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# Ballot Set In 4th Ward Race As Taylor Drops Out, Challenges Rejected

By <u>Sam Cholke</u> | December 29, 2016 5:12pm

HYDE PARK — The ballot to replace Will Burns as 4th Ward alderman is down to five after Jack Taylor withdrew from the race, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners announced.

The remaining candidates, Sophia King, Ebony Lucas, Gregory Livingston, Marcellus Moore Jr. and Gerald Scott McCarthy will all be on the **Feb. 28 ballot** to select who will fill the remainder of Burns' term.

<u>Challengers tried to get Livingston, Moore and McCarthy</u> <u>knocked off the ballot</u> by going to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, stating that their nominating petitions were not in order.

On Thursday, the board decided in favor of all three challenged candidates, allowing them to remain in the race, where King seemed to have a leg up.

King has the benefit of being the incumbent because <u>she</u> <u>was appointed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel in April</u> to serve as alderman until a special election can be held to allow voters to choose a replacement for Burns.

<u>Burns stepped down in March</u> for a job at Airbnb and has not endorsed any of the candidates.

<u>King has consistently had a fundraising lead</u> over the other four candidates.

With the ballot now set, the race is expected to heat up and show how much of a benefit an incumbency and campaign funding helps in a special election, especially during winter months when it's often difficult to persuade voters to head to the polls.

> (See page 18 for more on the candidates) www.dnainfo.com/chicago

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# **OPINION**

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The Chicago Bears have been stopping traffic in the South Loop for years but Christmas Eve was the first time I heard about it



So Christmas Eve, in the midst of making the dinner above, I realized I was out of garlic. And I was about to put some beef tenderloin in the oven.

No problem, I threw on my coat and went to Trader Joe's.

I walked east on Roosevelt from State to Wabash and waited at the light to cross north to get to TJ's.

I'm daydreaming and suddenly I realize I've been waiting for the light to change for at least 10 minutes; the lights going east and west say "walk." They never stop saying "walk."

I know that to drain Soldier Field of spectators, the lights in all four directions along Roosevelt for a few blocks are set slightly longer during Bears' games. But more than 10 minutes? Never.

So I decide to venture a little ways into the street and ask a cop why the light is taking so long to change. I need to get a move on--and the traffic coming from the Bears game is speeding west a mile a minute.

He tells me they *always* keep the traffic on Roosevelt going until the team buses are through all the intersections. Really? Everyone going north and south has to wait for the Bears to go west?

Sure enough, after another few minutes, the Bears' buses, of which there are many, all accompanied by numerous cop cars, come through the green light. And the second they clear the intersection at Wabash, the "don't walk" countdown starts for those waking east and west.

And that was that.

I have been watching Bears buses, with their accompanying law enforcement contingent come west past my house at Roosevelt and State for years and years and years. But I never knew they kept the lights on Roosevelt indefinitely green for them until they deigned to come through.

What I wonder is how, just one moment after they were through the intersection, the "don't walk" signal started? Who gave the signal and how was it changed from continual green to normal?

A mystery that I should have asked the cop to explain.

# Bonnie McGrath

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## Mondays with Mike: by mknezo2014 | Thanks for reading Jan 2, 2017



We rang in the New Year with a scrumptious Japanesestyle hotpot communal dinner, served up by our friends Jim and Janet and shared with a host of old and two brand new friends. This followed Beth's family Christmas—each year we draw names and then make gifts for our family member. This year, Beth's sister Cheryl drew my name and she made me a set of beard baubles, little ornaments of a kind that a hirsute guy like myself can clip onto my bearded face. Cheryl was thorough—there are elaborate baubles for holidays throughout the year. So look out world!

I don't really do New Year's resolutions—but I do kind of take stock at this time of year. This year, taking stock included looking back at 2016's blog posts. Our blogging platform—Wordpress—keeps track of how many people read which posts. And I thought you might want to know that the most popular Mondays with Mike of 2016 was <u>Last Call</u>, my ode to our local tavern Hackney's—and its patrons—after it closed its doors this past September.

Number two: <u>50-50? Gus will take those odds</u>, my reflections on the occasion of our son Gus' 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was a minor miracle.

The bronze medal went to <u>Mystery of Pittsburgh</u>, which accounted for my trip to Pennsylvania, which included visiting my father's grave, lunching with my cousins, and taking in a Pirates-Dodgers game at PNC Park.

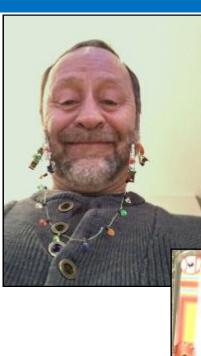
I'm happy to say, those were my favorites, too.

Which brings me to some advice <u>that E.B. White offered</u> to other writers:

Your whole duty as a writer is to please and satisfy yourself, and the true writer always plays to an audience of one.

Fundamentally, I agree with White—and I have to tell you that writing Mondays with Mike is, first and foremost, a therapeutic pleasure. But I can also tell you that there is nothing more gratifying than knowing that other people actually read this stuff and that they like some of it.

I can't thank you all enough. And Happy New Year!



