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We're Number 9!

In case you care (via Curbed Chicago):
Thanks to statistician and data enthusiast Stephen R. Higley, who has pored over heaps of census data from the 2010 United States Census, we now have a definitive breakdown of which Chicago neighborhoods are the wealthiest in all of the city. Of course, if you've lived in the Windy City for more than a couple of years, you could probably guess the top ten, but today we bring you the list that has census data backing it. Many of the wealthiest communities in the greater metro area fall outside of city limits, but we are only focusing on Chicago neighborhoods (sorry suburban readers). So without further adieu, here are Chicago's ten richest neighborhoods by mean household income.

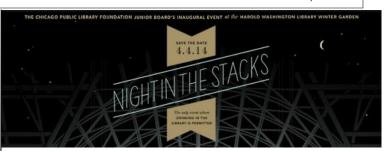
The following neighborhoods are listed with their mean income:

- 10. Near West Side-River West (\$86,168)
- 9. Printers Row-Dearborn Park (\$88,482)
- 8. The Loop (\$91,033)
- 7. River North (\$100,607)
- 6. Old Town (\$104,060)
- 5. The Near North (\$105,586)
- 4. Streeterville (\$107,276)
- 3. Lincoln Park (\$115,856)
- 2. New East Side/Lake Shore East (\$122,145)
- 1. The Gold Coast (\$153,358)

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Spend an evening under the magnificent glass dome in the Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden. Among the stacks, mingle with friends, librarians, authors, and fellow library supporters as we celebrate one of Chicago's greatest treasures—the Chicago Public Library.

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Friday, April 4, 2014 7 - 11 p.m. Harold Washington Library, Winter Garden



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COMING

4, 8, & 10pm on Sunday

TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Roosevelt U CCPA New Deal Vocal Jazz En-**Tuesday**, April 1, 7:30 pm..... semble

Weds, April 2, 8 & 10 pm Bradley Williams' New 21st Century Review

Thurs - Sun, Apr 3 - 6, 8 & 10 pm...... Trumpeter Nicholas Payton XXX 4, 8 & 10pm on Sunday

Mon, Apr 7, 8 & 10 pm Eddie Gomez Trio

Tues, Apr 8, 8 & 10 pm Bassist Karl E.H. Seigfried Trio

Weds, Apr 9, 8 & 10pm Bradley Williams' New 21st Century Review

Thurs – Sun, Apr 10 – 13, 8 & 10 pm Vocalist Tammy McCann Quartet

Mon, Apr 14, 8 & 10 pm Chris Madsen/Rajiv Halim Quintet

Tues, Apr 15, 8 & 10 pm Pianist Willie Pickens 83rd Birthday Celebra-

tions with Ari Brown

Weds, Apr 16, 8 & 10 pm...... Bradley Williams New 21st Century Review

Thurs – Sun, Apr 17 – 20, 8 & 10pm Guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel Trio





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- ☐ Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
- \square Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
- \square Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
- \square Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood
- ☐ Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the

Chicago River to Lake Michigan. Www.Southloopneighbors.org

Jazz It Up!

Join your South Loop Neighbors on **Tuesday, April 22**nd at the Jazz Showcase - where jazz has lived in Chicago since 1947 and at Dearborn Station since June 2008 – and enjoy the music of the

John Wojciechowski Quartet.

Meet ... Mingle ... Music

Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago Cost: \$10/members & \$15/non-members. Includes cover charge and appetizers.

Appetizers: 7:00 – 8:00 pm Music: 8:00 pm & 10 pm

Cash Bar

Tickets at: https://southloopjazz.eventbrite.com

Questions ? – Email:

jazzshowcase@southloopneighbors.org

LoftWalk 2014: The call is on!

Do **you** live in any of the historic South Loop loft buildings (or know someone who does), and are you willing to show off your home with SLN for the day? Contact Jagi

at <u>loftwalk@southloopneighbors.org</u> We are looking for 8 to 10 lofts, anywhere in our boundaries: Jackson to 25th, the river to the lake.

LoftWalk is SLN's big fundraiser for the year, scheduled for 1-6 pm on Nov. 1st. Get involved with some wonderful people and do your neighborhood proud!

