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### **New South Loop Elementary School Planned, Report Says**

By <u>David Matthews</u> | May 25, 2016 12:20pm |

SOUTH LOOP — South Loop Elementary School is getting a new building.

The Chicago Board of Education moved Wednesday to buy and replace a vacant post office facility at **16th and Dearborn streets** with a new building for South Loop Elementary School, one of the city's most overcrowded schools in one of its fastest-growing neighborhoods. South Loop Elementary, 1212 S. Plymouth Court, opened for 580 students in 1988 but now has 839, according to Chicago Public Schools. And the South Loop, one of the few city neighborhoods growing in population, is slated for thousands of new homes arriving in the next decade.

"The new building would alleviate current overcrowding, while also accounting for future population growth in the area," CPS spokesman Michael Passman said in a statement.

Parents had decried the school's overcrowding for years, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel reportedly met privately with neighbors recently to outline a plan to solve the problem. The school district is paying an estimated \$8.7 million in tax-increment financing funds to finance the project.

Chicago Public Schools says South Loop Elementary is at 126 percent capacity, a figure that stood to worsen as thousands of new homes get built over the next few years in the neighborhood. A developer closed its purchase of a massive 62-acre development site at Clark and Roosevelt streets earlier this month.

CPS did not share when construction of the new school building would start. Tara Shelton, the principal of South Loop Elementary, did not immediately return a message.

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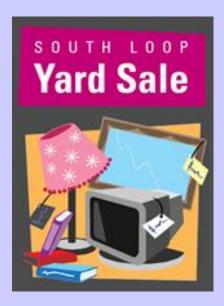
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### **OPINION**

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### The Active Transportation Alliance is very active when it comes to bikers, but not walkers and people who use public transportation May 29th, 2016

In honor of <u>Bike the Drive</u> this morning, <u>Channel</u> 7 had someone on from the <u>Active Transportation</u> Alliance.

This group bills itself as advocating not only for bikes, but for walkers and public transportation users, too. Sounds nice, huh?

But I'd like to know this: where's the evidence that walking and public trans are on their agenda? It sure wasn't this morning.

For me, someone who hasn't driven their own car for the last 16 years--it broke, I didn't fix it, I decided I really didn't need it and there it sits in the garage, a relic of the past--I'd like a true advocate for me and others like me.

But I guarantee this group isn't for that.

This morning, all that was talked about is how wonderful it is to bike in the city. How more and more of the streets are given over for biking exclusively. Nothing about how piece meal it is, how dangerous it is, how the bike lanes clog the traffic--and how truly overwhelming the Chicago bike culture is for those who are doing the right thing: walking and using public transportation.

The Active Transportation Alliance says most bikers are drivers, as well--so they see world from that perspective, too. But are they walkers? Are they seeing the world from that perspective? I see no evidence they see anything from any perspective other than getting on their bikes, donning their helmets and other protective gear for themselves. And damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead, let the walkers beware.

It has become impossible to walk a block in the South Loop without bikers high-speeding along the sidewalk, dangerous as all get out for those of us in our walking shoes. And often, they ride on sidewalks right alongside their denoted bike lanes in the street. It's enough to drive the average citizen crazy.

But what fun is it to use the denoted bike lanes when there's a nice safe sidewalk adjacent? In the bike lane, a car might veer over and scare you!

Then there's the bikers who are constantly looking sideways to see the sights, the beautiful buildings in Chicago, the interesting little businesses along their way, the interesting people wearing interesting outfits. They don't look ahead to see the pedestrians in their paths. In fact, more often than not, they give walkers dirty looks for getting in their way. The ultimate danger, the ultimate insult, the ultimate flouting of the ordinance.

Bikers are hard to see and hard to hear--perhaps



Photo/ Chicago Tribune

impossible, on both counts--before it's too late. Are they aware of that?

I think not: they are clueless scofflaws who ignore the fact that it's against the law for them to be on the sidewalk at all.

And the bike lanes have become dangers to pedestrians, too. Who realizes--unless they learn the hard way--that on a one way street like Dearborn, the bikes go both ways on the other side of parked cars on only one side? Two lanes for bikes that come out of nowhere as a walker approaches the curb.

