produced by downtown's building boom, the 832-foot proposal for the parking lot at 1000 S. Michigan was first revealed as a [bold and boxy super-tall](#) reaching 1001 feet skyward. The design was

subsequently shortened (and smoothed) following input from neighbors and elected officials and the issuance of [amended guidelines](#) for the Historic Michigan Avenue District from Chicago's Committee on Landmarks.

As skyscraper enthusiasts wait patiently for Jahn's 1000M to dig in, they can take solace in the Tribune's news that the 48-story residential tower down the street at [1326 S. Michigan](#) will start construction in the "next few

months." Designed by Solomon Cordwell Buenz, the 500-unit rental project is rumored to be called "SoMi" tower. It comes from a development team comprised of Chicago-based Murphy Capital Management and CIM Group—the LA-based developer of Block37 and [new owner of Tribune Tower](#).

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Johnson Publishing Building To Be Considered For Landmark Status

Defender Editorial Team

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced Chicago's former Johnson Publishing Co. building on South Michigan Avenue will be considered for landmark status. The move will help protect and celebrate the 11-story building's iconic, International Style design and its decades-long affiliation with black business and culture.

"As we celebrate Black History Month, it is the perfect time to honor this building that stands tall as a decades-long epicenter of black history and culture," Mayor Emanuel said. "This designation will cement this building's status as a landmark that is not just part of the legacy of the city of Chicago, but the history of our nation."

The landmark designation process started today with a preliminary recommendation at the Feb. 2, 2017, meeting of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks.

"My father started Johnson Publishing Company to inform, empower and uplift the African American community," Linda Johnson Rice, Chairman of Johnson Publishing Company and Chairman Emeritus of Ebony Media Holdings said. "With my mother Eunice by his side, they built an iconic brand. I am thrilled that the building that housed our company for so many years is being considered for landmark status. It is a true testament to the hard work of my parents and all the people who called Johnson Publishing Company home for decades. I am grateful to Mayor Emanuel and Alderman King for supporting this effort."

Completed at a cost of \$8 million in 1971, the building at 820 S. Michigan Ave. was constructed by Johnson Publishing Co. The company was founded in 1942 by John H. Johnson who, over the next six decades, grew the organization into the largest black-owned business in the nation. In 1982, Johnson became the first black man to appear on Forbes' list of 400 wealthiest Americans, and the Johnson Publishing building remains the only office structure in downtown Chicago built by an African American.



"I am immensely honored to champion the landmark designation status of the Johnson Publishing company building, the first African-American constructed and owned building in downtown Chicago, located in the 4th Ward," Ald. Sophia King said. "As the alderman and longstanding fan of Johnson Publishing, it gives me great pride to support this designation which will allow the economic, social and cultural imprint of Johnson Publishing to be appropriately etched in Chicago's skyline and history."

Johnson used his company to celebrate achievement and success by black Americans, which was largely ignored or stereotyped by the mainstream media throughout the 20th century, according to a staff report by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks. Tapping into a huge demand for accurate and positive coverage of black life, his "Ebony" and "Jet" magazines became staples in black households across the country. Johnson's philanthropic work focused on education and, over his lifetime, he donated \$55 million (Continues on next page)

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The 110,000-square-foot building was designed by black architect John Warren Moutoussamy, who studied at Chicago's Tilden Technical and Englewood high schools. After serving in World War II, Moutoussamy enrolled at the Illinois Institute of Technology to study architecture under Mies van der Rohe. He later became the first African American to become partner in a large architectural firm, Dubin, Dubin, Black & Moutoussamy.

When design began on the building in 1969, Johnson told Moutoussamy that he "did not want one of those 'shirt front' glass and steel buildings" that were designed or influenced by van der Rohe and other International style contemporaries. Instead, Johnson wanted a unique, modern building that he said would convey his company's "openness to truth, openness to light, openness to all the currents swirling in all the black communities of this land."

The building's clearly-expressed structure, rectilinear forms, open floor plans, and absence of ornament are hallmarks of the International style.