Breakfast for the Hungry at Grace Place

Do you want to spend a feel good morning? Just mark your new calendars for the second Saturday of the month to help serve from 8:15 am till 10:30-ish. If you think you'd like to join in, call Sandi at 773-517-1031 for info.



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OPINION

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Chicago Loop Alliance: getting to know you

n Valentine's Day, I attended a meeting of the Chicago Loop Alliance. My first one ever. Breakfast at the Blackstone Hotel. A packed ballroom. And a glitzy lime green colored annual report on each seat--not to mention a small asparagus quiche, two strips of bacon, chocolate croissants, yogurt with blueberry compote and coffee on the table. These were the people who were seated around me: the head of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; the head of the Gene Siskel Theater; the head of the Auditorium Theater; the head of the Chicago Architecture Foundation; the head of the City's department of cultural affairs and special events. And this, believe it or not, was just the back of the ballroom.

All the Loop's movers and shakers were there. All the usual downtown suspects. Pam Capitanini, the Alliance secretary and membership chair, who heads up the Italian Village restaurants, conducted a perfunctory business meeting to the letter of the by-laws --but in the spirit of morning fellowship and time efficiency in that she skipped all the committee reports. There was a lot of talking about planning and advocacy for stakeholders downtown. Loop business owners like Thomas Zoells, who runs Pianoforte at 13th and Michigan were there, and listening attentively to the great state of the Loop. In fact, all the impressive business, cultural, legal and industrial downtown leaders peppered the room. With smiles on

The very politically connected <u>Lori Healy</u>, who was at one time, among other things, Mayor Daley's Chief of Staff, not to mention head of the 2016 Chicago Olympics Committee, was made a member of the Alliance's Honorary board of directors. Healy said when you get appointed to an honorary board, it's a sure sign you're getting old.

And there were some unlikely attendees, too. Like renowned pianist <u>George LePauw</u>, who runs the fabulously famous and very local annual Beethoven Festival, which last year was presented at <u>Merit School of Music in the West Loop</u>.

Speaking of West Loop, Channel 7's Mark Giangreco MC'd. He shared the fact that he recently gave up living in the West Loop and moved to a beautiful condo with a magnificent view in the South Loop at Roosevelt and Michigan, just a stone's throw from my house, by the way.

I was surprised to learn some of the things the Alliance does to help the 220,000 Loop workers, visitors, residents and students who traverse the landscape every day. Like plantings in the planters. I never realized who did that. They do.

They also have a team of ex-cons from the <u>Safer Foundation</u> that cleans the streets in the Loop. In fact, last year they removed 20 tons of trash and 3,000 graffititags. Pretty impressive.

They also have a professional team that roams the streets 16 hours a day, seven days a week assisting atrisk individuals in the Loop streets with quality-of-life issues like finding services to address homelessness and mental health issues.

There was talk of what was accomplished last year in terms of creating, managing and promoting "high-performing urban experiences" that attract people and investment to the Loop. And what will be accomplished this year to make the Loop a more active place, prettier, comfier, more interesting.

There will be more pop-up art, events in the Loop alleys and the "activation" of Pritzker Park at Van Buren and State. It will be the bookend to last year's activation of <u>Gateway to the Loop</u>--a plaza that provided seating, bright colors and good feelings at State and Wacker.

Two parking places at Dearborn and Adams will offer 300 square feet of deck, plantings, chairs and tables. And there will be rotating chairs and tables that "will appear unexpectedly throughout the Loop complete with flowers, music and art," said the group's pass out materials. The locations will be tweeted out so Loop lovers can follow the tables and chairs around.

Bonnie McGrath

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http://www.chicagonow.com/mom-think-poignant



Next Edition,

Sat., April 19, 2014





VIVIAN MAIER:
Out Of The
Shadows
Harold Washington Library Center
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Exhibit Hall, 9th
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The Chicago Public Library is proud to present an exhibition of photographs by Vivian Maier (1926 - 2009) from the Jeffery Goldstein Collection, featuring approximately 55 silver gelatin prints of images selected from the book, Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows by Richard Cahan and Michael Williams (CityFiles Press). The exhibit features a selection of images from the 1950s through the 1970s including Maier's street photography. Her photographs remained unknown and mostly undeveloped until they were discovered by Chicago historian and collector John Maloof in 2007. Maier died at the age of 83 before her work was ever publically recognized or exhibited. Following Maier's death, her work began to receive critical acclaim.

