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Developer Looking to Purchase Vacant Lot from City at 1136 S. Wabash to Build Apart-

And it looks like another vacant lot in the Sloop is getting developed (via Crains):



Vacant lot at 1136 S. Wabash (via Crains)

Chicago developer Keith Giles plans to build a 24-story apartment tower on South Loop land he would buy from the city for \$4.4 million.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced the potential land sale at 1136-40 S. Wabash Ave. to the City Council, according to a statement released from his office. If the sale is approved, Giles would spend \$64 million developing a 280unit apartment building on the parking lot that now stands on the 19,000-square-foot site, the statement said.

Interestingly enough, it appears that the developer tried to buy the same lot for \$8 million in 2009. Seems strange that the price would get chopped nearly in half given that the real estate market has seemed to improve drastically since 2009. What do we know...

According to the article the building would have 10,000 square feet of ground level retail space. As it stands now, this stretch of Wabash (generally from 11th to 14th) is one of the more vibrant areas of the neighborhood. We only imagine that this building would help that momentum.

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South Loop Neighbors Annual Dinner, Sunday, March 22nd at Jimmy Green's.

OPINION

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I can't stand Rahm: he's an awful person who actually uses the R word, as in "F**king Retarded" Posted March 9th, 2015

Just a few years ago Rahm had to apologize for using the "R" word after getting mighty pissed off that some citizens were getting mighty pissed off that President Obama wasn't fulfilling some of his campaign promises. Rahm called them "f**king retarded." Oops! And don't take it from me. You can read about the little twerp saying such a thing right here in the respectable media: the Wall Street Journal and ABC News.

But I can tell you my own story of Rahm Emanuel lacking the slightest tad of compassion for anyone who's mentally challenged.

For the last 32 years, I have devoted my life to my daughter Molly, who is autistic. Through these years, one incredible thing emerged about her. She had amazing artistic talent. And in 2006, she was fortunate enough to be accepted into an art studio for special needs adults at Chicago's Cultural Center called Project Onward. This wonderful studio and gallery, in which the artists earn money through selling their work to big (and often famous) "Outsider Art" collectors, public institutions and others who just like it, today sustains 55 fine artists at the Bridgeport Art Center.

You can read about some of the artists here. And what the studio is all about here.

The artists are constantly broadcasted about and written up--in everything from the New York Times to Rolling Stone. (Do a Google search--it's hard to believe how much publicity there is!)

Although the artists earn money, their special needs do require some skilled professional staff to help meander through the arts/business/media world. It's true that none of them is completely capable of making business deals or marketing the studio, per se--due to developmental disabilities and mental illness.

Compassionate and visionary members of the Daley administration recognized that fact and provided enough financial support so that the studio could thrive and the artists could earn a living. This was to the City's credit. Project Onward gave back more than they received, believe me.

Not so, though, when it comes to Rahm Emanuel. Shortly after being elected, he cut the studio off. And in spite of him giving out city money to support coffee roasters, exercise gurus, digital marketing companies, many Charter Schools that are no damn good and run by who knows who (they used to give the school bus contracts to the politically connected; now they give them the whole school), and just about every other rich Tom, Dick and Harry who wants to build a basketball stadium or a big hotel--he won't relent.

The studio has tried everything. His pals have begged him, the politically connected have cajoled. His wife even told the studio that her friends have come to their house and begged her to beg him to reverse his decision and reinstate the city's gift to the studio--at least until the studio can gain firm grant-supported footing through its new status as a 501 C3. But all he says is NO. Friends of the artists have even run into him around the city and confronted him on the subject. Still, NO!

And I think I know why. To Rahm, the artists don't vote. Because, well, they're "f**king retarded." But guess what, Rahm, they DO vote. And guess who they're going to be voting for? Jesus "Chuy" Garcia--a sincere and genuine man who will respect them for who they are. Talented human beings trying to make a living. Just another reason, folks, to scream to the high heavens, "I can't stand Rahm!"