"The design is a fitting reflection of the incredible business that it served to support, as well as Chicago's role advancing the concepts of equality and civil rights," said David L. Reifman, commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development, which provides staff services to the Landmark Commission.

The building is currently owned by Columbia College Chicago. Johnson Publishing's current office is at 200 S. Michigan Ave.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation for landmark status would apply to the building's exterior elevations and rooflines that are visible from public rights-of-way. A final recommendation could occur later this year, which would be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

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Organization	Mission	Boundaries	Constituents	Website/Social Media
Alliance for Greener South Loop (AGSL) <i>Est. 2007</i>	Works to make the South Loop a greener place to live, work, study, and play. Engages South Loop individuals, businesses, buildings, and city agencies to "tread more lightly on the earth."	Boundaries are essentially those of its constituent members, (Congress ► I-55 Lake Michigan ► I-90/94)	Neighborhood institutions and community organizations that represent residents and businesses	greenersouthloop.com Facebook Twitter @GreenSouthLoop
Greater South Loop Association (GSLA) <i>Est. 2001</i>	Works to maintain and improve the South Loop as a vibrant and diverse, inclusive community (i.e. essentially functions as the South Loop chamber of commerce)	Congress ► I-55 Lake Michigan ► I-90/94	Residents, businesses	greatersouthloop.org Facebook LinkedIn
Near South Planning Board (NSPB) <i>Est. 1946</i>	Plans, guides and supports a program of development for the near south side of Chicago by working with businesses, institutions, residents and the city.	Congress ► 35 th St Lake Michigan ► I-90/94	Residents, businesses, academic institutions, municipal agencies	thenearsouthplanning-board.org
Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance (PDNA) <i>Est. 2006</i>	Provides an environment to meet neighbors, exchange ideas, prioritize projects, propose solutions, and implement plans for the neighborhood.	Congress ► I-55 Lake Michigan ► I-90/94	Residents	pdnachicago.com
South Loop Business Exchange (SLBE) <i>Est. 2015</i>	Works to expand and strengthen a healthy business climate, contributing to a vigorous South Loop community.	Congress ► I-55 Lake Michigan ► I-90/94	Businesses	southloopalliance.org Facebook
South Loop Dog PAC (SLDPAC) <i>Est. 2000</i>	Advocates for and supports responsible dog-ownership by providing and maintaining safe off-leash areas for dogs and humans to socialize in area parks, and encourages healthy and mutually beneficial dog-human relationships in the community.	Congress ► I-55 Lake Michigan ► I-90/94	Residents	southloopdogpac.org Facebook Twitter
South Loop Neighbors (SLN) <i>Est. 1997</i>	Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.	Congress ► 25th St Chicago River ► Lake Michigan	Residents	southloopneighbors.org Facebook Twitter
South Loop Referral Group (SLRG) <i>Est. 2001</i>	Expands reach and enhances exposure of small, local entrepreneurial companies through collaboration with and recommendations to/from other like-minded, similarly-situated organizations and individuals in the South Loop area.	Congress ► 25th St Chicago River ► Lake Michigan	Small business owners/entrepreneurs	southlooppreferalgroup.org Facebook

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A reader writes:

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Goals:

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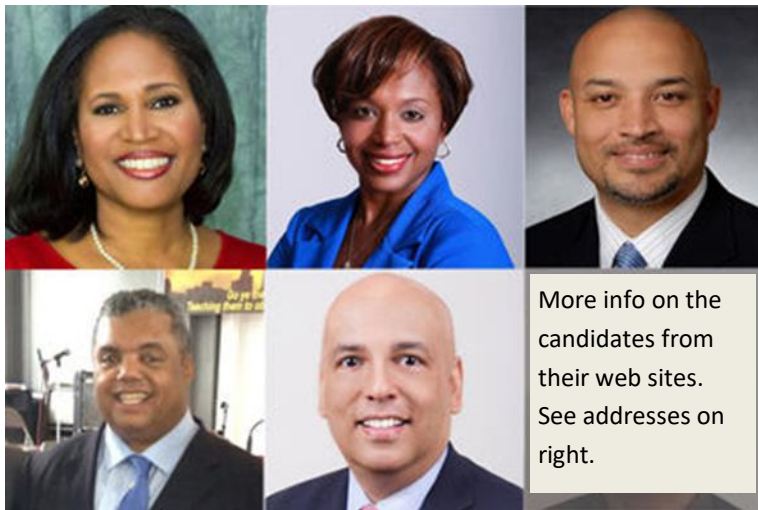
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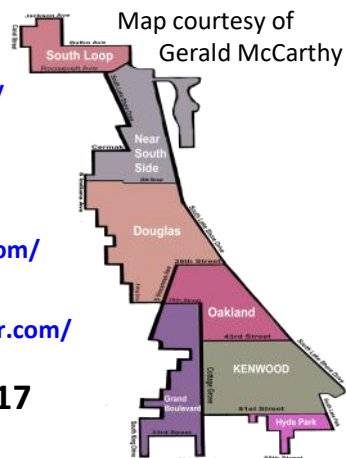
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Ebony Lucas