The <u>new raised bikes lanes</u> are just as bad. Collisions are inevitable as walkers approach the curb, unaware that bikes may be approaching the curb perpendicularly, sharing exactly the same path with the pedestrians. Human beings are subliminally aware of others approaching from the side and how long it takes. But not so bikes. That's a new one that takes tremendous concentration and awareness. If walkers aren't aware and concentrating on the possibility of a bike down the way to the side, the bikers are not going to care. They're bikers! Kings of the urban jungle.

All I'm asking is this, Active Transportation. Don't just pretend that you care about walkers or public transportation users. Be our advocates, too. Talk about us wherever you go. Concentrate on advocating for us? I've seen nothing of the sort so far. It's all bikes all the time.

Where's the crackdown on bikers who use sidewalks and terrorize the rest of us? How about an answer, Active Transportation Alliance? Ask your pal Rahm to think about us because we outnumber you and we are even better for the environment than the bikers. We want safety. We want consideration. We want you to live up to your name.

You bikers want a lot of real estate devoted to your passion. And you've gotten it. But you want all the real estate, don't you?

Bonnie McGrath

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#### Mondays with Mike:

by mknezo2014 | May 23, 2016

#### Come on down!



Beth and I bicycled to the White Sox game again yesterday, this time with our neighborhood friends Jim and Janet. The last time I posted about riding our tandem bicycle to a White Sox game, some people commented on how brave we were.

I'm not sure if they were referring to traffic or that somehow it's *unsafe* down there on the South Side.

On count one, FYI: Bike lanes and a little forethought make the ride strikingly stress free and pleasant. Here in the South Loop, we can take the bike lanes—not protected but Wabash is pretty civilized—to 24<sup>th</sup> Street. We jog a block west to State, where we take it's bike lanes to 26<sup>th</sup> street. At 26<sup>th</sup> there are bike lanes all the way to Wells. Head south on Wells and you go through a very pleasant, quiet neighborhood and you find yourself at the park before you know it.

I think it would be pretty easy to take the lakefront path to 31st and cut over there, too. But if you're coming from the west, you'll have to figure out your own route.

On the second point, the neighborhood near U.S. Cellular was for years considered dangerous—in particular, the area east of the park, on the east side of the Dan Ryan Expressway. That's where hi-rise public housing projects once stood within a short walk from the park.

A lot of black people lived in those projects (though in the early days the projects were pretty racially diverse). Eventually, these buildings became crime-ridden, dangerous places. And that was enough to scare a lot of people—especially white people—out of heading to the park. (Even though, statistically, on game nights and days, area around the park was very safe). And some people were simply scared of black people.



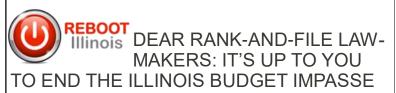
It was a beautiful day at the ballpark yesterday.

The projects were torn down several years ago, which was not an entirely good thing, especially if you lived there, and it was in my view handled pretty poorly in many ways. That's an important story worth telling at another time. But I wouldn't be surprised if some people still have the notion that *it's scary around there*.

I'm hear to tell you: It never really was. So get on your bike and come on down!

**Corrrection**: In an editorial last week I indicated that Library Towers at Congress and State was in the 42nd Ward. In fact, it is in the fartherest northern reaches of the 4th Ward.

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"You can't listen to western swing and not smile, it's impossible not to smile, it's feel good music. Her voice is wonderful, what an instrument." - Michael Feldman, NPR "Whad'ya Know?"

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#### The Friends of Historic Second Church

present their annual "Celebration of Chicago History" lecture on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. Diane Dillon, director of programs at The Newberry Library, will lecture on "Making History at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition". Why was the Exposition such a pivotal event for Chicago? What connections did Second Presbyterian Church have with the Columbian Exposition? The lecture will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a wine and cheese reception. Docent-led tours will be available before and after the lecture. All are welcome.