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Reader Responds to Bonnie McGrath's column from March 10th, 2015, "I can't stand Rahm: the Pullman ceremony is one reason I can't."

I so enjoy reading the Dearborn Express and believe you do a good job in presenting news and events in the South Loop. I was taken aback, however, by Bonnie McGrath's harsh criticism of our Mayor. Bonnie's article read like a childish rant and I believe her personal comments were too extreme and opinionated. Terms like "pipsqueak and creepy" are out of place. Our local neighborhood organization is dedicated to developing strong relationships with key officials. Chicagoans should vote for the most qualified candidate in the mayoral election. Our neighborhoods, schools and economic development depend on it.

Frances Dennis

Thursday, March 19, 2015 <u>"Sociale" & "Cafe Press" Apparently the Names of</u> the Two New Spots Coming to Polk and Clark

As you probably recall, we did a post about two new restaurants coming to the recently completed AMLI Lofts at Polk

and Clark. A couple readers have sent us information and provided updates. One writes:

You posted a while ago about 2 restaurants (Mediterranean tapas and a cafe) coming to the retail space inside the new AMLI Lofts at Clark/Polk. Late this week the spaces were covered in decals advertising the two spots with names and some details.

Looks like the Mediterranean place will



be called "Sociale" and the cafe will be "Cafe Press", which disappointingly reminds me of the website for ordering custom-printed crappy swag with the same name.

Both are listed as opening Summer 2015, but so far restaurants on Clark St have had a pretty bad track record for opening on time. First Draft opened a year and a half after their original intended open date, and the new Villains seems to be still stuck in limbo (liquor license problems I expect).

We know the AMLI lofts are signing leases (shout-out to CG!) and it looks like these residents will have some new places to get their grub on as well.

As a reminder, these spots will be run by the Good Eats Group, which also just opened up Burger Bar at Roosevelt and Michigan.

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A Must-read for Current or To-be Condo Owners A Book Review by Greg Borzo

Condominiums are the riskiest form of real estate ownership. Just ask JoAnne, whose story is recounted in *Escaping Condo Jail*, the definitive book about how to handle the trials and tribulations of condominiums and homeowners associations.

Three months after JoAnne closed on a gorgeous, sun-drenched condo in Manhattan, she was hit with a \$60,000 special assessment. JoAnne had ninety days to pay or face foreclose.

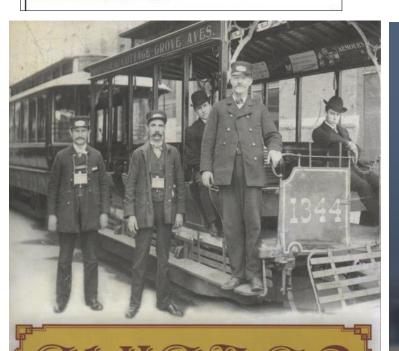
Alas, JoAnne has plenty of company. Steve had to move out of his condo in Orland Park, Florida, after mold caused by seeping water started ruining his health. James, 79, was butted in the stomach at a condo association meeting in Chicago due to a disagreement about rental restrictions. And a hoarder in Atlanta managed to burn the building down before the community association manager was able to gain access to his unit.

In their carefully researched and thoroughly footnoted book, authors Sara Benson and Don DeBat lay out these and scores of other stories about the risk of condo ownership. They are experts in this field, having worked in the trenches for years – Benson as a Chicago realtor and consultant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and DeBat as a real estate editor at two major Chicago newspapers.

While *Escaping Condo Jail* alerts readers about what can go wrong with condo ownership, it does not stop there. The 613-page book is chuck-full of tips, advice and useful information. Its lengthy appendix is replete with sample forms, check lists and a comprehensive glossary.