Thanks to Cheryl, I now have a beard for all seasons.



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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I honestly do not know if Ms. McGrath was attempting to be sarcastic or satirical in her column, and I do not care. It reflected such a disgustingly ignorant and privileged sense of humor that it doesn't matter. I am a high school teacher that works at a school were students were literally terrified the morning after the election - that they or parts of their families would be deported as Donald Trump has promised, that their relatives, if they were Muslim, would be unable to immigrate to this country, as Donald Trump has also previously promised, that they, as GBLTQ youth will be subjected to the conversion therapy that Mike Pence has previously supported. I have literally never laughed at Donald Trump. I as a white, straight man may have the privilege to do so, and perhaps Ms. McGrath feels that she does, but she should think deeply before sharing it so publicly. She should educate herself about the real fear that exists in our community before she continues to joke about it.

#### Josh Brown

Dear Opinion Columnist Ms. McGrath,

I read your column, *You Know What I Love about Donald Trump? He's Hilarious!* several times after receiving the latest copy of the Dearborn Express. My hope was that you were taking a stab at satire, or perhaps the column would end with a witty turn so it was clear you were writing tongue-in-cheek.

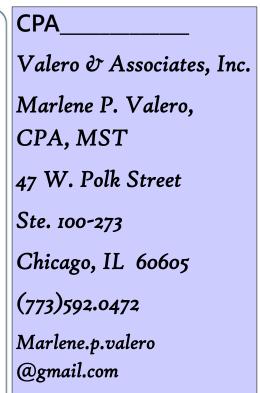
Not finding anything that led me to believe you yourself were trying to be funny, I feel a need to respond to you to share how insensitive and unfortunate your words were, given that a meyou are mber of a diverse neighborhood like the South Loop.

First, I need to tell you a little about my family. I am a Lutheran pastor by background, a calling that I take very seriously in my life. My husband comes from an interfaith family of both Jews and Christians, and we try to live our lives and raise our two year old son in a way that attends to both of those backgrounds. I am currently a PhD student who writes about religious trauma as it applies to GLBTQ people, and my husband teaches public school in a diverse school system with many students who are undocumented, people of color, or on free or reduced lunch. So, no, nothing about what we do with our lives or how we raise our family makes us think a Trump presidency is "hilarious!"

After the election, scared by the rise in hate crimes and the misogynistic, xenophobic and anti-muslim rhetoric of the campaign, I along with some other folks in the neighborhood started organizing a group of people to stand up against what we fear is the direction our country will head under a Trump presidency. I assure you that as we shared our stories, they were certainly not hilarious. When swastika stickers were placed on signs in our own neighborhood, with the word TRUMP scrawled underneath them, would you like to tell my Jewish family that this was hilarious? When students in my husband's classes are sobbing because they are afraid they may be sent back to a country they don't even know, do you think that is hilarious? When people of color are afraid of being spit on or pushed in the street, do you think that is hilarious?

Ms. McGrath, you are a resident in a diverse, beautiful and exciting part of the city. Some of your neighbors are Jews, Muslims, Gay, Transgender, People of Color, and Differently Abled. You may think a Trump presidency is hilarious because you get to read inflammatory tweets late into the night, but I do not. The rise in hate crimes in our country is not hilarious. The freedom to speak about grabbing women by the pussy is not hilarious. Knowing that parents in this neighborhood are explaining to their children what a swastika is, and the lie is tells about white supremacy is not hilarious. I'd love to invite you to a meeting with our newly organized neighborhood group, or to dinner in my home. I assure you, you would not find us laughing. You will find us organizing, protesting, resisting, and empowering others in this neighborhood of ours to fight for what matters most in this world. Love. Hope. Peace.

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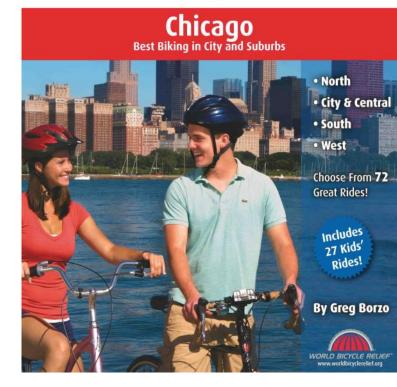
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## Book Review: Susan Quinn, Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair That Shaped a First Lady (Penguin 2016)

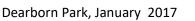
First off: the title's a lie. It's like naming a biography of Abraham Lincoln "No Sex the Night He Died": titillating, but little news to deliver. Susan Quinn takes nearly 400 pages and years of careful research and writing to try to convince us, once and for all, that Eleanor Roosevelt was a lesbian with a sex life. Quinn complains that too many people are reluctant to believe that Eleanor was in a " physical lesbian relationship." Unfortunately, they might remain unconvinced after reading this book, prejudice and provincialism aside. The backbone of the book, 3300 letters exchanged over three decades, are private, revelatory, and well written---but none too juicy. Certainly, the women were close, for some years constantly writing each other about wanting to "hug" and "tickle" and "be together day and night." That might be proof enough the very visible, intelligent, liberal and socially active wife of our nation's revered 4-term wartime president-- who bore him six children, endured his serial infidelity, and stayed with him 'til death--had a female lover in the midst of it all. But neither woman comes alive; within the plethora of pages, there is nothing very lovable, or luscious, or personal, about either of them. Eleanor seems fickle and selfcentered. She wrote lovingly to, embraced, and coolly dumped, many intimates, both women and men.





