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Current Events

We have an election coming up (and what an interesting election it will be). We anticipate a good voter turn-out for the competitive national primaries. Our interest is in two local women who have thrown their hat into the ring. One is **Bonnie McGrath** (punch #214) who is running for Cook County Circuit Court, Johnson vacancy. **Genita Robinson**, another Dearborn Park resident, is running for the 6th District State Representative seat. You'll be able to see, if you haven't already, the response from Bonnie from a questionnaire as presented in the Chicago Tribune. We also are including an endorsement of Genita from Arne Duncan, most recently the head of the Department of Education in Washington.



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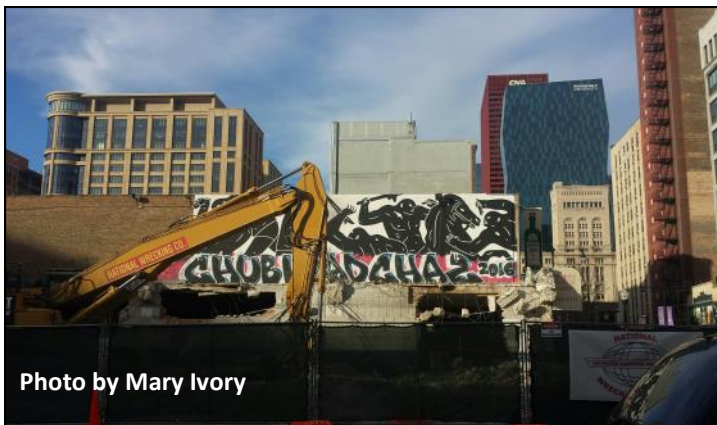


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 Sun, 4, 8, & 10pm
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 Tues, Mar 29, 8 UNTIL 11:30pm.....
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 Thurs, Mar 31, 8 & 10 pm

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 - 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.
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Hockeytown and a fast train to O'Hare are the latest things distracting Chicago from what ails it Feb 16, 2016

Yep, Tiny Tears knows how to change the subject alright. And lately he's been at it a mile a minute. Jim, a good friend of mine from the neighborhood, calls him Deflector Gadget.

The Chicago Tribune made a very interesting observation recently in [an editorial](#):

Chicagoans see their city mired in scandal and dysfunction, yet hear their mayor constantly looking for ways to change the subject and declare victory: *Sure, your beyond-broke school system may collapse, but want to see my new transition program for freshmen?*

Rahm doesn't like to talk about cops, murders, junk bonds, high interest loans and schools with no resources. Because there's no solution to any of it. Let's talk about other stuff instead. And so we have the following things all of a sudden that are front and center.

A library book amnesty--bring your overdue books back to our library's empty shelves and no fine owed. And guess who's doing the PSA? Yep, Mayor Rahm himself! Take a look at the video [here](#)

A [double-down effort](#) to combat the tobacco industry (and recalcitrant alderman) aimed at keeping Chicago kids off the smokes.

Revisiting an idea for an express [train to run on a new route to O'Hare](#), owned (perhaps) by a private company because we don't have the money for it.

And of course, the crowning glory: [we're getting the 2017 NHL Draft](#) and a new nickname: "Hockeytown."

All of these big ideas solve Rahm's big problem, which is an inability to govern what has become an ungovernable city. Instead, Rahm provides distractions. Nice ideas that we can fantasize about. Like a nonstop train ride to O'Hare. And calling ourselves Hockeytown." And kids being smoke-free and their parents being library-fine free.

Rahm, however, was elected to solve the really big problems--which he swore he could solve.

But who can argue with a mayor who says bring your books back, no questions asked, no money required--and as our shelves fill up again, take out some new ones. (In case you don't want to watch the video above, that's what he says.)

And who can argue with reducing the number of young people who smoke? Especially if you can't keep them from shooting each other, or keep the cops from shooting them. The interesting thing about this is how many of the



aldermen are fighting him on this noble plan geared to reduce lung cancer, heart disease and yellow teeth.

A new train route to O'Hare, of course, begs the question of who gets their houses and businesses torn down to construct the new route. And it also makes you wonder what politically connected conniver will get to invoke the government's right to eminent domain in order to run that lucrative concession.

But getting the NHL draft causes the most consternation in the end.

