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Saving the Park at the Roosevelt Collection

South Loop Neighbors continues its fight to protect the 2.2-acre park just north of the Roosevelt Collection, which has never been finished and opened to the public. In return for permission to build the Roosevelt Collection and three future residential towers, the developer promised to build a park and open it to the public. The developer now proposes to instead sell or lease the land to the British School.

At the April 18 meeting, a discussion evolved around how to persuade elected officials that the park is important to the future of the South Loop, and that they should deny the amendment requested by the Roosevelt Collection. On May 23, SLN will be trying to make our case to Ald. Solís and to city planners. Please put this meeting on your calendar (7 pm at Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn) and come make your voice heard.

Next Meeting Thursday, May 23,
2013 at Grace Place

In addition, SLN is urging Ald. Solís to save the park. If you live west of the Metra tracks, be sure to mention that you are one of his future constituents.

You'll find talking points at <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/1938060/SLNletterRCP.txt>

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A Word document ready for you to customize with your own concerns is at <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/1938060/SLNletterRCP.docx>

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Also at the meeting, SLN will be discussing other development in our community, as well as upcoming South Loop Neighbor events.

Important Dates:

COLUMBIA COLLEGE MANIFEST MAY 17

SLN MEETING MAY 23

FASHION IN THE STREET JUNE 1 & 2

SLN YARD SALE DEARBORN PARK JUNE 8

PRINTERS ROW LIT FEST JUNE 8 & 9

Bonnie McGrath won a LISIGOR AWARD for columns written for the Chicago Journal.



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Columbia College Manifest Friday May 17th

Go to colum.edu/manifest-2013

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COMING

AT THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

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MAY 23RD - MAY 26TH

MAY 30TH - JUNE 2ND

JUNE 20TH - JUNE 23RD

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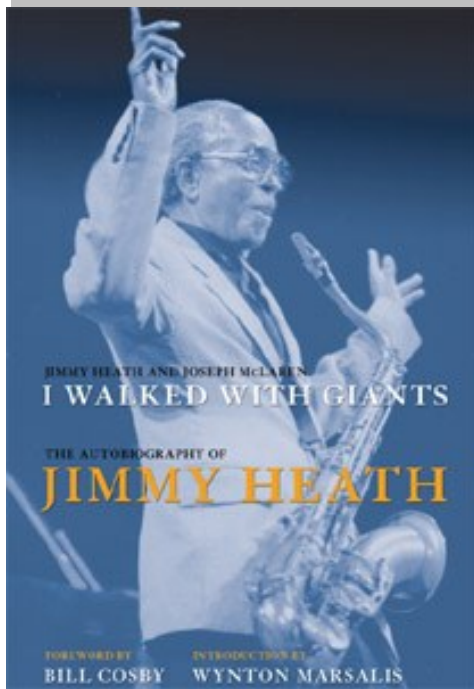


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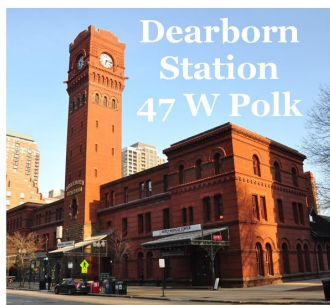
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South Loop Neighbors is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in South Loop's neighborhoods and preserving the area's landmark districts.

South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

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

Www. Southloopneighbors.org

FASHION IN THE STREET is coming to The South Loop! www.fitschicago.com

South Loop Neighbors is proud to host the 2nd annual FASHION IN THE STREET! This event has captured the attention and imagination of thousands, as Chicago's top designers and boutiques will be given a platform to showcase their fashion and talents on a whole new level for the general public! The 2-day event will include live bands & DJ performances, high-end catering and beverage options, boutique street shopping, lux after parties, and of course the explosive Fashion Shows down a 100ft. runway with an awe inspiring

backdrop of our city's landscape. Fashion Show's produced by Benjamin Cottrell Designs, in partnership with Green Curtain Events.

