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## Development News From So. Loop Neighbors

At the South Loop Neighbors Meeting held in February, **Dennis McClendon** reviewed the buzz on new developments.

**1000 S. Clark** There's talk about a 29-story apartment tower with 400 or so units on the vacant land between Target and Amlie 900. This rendering indicates a possible design, though there have been no public announcements.

Unlike previous designs for that site, there appears to be little if any retail in the base.

Another new building may be coming to 815 S. Wells. The parking lot just south of Paper Place recently closed, and soil testing trucks have been seen there.



**Harrison Red Line station** will be renovated beginning in late March. Work will include waterproofing, new flooring, stair and column repairs, and work on all three entrances.

A new **Lakeside Bank** is coming to the northwest corner of 14th & Michigan. The two-story building is integrated with three drive-thru lanes entered from 14th.

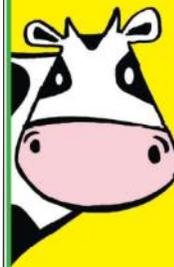
The **Old Colony Building** renovation has begun. The project has been sold to CA Student Living and will be student housing.

A **Jones HS athletic field** will be built on former CHA land at 24th & Federal, adjacent to the National Teachers Academy.

From the South Loop Neighbors March Newsletter.

### Meatless Mondays in March ... MMM!

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# COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Mon, Mar 10, 8 & 10pm .....	WDCB FREE NIGHT, LePercolateur
Tues, Mar 11, 6pm til ? .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chi-Town Jazz Festival
Weds, Mar 12, 8 & 10pm .....	Bradley Williams' New 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Review
Thurs, Fri, Sun, Mar 13 - 16, 8 & 10pm; .....	Columbia College Big Band
Sun 4, 8 & 10pm	
Mon, Mar 17, 8 & 10pm .....	Saxophonist Mark Colby
Tues, Mar 18, 8 & 10pm .....	The NIU Jazz Lab Band
Weds, Mar 19, 8 & 10 pm .....	Bradley Williams New 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Review
Thurs – Sun, Mar 20 – 23, 8 & 10pm; .....	Guitarist Pat Martino Trio
Sun 4 & 8pm	
Mon, Tues, Mar 24,25, 7:30pm .....	Roosevelt University , Motown and Brazilian Combos
Weds, Mar 26, 8 & 10pm .....	Bradley Williams' New 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Review



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# South Loop Neighbors

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](http://www.southloopneighbors.org)**

## Membership dinner at Blackie's

Wed. March 26th 7 pm  
Blackie's, 755 S. Clark

Free to members; you may join at the door. \$25 for nonmembers. Your dinner includes first glass of wine, after that you may purchase bottles for \$12. RSVP to Jaqi, or find out about your membership status at [membership@southloopneighbors.org](mailto:membership@southloopneighbors.org).

## Community Breakfast 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.

## 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 Jaqi at [loftwalk@southloopneighbors.org](mailto:loftwalk@southloopneighbors.org). 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!

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# OPINION

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## RAGBRAI--the Register's Annual Great Ride Across Iowa--is a hit in the South Loop

RAGBRAI! A book about [an annual bicycle ride across Iowa](#)? Who knew it'd be such a hit in the South Loop?

South Looper and author of the new book *RAGBRAI: America's Favorite Bicycle Ride*, [Greg Borzo](#) (who's authored other tomes about the Chicago "L," [Chicago's old cable car system](#) and where to bike in Chicago) seemed to know. He pretty much filled the Pritzker Auditorium at the [Harold Washington Library](#) (Borzo lives across the street) on one of last week's miserable weather nights. And believe me, not everyone was young and fit. A lot of people like me were there. (The average age of the RAGBRAI riders is 45.)

Borzo said there are a ton of [stories about RAGBRAI](#) to tell. And he's telling as many as he can in his book.

Yes. All of us were there to hear about a seven-day, 400+mile summer bike ride across a state filled with hills and corn fields. And a dip of the wheels at the end in the Mississippi River. And to listen to tales about the great hospitality for the thousands and thousands of riders who come from everywhere on earth. And about lots and lots of homemade pies made with lard.