As far as I know, we never did find out exactly how much [the NFL one](#) cost us last summer. And exactly [what did we get](#) out of it besides a lot of traffic, inconvenient pedestrian and vehicular detours and damage to Grant Park? Oh, I remember! We got [a nice laser show](#) on the facade of [Spertus Institute](#). And got the name "Chicago" mentioned positively in the news a few times--along with the murder rate. (Which isn't to say that my family members and I didn't enjoy walking through all the hoopla a time or two.)

But what's scary is [stealing the name Hockeytown](#) from Detroit--or Warroad, Minnesota which owns the trademark. Depending on which one you think is entitled to the name, could the result be a lawsuit if we appropriate the moniker?

Now wouldn't that be a fabulous distraction?

Bonnie McGrath



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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

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



When were those good old days?

I grew up in a household where politics—paying attention to them, thinking about them, and forming reasoned positions—was not sport, it was an obligation as a citizen. My sister volunteered—at the age of 16—for Robert F. Kennedy’s presidential campaign, and after enduring the heartbreak of seeing her candidate murdered, she ended up working for [Sen. Eugene McCarthy](#) (sort of the Bernie Sanders of his day, for you millennials out there).

My mother and sister fought like cats and dogs about, well, everything—for pretty much, well—their entire lives. Back then our mother was happy that her daughter cared, but mom had lived a lot longer—which made her wiser and more realistic from one point of view, or lacking ideals and too crusty to get it, from another.

(For the record, if I could have voted, it would have been Humphrey. I was already suspicious of politicians tilting at windmills. We all suspected my father may have voted for Nixon, but that he never said so for fear of his life. But in fairness he was also the kind of guy who would’ve held his vote close to his vest regardless.)

Which brings me to this: We’re in the midst of a crazy angry election season and crazy angry times. And we tend always to think our time is unprecedented in the degree of craziness and tumultuousness. But I’m here to say: It’s not so.

We didn’t have Donald Trump back in 1968. [We did have George Wallace](#), though, and he **did** run in the presidential election, [getting 14 percent of the vote](#) on a platform that makes the Donald’s rants seem kind of tame. Think about that. And there [was Strom Thurmond](#), a bald-faced racist who served for 48 years as Senator—largely because he was a bald-faced racist.

1968 was the birth of the hateful [Southern Strategy](#) that served the Republican Party well for decades (but now also goes a long way toward splainin’ how the party has painted itself into its current corner).

We have Iraq, Afghanistan, ISIS and terrorism now. Back then it was the Cold War, [near misses on nuclear war catastrophes](#), and a little strategy we called



George C. Wallace—hard to tell how long his fingers were.

“containment,” which led to a little war that cost nearly 60,000 Americans their lives. Not to mention more than 200,000 South Vietnamese soldiers, and well over a million North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers—not counting enormous civilian deaths owed to bombing. (I’m leaving out Laos and Cambodia.) Oh, and RFK and King were killed, [there were massive race riots, cities burning](#) and [campus shutdowns](#).

Cue The Temptations’ [Ball of Confusion](#).

I’m not saying everything’s better. What I know without doubt is, our Ball of Confusion survived, and by my reckoning a lot really is better. The struggle continues. This too, shall pass,

And no matter how the election goes, I ain’t moving anywhere.

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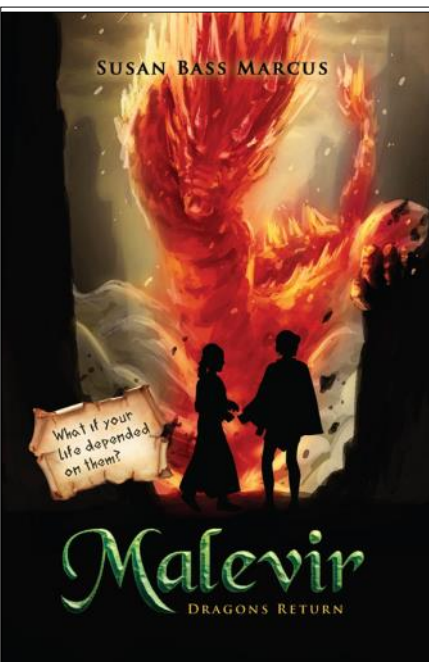
Book Review: A MANUAL FOR CLEANING WOMEN

Selected Stories By Lucia Berlin Edited by Stephen Emerson (Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2015)

The preface to Lucia Berlin's short story collection "A Manual for Cleaning Women," expresses "faith that the best writers will rise to the top, like cream...and will become exactly as well-known as they should be." Having pored over and pondered Berlin's arresting stories, published a dozen years after her death, I hope readers will come to know Lucia well. In these 43 stories, about which her son proclaims: "Ma wrote true stories, not necessarily autobiographical, but close enough for horseshoes," Berlin tries "to make this woman so believable you can't help but feel for her."