FESTIVAL DATE: June 1st and 2nd 12-10 PM each day

LOCATION: South Loop's Printers Row, Dearborn St. from Polk to Harrison

SLN Yard Sale on June 8

Spring-- Spring--- it really is coming so while doing your Spring Cleaning you might like to put aside some treasures to sell at the SLN Yard Sale on June 8--- and put a little jingle in your pocket--- it is always a fun day in Dearborn Park---so have fun looking **through** those treasures and see you in the Park! **To RSVP for your spot, email Sandi Thayer at Sandi@southloopneighbors.org**

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OPINION

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Margaret Anderson: A life in my South Loop stomping ground

I'd sort of heard of [Margaret Anderson](#) through the years. She started a literary magazine in Chicago 99 years ago called [The Little Review](#). Friday night the whole story came alive for me via the latest work of South Loop author and playwright [June Skinner Sawyers](#) at the [Fine Arts Building](#). Cynthia Judge played Anderson in Scottish-born Sawyers' one-woman show.

The play took place in a studio on the eighth floor, in the very building in which the magazine began in 1914, under Anderson's guidance and leadership. In fact, there's a plaque in the building--located at Michigan and Congress--adjacent to Room 917 that commemorates the fact that the magazine was edited by Anderson in that very room.



That's me on the set of "Life Without Roses" photo/
Bruce Oltman

Bonnie McGrath won a Lisagor Award from the Chicago Headline Club for commentary!

Peter Lisagor (August 5, 1915–December 10, 1976) was Washington bureau chief of the [Chicago Daily News](#) from 1959 to 1976 and was one of the most respected and best-known journalists in the United States. Lisagor gained nationwide recognition from his syndicated column and appearances on such public-affairs broadcasts as [Meet the Press](#), [Face the Nation](#), [Washington Week in Review](#), and [Agronsky & Company](#).

The Little Review was a big deal back then. And Judge's portrayal of Anderson Friday night demonstrated why. She was committed as a writer. As an editor. As an engaged human being. As Sawyers says about the 23-year-old Indiana native and former book reviewer for the *Continent*, staff writer for the *Dial* (another literary review)--and book critic for the [Chicago Evening Post](#), "For a few brief but colorful years. Anderson was the toast of the town and the undisputed queen of the city's bohemian community."

The first issue of *The Little Review* contained articles about Nietzsche, feminism and psychoanalysis, according to Sawyers. The magazine vowed not to make any compromise with "public taste." And get this...the magazine introduced the following writers to the public on its pages: [Hemingway](#), Joyce, Yeats, Sandburg and Eliot. Not to mention Gertrude Stein, Emma Goldman and Amy Lowell, among many others. Ezra Pound was its foreign editor.

Anderson eventually moved her operations to New York, where she faced obscenity charges upon serializing [Ulysses](#). She eventually moved to Paris, and she died in France in 1973. The magazine ceased publication in 1929 with a final edition published in Paris.

I wish I could have known her. But in a way I did on Friday night--as Judge spoke to her audience, channelling Anderson all the way. In the very building in which Anderson did her thing. One floor above.

Bonnie McGrath

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



Blackie's™

In my estimation there are a number of very good restaurants in the South Loop, but if you are thinking about in the historic Printers' Row Neighborhood, the logical restaurant is the historic and timeless Blackie's. When the Printers Row Restaurant went out of business in 2008 people mentioned how long it had been in the neighborhood, well they were new-comer compared with Blackie's who's opened its doors in 1939; 74 years in business and 74 years of history and good food & drink in the neighborhood.

What is also amazing is that the business has been in the same family that whole time. Alex DeMilio opened Blackie's back then and now is operated by grandson Jeffery Thomas and his wife Susan. Jeff, an economics major at Northwestern and neighborhood historian can talk with you about the world economy and the price of oil, but he will talk forever about the Printers' Row neighborhood. He can tell you about the times that the Marx Brothers, Frank Sinatra or many other stars would train into Chicago through Dearborn Station and hold court at Blackie's.