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Book Review: Thanh Nguyen's **The Sympathizer** (Grove Press 2015) Lorraine Schmall, Dearborn Park, May 30, 2016

The same month that President Barack Obama connected with an audience in Hanoi too young to remember the US troops in Viet Nam, or the war that killed 3,000000 Vietnamese and 60,000 Americans, Viet Thanh Nguyen's **The Sympathizer** won the Pulitzer Prize. That's a good thing. Perhaps the press that comes from the prize and the president's visit will bring Nguyen's rare and often chilling perspective to a large audience that might misremember the war, or to readers with neither memory nor perspective of recent history.

**The Sympathizer** is a heavy book, full of important truths and insightful observations: "No one asks poor people if they want war."

A spooky, scary spy/war/political/psychological novel, it's narrated by a smart, young, US-educated intellectual and former South Vietnamese army captain; aide de camp to a CIA-connected South Vietnamese general and small-business owner in LA; spy for Ho Chi Minh; and eventual detainee at a communist reeducation camp. His lifelong best friends are an assassin and the commissar of a communist torture prison, two otherwise faithful and decent men. He is a self-pitying love child born of the rape of village girl by a French Jesuit.

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Malevir: Dragons Return is the first of Susan Bass Marcus' epic fantasy series, a fresh take on clas-

sic 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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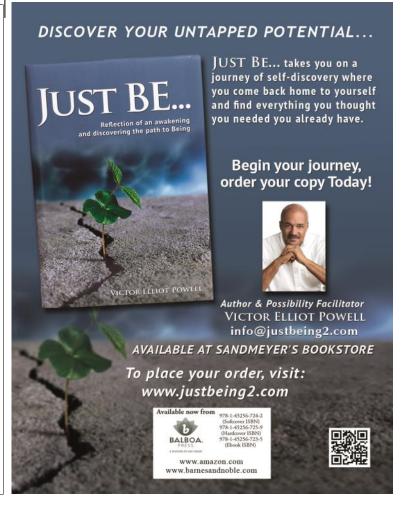
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He is a critic and philosopher, who blithely excuses his own participation in conspiracies to kill or rape or torture political enemies for the good of the party. He puts us in the middle of the chaos of fleeing Saigon in the days after it fell in 1975, still being bombarded by both sides. He thrusts us into crowded, smelly refugee camps in Southern California peopled by former proud soldiers and operatives suffering the "cancer of assimilation." He shares his lousy meals and occasional selfish dates and tacky US apartment with us. He drags us back into dangerous Southeast Asia, with his CIA-backed private army seeking to invade its homeland. And throughout, transported by magical realism, we are strapped with him in a torture chamber where he's being forced to make a political confession. There's a lot of action, shadowy characters, thought-provoking political commentary, and some of the most powerful writing about rape and prostitution as weapons and by-products of war since Isabel Allende.

But the book is also heavy because it's too long. There are too many stories, and too much self-aware, academic commentary on too many subjects. There's supposed to be humor, but it was too nuanced for me. It's still too good to put down.

#### Lorraine Schmall

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# Safe & Sound Blog

#### by Beth Finke

http://Bethfinke.wordsmith.com



It's not rocket science — it's better. 5/25/16

I was a terrible cook when I could see, and a miraculous change didn't happen when I went blind.

I'm still a bad cook.

Our neighbor and friend Jim Loellbach is a chef, and before attending Le Cordon Blue, he was an aeronautical engineer at NASA. Proves what I've known all along. Cooking *is* rocket science.

Mike threw a spectacular birthday party for me last year, and one (of many) highlights was having Chef Jim there to create scrumptious appetizers for all the guests. Mike knew Chef Jim would not disappoint: The two of us have had the privilege of enjoying many magnificent homecooked meals with Jim and his wife Janet (a damn good cook in her own right) ever since we moved to Chicago's Printer's Row neighborhood in 2003.

I love hearing Jim's stories about summers at his grand-parents' small farm in Wisconsin and how he, his sisters and their cousins all helped with growing, preparing and preserving food there. He says back then he never considered cooking as a career, "but a seed must have been planted."