Short stories don't get the love they deserve. Alice Munro was the first to have them hailed as worthy with her Nobel Prize in 2013. But Edgar Allen Poe knew that "the brief tale" is often the best: "During the hour of perusal the soul of the reader is at the writer's control."

Berlin's stories, set in emergency rooms, detox centers, abortion clinics, buses, mansions, trailers, parochial schools and desolate Mexican beaches, can be read one-at-a-time, (and only if one has the time to reflect upon them); or all-at-once, where they come together like a stream-of-consciousness novel, with a zigzag chronology and characters that return again and again,



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

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

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sometimes with different names. Her life is in her book: her mother was a drunk who was always trying and finally managed to kill herself; her father was an abusive mining engineer who dragged his daughters from remote Alaskan mining towns to the upper echelon of Chilean gringo society to the ragged El Paso home of her discombobulated grandparents. By 32, Lucia had three ex-husbands, four sons and an addiction to alcohol. Berlin's character has a "compassionate curiosity about everyone." She became a cleaning woman, due to "guilt or anger," who loved cleaning houses "because of all the things they tell me. It's just like reading a book." Later, she says "I like working in Emergency. You meet men there. Real men, [like firemen and jockeys]." She saves her job and her soul by being honest after she slapped an out-of-control high school boy: "I hit you because I was angry. Because I felt hurt and foolish."

Although she had me at the first story---"anybody says he knows just how someone else feels is a fool,"-- her humor and outrage and empathy for so many others is what kept me reading.



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A wine and cheese reception will follow the performance.

A \$10 per person donation is requested.

Parking is available nearby on the street (meters), as well as at a garage on Plymouth Court immediately to the east of Grace and at a lot at the corner of Harrison and Dearborn, adjacent to the church. Grace also is accessible via public transportation (the Red Line Harrison stop is just a block away).

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Guest post by DJ Mermaid: How I came up with DJ Mermaid as a pen name

Here she is, [DJ Mermaid](#), with her first guest post.

Everyone knows the rule: Only post on the Internet if you won't have it bite you back later. That includes your personal information for some people.

I am one of them.

This is because I did a [StoryCorps interview](#) that went on NPR and then I wrote a [post for the Easter Seals national blog](#). Those go *alllllllll* over the country and take comments, and I worry about negative comments and social media backstabbing.

So I wanted a pen name.

I happen to love mermaids and music (preferably Taylor Swift and Julie Andrews). Now let me give you a little back story on why I like these two things.

The whole mermaid obsession started when I was about two — roughly. I was at my grandparent's house and I was watching *The Little Mermaid* with my young aunt. Of course I immediately fell in love with Ariel, the youngest mermaid princess of King Triton. I loved her because at the time I couldn't really walk and she couldn't really walk on land either. This made this my favorite movie up until I was six and saw *The Sound of Music* (more on that later).

About DJs: A DJ is someone who plays music and has a deep passion for the artist/band they like. This is me because I love parties, music, and the pops style.

I got into Taylor Swift when I was about 7-1/2. My friend Emily loved her music and I decided to give it a listen.

I listened to the song "Love Story," a modern take on Romeo & Juliet. I read the play after I listened to the song. I decided I like her music a lot.

I went to Taylor Swift's 1989 album World Tour at Soldier Field last summer. I had a lot of fun. While Taylor Swift was singing, two teenage girls sitting in front of me moved out of their seats so I could see Taylor (and her chic outfits!) super-clearly.

My parents and I were up past midnight that night. I was belting out the songs and my dad was just drinking beer and margaritas.



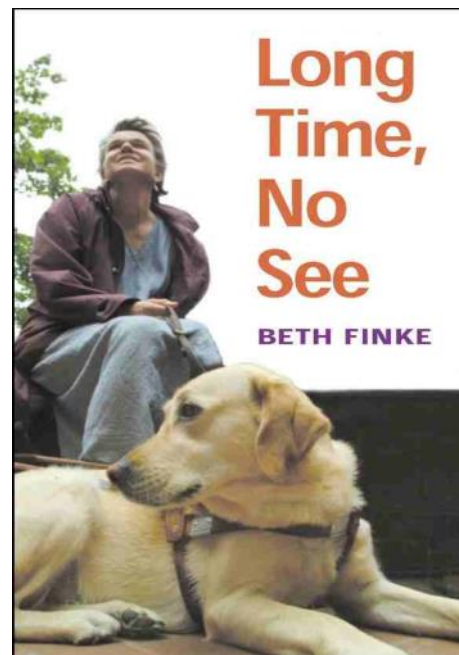
DJ Mermaid and family doing their best Mary Poppins.