He can also tell you about what formerly was in each building in the neighborhood before it "went condo". It may have been printing related or related to the train and shipping industry or it may have been a bordello in its previous life (at least Jeff was told it was). Susan is a welcoming sight and welcoming personality.

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Enough about the history and the staff. Let's mention the food, which isn't bad either. Actually the food is very good and Jeff has always maintained the highest quality and the old recipes whenever possible; he is very proud of that. I am not a connoisseur by any means, but I will mention a few of the items that I enjoy not to mention beer on tap and a fully stocked bar:

The Burgers – big, beefy and with all the trimmings – great

The Spring Green salad is a green salad topped with chicken, walnuts, cranberries and balsamic vinegar

The Salmon Burger – Big, juicy and flavorful. Great coleslaw!

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast; lots of choices, lots of food. A Sunday meeting spot.

Blackie's has been a special place in the South Loop for 74 years. What are the chances of Lucy, Jeff's daughter, will be offering quality food and talking of the neighborhood history on the 100 Anniversary?

Roy Svenson

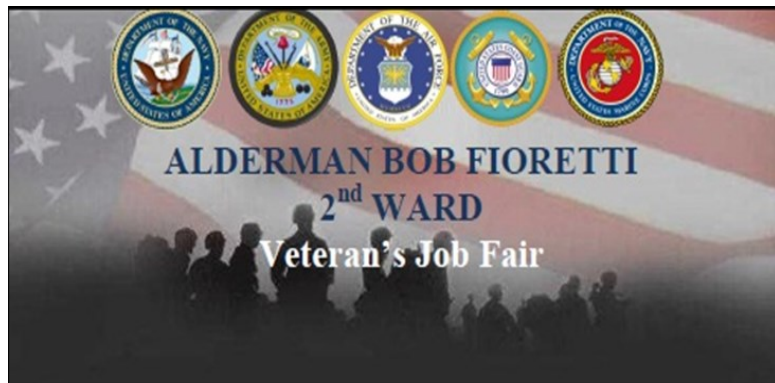




Mariano's with the outside walls up. Expected opening to be in the Fall of 2013. Located on Clark and 17th.



The "clanging" has stopped at Polk and Clark. Ahhhhh. Hmmm



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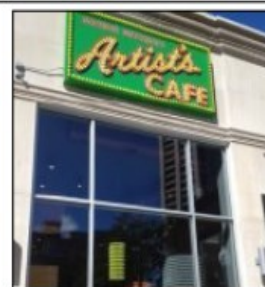
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CHICAGO (May 17, 2013)- Columbia College Chicago is once again hosting the largest urban arts festival in the world, Manifest 2013, with a massive showcase of talents ranging from dance and photography to theatre and design. On Friday, May 17th at noon, the students will kick off Manifest by parading to 9th and Wabash: The Great Convergence. Following will include 104 different student showcases that will appear throughout the streets of Columbia and the south loop.

A full day of performances, exhibitions, and presentations of Columbia students celebrate the hard work, and enthusiasm that they possess as they build their bodies of work over the year. Many of Columbia College Chicago organizations and clubs collaborated to create this spectacular event. The performances are intended to gather crowds of enthusiastic individuals all throughout the Chicago community to commemorate this showcase of student work.

"The student powered festival is unlike anything that happens in Chicago. Everywhere you turn there will be entertainment, it's creativity unleashed!", stated Mark Kelly, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Be sure that you don't miss out on exciting things like a zipline, tons of live music, and a featured appearance from Kelster the Cat. Come for one performance, or stay the whole day. No matter what, you can stay in the loop with the hashtag, #CCCManifest. Keep the conversation going on your Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

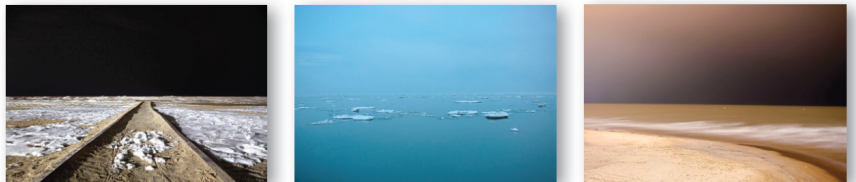
Columbia College Chicago will hold the largest urban arts festival in the world, Manifest 2013, beginning at noon on Friday, May 17th. This free public event celebrates a college that prides themselves on creativity and diversity. The south loop will be overflowing with talent that Columbia wants to share with the whole city.