Over the years Chef Jim has worked as a cook and sous chef in several Chicago restaurants and hotels -- including the Four Seasons and the Pump Room. Late last year he opened <u>Custom Provisions</u>, his own business offering personal chef service and culinary instruction. A <u>guest post Chef Jim wrote</u> about his first clients was published on the American Personal & Private Chef Association's official personal chef blog.

Jim opens his guest post acknowledging he's new to the personal chef game and recently landed his first regular clients. "They're a busy couple with a one-year-old child and another due in about six months," he wrote. "In addition to the normal challenges that face any new personal chef, I've had to face one more: My clients are vegans."

That's Mr. Loellbach. You won't see him on Diners, Drive-ins and Dives.

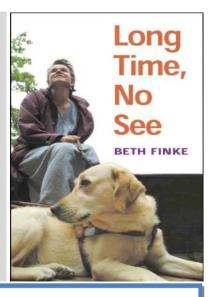
Chef Jim's guest post explains what the vegan diet involves and outlines some of the substitutions for animal products he's discovered and how he went about developing a "robust menu" for his new clients. Vegan doesn't sound so bad his way. Read the guest post in its entirety here and you'll be rewarded with Chef Jim's own recipe for mushroom Bolognese.



And here's the pitch, which

isn't a pitch so much, as a recommendation to do it for yourself: For more information about Jim's personal chef service and culinary instruction, <u>link to the Custom Provisions web site</u>. For pricing information or to schedule a consultation, <u>contact Chef Jim directly</u>.

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



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Reading Edna O'Brien's "The Little Red Chairs" and Elizabeth Strout's "My Name is Lucy Barton" in a short period of time, I was struck by the similarities.

Both books are written by popular, contemporary, mature, and prizewinning authors of renown. The main characters in the captivating novels are Fidelma McBride and Lucy Barton. They share a quest for truth and love and understanding and are on separate paths to obtain meaning in their middle age. Fidelma's journey takes her from the small Irish town of Cloonoila to London and to The Netherlands. Lucy's story is told from a New York hospital room, thought there are flashbacks to her birthplace in Amgash, Illinois.

O'Brien's book is the far more complex of the two because it deals with convoluted history and complicated characters. The story is captivating and suspenseful and the reader is caught up in the action and sensitive to the real life suffering situations.

Lucy, also most reflective, remembers, along with her mother, people from the past, but she recounts memories and observations with a vivid storytelling dimension. The reader becomes aware of Lucy's long-range future after she is discharged from her hospital stay.

Both novels are highly recommended and previous works by both authors invite investigation. Strout won a Pulitzer

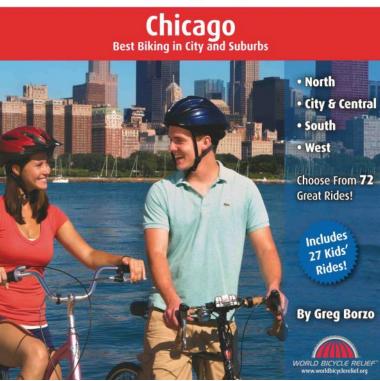
for her "Olive Kitteridge" and I've been an O'Brien fan since "The Country Girls" released in 1960, so we go back a long way!



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Michael Harvey



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South Loop author Susan Bass Marcus (Malvir) will be at Lit-Fest, June 12 between 10 and 2 at the Chicago Writers Association booth.

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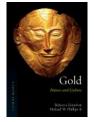
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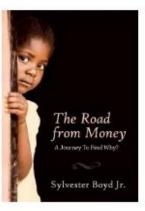


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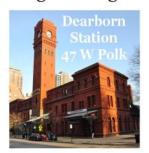


#### 2016 READER'S FAVORITE 5-STAR AWARD BOOK REVIEW

The Road from Money is Sylvester's first novel, in a three part series; based on the life of his Aunt Estella and stories told to him by family members over the years. He has woven both fact and fiction into a dynamic portrayal of historical events of the era; including music, inventions and the journey of a young Negro girl and her family living under the trying times of Jim Crow in the South.