Lorena Hickok, one of a very few high-profile female political journalists, apparently gave up reporting the scoop of a lifetime---the truth about being Mrs. FDR--- and Hick's hardwon career, because "she fell in love." It's a book about writing, reporting and letters, and the skills Eleanor honed from having a talented writer as a girlfriend and correspondent. It fills in painful facts about the early lives of each of the women: Eleanor's story could have been written by Charlotte Bronte and Hick's by Charles Dickens. It shows how significantly and surprisingly these extraordinary women affected the rest of their world. Hick successfully reported on, and marketed, the New Deal. Eleanor travelled hundreds of thousands of miles during and after FDR's presidency, wrote a daily newspaper column and eventually coauthored the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as Harry Truman's ambassador to the United Nations. Whew. All biography is good gossip. Even without scintillating details, and despite not really getting to know these ladies, it's a heckuva story, and brings us hard-to-find history that reads like a novel.

# Lorraíne Schmall





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### South Loop Stalwart Chicago Firehouse Reopening in January

While we've been monitoring the progress at the Chicago Firehouse rebuild, this is the most concrete info about their impending opening (via Chicago Magazine):

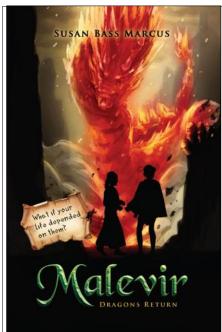
Two years after a fire devastated its landmarked building, the longstanding steakhouse has risen from the ashes and will reopen— "enhanced," according to principal Matt O'Malley—in January.

O'Malley says the DNA of the place remains intact, and certain design elements, such as parts of the

original tin ceiling, were reconstructed. Enhancements include a landscape mural in the dining room, mimicking the type of décor that was en vogue in 1905 when the building was erected. "We are making an effort to put history back in," he says.

For those who forgot, the Chicago Firehouse suffered a massive fire approximately two years ago Lo.

While not a "trendy" steakhouse, it is a solid one and one that we're excited to see reopen.



Dragons have long been absent from their ancestral home in the Veiled Valley. Through spells and deceptions, a mysterious shapeshifter attacked them and now threatens the Valley's hard-won tranquility. With the dragons' strengths and magic apparently gone forever, the lives of the Vallev's humans and otherworldly creatures hang in the balance. Will two young dragon-riders help heal the rift between human and dragon?

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The Ground Level Arts Lab is made possible in part through the generous support of the Harry and Sadie Lasky and Charles & M.R. Shapiro Foundations. The Midwest Jewish Artists Lab is generously supported by a grant from the Covenant Foundation.

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# Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

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#### Teach me how to say goodbye: **Burr is leaving Chicago**

News came out this week that Joshua Henry, who played the role of Aaron Burr so perfectly in the Chicago production of *Hamilton*, is moving on to play Burr when the musical opens in San Francisco Josh Henry as Bur this spring.



I'm quite sure I've told everyone in the world that thanks to my extremely generous friend Colleen I was able to talk with Joshua Henry as he was leaving the theater the night she and I saw Hamilton together in Chicago last September. I complimented his incredible job conveying anger on stage.

Me: "Were you spitting at the end?"

Aaron Burr: "Oh, did it hit you?"

Me, laughing: "We were in the upper balcony! But towards the end in the second act, even up there, it sounded like you were singing and gritting your teeth and spitting, all at the same time."

**Aaron Burr:** (Smiling, you don't even have to be able to see to know he was.) "That's exactly what we're going for."

We'll miss you, Josh (I call him Josh now, you know, we're that close). But if any of you Safe & Sound blog readers are lucky enough to have tickets to see my friend Josh play Burr in San Francisco, trust me, you're in for a treat. A suggestion: avoid buying tickets within spitting range.

#### If you're blind, are you still able to cry?

My Seeing Eye dog Whitney usually leads me to Chicago's Union Station to catch rides to the suburbs to visit schools, but when a friend from our Hackney's days offered to drive us to Kindi Academy, a Montessori school in Lisle, Ill., yesterday I jumped at the chance.

It was raining in Chicago yesterday, and the train Whit and I would have had to catch left Chicago at 7:40 in the morning. That meant we would have been approaching the train station precisely when commuters were getting off trains. Commuters rushing to work aren't on the lookout for ongoing pedestrian traffic, not to mention Seeing Eye dogs. We were safer — and warmer — in our friend's car, plus Pat and I talked so much along the way that the drive flew by.

Kindi is a Montessori School for kids up to eighth grade., Our first presentation was for all the first, second, and third-graders. We spoke to the older kids after that, and the sessions were entertaining, as always. A sampling of their questions:

Whitney and I at Kindi Academy yesterday.