Music@Grace,

Thursdays at 7:30 pm,

Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn Street in the South Loop.

Jeanette Floyd



Save Thursday evening, April 10 for the

next Music@Grace concert, featuring soprano Jeanette Floyd performing music of J.S. Bach, Mozart, Donaudy, Faure, Lizst, Schubert, Copland, Heggie, and Moore.

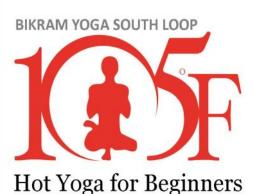


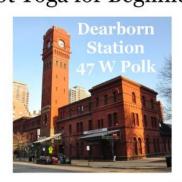


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Book Reviews by Ulrich and Ellen Sandmeyer

The Son by Philipp Meyer (HarperCollins \$16.99)

Reminiscent of the early works of Cormac McCarthy, this sweeping gritty novel of the American West follows the McCullough dynasty from the mid-nineteenth century Comanche raids to present day Texas.

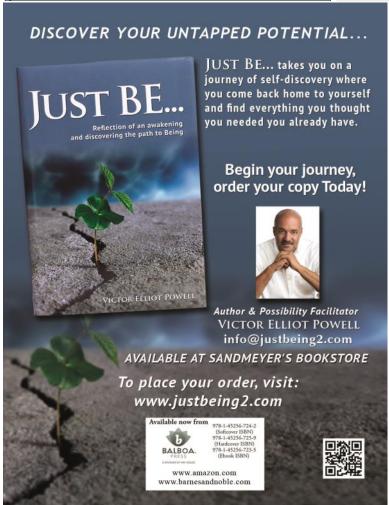
The Bright Continent: Breaking Rules and Making Change in Modern Africa

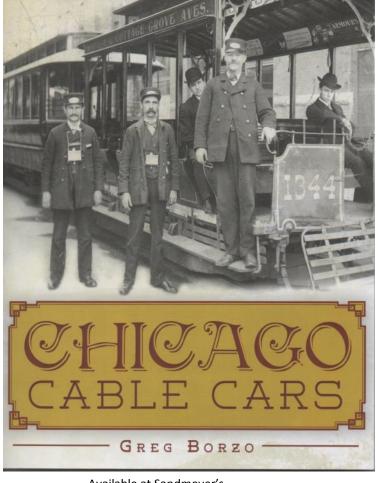
By Dayo Olopade (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt \$26.00) Nigerian-American journalist Olopade gives us a vivid picture of a continent on the move. She calls for a change in our thinking about Africa, so that we recognize an Africa characterized by creative local solutions born out of necessity.

*The author will be speaking at the Harold Washington Library on Thursday, April 3, at 6 pm.

The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat by Edward Kelsey Moore (Vintage \$15)

For over forty years the diner in Plainview, Indiana, has been the Sunday after church meeting place of Odette, Clarice and Barbara Jean, friends so close that they were dubbed the Supremes in high school. Through these often raucous get togethers, their lives and their community are portrayed with humor, warmth and drama by Chicagoan Edward Kelsey Moore, a professional cellist as well as a gifted writer.





Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

http://Bethfinke.wordsmith.com



Mondays with Mike: Going carless By Mike Knezovich (Beth's husband gets to talk)

If you've seen *Monty Python* and the Holy Grail, you know the scene: The black knight keeps having body parts lopped off, keeps coming back for more, and is eventually left behind by his opposing knight, shouting "Come back here, I'll bite your legs off!"

Well, that's about where our trusted 1998 Volkswagen Passat is. An exhaust pipe fell off, just disappeared last week—and it now sounds like a diesel locomotive. The rear view mirror fell off the windshield, and I superglued it back on — three times. The key fob hasn't worked for years, and now the locks are haunted -- they go up and down on their own. There's a mysterious water leak behind the driver's seat. The gas cap door release control stopped functioning a few weeks ago, and I had to pry it open to put gas in.

The license plates expire on March 31. That's the day I will donate the car to some poor unsuspecting charity, and we will begin a new era: Beth and I are going carless.

I've already signed up for Zipcar, a car sharing service, and between that and all the public trans options we have downtown, we should be fine. We'll probably save some cash in the process. To be honest, I've been thinking about retiring our Passat for ten years, ever since we moved to Chicago. But you know, I'm just irrationally attached to the damn thing.