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The Pittsfield Cafe in a five-story atrium gives you a sense of Chicago's past glory. A pastisserie and gift shop sign hints of opening later in the day but that was unclear. Dim, faded and sad to see that contemporary culture has bypassed this downtown space. Architecturally significant, the atrium maintains style but if you wander off to the basement beneath the "Restaurant" sign, you do so at your peril. A large photo shows an elegant subterranean dining room but the landings are appointed by layers of dust, grime, warning signs of "no entry" and no restaurant after all.

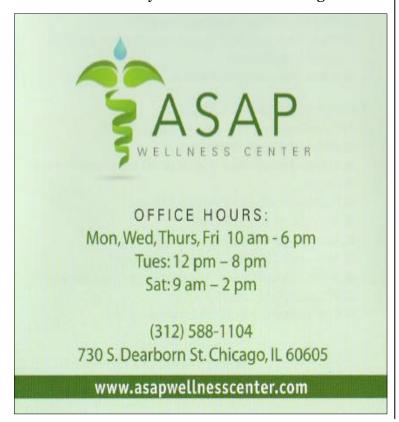
The Pittsfield Cafe interior is glorious. A well appointed counter, tiled interior and small booth-table area will be my next choice as I felt a bit lost in the cavernous atrium.

The Cafe has a considerable breakfast & lunch menu. The Gourmet (healthy) is a stacked muffin egg/

sausage/ tomato/ cucumber/ feta sandwich. Needs sauce (unhealthy). The Gypsy skillet had more calories than you need for breakfast but don't feel you need to



clean your plate. Next trip I'll try the Vegetarian skillet. There seemed plenty to please any taste but I wasn't able to study the menu in the dim light.







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Below is the completed mural on the back of 910 S Michigan Ave.





A new mural in progress in the alley behind Trader Joes on Wabash.



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By Scott Smith

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It'd be The Sapps.

Sure, the Daleys built O'Hare, Millennium Park and several other monuments to Chicago's spirit of ingenuity triumphing over reason. But in 1926, when Old Man Daley was still finding his way around Bridgeport, Joseph Sapp and his wife Katherine built Original Rainbow Cone, a small store at 92nd Street and South Western Avenue that sold a unique, five-flavor ice cream treat of the same name. Some ninety years later, the store is in roughly the same location as when it opened and a Rainbow Cone remains one of the finest desserts known to man, woman or child.

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#### Jahn High-Rise at 1000 S. Michigan Gets Green Light from Planning

Commission Tuesday April 26, 2016

In case you missed this last week, looks like this high-profile high-rise is pretty close to moving forward (via Curbed Chicago):

The Helmut Jahn designed 73-story tower proposed for 1000 South Michigan is one step closer to construction after approval from the Chicago Plan Commission yesterday. The proposal by New York-based JK Equities and Time Equities is essentially the same concept that was presented to neighbors in a community meeting at the end of February, featuring 506 units split between rental apartments in the lower floors and for-sale condominiums in the upper floors of the tower. The building design begins with a rectilinear footprint at ground level, but flairs outward as it rises, eventually taking on a more trapezoidal form towards the top, which features a private outdoor amenity deck for the future condo dwellers. The planned development boundary covers not only the present surface parking lot at 1000 South Michigan Avenue, but also the neighboring eight-story building at 1006 South Michigan. It is over this neighboring building that the tower extends outward, similar to an earlier Jahn-designed project at 600 North Fairbanks in Streeterville. In doing so, the development team is

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It's a pretty detailed post by Curbed and frankly gets into very granular development reporting. But it does provide with some good info at the bottom regarding retail and construction start date:

The building will feature 2,700 square feet of ground floor commercial space and will have 13,000 square feet of green roof. A sales center is expected to open by this summer in the neighboring building at 1006 South Michigan while construction is planned

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This is the construction site for a planned development just north of River City. Note all the brick that was buried along with railroad ties. This was the location of the old Baltimore and Ohio Train Station.



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Holy Trinity in the Loop, an etension of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wrigleyville, began weekly Saturday evening services in February, 2014. Holy Trinity in the Loop meets Saturdays at 5 pm at Grace Place in the South Loop and is member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

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."