Julie Andrews is probably the best classical singer of all time. I loved her in her role as Maria, the nun from the Salzburg Abbey in *The Sound of Music*. When I was in kindergarten, my whole family dressed as the Mary Poppins cast because I loved the movie so much and because my favorite actress was in it. (I loved her and her role in both of the movies mentioned!) I was Jane Banks. I wore braids and a Victorian dress.

Well, that's the end of my post, folks! Bye.

-DJ Mermaid

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Arne Duncan Weighs In on 6th District State Representative Race

Chicago – Former U.S. Secretary of Education and CEO of Chicago Public Schools Arne Duncan weighed in today on the competitive election in Illinois's 6th State House district with a statement supportive of candidate Genita Robinson.

"Genita and I worked tirelessly together to make Chicago schools better in every neighborhood" Duncan said. "A vote for Genita is a vote for better education and future job opportunities for all our children in all our neighborhoods."

Duncan recently stepped down as Secretary of Education, serving for seven years under President Barack Obama. Before he was appointed Secretary, Duncan served as CEO of CPS under former Mayor Richard M. Daley from 2001-2009.

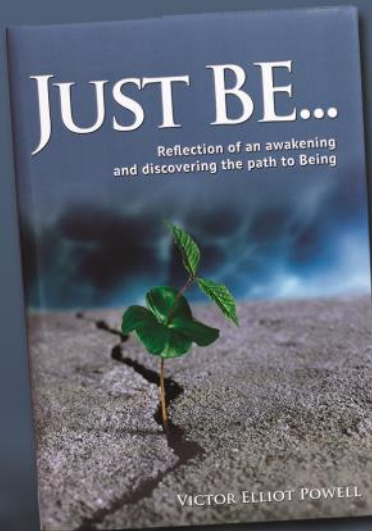
"I am truly honored to hear such kind words from Secretary Duncan, who for years served as the Obama Administration's top official on education policy" said Robinson, a former attorney who worked under Duncan at CPS. "My experience working with such an important figure on issues facing Chicagoans has helped solidify my passion for providing a quality education for each and every child regardless of their race and their family's income level."

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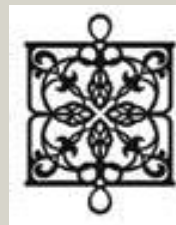
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From the Chicago Tribune

Bonnie Carol McGrath

Democratic Candidate for Cook County Circuit, Johnson Vacancy

Education: BS, University of Illinois, 1971; MS, University of Missouri, 1972; JD, John Marshall Law School, 1993

Occupation: Lawyer

Home: Chicago

Past Political/Civic Experience: DNA

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Responses to our questionnaire

What I am most proud of in my career is winning the prestigious Chicago Bar Association Pro Bono Award among Sole Practitioners--for representing domestic violence victims, juvenile arrestees, and counseling people on landlord/tenant issues, employment discrimination, domestic relations, elder law and bankruptcy. My goal as a judge is to continue the dedication to community service and intellectual pursuit that I have maintained during my legal career. I am proud that judges and law professors have referred cases to me involving their own friends and families. I am honored to be one of Today's Chicago Woman's "Women Making a Difference." I have years of experience in high-volume courtrooms--and in every division of the Circuit Court. I have a reputation for efficiency and attention to detail. I have been a prosecutor, defense lawyer and transactional attorney. I have completed 30 criminal appeals, represented nine parties in juvenile court, and have been a chair-qualified arbitrator in Cook County for 20