- What does your dog like to chase?
- If you're blind, are you still able to cry?
- How long did it take you to learn to read and write **Braille?**
- How do you write books if you can't see?
- How does your dog tell you, I mean, if there was a twig ٠ on the sidewalk and it was in the way, how does your dog tell you it's there?
- What inspired you to write a book? •
- That day in the doctor's office, when they told you and your husband that you would never ever be able to see again, were you scared?
- Are all the books you write autobiographies? •
- Does your dog recognize it's your voice when you give a command, or if someone else told your dog to sit, would she sit?

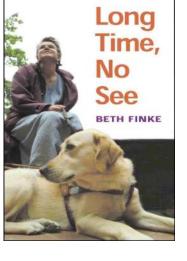
The girl who asked that last question said she thought of it as a hypothesis, and I offered to test it out. "Give it a try!" I told the girl to say Whitney's name and tell her to sit. She did. Whitney ignored her. "Aha!" squealed the girl. "She only listens to you! With that hypothesis solved, I stood up, lifted Whitney's harness, said her name and commanded a stern, "Outside!"

The kids were all sitting criss-cross-applesauce on the library rug, and Whitney threaded me safely past them to the hallway door. "Good girl, Whitney!"

The children were wowed, and so was I — by their curiosity, the good manners, and their thoughtful questions. And a special thanks to our friend Pat Gartner for getting Whitney and me to Kindi Academy yesterday — we had a ball!.

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



# New South Loop High-Rise Will Cover Hebru Brantley 'Flyboy' Mural

By David Matthews | January 12, 2017

SOUTH LOOP — A new apartment tower on the rise in the South Loop will cover up a big "Flyboy" mural by Chicago artist Hebru Brantley.

The 26-story tower under construction at 1136 S. Wabash Ave. will bring new retail shops and more than 300 apartments when it opens near the Roosevelt "L" stop. But it will do so at the expense of the neighboring mural, a familiar sight in the South Loop since it debuted in 2015.

"That is the nature of street art," Brantley said in an email. "It is the idea of creating something that may not be permanent."

The four-story mural near Roosevelt and Wabash is one of the highest-profile by Brantley, a Bronzeville native whose graffiti-esque art has drawn a check from Jay Z and exhibitions worldwide. The mural's subject is "Flyboy," a character somewhat inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen that appears often in Brantley's work.

Brantley once told Chicago-born rapper Lupe Fiasco in an interview that "Flyboy" is like his Mickey Mouse.

"It's very rare to see a popular character that is African-American, Latino or Asian. I wanted to create that, but in a space of high art and with some historical context," Brantley told *Michigan Avenue* in 2015.

The mural (and new tower) can be seen from the Roosevelt CTA station. In many

ways it

anchors



The mural and nascent development as seen from the Roosevelt CTA platform [DNAinfo/David Matthews]

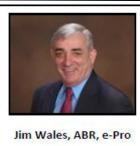
the Wabash Arts Corridor, a collection of street paintings on South Wabash Avenue.

The tower by developers Keith Giles and CA Ventures secured a construction loan in the fall. Giles told DNAinfo in 2015 that half the tower's 320 units will be "quasi-micro" apartments aimed at young adults.

"We're trying to meet the demands of younger people that would rather live alone and can only afford under \$2,000" rent, Giles said then.

Brantley — who said he got his start spraypainting Chicago buildings illegally — has since collaborated with Chance the Rapper, designed shoes for Michael Jordan and opened exhibits in London and Switzerland. He worked on a massive mural of Cubs star Kris Bryant in Wrigleyville and finished a "Flyboy" mural in Uptown nearly two years ago.

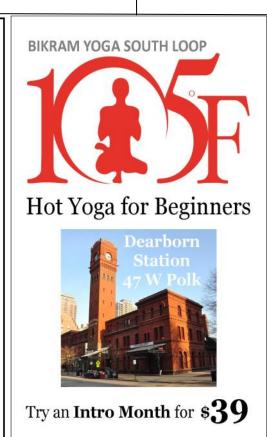
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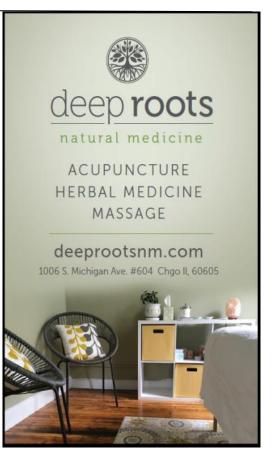


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# Top 5 Ways to Keep Chicago the Town That Donald J. Trump Can Not Shut Down