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#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

### The Price of Progress on South Financial Written By **Editor** on May 11, 2016

The other day friend-of-the-blog Joe Zekas of **YoChicago!** just happened to be on the roof of a South Loop residential tower (that's how he rolls) and sent over a beautiful photograph of the Chicago skyline and all of its lovely lovely skyscrapers. But what caught our attention was the tiny little diggers and lifters toward the bottom of the picture, earnestly churning through the mud to build **801 South Financial Place**.

The new tower from Wood Partners out of Atlanta will be 33-stories tall, with 496 residences and 348 parking spaces. The design is by Pappageorge



Haymes. Visually, it looks like two wide towers joined together, oriented north to south.

Also visible in the picture is the construction site across the street. It will eventually be a four-story residential building called **South Loop Place**. The building a 837 South Wells Street is apparently going to be the place to live if you're searching for the answer to life, the universe and everything. That's because it will have exactly 42 residences and 42 parking spaces.

Mr. Zekas' original photo is below for your viewing pleasure. http://www.chicagoarchitecture.org/2016/05/11/the-price-of-progress-on-south-financial/



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#### City Gives its OK to a Third Huge South Loop Skyscraper

Written By Editor on May 23, 2016

The south side of Grant Park is going to add another strikingly tall skyscraper to its border and help balance out the north-south heigh discrepancy.

The Chicago Plan Commission has approved the vertical expansion of the **Essex Inn** at 800 South Michigan Avenue. The plan designed by Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture for Oxford Capi-

tol and Quadrum Global calls for adding a 57-story, 575-foot-tall apartment tower just south of the main

existing hotel building, and also renovating that original building.



Rendering of the Essex Inn expansion tower

The result will be 290 hotel rooms in the current 160-foot-tall Essex Inn, and up to 476 new residences in a tow-

er above 100 new hotel rooms and new retail space. The new skyscraper will be about 620 feet tall. By way of comparison, 340 on the Park at the north end of Grant Park is a full 72 feet taller. The Legacy, two block away, is 199 feet taller. Since its opening in 2008 it has become a visual touchstone during public events in Grant Park.

The north side of Grant Park has long been the taller side, with a selection of tall towers making a powerful visual statement while lining Chicago's premiere green space. The roster includes:

Aon Center (1,136 feet) The Legacy (819 feet)

300 East Randolph (796 feet)

340 on the Park (672 feet)

333 South Wabash (610 feet)

The south end of the park is catching up, though. Its recent bulwarks include:

One Museum Park East (720 feet) The Grant (620 feet)

The Colombian (493 feet)

And in the pipeline we have:

- 113 East Roosevelt (887 feet)
- 1000 South Michigan (832 feet)
- Essex Inn expansion (620 feet)

http://www.chicagoarchitecture.org/

#### Kamin: New Plan for Old Post Office

#### Provides Optimism Monday, May 23, 2016



Last week news came down on the sale of the massive and dilapidated post-office. While this was welcomed information for people who want to see this building used, it was also met with skepticism given that this property has been one of the city's biggest real estate quagmires for decades.

Luckily, Blair Kamin, our authority for any opinions regarding development/architecture, thinks this new sale and plan has the best shot of actually happening (via Chicago Tribune): After years of cockamamie plans for reviving the moribund hulk of the old Chicago post office, a sound proposal finally has emerged to revive the building. Yet nothing is ever easy at this star-crossed site, which forms a western gateway to downtown.

As the Tribune's Kim Janssen has reported, the former owner of the old post office, the eccentric British multimillionaire Bill Davies, died five days before the riverfront building was sold to New York-based 601W Cos. Hmm.

Could Davies' heirs slow or block 601W's planned \$500 million redevelopment by contesting the sale in court? Probably not. Davies bought the parcel for \$24 million and it sold for \$130 million. There appears to be no financial incentive for the heirs to get in the way.

Absent such a spat, the new post office plan, which calls for transforming the building into office space, could deliver something other than eyesores and pipe dreams. Davies specialized in the latter.