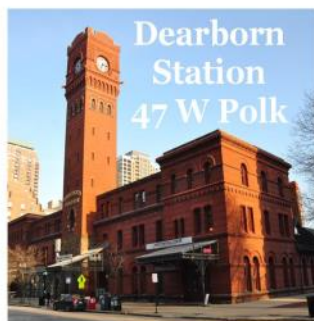
years. I have done immense amounts of legal writing for various publications. I have instructed law students studying trial and appellate technique. I have taught legal research to paralegal students; and trial skills to high school students interested in becoming lawyers. I am an expert in Administrative Law--specifically ordinances dealing with vehicle impoundment--and I have advised Circuit Court judges, lawyers appearing before the United States Supreme Court, and the Chicago City Council. I have also made media appearances to discuss a variety of legal issues. I have won three Chicago Bar Association Herman Kogan Meritorious Achievement plaques for legal writing. An article I wrote for the CBA Record has been cited in a law review. And I have contributed to manuals dealing with legal ethics, traffic prosecutions and circuit court procedure. I excel at being objective, understanding and even-handed. I have been president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers and chair of many bar committees, including the Chicago Bar Association Criminal Law and Bench/Bar Relations Committees. I am also a member of the CBA Editorial Board and the Public Affairs Committee. I started and headed a pro bono Civil Order of Protection desk in Maywood, which won an award from the American Bar Association. And I have participated in many legal education seminars as a speaker. I have been a legislative liaison for several bar association committees, and I have been on task forces involving diversity, rapid response and fairness to defendants. My past jobs? Among them, telephone installer (1973-1978), newspaper columnist for the Chicago Tribune (1991-1994) and contributing writer for the Chicago Reader (1985-2005). I was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 165 and a former Chicago Women in Trades board member. My daughter is autistic and is an artist at "Project Onward," an art studio in Bridgeport for artists with mental/developmental disabilities. She has given me insight I wouldn't have otherwise. I was on the board of the John Howard Association (prison watchdog/reform) for 15 years, which has given me an important understanding of incarceration problems.

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Nando's to Open South Loop Restaurant, Its Fifth in the City

By [David Matthews](#) | March 4, 2016

SOUTH LOOP — South Loop residents soon won't have to travel far for peri-peri chicken.

Nando's, the rapidly growing South African grilled chicken chain with four restaurants in the city, has just signed a lease for a fifth in The Shops at Roosevelt Collection, 1005 S. Delano Court.

A Nando's spokeswoman said it's too early to offer an opening date, but the new lease signals a quick Chicago expansion for the international import, which just opened its first restaurant here in May.

"The reception we have received in Chicago has been amazing," the spokeswoman said in an e-mail. "We are excited to have recently signed a lease in the South Loop, but it's too soon to say when we will open. Stand by for more spicy peri-peri, South Loop!"

The South Loop restaurant will follow four other Nando's that previously opened in the West Loop, Lakeview, Lincoln Park and Jewelers Row. Based in Johannesburg, the chain is known for grilled chicken spiced with African peri-peri peppers and sides such as mashed peas. The restaurants also include a bar.

Once open, Nando's will join Chop steakhouse and Mago Grill & Cantina as other eateries in The Shops at Roosevelt Collection, a mall with a movie theater at roughly Clark Street and Roosevelt Road.

Spicy Portuguese-style chicken is the signature offering at Nando's Peri Peri.

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



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From an email from Helen Straus:

“For those of you who have not seen prior postings, there is again an effort to obtain permission from the city to mount a sign on top of the parking structure on the Southwest corner of Harrison and Clark Streets. Previous efforts to obtain permission have failed. Please consider such elements as possible illumination, brightness of color, potential content, likelihood of future enlargement of a sign "already there" or other factors of importance to you.

This sign issue has been placed on the Zoning Committee agenda for February 23, 2016 at 10 a.m. - City Council Chamber. Can you get the word out to South Loop Neighbors and/or the Transportation Building folks? I will work on my building's people.”

From a local property manager dated Feb 23, 2016:

“The Committee on Zoning, Landmarks & Building Standards approved the 600 S. Clark sign proposal today, despite the objections of the community.”



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Hacking Democracy: Chicago Startup BallotReady Empowers Choice in the Voting Booth



By Sarah Conway

Aviva Rosman and Alex Niemczewski, two of the minds behind Chicago tech startup BallotReady (ballotready.org), bet you've done it before. Scanning the hundreds of names on a ballot, you've randomly voted for unknown candidates. Outside of presidential and congressional candidates, they'd wager you don't know the policy stances of the unheralded yet powerful local elected officials, such as the recorder of deeds or the metropolitan water reclamation commissioner, who reside lower down on the ballot. You're not alone. Rosman and Niemczewski have found professors and high-level startup-competition judges from the University of Chicago who have also admitted defeat in navigating candidate choices among little-known school council members and judges who wield immense power over the city's day-to-day life. Rosman and Niemczewski believe most people are guilty of guessing or leaving a portion of the ballot unfilled and that's what they are here to change. "We've never met someone who has said, 'I wouldn't need this app. I know everyone on my ballot,'" Rosman says. Read the rest of this entry »