#### By Robert Rodi

#### Immigration

One of the most alarming aspects of Donald Trump's presidential campaign was its brazen immigrant-bashing. Mexicans and Muslims came in for special ire; he vowed to build a border wall to keep out the former and establish a registry for the latter. This was red meat for his rally audiences, certainly; but given the unlikelihood that he'll be able to do anything for his base economically, it seems a fair bet that he'll keep it invigorated by following through with his persecution of the foreign-born (at least the brown ones). Chicago has officially been a sanctuary city since 1985, but it's never had to live up to the distinction; the time may soon be coming when we have to walk the walk as well as talk the talk. It's not a scenario without risk; Trump—an extremely vindictive man—has vowed to withhold federal funds from sanctuary cities, which could cost Chicago billion of dollars in 2017. But the alternative is to cooperate with a nativist, nationwide, ongoing Kristallnacht. Chicago progressives can't allow ourselves to be caught napping; we need to figure out now how we'd provide this maddeningly broad concept of "sanctuary." It's been so long since something like this was an actual necessity in America, we have to look back to the Underground Railroad of the Civil War. But in postmillennial America, it seems certain that any sanctuary movement would be digital in nature—conducted through social media and smartphone apps (what irony should the programming of a hookup site like Grindr be adapted to connect Muslims with safe houses). Additionally, churches-from whom the whole concept of sanctuary derives—can be called into partnership; it's about time they reclaimed their role as vital components of civic life. Any sanctuary system or network would have to stay several steps ahead of federal agencies; and we'd have to get used to the idea of total strangers with accents piling up on our leftover college futons. But with an undocumented population of perhaps as high as 300,000, the human cost is potentially too great for us to stand aside. If Trump makes this the centerpiece of his agenda, we should make it the centerpiece of ours.

#### **Civil rights**

Trump's ascendancy has provided some serious ammo for the GOP's war on women, as witness this month's Ohio bill

banning abortions after a month and a half. The full repeal of Roe v. Wade is now so close they can smell it, and given the decades they've been champing at the bit to reverse the decision, it's likely to be a high priority for them. And while they're waiting for the required Supreme Court vacancies to open up (eat your goddamn Wheaties, Notorious R.B.G.), they'll be allowing states increasing Ohio-like latitude. Similarly, Trump's choice of Mike Pence as his veep and Steve Bannon as his chief strategist sends a pretty clear signal that the rights and liberties of LGBTs, Muslims, Jews and people of color will likely soon be in the crosshairs. Chicago progressives can fight back by extending the concept of sanctuarydiscussed above—to the native-born persecuted, from trans teens to ethnic minorities; ideally we'd be a destination for the oppressed from the red states that surround us, and beyond. I see Chicago embracing, encouraging and promoting our existing reputation as a beacon of diversity, and by shoring up our local civil rights advocacy organizations like (but not limited to) Planned Parenthood and the ACLU-not merely through regular donations and fundraising (though those are important) but by participation as active members—i.e., by being there in the flesh, at meetings and rallies, taking on the footwork and face time required to win hearts and minds. We can, and should, also swell the ranks of activist organizations like Black Lives Matter and NOW. All will prove invaluable allies in what might well become an onslaught of federal challenges to decades of civil rights gains.

#### Climate change

The outlook here is flat-out terrible. The canaries in the coal mine keeled over just after the millennium, and while the rest of the world is scrambling to slow and eventually halt the acceleration of global warming, Trump and his science-denying cronies are actually pursuing policies that would ramp it up. The President-elect has vowed to withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change, whose aim is to limit greenhouse gas emissions; he has also, in a move that would border on self-parody if it weren't so inherently tragic, appointed Scott Pruitt, the Oklahoma attorney general and fossil-fuel industry lackey, to head the EPA. This is what's called leaving the fox to guard the hen house. It's perhaps frustrating to tackle a global-scale problem with municipal-sized resources, but lateral thinking may help here; for example, Chicago might offer tax breaks to corporations, institutions and foundations that actively engage in renewable-energy or sustainable-anything research. We might even persuade Fortune 500 companies to award annual prizes to individuals or groups who achieve significant advances in these arenas. Establishing Chicago as a premier climate-change R&D laboratory will encourage the best minds in related fields to come here; and that will boost our chances of having ideas, resources and solutions to offer when the inevitable happens, and Trump's supporters realize that no matter what their candidate promised, those coal jobs aren't coming back. New jobs in new clean-energy fields might help take away the sting of that betrayal, and ideally win some converts along the way. And while shifting into futurist mode, we can concurrently take what punitive steps are possible as well. Seizing on that most holy of Republican sacred cows, states' rights, we might partner with Democrats in Springfield to establish our own climate task force and empower it to fine, sue or even expel malefactors from the state. For the rest of the story including HEALTHCARE AND MIDTERMS click on: http://www.newcity.com/2016/12/15/top-5-ways-to-keep-chicago-the-town-that-donald-j-trump-can-not -shut-down/



# New 56-Story Michigan Avenue Tower Gets Money, Gets Busy

#### Written By Editor on January 3, 2017

This morning it was announced that the developers of **Essex On The Park**, the new 56-story apartment building in the South Loop landed a \$170 million loan to begin construction of the luxury tower. Almost simultaneously, work crews showed up at 808 South Michigan Avenue to put up scaffolding and barriers so that demolition, and eventually construction, can begin.

Essex on the Park was designed by Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture and is part of the reinvigoration of the old Essex Inn, a venerable and incredibly visible hotel facing Grant Park. Oxford Capital and Quadrum Global are renovating and expanding the hotel to 271 rooms, while also putting up a 479-unit luxury apartment building next door.