(Greg Borzo Review continued on page 9)

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Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke



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Love to eat? You'll love this store published 3/14/2015

It's pretty darned wonderful when a friend you've loved and admired for a lifetime receives accolades in her professional life, too. That's been the case with my friend Jill Foucré the past couple of years - let me explain. After a 30-year career in health insurance, Jill did something she'd always dreamed of. Combining her love of cooking and entertaining with her business expertise and family heritage, she opened a gourmet retail store named for her grandfather, a French chef. Marcel's Culinary Experience (in Glen Ellyn, Illinois) is not even four years old yet, but Jill and her retail store/cooking school have already been featured in The Wall Street Journal and Money Magazine. Jill was at the The International Home + Housewares Show here in Chicago last weekend to accept the Kitchenware Retailer of the Year Award and the U.S. Global Innovator Award from *Gourmet Retailer*. After she was here the Chicago Tribune published a video following our award winner snaking around the gigantic show at McCormick Place – they wanted to see how a winner does it!

I've written about Jill Foucré here on the Safe & Sound blog before. I spent countless nights hanging out at Chez Foucré with Jill and her sister Jenny when we were teenagers. Their dad was a handsome man with an exotic first name: Jacques. Their mother, Suzanne, was a stand-out blonde. They were a young family in a beautiful old house: high ceilings, modern furniture, bookshelves packed with hardcover books, and they even owned sculpture! Jenny, Jill and I were in our high school band together and can still tell story after story about exploits on school buses to neighboring towns, building floats for homecoming parades, band trips to California and Florida. Jill is a gifted pianist and played bassoon in the band. Jenny played flute and married her high school sweetheart, a French horn player. I was the band librarian. Music brought us together, and we've been friends ever since.

Jill's love for the culinary experience came from her fa-

ther's side. Namely, from her grandfather, Marcel. I never had the privilege of meeting Jill's paternal grandfather, but I've heard a lot about him. Marcel Foucré was a French chef and restaurateur. He



That's Jill at Marcel's Grand Opening gala in 2011, in the middle, flanked by her sister Jenny, and Jenny's husband

grew up in Tours, and Jill and her father, Jacques, went to France a year before she opened the store to trace Marcel's footsteps. To encourage you to visit this award-winning store yourself, I'll leave you with a quote from the editor of *Gourmet Retailer*:

"While a relative newcomer to the kitchenware retailing industry, Jill Foucré and her team have created a successful and thriving concept that combines the best brands of the housewares industry in a space that is warm and welcoming," says Anna Wolfe, Editor-in-Chief of The Gourmet Retailer. "In addition to being active in the community, Marcel's has also met a need amongst its customers -- helping them develop their cooking skills -- all while having fun. Marcel's Culinary Experience is proof that it is possible for independent retailers to thrive in today's competitive marketplace." Felicitations, mon amie. Tues magnifique.

Mondays with Mike: We're almost sprung Published March 23, 2015 <u>Mike Knezovich</u>



It's almost here. Spring that is. The signs say so, even if the thermometer seems a little late to the game. As in 34 damp, bone-chilling degrees.

We jumped to daylight saving time a couple weeks ago which as it always does — left me feeling out of sync for about a week. I don't know if it's biorhythms or resentment that I've been robbed of an hour of my life, but I'm always out of sorts after we switch. I know we get the hour back in the fall, but I'd just as soon leave it be and forget the whole misbegotten idea.

Major League Baseball's spring training is winding down, and that means the real games are getting close. Can't come soon enough. I'm fairly certain the White Sox are going to win the World Series on the 10th anniversary of their last run. And I expect them to win again in 2025, 2035, and so on. I'm not greedy. Every 10 years is plenty.

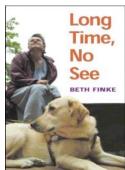
Last week we had friends to dinner and we were able to open our windows, or rather we had to, as between the cooking and all the humans it was getting a little warm inside. It was great to remember what that's like.

And, to cinch it, yesterday I cleaned the humidifier and stowed it away. That means that for absolute certain, winter is over.

I was going to write about the upcoming Chicago election, a big one around these parts. But I can't quite muster it, as I'm between mental states, unable to concentrate fully, waiting for spring, for baseball, for real.

Bring 'em on.