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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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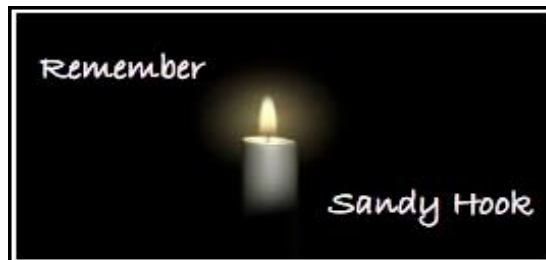
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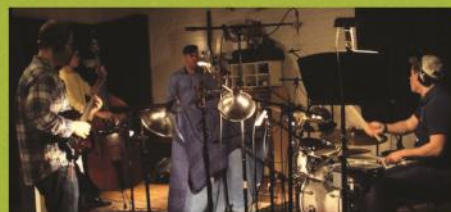
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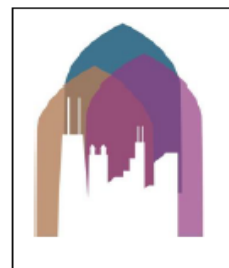
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All are welcome at Holy Trinity in the Loop. At every service, Pastor Craig states, “Whoever you are, whatever the color of your skin, whoever you love or marry, or whatever you think of organized religion, you are welcome here.”

The new worshipping community offers wine receptions following most services and anticipates volunteering in the South Loop neighborhood in the future.

Our Spotlight: The 2016 Terkel award

(EDITORS NOTE: This weekend, we saw great, dogged journalism being celebrated with the movie *Spotlight* winning the Oscar for best picture. We continue the celebration by highlighting our Studs Terkel Award winners, four phenomenal journalists and one amazing supporter of the craft. Join us as we highlight some of the best Chicago journalism has to offer.
~ Susy Schultz)

Lolly Bowean

Lolly Bowean is a veteran journalist who goes above and beyond in her work to find stories from people that others might ignore.

She describes herself on Muck Rack as: "Writer. Chicago Tribune Reporter. News Enthusiast. Story Teller. Self-Appointed Community Helper. Live Music Lover. Listener."

As a general assignment reporter, Bowean is there for breaking news, yet she still works hard to focus on urban affairs, youth culture, housing, and race relations. Like her story last week about Sandra Edwards and Kiya Powell, two of many people struggling with the Catch-22 voucher system at the Chicago Housing Authority.

But she also covers the joys and struggles of Chicago's unique African-American community, which includes, stories such as the rich opening to her story about [daddy-daughter dances](#).

"As the mellow sounds of soul music played, Willie Bailey grabbed his 7-year-old daughter's hand and twirled her in a circle. He pulled her close, placed a hand on her shoulder, and the two bopped back and forth in a two-step, laughing and giggling."

From the death of Nelson Mandela, to the election of President Barack Obama and the last gathering of the original Tuskegee airman, Bowean has been there.

Here are a few of our favorites:



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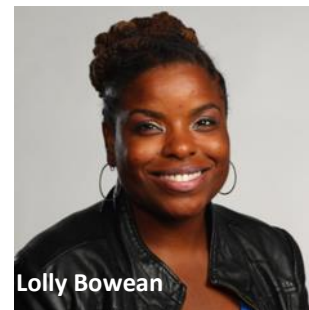


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Young activists getting results - in Chicago, across the nation" (Sept. 2015)

A new generation of civil right activists from Chicago's South Side are fighting for change here and across the nation. [Read story here.](#)



Lolly Bowean

Where are first graduates of Urban Prep?" (Aug. 2014)

A piece about young black men from the first graduating class at Urban Prep High School and their journeys through college, featuring Public Narrative's own Deontae Moore, social media and marketing manager. [Read story here.](#)

Study: Even for college-educated blacks, road to full-time work is rocky" (Feb. 2015)

Despite completing college, the road to employment is filled with disparity for blacks. [Read story here.](#)

Distrust of Chicago cops helps drive Emanuel's low approval on crime" (Feb. 2016)

Here she explains how distrust in CPD has impacted a low approval rating for Mayor Rahm Emanuel. [Read story](#)

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Featuring 58,000 Dog Tags To Open Saturday

By Heather Cherone | February 19, 2016

PORTAGE PARK — A massive memorial to the soldiers who died in the Vietnam War will go on display Saturday at the **Harold Washington Library Center** for the first time in three years, officials said.