For more information on Manifest and to see a full schedule of events please visit the Manifest website at www.colum.edu/manifest-2013

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- MANIFEST at the Library 8AM
624 S Michigan Ave
- 2013 MFA Photography Thesis Exhibition 9AM
1104 S Wabash, 1st fl. Glass Curtain Gallery
- MANIFEST Tic Toc: Surveillance Art 1 9AM
916 S Wabash
- Journalism Exhibition 10AM
33 E Congress, Congress Center
- Hokin Project & Interactive Arts & Media Presents "FREE LUNCH" 10AM
623 S Wabash, 1st fl, Hokin Gallery
- Eonian: Activism is Everlasting 10AM
911 S Wabash
- MANIFEST Photograph Exhibition 10AM
1006 S Michigan Ave Studio East
- Project Rm 11AM
916 S Wabash
- Comic Art 11AM
623 S Wabash
- BFA Fine Art Thesis Exhibit 11AM
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2013 Meatless Mondays in May - MMM!

The Alliance for a Greener South Loop invites folks who care about the environment to go meatless on May 6, 13, 20, and 27 as an easy way to make a difference. A number of South Loop restaurants are offering discounts or special menus/menu items for meatless diners on these days to make it fun and tasty, too! Visit the Alliance website to get a current list of participating restaurants and to learn more about how eating less meat is great for the environment: greenersouthloop.com

Discounts apply to all meatless meals on Mondays in May.

Special menus apply to that date only.

When / where will you go meatless?

May 13, Tapas Valencia: 10% discount (1530 S. State)

May 20, Brasserie by LM: special menu (800 S. Michigan)

May 27, Zapatista: special menu (1307 S. Wabash)
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Police Blotter— Watch your Back!

Police Blotter compiled by the Columbia Chronicle staff with information provided by the

Chicago Police Department.

It's the bomb

A man walked onto a Chicago Transit Authority Blue Line train April 23 and shouted that there was a bomb. Police searched the train at the LaSalle station, 500 S. Clark St., but found nothing. As of press time, he was not in custody.

The gentle sex

A woman saw another woman talking to her boyfriend on the 1200 block of South State Street April 21 and scratched the other woman across the right side of her face with her fingernails. The victim refused medical treatment.

Over in a slash

In an argument on April 22, a man slashed at another man with a knife on the 700 block of South State Street. The offender fled the scene. As of press time, the victim was in stable condition, and the assailant has not been found.

Rage on the Red Line

A man hit another man in the head with a cane April 18 aboard a Chicago Transit Authority Red Line train. The offender exited at the Roosevelt station, 1167 S. State St.. Police captured him when he tried to board a bus on State Street.

Case Cracked

A man attempted to steal four flat irons, four video cameras and one bag April 27 from Target at 1154 S. Clark St. He was identified by video camera and arrested. Upon interrogation, he told police he did it to support his crack cocaine habit.

Headshot

A woman got into a fight with a man April 29 when he attempted to steal several items from her store at 600 S. Dearborn St. The man punched her in the head before fleeing. As of press time, police had not located the thief.

Stoner subtlety

When approached by police May 1 at the Chicago Transit Authority Roosevelt Red Line station, 1167 S. State St., a man showed an open backpack with a clear plastic bag containing a substance resembling marijuana. He was arrested.

Old habits die hard

Following a verbal altercation May 1 on the 300 block of West Harrison Street, a man struck a woman in the face. Upon his arrest, a police background check revealed he had a previous warrant for failure to appear in court.