He goes on to provide some additional thoughts on why this new plan is a promising one:

There's good reason to think that 601W is up to the task of converting the old post office to a home for start-ups as well as suburban firms in search of urban digs.

The firm is already a serious player in Chicago. It owns the Aon Center, the city's third-tallest building. But its chief calling card for the post office is its rehab and reinvention of Manhattan's Starrett-Lehigh Building, a streamlined 1931 industrial structure that is a landmark of modern architecture. The massive, once-derelict building is now home to such Alist tenants as Martha Stewart's media company.

Further inspiring confidence is 601W's hiring of the Chicago office of Gensler architects, the firm that designed 1871 and the Ward catalog building conversion.

Grant Uhlir, Gensler's Chicago managing director, lists mileposts on the road to renewal: repairing the post office's limestone and brick exterior; removing asbestos from the interior; and clearing out internal infrastructure, including chutes and ladders, that once moved the mail. He also envisions a restoration of the building's Van Buren lobby, a grandly scaled

space whose walls are covered in marble. The bells and whistles include a 3-acre rooftop park.

While the plan might not seem that interesting to the lay observer (consider us in this camp), it does seem practical - which frankly seems necesarry to make this a success.

Better yet, couple this with the other massive development proposals being considered for this stretch of the Sloop (see CMK's Riverline and Related's plans for the 62 acres south of Roosevelt) and it's easy to get excited about what this area might look like in the next 10 to 20 years.

#### http://www.sloopin.com/

#### And from the Chicago Reader:

Another take on the Post Office and 62 Acre parcel at Clark and Roosevelt from the READER.

http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/emanuel-tifs-post-office-rezko-village-development/Content?

#### Developer signs deal to build 62acre neighborhood linking South Loop and Chinatown

#### Kim Janssen Contact Reporter Chicago Tribune

The last large undeveloped swath of green space in downtown Chicago could finally be developed into a robust neighborhood linking the South Loop and Chinatown, thanks to a deal signed this week.

Related Midwest has taken part ownership of 62 acres southwest of Clark Street and Roosevelt Road, and will be the lead developer of a multibillion-dollar joint venture that promises to reshape Chicago's skyline and fill what has been described as a "hole in the center of Chicago."

The scale of the project, which could include thousands of homes, millions of square feet of office space and stores, is staggering. Though the site is currently a wilderness inaccessible by road and unserved by sewers or other city services, satellite images reveal it to be trumped only by Grant Park as an expanse of open downtown land.

It comes with a checkered history: Once owned by disgraced and convicted power broker Tony Rezko, it was sold in 2007 to Luxembourg-based General Mediterranean Holding. GMH is owned by Iraqiborn British businessman Nadhmi Auchi, who was convicted in 2003 in France in a corruption scandal. GMH will be a partner with Related Midwest in the joint venture.

http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-62-downtown-acres-0512-biz-20160511-story.html

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### 12 Facts About Crime Awareness & Chicago's Response

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- 2) Research says only .05% of the population are ever involved in gang-related activities.
- 3) In Chicago only 20% of violent crime perpetrators are caught and prosecuted. Fact about 80% bad guys are never caught and continue to terrorize.
- 4) NYC is using state of the art technologies to reduce violent crimes- and it's working. They use Shotspotter and smartphones; has half the shooting vs Chicago.
- 5) Almost 100 American cities in the U.S. are using Shotspotter technology and far more prepared to respond to guns.
- 6) NYC has 3 times the population of Chicago but half rate of crimes.
- 7) NYC has invested in numerous technology initiatives to empower police with tools to improve accountability. Creates more transparency with public. .
- 8) Only 20% of gunshots heard are actually reported . African Americans lose faith in police showing up to conduct real time investigations.
- 9) Chicago Public Officials do not know how to stop violent crime. They rely on outdated methodologies.
- 10) Chicago's Mayor and CPD are marginal investors in Shotspotter only covering 3 square miles (vs 244 miles) to detect gunshots within 33 feet of their occurrence.
- 11) Chicago's "blue lights" as installed can only document 3 violent crime arrests- means they don't work.
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From Mel Monroe, Bronzeville

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