The "Above and Beyond" memorial features 58,000 replica dog tags honoring those who died as a result of their service in the war that stretched from March 1965 to May 1975. First unveiled at the National Veterans Art Museum in 2001, the work by artists and veterans Rick Steinbock, Ned Broderick, Joe Fornelli and Mike Helbing is designed to make the "impact of combat visible to all."

A U.S. Military Honor Guard and a U.S. Navy Brass Quintet will participate in the ceremony heralding the reopening of the memorial set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, organizers said. The exhibit is hung in the library's main escalator bank, which reaches the third floor, visible through a wall of windows and from all sides on the third floor.

The memorial had been in storage since the National Veterans Art Museum moved from the South Side to Portage Park, where there was not enough room — or a strong-enough ceiling — to display the exhibit, organizers said. The installation is funded by state funds as well as private grants from the Rabb Family Foundation, led by Rabb, and Col. Jennifer Pritzker's Pritzker Military Museum and Library.

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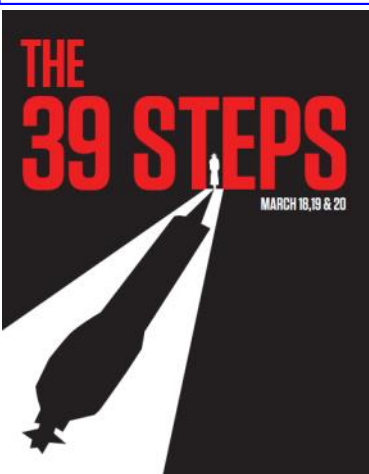
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500 S Dearborn
Burglary of Residence

Weds, Feb 24 @ 1PM
600 S. Clark
Strongarm Robbery on sidewalk

Sat., Feb 27 @ 9:22 PM
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Wednesday, March 9th, 2016.

Suspect Arrested in connection to Convenience Store Robberies. A suspect was arrested today after another attempted robbery. He has been identified by victims as being the perpetrator. There were about 10 similar robberies in the area including State and 8th and a store on Wabash near 9th.

Man shot Sunday, March 6th near State and 11th

A man was shot at 2:56 AM Sunday outside a bar at State and 11th St. It was reported that six shots were fired. The victim was sitting in his car at 44 E 11th. He was transported to the hospital. The incident is still under investigation.

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Suburban Man Gropes 2 Women at Roosevelt Red Line Station, Prosecutors Say

By [Erica Demarest](#) | February 22, 2016

COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE — A suburban man groped two women on the Red Line in the South Loop this weekend, prosecutors said Monday.

Mario Robinson, 34, of west suburban Cicero, is charged with criminal sexual abuse, attempted criminal sexual abuse and battery.

The first attack happened about 9 a.m. Saturday when a woman exited the Red Line "L" train near Roosevelt and State, and got into a nearby elevator, court records show. She was carrying a suitcase.

Robinson followed the woman and began talking about how nice her hair was, Assistant State's Attorney Lesley Gool said during a bond hearing Monday. Robinson then allegedly grabbed the woman's butt and groped her genitals.

As soon as the elevator doors opened, the woman ran off and called 911, prosecutors said.

While the victim placed her call, Robinson allegedly grabbed another woman's butt and tried to grope her as well, Gool said. The woman pushed Robinson away, and Robinson left the Roosevelt Red Line station and headed west.

Both attacks were captured on CTA surveillance footage. Police arrested Robinson about 9:20 a.m. after they found him at a nearby Walgreens and both victims identified Robinson as their attacker, according to an arrest report.

Cook County Judge Adam Bourgeois Jr. on Monday ordered Robinson held in lieu of \$350,000 bail.

Robinson has prior convictions for aggravated battery causing great bodily harm, aggravated battery to a government employee, burglary, possession of a controlled substance, attempted robbery and robbery.

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2/8/16 White Townhomes, two suspicious males knocking on doors supposedly selling discount electrical service. Security advised them that they were on private property and if they returned, the police would be called. He then escorted them off of the property.

2/7/16 At State and 9th. A male was observed hitting a female. Security approached and the male fled the scene. Security contacted police who arrived and called an ambulance to transport her to the hospital.

Posted By Daniel Schell on March 1, 2016

What would you do if you had a tiny lot just begging for improvement? Why, you'd build tiny apartments on it, naturally. Which is just what Chicago's LG Development Group wants to do with the empty lot at 776 South Dearborn Street in the South Loop.