Speaking of corn fields, that's where riders are expected to relieve themselves along the way, according to TJ Juskiewicz, who's been heading RAGBRAI for 12 years, and who also spoke at the library. He waxed poetic about how the residents of the small towns along each year's route (different towns and routes every year) can't wait to let the riders in to shower, sleep (in the guest bedroom, on the couch, or on the lawn in a sleeping bag if that's what you want) and to eat homemade delicacies--made with lots and lots of lard. "If you don't gain weight, you're not doing the ride right," he added.

RAGBRAI has been going every year since 1973--sponsored by the [Des Moines Register](#). There've been octogenarians who've done exceedingly well. There've also been casualties along the way.

Groups of people sometimes ride together as a team. In fact, a team of Air Force service members ride together--and they help those who run into trouble with [flat tires](#), bent spokes and broken chains.

In any case, it seems like for those who go, it becomes an addiction.

Most importantly, RAGBRAI is not a race. Anyone can ride any kind of bike. Kids are welcome. "Bandits"--those who ride without [registering](#) are NOT. Riders can wear costumes. There's a decided carnival atmosphere.

And I suppose if you don't like lard, you don't have to eat the pies.

Bonnie McGrath

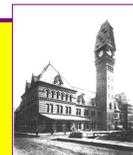


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## Dime Stories: High Hopes and Faint Praise by Tony Fitzpatrick

There is actually a lot to like about “**Chicagoland**,” the eight-part consideration of this city airing on CNN this spring starting March 6. Namely it gives us a look at the lives of people like Fenger High School principal Elizabeth Dozier and police commander Leo Schmitz. These are Chicagoans with very difficult jobs who perform them bravely and make life-and-death decisions every day. Dozier particularly earns our admiration with the compassion with which she dotes on “her kids”—the student body of Fenger—often following them on foot to navigate the gang-infested mean streets around her high school. At one point, the heel of her shoe breaks off and she continues—barefoot. Commander Schmitz maintains an optimism and a sense of goodwill though he presides over a district in which far more young people are in gangs rather than college, on the turf that has earned the ugly moniker of “Chiraq.” Commander Schmitz isn’t jaded and is the very face of hope for the good people of his district. These are people who make me proud to be a Chicagoan. Read the rest of this entry » - See more at:

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**Joachim Stepniewski, violins,** playing music



of Theofanidis and Franz Schubert. The Clark Street Quartet has had the opportunity to perform traditional classical repertoire as well as collaborate with other artists. In April 2013, the Clark St. Quartet provided musical accompaniment to a provocative dance production called SEVEN, which features choreographed dance in confined space set to words and music that profoundly unify the human condition.

These performances by rising professional musicians take place at 7:30 pm in the second floor sanctuary of Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn Street, in Printers Row. A reception with the artists follows immediately after the performance. Donations gratefully accepted. For further information, visit <http://gracechicago.org/programs/>

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## Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

<http://Bethfinke.wordsmith.com>



No one at the [Association of Writers and Writing Programs \(AWP\) conference](#) handed me a book contract last week, but I still call [my trip with Whitney](#) to Seattle an unqualified success.

I didn't expect AWP to be such a **huge** conference – over 700 exhibitors, and hundreds and hundreds of sessions. The “overflow” hotel Whitney and I stayed in was huge, too - it boasted 800 rooms.

The conference hall was seven blocks away from my hotel, but without ice or salt to contend with, that walk was a breeze for Whitney. The thing she struggled with most? Threading us through the gigantic hotel lobby. I'm not shy about asking for help, but a lot of the hotel workers spoke English as a second language, and some of my peculiar needs were difficult for them to understand. Here's one example that happened when I thought I was at the concierge desk but wasn't quite sure.

Me: Is this the concierge desk?

Woman: Concierge desk.

Me: I need help figuring out the best way to get to the convention center.

When I'm at a hotel alone, I like to ask the doorman to confirm I'm starting off in the right direction any time I go out somewhere. I explain to the woman that I've been using an exit over there, and I point over my shoulder to what I hope is the exit I've been using. I tell her there never seems to be a doorman there. The Woman is absolutely silent. I try again. "Is there another exit somewhere that has doormen nearby?" The woman remains totally silent. Must be just one more in a series of hotel workers who haven't been able to understand what I'm asking for.

Me: I guess you can't help me then?

Woman: The yoga center, yes. There's one a block away from the hotel.