I have demonstrated my commitment to the community throughout my career. After graduating from University of Michigan in Elementary Education, I taught first grade with Teach for America. I continued my education obtaining a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management from Case Western University and worked as a fundraiser for United Way and Mercy Education Project, a women's literacy program. Desiring to have a larger impact on my community, I

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Apartment high-rise for South Loop retail center looks to move forward

Plans to bring a tower component to the Shops at Roosevelt Collection appear to still be alive

BY [JAY KOZIARZ](#) JAN 20, 2017, 12:40PM CST

Criticized sometimes for being too auto-centric and suburban, the South Loop's Roosevelt Collection may finally get an infusion of urban design as plans for the project's long-discussed high-rise phase appear to be moving forward. A recent post on the online development-watching forum at skyscraperpage.com



revealed a new rendering of such a building as well as information that preliminary bids for the project are expected to be forthcoming.

The existing mixed-use complex is currently home to over 300,000 square feet of retail space topped by 342 loft-style rental units plus a 16-screen cinema and utterly gargantuan 1,500-space parking garage. The aforementioned high-rise piece would occupy an empty notch set aside at the Roosevelt Collection's northwestern corner.

Developer Centrum Properties broke ground on the Roosevelt Collection project in 2007—then a combination of retail and condos—and reportedly spent \$350 million on construction. Struggling to find tenants, the development was sold to Dan McCaffery in 2011 for \$160 million. After finally leasing up, the property changed hands once again in 2015 when it sold to Prudential Real Estate Investors for \$225 million.

According to a 2015 [Crain's article](#) covering the sale, Prudential's acquisition also included accommodations for an apartment tower reaching as high as 43 stories. The newest rendering (above) shows a high-rise of roughly that stature and represents a much cleaner modern aesthetic compared to a somewhat cluttered design shown in older conceptual drawings (below).

The tower at RC isn't the only development looking to add more residential density to the neighborhood. To the west, the 29-story rental tower at 1000 S. Clark opened in early 2016 while the upcoming [33-story Alta Roosevelt](#) rental tower continues to climb skyward to the immediate north. With these and other projects like the [multi-phase River Line development](#) in the works, the timing and market conditions might at last be ideal for Roosevelt Collection to finally go vertical.

<http://chicago.curbed.com/2017/1/20/14337336/apartment-high-rise-tower-south-loop-roosevelt-collection>

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Next CAPS Meeting Feb 8, 2017

6:30PM at 525 S. State St.

(Every 2nd Wednesday)



Police Blotter

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

We've received a report that a robbery took place on the 1100 block of South Plymouth 1/17/2017 evening (Tuesday) between about 5pm and 6pm. A woman was pushed to the ground and her backpack and wallet were taken. The perpetrators ran away and the victim filed a police report.