The 620-foot-tall Essex on the Park is the one of three huge new skyscrapers planned to line the southern portion of Grant Park. Site work is already underway at 133 East Roosevelt Road, where a 76-story, 887-foot-tall residential skyscraper will soon rise. The wildcard now is 1000 South Michigan, which is anticipated to rise 832 feet just two blocks south of the Essex complex.

Press release follows.

http://www.chicagoarchitecture.org/2017/01/03/new-56-storymichigan-avenue-tower-gets-money-gets-busy/michigan-ave/



Rendering of Essex on the Park (Courtesy of Oxford Capital Group/ Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture

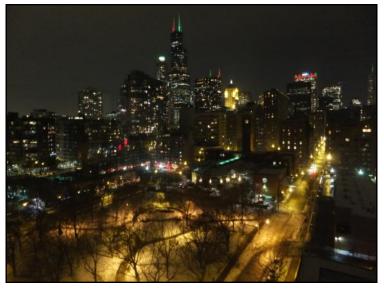
Essex on the Park winter garden (Courtesy of Oxford Capital Group/Hartshorne



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Photos by Staff Photograher on Dec 21, 2016.





## December 22, 2016 South Loop shopping center sells for \$15 million

A South Loop shopping center sold for \$15 million, a huge discount from its pre-recession price in 2006.

IRC Retail Centers bought the Shops at State Place, a 61,639square-foot shopping center at State Street and Roosevelt Road that has about 12,000 square feet of vacant space.

The deal includes the retail space and a second-floor parking deck. The structure also has floors of individually owned residential condominiums.

"We definitely like what's happening in the South Loop area," said Scott Carr, executive vice president and chief investment officer at Oak Brook-based IRC. "With everything that's going on around it from a residential development perspective, this property has an opportunity to be improved. We feel we can lease up the space and ride the wave of increased velocity in the neighborhood."

Carr said the Dec. 20 deal was for \$15 million. The seller was a venture of Nevada's Public Employees' Retirement System, advised by Boston-based AEW Capital Management, according to public records.

The pension plan, which was then using another adviser, bought the property at 1103-1155 S. State St. for just under \$25 million in 2006, before a recession that caused property values to plunge.

An AEW spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Since striking a deal to buy the Shops at State Place, IRC has extended the leases of tenants Walgreens

and Fitness Formula Health Club to 15 years from now, and the landlord is close to finalizing a lease with a new tenant, Carr said.

Current tenants also include Kriser's Natural Pet, European Wax Center, Hair Cuttery and H&R Block.

IRC also owns the **Joffco Square** shopping center at 555 W. Roosevelt Road, less than a mile west of the newly acquired center.

IRC believes retail demand in the area will rise along with a **wave of residential construction,** Carr said. Almost 1,200 new apartments have opened in the South Loop this year, with another 1,500 under construction, according to Chicago-based Appraisal Research Counselors.

IRC was formerly a publicly traded real estate investment trust known as Inland Real Estate, before funds advised by New York-based investment advisor DRA Advisors paid \$2.3 billion to **take the company private.**  www.roiholisticfitness.com



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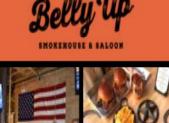
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Organization	Mission	Boundaries	Constituents	Website/Social Media
Alliance for Greener South Loop (AGSL) Est. 2007	Works to make the South Loop a greener place to live, work, study, and play. Engages South Loop indi- viduals, businesses, buildings, and city agencies to "tread more lightly on the earth."	Boundaries are es- sentially those of its constituent mem- bers, (Congress ►I-55 Lake Michigan►I- 90/94)	Neighborhood institutions and community organiza- tions that represent resi- dents and businesses	greenersouthloop.com Facebook Twittter <u>@GreenSouth Loop</u>
Greater South Loop Association (GSLA)	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
Est. 2001		e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e		
Near South Planning Board	Plans, guides and supports a pro- gram of development for the near south side of Chicago by working with businesses, institutions, resi-	Congress ► 35 <sup>th</sup> St Lake Michigan ► I- 90/94	Residents, businesses, aca- demic institutions, municipal agencies	thenearsouthplanning- board.org
(NSPB)	dents and the city.			
Est. 1946				
Prairie District Neighborhood Alliance	Provides an environment to meet neighbors, exchange ideas, prioritize projects, propose solutions, and im- plement plans for the neighborhood.	Congress ►I-55 Lake Michigan►I- 90/94	Residents	pdnachicago.com
(PDNA)				
Est. 2006				
South Loop Business Exchange	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
(SLBE)				
Est. 2015				
South Loop Dog PAC (SLDPAC) Est. 2000	Advocates for and supports responsi- ble 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 rela- tionships in the community.	Congress ►I-55 Lake Michigan►I- 90/94	Residents	southloopdogpac.org Facebook Twitter
South Loop Neighbors (SLN)	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	southloopneigh- bors.org Facebook Twitter
Est. 1997			Small business surrars/	f
South Loop Referral Group (SLRG)	Expands reach and enhances expo- sure of small, local entrepreneurial companies through collaboration with and recommendations to/from other like-minded, similarly-situated organi-	Congress ▶25th St Chicago River ▶Lake Michigan	Small business owners/ entrepreneurs	southloopref- feralgroup.org Facebook
Est. 2001	zations and individuals in the South Loop area.			