We bought it when we lived on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, so it carries some nice memories of cruising up and down the beach road with the windows down, the moonroof open, and marine air permeating everything. Our salesman was an African-born man named Fred. I met him when I did an exploratory shopping trip on my own—he said my wife would love the moon roof. Didn't have the heart to tell him.

The only model they had on the lot was white—not my favorite color—but it would be cheaper (and faster) than ordering one. I came home to tell Beth that I liked the car, and explained about the white thing. We couldn't decide, so Beth suggested we defer to our magic 8 ball. Will we buy the white Passat? Signs point to yes.

Gus still lived with us then, and one reason we liked the wagon was that the doors swung very wide open—easing the task of getting Gus in and out of the back seat. The cargo area was really large—making it easy to load his wheel chair in back without having to take the wheels off. In fact, we did not sign the contract until I went through that very test with Gus at the dealership.

The year was 1998, and I was awed by the technology—it had a trip computer that read out mileage, mpg, time, and temperature! It had electric windows (my first

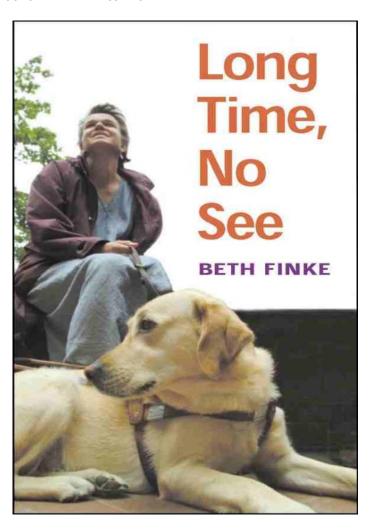


car ever with those)! Automatic locks! An indigo blue lit dashboard! ABS! Five airbags!

Just over 183,000 miles later, Fritz—as Beth nicknamed him—has lived on the ocean front, in Urbana, Ill., and on the mean streets of Chicago. I know other Passat owners have had trouble with theirs, but ours has been a champ, and to be honest—except for the roar of the engine, the car still runs like a top, and just hums at 75 mph. We've had a lot of great road trips in Fritzy. But it's time.

Outside of one short stint in Washington, D.C., when I relied on my motorcycle and my roommate Pick for rides, I've had a car my entire adult life. So it's kind of weird to contemplate. I know I'll adjust. I certainly won't miss the insurance costs, the monthly parking fees, the repair costs,.

But I think I will miss Fritz.





MAY 16TH, 2014, HYATT CHICAGO MAGNIFICENT MILE

South Loop Meets Tinseltown Spring Benefit Gala

Please join us on the red carpet as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of South Loop Elementary School

> Friday, May 16, 2014 6:00pm - 10:00pm

at the Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile 633 N. St. Clair Street Grand Ballroom

Tickets are \$95 per person, increasing to \$110 at the door.

Early birds can save \$10 per ticket through April 11, 2014.



South Loop Composting April 3, 6pm

Join friends and neighbors in the South Loop to learn how we can bring composting to our buildings and community. Please <u>email us</u> to let us know you are interested. We'll be in touch with you about details.

2nd Ward Spring Clean and Green April 26, 2014 9am/12pm

Ready to pitch in to make our community a little cleaner and a little greener? Ald. Fioretti's office would love to hear from you. Contact Marcia Travlino, 2nd Ward Volunteer, at 312-263-9273.

22nd Annual Chicago River Day May 10, 2014 9am/12pm

Join Friends of the Chicago River for the 22nd annual Chicago River Day! Everyone can help out! Friends welcomes individuals, families, schools, corporate teams, scout troops, community and conservation groups to take part in Chicago River Day.

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- 2. Pick a site near you or one of particular interest
- 3. Register for your site online by clicking on the registration button for your site

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Mercat a la Plana Lets You Pick Your Pig Piece By Lizzie Schiffman on March 24, 2014 DNAinfo.com

Cochon 555 coming to the Blackstone Hotel

SOUTH LOOP — Chef Cory Morris is training for Cochon 555, an international pork cook-off coming to Chicago next month. So every Saturday, he carves up a whole pig and cooks each part differently.