Simple battery: Simple subway platform
1100 block S. State St. • Jan 11 @ 5:40 PM

Simple battery: Simple sidewalk
500 block S. Plymouth Ct. • Jan 11 @ 8:10 PM

Robbery: Strongarm: no weapon
1100 block S. Plymouth Ct. • Jan 17 @ 5:40 PM

Theft: From building
700 block S. La Salle St. • Jan 22 @ 9:12 AM

Theft: From building
800 block S. State St. • Jan 22 @ 10:30 PM

Simple assault: Simple assault apartment
700 block S. Clark St. • Jan 22 @ 4:29 AM

Theft: Over \$300 at Athletic club
800 block S. State St. • Jan 24 @ 12:00 PM

Theft: From building Athletic club
800 block S. State St. • Jan 25 @ 4:00 PM

Theft: From building Athletic Club
800 block S. State St. • Jan 26 @ 4:30 PM

Theft: From building Athletic Club
800 block S. State St. • Feb 01 @ 2:00 PM

Theft: From building
800 block S. State St. • Jan 28 @ 1:00 PM

Simple battery: Simple
500 block S. Wells St. • Jan 25 @ 4:25 PM

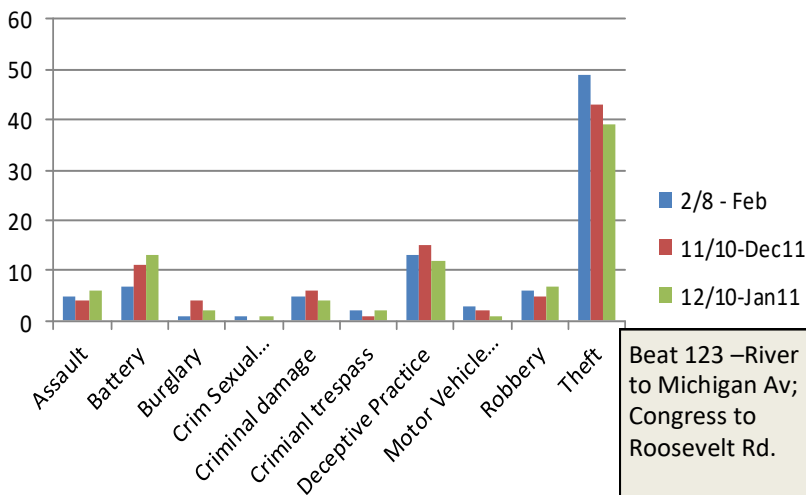
Robbery: Armed: handgun
600 block S. Wabash Ave. • Feb 01 @ 5:03 AM

Theft: From building
800 block S. State St. • Feb 02 @ 9:00 PM

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.

March 8
May 10

April 12
June 14



Bullet Tears Through South Loop Condo Wall, Into Woman's Bed

By Kelly Bauer | January 26,

CHICAGO — A bullet ripped through a South Loop woman's home Friday, going through her bed in the same spot where she sleeps.

Jennifer, who asked that her full name not be used out of safety concerns, was away when the gunfire came through a neighbor's condo and went through her wall, headboard and covers.

It wasn't until Jennifer returned home to the first block of East Ninth Street and went to her bedroom that she found the bullet in her sheets, she said.

Jennifer was shocked, fearful and "a little" hysterical, she said. She called 911, and officers investigated, she said, going to the condo of the neighbor who shares the wall the bullet came through.

An officer and building maintenance man told Jennifer the neighbor had tried to "haphazardly" cover the bullet hole in his wall with a picture frame, she said. She's never spoken to the man, Jennifer said, and she doesn't think her building has rules against tenants having guns.

The officers filed a report, saying the case was aggravated assault, Jennifer said, but later that night they returned and said the charge had been downgraded to criminal damage to property.

That's the last Jennifer has seen of any investigators, she said. She's called the police but said they told her they would not be sending out a detective to do any more work.

The circumstances of the gunfire were unknown, police told DNAinfo, but the case has not been closed.

"I still have to live next door to him and ... I don't feel safe in my own apartment," Jennifer said. "That's exactly where I sleep. It came through exactly head-level through my pillows. That's exactly where I sleep."

Jennifer has contacted a lawyer and has reached out to her building's property manager and board of directors. She's hoping she can get the board to investigate the incident and how tenants are screened.

<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/>

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870 S PARK TERRACE 710
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\$594,000
520 S STATE 1201
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\$172,000
732 S FINANCIAL PL 705
1/20/17

\$572,500
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