### Winter Coat Drive

Second Presbyterian Church is offering its annual Winter Coat Drive for neighborhood friends in need. Donations of winter coats, warm clothing, sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters, scarves, caps, gloves and mittens are needed! Also canned goods and non-perishable items are being received for holiday grocery bags. We invite you to bring your items to the church between the hours of 9:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. All donations are gratefully accepted!

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Meets every other Friday at 7:30 am

Next Meeting Fri., Jan 20 at **EW University** Student Life Center Au Bon Pain at 7:30am

#### **Mission Statement/Purpose:**

The purpose of the South Loop Referral Group (SLRG) professional organization is to expand the reach and enhance the 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.

#### Goals:

- To share potential business leads
- To offer cross-disciplinary perspectives on relevant business issues, insights into emerging business trends, and perceptions of potential opportunities and risks.
- To serve as rainmakers, encouraging local business development and supporting a thriving professional neighborhood through motivation, communication and education



# New Hotel Sammitch About to Rise in the South Loop

Written By Editor on December 19, 2016

Downtown Chicago is about to get another two-in-one hotel skyscraper. This one at **1101 South Wabash Avenue** — the southeast corner of Wabash and 11th Street, right behind the **Best Western Grant Park Hotel**.

We're a little light on details about this new project, in large part because it avoided many of the pubic paperwork filings required for other new buildings. But what we know so far starts with the construction permit issued late last week:

New foundation and superstructure permit through the 7th floor for proposed 30-story high-rise hotel development

From the paperwork asking the city for private use of the public sidewalk, we find out that the building is a Lothan Van Hook DeStefano design, with Mr. Destefano's name on the permits. He was also present at a public forum about the new project a little over a year ago. It was there that we learned this building would be about 306 feet tall.

The LVDA paperwork filed with the Chicago Department of Business Affairs early this year make it seem like this is going to be a combo residential and hotel block, with the residential lobby on the Wabash Avenue side, next to the parking garage entrance, and the hotel lobby on the north side facing 11th Street, with retail space between the two lobbies.

In reality the "residential" portion is an extended-stay hotel, which will be branded Wabash Suites. The hotel side is going with the Hilton Suites brand. Both ends will be managed by S.B. Yen Management under the Hilton flag.

The Hilton Suites will feature 196 rooms. The Wabash Suites will have a smorgasbord of 85 studios, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom accommodations

#### http://www.chicagoarchitecture.org/2016/12/19/new-hotelsammitch-about-to-rise-in-the-south-loop/



Rendering of 1101 South Wabash. In the fog.

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#### **Gerald Scott McCarthy**

Gerald Scott McCarthy is a native Chicagoan and proud father of one son, Ryan. Gerald was brought up by a single mother, along with his younger sister, and spent his early childhood in K-Town, a long-standing community on the West Side of Chicago. He also spent part of his formative years in Washington Park and later in Chatham before establishing roots in Chicago's 4th Ward first in the South Loop and now in Kenwood.

#### **Ebony Lucas**

I am Ebony Lucas and I am running for Alderman of the 4th Ward in Chicago. I am running because I have the vision, knowledge, and experience to bring the development, access to resources, open communication, and accountability that 4th ward residents deserve. As a mother of 4 children, attorney, and small business owner, I am vested in the success of the 4th Ward and the City of Chicago.

#### **Gregory Livingson**

As a 4th Ward Aldermanic Candidate here are some Economic Development issues my team and I are working on: 4th Ward Economic Development Issues

- The Michael Reese campus is in the 4th ward, it is of great importance because it butts up against McCormick and therefore critical for the continuation of the mega development...

- The 4th Ward has the right to lead/input the details of this most important element in its development future...

- We must use the same design thinking that went into Millennium Park - bridge over the IC tracks to create a continuous development from King Dr to the Lake...

- New hotel/retail/entertainment complex

- Clean up Cermak Rd from the Lake to Ashland; a new retail corridor that will run from McCormick Place, through ChinaTown and on to Pilsen...

- More rental development



#### Marcellus Moore Jr

I am a proud resident, born and raised in and around the City of Chicago at Michael Reese Hospital. Over almost half of my life, I have lived in several different parts of the 4th Ward including South Commons, Hyde Park, the South Loop (Burnham Park Plaza), Prairie Shores and currently in my

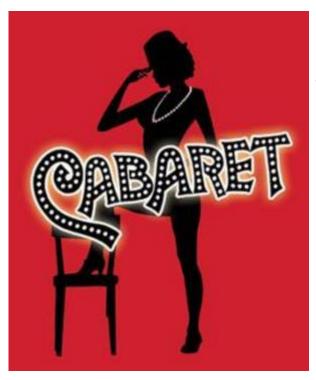
#### Sophia King

After 30 years as a resident of the 4th Ward, and now as your Alderman, it is my honor to be able to put into action, and to good use, the many years I've spent in engagement and service to our community. It has been a very rewarding journey for my family and for me, filled with rich and enlightening moments during my roles as Volunteer, Servant-Leader, Entrepreneur, as an Advocate for education, jobs and equal rights, and especially, as your Neighbor.