That's great news for pork fans, because he serves them all up at his South Loop restaurant, Mercat a la Planxa.

Craving a specific pig part? Give the chef a ring — he'll hold it for you.

"I have a pig-part chartboard hanging up, and I'll mark how many we have of each," Morris said. "We can usually get four bellies, four ribs, six loins, two shoulders, two legs and a head serving out of each pig.

"As I sell them we mark them off, so you can come in and see what's left, or reserve the piece you want in advance."

Morris said he's enjoying the challenge from a cooking perspective, trying new methods to make less popular cuts more palatable.

"Every piece takes to heat differently," he said. "With the bone-in loin, usually you don't find a lot of flavor in loin. But the way we're butchering it is keeping the bone in and marinating it with rosemary and black garlic. It doesn't have a lot of fat, but keeping it on the bone was a nice move. It has a lot of flavor."

Morris' favorite discovery was his porchetta di testa, or pig's head, in a duck fat confit, though it "wasn't one that sold very well," he said. "Maybe because we worded it wrong: it was 'A sous vide pig face served traditionally."

He hopes his customers will adopt his mentality and use this opportunity to try different pork cuts.

"Portion size would probably be the easiest way to decide what new cut to try," he said. "The shoulders and legs will feed four to six people because they are large — I'm getting 50-pound pigs, so they weigh about 5 or 6 pounds after cooking. We do a nice sous vide belly — that would be a nice starter course."

And if you're feeling really adventurous?

"Trust me," Morris said. "Go for the head."





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Reggie Wilson's *Moses(es)*, an evening-length piece cocommissioned by The Dance Center, explores our relationship to leadership and the effects of migration on beliefs and customs. Grounded in Zora Neale

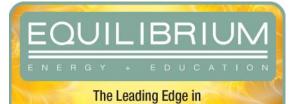
Hurston's novel *Moses, Man of the Mountains*, and arising out of Wilson's exploratory travels to Israel, Egypt, Turkey and Mali, the work looks at diasporic movement out of Africa and into the rest of the world through the lens of Moses stories in their various cross-cultural and cross-faith interpretations.

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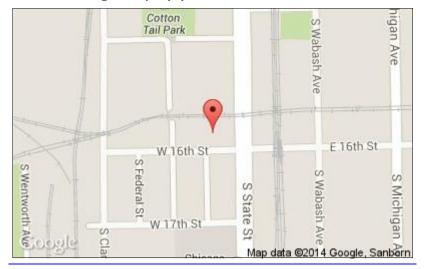
On March 31st, Alliance for a Greener South Loop will celebrate the end of Meatless Mondays in March (MMM!) with our first-ever Veggie Chili Cook-Off. Join friends and neighbors as we cook, taste, and crown the best vegetarian chili in town. We'll have beer on hand and raffle prizes from the South Loop restaurants participating in MMM! Best of all, the proceeds will go toward a South Loop community garden. Want to participate as either a contestant or a taste tester? Everyone who registers – as a chili entry or eater – is entered to win raffle prizes donated by our 2014 MMM! participating restaurants.

WHERE: Daystar Center, 1550 S. State St

WHEN: 6-8PM (Set up for chili entries at 5pm) HOW WILL IT WORK? Chili contestants will...

- 1. Make their chili from scratch
- 2. Use no meat, no meat-based broth, nor any meat by-products
- 3. Bring ingredients list on card for display
- 4. Bring no less than 4 quarts of chili in their own crock pot

NOTES: Entries may include garnish(es) and winner(s) will be invited to let us publish their winning recipe(s)



Daystar Center

1550 S State St

Chicago, IL 60605

Chiberia Blamed for Fewer Chicago Home Sales But City Prices Are Up

By <u>DNAinfo Staff</u> on March 20, 2014 11:26am | *Updated on March 20, 2014 11:34am*

DOWNTOWN — Total home sales in the city dropped 3.5 percent in February in a year-to-year comparison, but the median sale price was up, a <u>new report says</u>. The decrease in total numbers comparing February 2014 with 2013 was blamed on this winter's particularly brutal weather. Higher prices reflected a tighter inventory of homes for sale, down 23 percent from last year, experts said. The report released Thursday by the Illinois Association of Realtors said there were 1,361 sales last month vs. 1,411 in February of 2013.