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



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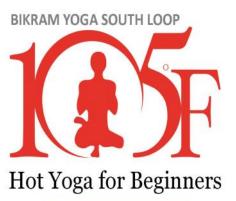
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The book includes detailed histories of the condominium movement; the real estate market, in general; fair housing issues; urban revivals; banking practices; legal cases; and economic trends. All these forces have made homeowners associations the most common form of home ownership in the United States as well, perhaps, the most perilous. The wealth of information the book provides should make the condo lifestyle work for anyone, despite the pitfalls. One helpful but surprising recommendation is to never pay cash up front for a condo. "Keep your cash in your pocket and make you lender a partner in risk management."

If it does not, however, *Escaping Condo Jail* – as its name implies – offers unhappy condo owners multiple exit strategies. These including the short sale, strategic default, loan forbearance, selling; renting; squatting; negotiating "keys for cash," or even finding a way to fall back in love with your unit and staying put. One fascinating exit strategy, described as an "ace up your sleeve," is to check who holds the promissory note on your condo. "The theory is that a 'naked' mortgage – a mortgage without a promissory note – cannot be foreclosed upon."

As either a guidebook or a good rousing read, *Escaping Condo* Jail is both informative and entertaining. It could also save you tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

- By Greg Borzo, author of The Chicago "L"





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Hackney's Printers Row

A few years ago, I surveyed the residents our my building to find out which of our local restaurants were their favorites. Hackney's topped the list. I purposely kept the list small, mainly Printers Row. And their favorite entre'? The Hackney Burger. I guess we are not part of Chicago's famous upscale restaurant scene. But we know what we like. So what is it about Hackney's that people like? I would argue that the location and ambiance is as important as the food. It's a noisy, rambunctious, warm, convivial, celebratory, family friendly, neighbor-greeting-neighbor kind of place. There are the maximum number of tables in a small space so you are elbow to elbow with other diners. All the better to see what THEY'RE eating. We arrived around 5:45 PM on a week day. Not crowded at all. Just wait 25 minutes and the place is packed. I'm always impressed with the number of families. And yes, they have a kids menu. The young wait staff is upon you right away. They are well trained and



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Richard Florida may not have predicted the rise of the curatorial class, yet its members are legion and its influence vast. This installment of Newcity's annual Design 50 issue salutes this cohort, which includes retailers and organizers, critics and collectors, deans of schools and heads of foundations, cultural workers of all stripes, and others who present and promote design in Chicago. Though design is, definitionally, a cultural product, the act of design itself can feel alienating. If, in other words, to consume design is a social act, to produce it is a radically lonely one. The curatorial class serves an essential function in the design ecosystem. It creates the basic pathways through which designers connect with one another-making, in aggregate, what we might call a "scene"-as well as the pathways that disseminate the work of designers to an audience of end-users. Especially in Chicago, where, unlike the coasts, design can still feel marginal, the people featured in these pages keep the creative industry humming. Let us raise our voices in a paean to these otherwise unsung heroes. (F. Philip Barash) Design 50 2015 was written by F. Philip Barash, Brenda Bergen, Nick Cecchi, Isa Giallorenzo, Troy Pieper, Krisann Rehbein, Brook Rosini, Jessica Sattell, Michael Workman and Alanna Zaritz

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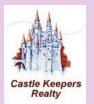
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CMK's Land Grab Next to the Chicago River Progresses

Residential developer CMK has cleared two more hurdles in its South Loop land grab, dropping more than \$33 million on a pair of properties along the Chicago River.

A CMK venture paid \$22.9 million last month for a 5.1-acre vacant parcel north of Roosevelt Road on the east bank of the river, one of the largest development sites in the South Loop, according to Cook County property records.

Another venture led by the Chicago developer paid \$10.5 million for an empty 1.9-acre site just north of the River City housing complex, county records show.

CMK, whose recent projects include a 714-unit condominium tower at 245 W. Van Buren St., has emerged as the boldest buyer of South Loop land since the crash. In December it paid \$7.8 million for a 1.8-acre property just south of River City.