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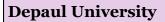
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# SHOTS FIRED AT TARGET IN SOUTH LOOP DURING CAR-JACKING IN PARKING GARAGE

A woman with a newborn was carjacked in the parking garage at the Target in the city's South Loop. (WLS)

By Evelyn Holmes CHICAGO (WLS) --Police were searching Tuesday afternoon for a man who fired a half dozen shots as he carjacked a mother with a newborn in the Target parking



garage in Chicago's South Loop.

The incident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. at the Target located at West Roosevelt and South Clark Street.

The offender, who was last seen wearing a yellow leather jack, first snatched a woman's purse and sought to escape in a stolen vehicle in the second floor of the parking garage. However, he locked himself out of that vehicle.

Then, the man ran over to a woman who had her newborn in the vehicle, demanding their vehicle. She pulled her baby and carseat from the car, but then as they struggled he fired shots. He then drove away in her Subaru.

The offender's gunshots did not hit anyone. The mother was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

The man is in his 20s, 5-feet-9-inches and weighs about 130 pounds.

The Target was still open Tuesday, despite the crime tape.

http://abc7chicago.com/news/shots-fired-at-target-insouth-loop-during-carjacking-in-parking-garage/1695958/

Robbed at Gunpoint

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"This was the first time I had a gun at my chest. I watched the police process it. (The gun) was so big, I half thought it was fake," the man wrote.

A police source confirmed the Redditor's account that the suspects were found at a nearby Subway just 20 minutes after the robbery was reported.

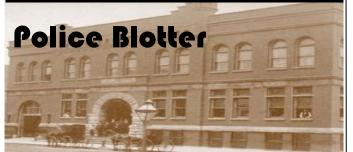
"I saw the charge pending on my card's account," the Redditor wrote.

Police did not disclose what was stolen.

# Next CAPS Meeting Feb 8, 2017

6:30PM at 525 S. State St.

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<u>Aggravated Domestic Battery – Serious Injury</u> in apartment 800 S Wells · Dec 31 @ 10:50 am

<u>Strongarm Robbery – No Weapon</u> on street 900 S Wabash · Dec 28 @ 7:15 pm

<u>Theft over \$500</u> on sidewalk 0 E Roosevelt · Dec 28 @ 8:30 pm

Motor Vehicle Theft from gas station 1200 S Wabash · Dec 27 @ 11:30 pm

Pickpocketing on CTA platform 600 S State · Dec 26 @ 4:30 pm

Motor Vehicle Theft from parking lot 500 S Financial · Dec 25 @ 9:30 pm

Burglary-Forcible Entry in restaurant 600 S Wabash · Dec 22 @ 1:18 am

Theft over \$500 on sidewalk 0 E Congress · Dec 21 @ 2:00 pm

Aggravated Assault at hotel 400 S Clark · Dec 20 @ 6:42 pm

Robbery – Attempt: Armed-Handgun on street 300 S Wabash · Dec 17 @ 2:10 pm

Criminal Sexual Assault at hotel 700 W Michigan · Dec 16 @ 12:36 am

Pickpocketing on CTA train 1100 S State · Dec 15 @ 6:00 pm

Theft: From building from Athletic Club 800 block S. State St. • Jan 04 @ 5:00 PM

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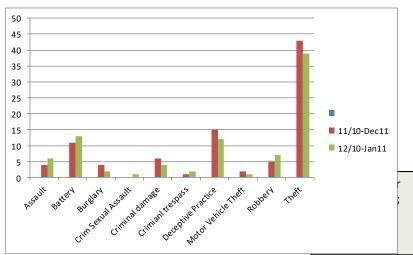
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January 11 March 8 May 10

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The Crime Stats for Beat 123 shows no significant increase in crime in any category. Theft continues to be the highest crime category with 39 thefts reported compared to 43 last period.

#### Five Teens Charged With Robbing Bicyclist At Gunpoint In The South Loop

By David Matthews | January 4, 2017 www.dnainfo.com/chicago

SOUTH LOOP — Five teenagers have been charged with robbing a man at gunpoint this week in the South Loop, police said.

A 28-year-old man was riding his bicycle at about 8 p.m. Tuesday in an alley off the 1000 block of South State Street when he found himself surrounded by four teenagers, one of whom pulled a gun and started searching the victim's bag and pockets, police said. A fifth boy served as a lookout.

Police said they caught the boys later that night "a short distance away," recovering a handgun and the victim's belongings.

Emmanuel Macareno, 18, of the 4700 block of South Springfield Avenue, was charged with one felony count of armed robbery. Marco Rodriguez, 18, of the 4400 block of South Homan Avenue, and two boys were also charged with felony armed robbery.

A fifth boy was charged with felony armed robbery as well as a felony unlawful use of weapon charge, a misdemeanor count of firearm possession without identification, and a misdemeanor count of ammunition possession without identification, police said.

A man claiming to be the victim took to Reddit on Wednesday morning to share news of the ordeal. The purported victim who did not return a message seeking comment — said the robbers took his phone, laptop for work, wallet and iPad.

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