At Monday night's community meeting, hosted by the Near South Planning Board Monday night at the Hilton Chicago, LG announced plans to erect a 14-story building (with a 15th-story amenity deck) on the 4,700-square-foot property at the south end of Printers Row. The Transit Oriented Development, designed by Evanston firm Myefski Architects, would consist of 90 micro-units and 40 extended stay units, with retail space at ground level.

The micro-units, becoming all the rage in today's bang-for-your-buck real estate rental market, would come with flexibly furnished and cater to those looking to spend more time at work and at play than at home. Interestingly, small pets would likely be welcomed in the small units, but roommates would not; leases would stipulate one person per apartment, and would begin with a 12-month minimum stay.

The extended stay units would be geared toward corporate housing. Also fully furnished, leases would run month-to-month, with just a one-month minimum stay. The retail space, originally envisioned to occupy the Dearborn facing of the building, has been swung around to the south onto Polk Street to provide a presence to the south facade, while the main entrance would be placed on the Dearborn "front" of the structure. In another nod to public request, the Federal Street facing would contain service entrances, but would be built with the same styling as the front, so as not to burden the Federal Street facade with a "back of the building" vibe. being a fully-furnished project, with only a small amount of retail space, 776 South Dearborn can avoid building a loading dock, so that won't ever be an issue.

Also not an issue: Cars entering and exiting the building. There are precisely zero parking spaces included, the ultimate TOD.

Planned as it is for inclusion in an Historical District, the Chicago Landmarks Commission has been very active in determining how 776 looks fit into the South Dearborn streetscape. Initially pegged as a shorter tower, the Commission instead requested the building match the height of its next-door neighbor to the north, The Franklin Building at 720 South Dearborn. The development team obliged, and also designed the top-floor amenities to occupy the southern portion of that uppermost level, so as to lessen the infringement on The Franklin residents.



LG Group, which will also serve as the general contractor for 776 South Dearborn, hopes to break ground this summer, and expects a 12-13 month build time for completion.

<http://www.chicagoarchitecture.org/>



As reported in DNAinfo.com in January

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

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

Posted By **Daniel Schell** on
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High rises were on everyone's minds at a community meeting in the South Loop hosted by the Near South Planning Board Monday night at the Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue. You may even want to refer to the Hilton as the "gracious host," because one item on the agenda pertained to the ambitious plans of the hotel's next-door neighbor.

The Essex Inn, at 800 South Michigan Avenue, wants a room upgrade. Not only for itself, but for the space to its south.

First, Essex wants to address the inn itself, "re-establishing" 22 rooms to bring its total number of keys to 279, and adding a green roof atop it all. It is also hoped The Essex Inn will be landmarked by the City of Chicago. But the real story here is the tower proposed for next door to the south. A joint effort of Oxford Capitol Group and Quadrum Global, who also collaborated on the Godfrey Hotel Chicago, the developers want to construct a 585-foot, 55-story apartment building. The Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture design would be comprised of 476 rental units and 180+ parking spaces. In response to public comment, the parking will be pushed back 20 feet from the Michigan Avenue facing, so as to be less noticeable along the street wall.

One particularly glorious feature of the project is the winter garden beginning on the seventh floor. Hartshorne's Jim Plunkard compared it to the work his firm did on Cindy's, at the top of the re-fabulous Chicago Athletic Association at The 60-foot-high space would be opened up in the warmer months, and would be available to public visitors. Most of South Michigan Avenue. The apartments, almost all one- and two-bed units with a few studios and three-beds mixed in, would occupy floors 14-55. Power Construction has been selected as the general contractor should the project move forward, with the hopes of breaking ground this summer.

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Brasserie by LM Closing For at Least Two Years of Renovations

By [Evan F. Moore](#) | March 7, 2016



CHICAGO — Brasserie by LM, 800 S. Michigan Ave., will close on March 20 to make way for at least two years worth of renovations.

The extended hiatus is expected to last between 2 and 2½ years, according to a news release.

The new Brasserie by LM will be located at the base of the Essex Hotel and Tower project and is expected to open in the summer of 2018.

Construction on the residential tower, developed by a joint venture of Oxford Capital Group, LLC and Quadrum Global, is expected to start in July.

Brasserie will serve brunch from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. March 20 and will offer an all-day special of \$1 draft beers, while supplies last.

The restaurant will close after dinner that night.

"As business owners it's been very exciting to watch the South Loop neighborhood develop over the past several years, not to mention see the exciting plans for the future," Brasserie owners Nicole and Stephan Outrequin Quaisser said. "We look forward to continuing to serve this vibrant and growing community in 2018 and beyond."

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