As you might recall, this is a follow-up to the post we did back in January. However, it appears that the article in Crain's at the start of the year was a little misleading. CMK has actually bought a property South <u>AND</u> North of River City on the Chicago River. Back in January we read it as they bought two lots South of River City.

Anyway, the moral of the story is that CMK is betting big on the Sloop and specifically this area on the river.

The Crain's article also presumes that they will be utilizing the river in whatever they're doing with the space (although it seems like it's speculation):

CMK also is building a 307-unit apartment tower at 1333 S. Wabash. Yet the developer's two Wabash projects, while in a more established neighborhood, aren't on the Chicago River, an amenity it will almost certainly embrace in its plans for its newly acquired properties. Finally, one more fun fact for your Thursday - the lot that they acquired north of River City (known as Franklin Point) was purchased from two former business partners of Jay-Z. They had plans to develop the lot, but obviously will not be doing that.

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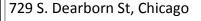
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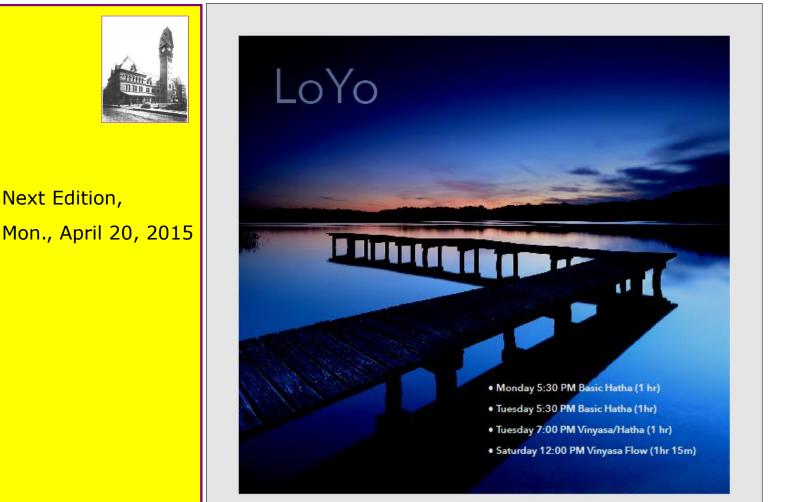
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1 Dead, 1 Injured in South Loop Nightclub Shooting Over Woman

By Mauricio Peña | March 28, 2015 7:53am | Updated on March 28, 2015 1:22am SOUTH LOOP — One man is dead and another wounded after a shooting inside a nightclub in the South Loop early Saturday, police said.

Around 1:22 a.m., two men were arguing over a woman inside the club in the 2200 block of South Michigan Avenue, said Officer Jose Estrada, a Chicago police spokesman.

One man was thrown out but later returned with a gun and fired multiple shots, striking the 36-year-old man he was arguing with and another man, 39, before leaving, Estrada said.

The 36-year-old man was shot in the abdomen and taken to Northwestern Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead, Estrada said. The 39-year-old man, who was not involved in the argument, was also shot in the abdomen and drove himself to Stroger Hospital, where his condition had stabilized, Estrada.



Riff at 2200 S. Michigan Ave.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office identified the 36-year-old as Michael Ricks, of the 2300 block of South State Street. Ricks was pronounced dead at 2:13 a.m. early Saturday, the Medical Examiner's office said.

No one is custody, and police are investigating.

The shooting happened at <u>Riff Music Lounge</u>,2239 S. Michigan Ave. Patrons at the lounge heard one or two gunshots before rushing out,<u>the *Tribune* reported</u>.

On its website, the club is described as "a multifaceted live music venue and lounge bringing swag and luxury back to the prairie district of Chicago's South Loop." An after-hours club, it operates between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

One review describes Riff as "a glowing dance club" that occupies the ground floor of the Pressure Point recording studio. "The front space, which has a long bar and benches, brick walls, exposed ductwork and dramatic lighting, leads to the back dance floor," according to the Zagat review.

Pressure Point has reportedly been used by entertainers R. Kelly, Justin Timberlake, Beyonce, Mariah Carey and Nelly. http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/

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