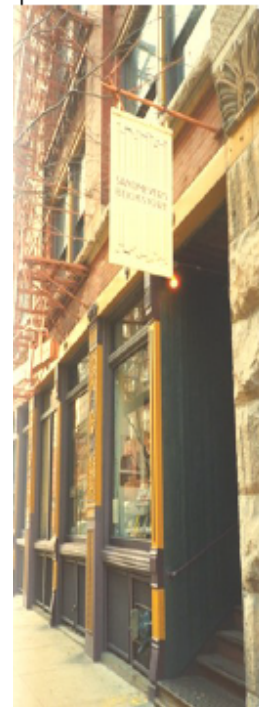
Current Events: The CSO's Rivers Festival Bridges Water and Music

City on a river. Chicago is many things, but whatever qualities that make Chicago exist in no small part because it is a city on a river, albeit a river by and large taken for granted. "The Chicago River is the city's defining characteristic because it is what built the city," says Martha Gilmer, vice president for artistic planning and audience development at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as the curator of the CSO's month-long Rivers Festival which runs May 9-June 9.

For the rest of the story

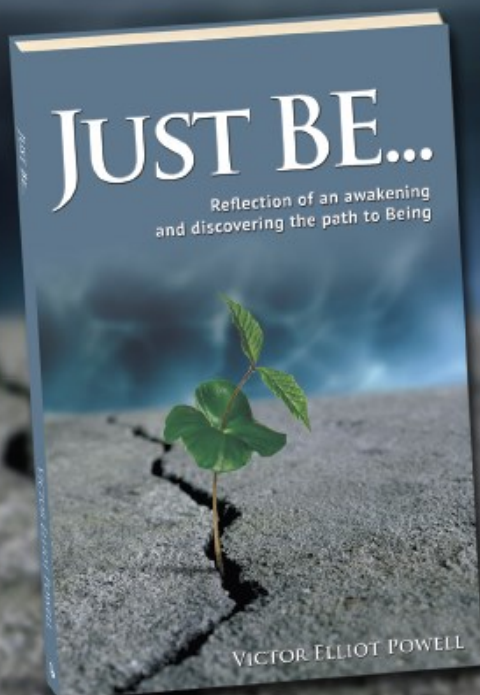
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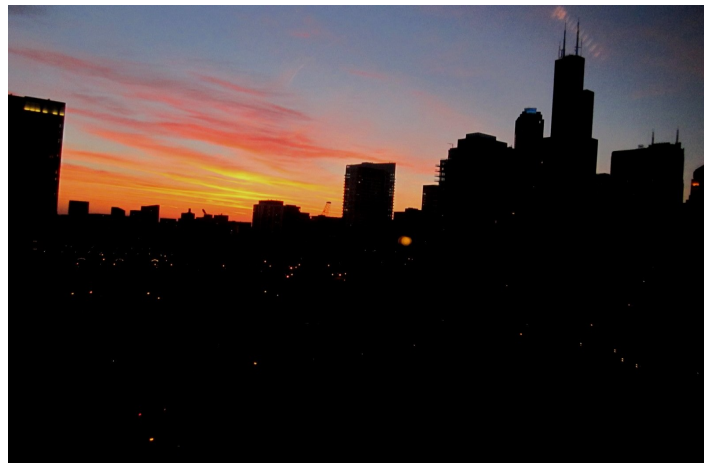
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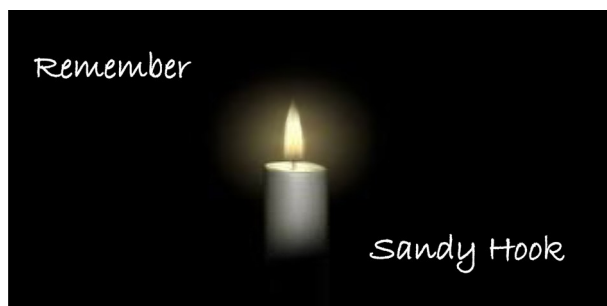
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The group also serves as a rainmaker, encouraging local business development and supporting a thriving professional community in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood through motivation, communication, and education.