The median price was \$175,000 last month; in February 2013, it was \$156,050, an increase of 12.1 percent, the report said. Broken down by types of real estate, the median price of a single-family home in Chicago was \$140,750, the report said. That was up 13.2 percent in a year-to-year comparison. The median price of a condo in the city was \$219,000, up about 10 percent. February's weather was not anymore welcoming to buyers than January in Chicago," said Matt Farrell, president of the Chicago Association of Realtors, referring to a decrease in total sales recorded in the first month of this year. "People do not want to go shopping for homes in unseasonably cold weather," Ferrell said in a statement issued through the state association.

The report said rising prices and an uptick in home mortgage interest rates also contributed to the slower volume in sales. http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago

ICE ICE DIVVY

By John Greenfield

From its June 28 launch to New Year's Eve, Chicago's Divvy bike-share system racked up an impressive 759,788 rides. But the acid test for the new system has been the remainder of this kidney stone of a winter, Chicago's fifth snowiest on record, featuring more than



twenty days with subzero lows. I checked in with general manager Elliot Greenberger to see how Divvy has been faring during the Chiberia deepfreeze. "Weather has been a challenge this winter, not only for us but for all kinds of transportation systems that have been around for decades," he says.

The biggest difficulty of keeping Divvy running has been making sure the docking stations are clear of snow when people return their bikes, which has been tricky since we've had so many days of precipitation followed by frigid temperatures. Crew members have been using shovels, ice picks and road salt to keep the docks clear.

However, maintaining the bikes themselves hasn't been a big problem during the cold season. "There have been no major issues with mechanical problems or tires losing their pressure faster," Greenberger says. "But with all the dirty snow, keeping the bikes clean is a challenge. They don't look great, but it's nothing we can't solve with a rag and some cleaner." Read the rest of this entry »

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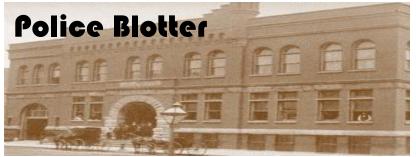
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Bridge Closings

Due to the Chicago Riverwalk construction project which will extend six blocks from State Street west to Lake Street, there will be bridge closures. There will be 3 separate, temporary bridge closures of approximately 7 days each. The first bridge closure, of the Clark Street Bridge, is expected for mid-April, with the Dearborn Street and State Street bridges to follow. Once CDOT has finalized the bridge closure schedule, it will be published in a future Reilly Reports from Alderman Reilly with detailed closure and detour information.

The Harrison St Bridge over the Dan Ryan Expy will be closed for another 5 months due to the Circle Interchange Construction.



STABBING PAIN

A 32- year old man reported March 12 that three men stole his leather jacket, Nike bag and wallet as he was walking down the first block of East Roosevelt Road. One thief stabbed him in his right arm while the other two men robbed him. The thieves fled east on Roosevelt and their whereabouts remain unknown.

CREDIT CHECK

The property manager at the Lofts of Roosevelt Collection, 150 W. Roosevelt Road, reported that her credit cards were stolen March 11 after she showed a man some apartments. After he left, she received emails from her bank warning of fraudulent activity. When she checked her wallet, her credit cards were gone. The thief remains at large.

PETTY THEFT

A man reported March 11 that while walking along Congress Parkway, a passerby pulled a gun from his pocket and pointed it at his neck. He demanded \$20 from the ATM inside the CVS Pharmacy, 520 S. State St. The assailant followed the man into the CVS and fled after receiving the money. Police have not been able to locate him.



South Loop Referral Group

Meets every other Friday at 7:30 am
At Dearborn Station Atrium

Next
Meeting
Fri, Apr. 4
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South Loop Referral Group is a professional organization, made up of individuals with a high level of skill and passion for serving their community. The members all live and work in the south loop area: which means they are well known locally with many resources and testimonials. A referral groups goal is to have only one representative from each category. The quality of their work and the care they provide makes them truly unique, and whether you are looking for a printer, a banker or a contractor, you can be sure whomever you hire from our group, will be attentive, on time, and competitively priced.

The group alsoserves as a rainmaker, encouraging local business development and supporting a thriving professional community in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood through motivation, communication, and education.

SOME FRIEND

A man told police that his acquaintance known as "Big Mike" punched him in the face March 11 during a verbal argument at the Roosevelt Red Line station, 22 E. Roosevelt Road. Police searched the station for "Big Mike" but were unable to locate him. The man refused to press charges and received medical treatment.

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"What's Up Doc?" final film screened in screwball comedy series

When: Saturday, April 12, 2014 4:00 p.m. Where: The Venue 1550 at the Daystar Center, 1550 S. State Street

I can't think of a better film to end our screwball comedy series than with What's Up Doc? This modern comedy classic directed by Peter Bogda-



novitch is a homage to the screwball comedies from the 1930s and 40s. It owes much of its plot and structure to Howard Hawks's *Bringing Up Baby*, but it more than stands on its own merits.

Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal, in their first screen pairing, play Judy Maxwell and Howard Bannister respectively. Judy is a free spirit and college dropout who seems to create trouble wherever she goes. Howard is a Ph.D. and musicologist from the Iowa Conservatory of Music, engaged to Eunice Burns (Madeline Kahn) who is a bit controlling, to put it mildly. The trouble all begins in San Francisco when four identical overnight bags get mixed up. Of course Judy and Howard's bags are part of the mix up and their lives become entangled from there on in.

Have some Joe and Enjoy the Show!

Before the movie, grab a cup of coffee from <u>Overflow Coffee</u> <u>Bar</u>, located within the <u>Daystar Center</u>. You can bring food and beverages into the auditorium; we even have small tables set up next to some of the seats.

Join the Chicago Film club, join the discussion

The Chicago Film Club is for classic movie fans. Once a month we screen a classic film and have a brief discussion afterward. For more information, including how to join (it's free), click here. To purchase your ticket in advance, click here. The Venue 1550 is easily accessible by the CTA. Please visit Transit Chicago for more information on transportation options.

Hello Neighbors,

I hope all is well. Once again I am running for the Jones College Prep Local School Council, Community Representative Position. I want to thank you for your support over the last two years. During that time Jones has excelled academically as well as winning sports honors. The school has also moved into the new building and is currently rehabbing the old one to allow for more students.



The new school building has several state of the art facilities and currently I am working with school and CPS administrators to have at least the swimming pool opened up to the public by this summer. We are making progress and I hope to find out more information soon.

I am asking for your vote on Tuesday, April 8th, the date of the elections. They will be held at the school at 700 S. State and voting is from 6am until 7pm. You will need to bring IDs that have your address and a photo. You will have to fill-out some paper work, but the entire process should take only a few minutes.

If you would like to join me, I will be going over there with some neighbors at 12 noon and then at 6pm. We will be meeting in the lobby of 801 S. Plymouth Court.

If you have any questions about the elections, please let me know. Also encourage your neighbors to vote. I will be sending out a reminder the Monday before.

Again, please vote and thanks for your support, Richard Weindorfer

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001 DISTRICT COMMUNITY POLICING



20 Sector Residential Meeting

2014 Meeting Dates

January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12

All meetings will be held at:

565 W. Quincy

7:00 PM

All Meetings held on second Wednesday of every month

Beat 123 for Printers Row and Dearborn Park

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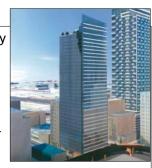
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A developer is looking to build a shiny new 40 story apartment tower in the South Loop, at the southwest corner of Van Buren Street and Financial Place. The building would replace a small strip of fast food joints at 400 South Financial Place and would contain roughly 225 to 275 apartment units with about ten to eleven resi-



dences per floor. The SCB designed glass-clad tower appears to be commissioned by commercial developer MB Real Estate. Other than these few details, it appears that the proposal is in its very early stages and we should certainly be learning more about this building in the near future. [rendering by Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB)]

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As he wraps up apartment projects in Old Town and Wrigleyville, developer Jim Letchinger is preparing to launch an even bigger one in the South Loop.

Mr. Letchinger said he plans



a 469-unit tower at 1000 S. Clark St., just north of the Target store on Roosevelt Road. He is "very, very close" to securing a construction loan for the development, which he would build in a joint venture with lender iStar Financial Inc. iStar which took the property back from its prior owner in 2011.

"We're working with three different lenders and trying to decide which way to go," Mr. Letchinger said.



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