Me: Yoga center? (I decide to speak slower.) I am looking for the con Venn shun center.

Woman: Oh, yes, lots of people who stay her use that yoga center, it's very good.

Me: (uncharacteristically speechless)

Woman: Okay, we Look forward to seeing you during your stay here, then.

That's when it dawns on me. This woman is indeed the concierge, but the reason she was quiet for 15 seconds at a time is that she was on the phone! She was listening to the person on the other line! “Oh, I'm sorry,” I laugh. “I didn't realize you were on the phone!” The woman is not amused.

Woman: How can I help you, then?

Me: I need help figuring out the best way to get to the convention center. I've been using that exit over there (once again pointing to what I hope is the exit I mean) but it seems confusing. Is there another entrance to the hotel that might be easier

Woman, sounding perturbed: Not really. You just go out that door and head up Fifth street.

Me: So I head out the door and turn left?

Woman: You just go up Fifth Street.

Me: So I'd turn right?

Woman: You'd head north, up Fifth Street.

That's when another thing dawns on me. “You must not have been able to see my Seeing Eye dog,” I say, pointing to Whitney at my feet. . . “I'm blind.”

The concierge stands up, peeks over her desk, and apologizes. She's so mortified, in fact, that she leaves her desk to walk Whitney and me all seven blocks to the convention center. After that, we did countless back and forth trips on our own. Not to say we never got lost. Whitney and I got turned around dozens of times, and it wasn't until our last day there that a Good Samaritan pointed out the hotel I was staying in was round. “They're two big towers right next to each other, like two giant hair curlers.” She was a poet, of course.

It didn't take me long to realize that one of the best ways to make connections at a conference is to travel with a Seeing Eye dog who tries oh so hard to do the right thing but can't always find the right elevator. Or the coffee bar. Or the woman's bathroom.

I grabbed hold of every elbow offered to me at the conference, and I met as many writers and publishers while looking for elevators as I did going from table to table at the book fair. None of them promised they'd publish my next book, but all of them took interest in my project, and a few asked me to send the rough draft their way for a look. Some journal editors said they might be interested in publishing excerpts, too.

I collected as many business cards as I gave away, and my writer friend Linda Miller read them out loud on my digital recorder during a lunch together at my hotel.

I still have to transfer the information from those cards onto my talking computer, but who has time? Whitney and I are busy now preparing for our next trip: we head to the airport again Sunday for three days of school visits on Long Island!

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

## LECTURE ON GLESSNER TRIP TO FLORIDA AND CUBA 1889

Glessner House Museum, located at 1800 S. Prairie Avenue in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood, will host a lecture entitled "Glessner Travelogue 1889 – Florida and Cuba" on **Thursday March 13, 2014 at 7:00pm.**

Exactly 125 years ago, the Glessner family escaped the Chicago winter and embarked on a month long journey to Florida and Cuba. In this lecture by Executive Director and Curator William Tyre, attendees will retrace their steps using Frances Glessner's detailed and often humorous account of the trip, accompanied by period photographs and illustrations.

Glessner House Museum is a National Historic Landmark and the last surviving work by architect H. H. Richardson in Chicago. Completed in 1887, the museum is recognized nationwide for its groundbreaking architecture as well as its important collection of arts and crafts decorative arts.

Admission is \$10 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 312-326-1480. The museum is easily accessible by taking the #3 or #4 bus on Michigan Avenue to 18th Street, and then walking 2 blocks east.



That's Whit and me and first-graders on a previous visit to Long Island. Beth Finke page 7



Ellie Dunn is in love with a dashing hero but feels obligated to marry her father's nouveau riche boss. She's taken under the wing of a flighty Bohemian who endeavors to fix her love life during a country house party that includes an old sea captain who invents munitions, a beautiful socialite, her smitten brother-in-law and a thieving pirate. This bold mix of farce and tragedy lampoons British society on the eve of World War I as it blithely sinks toward disaster

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### Book Reviews by Ulrich and Ellen Sandmeyer Alfa Romeo 1300 and Other Miracles (Europa Editions \$16)

Diego, Fausto and Claudio are dissatisfied with their humdrum lives and decide to open a B&B in the countryside outside of Naples. Soon the local Mafia asks for protection money, but the trio perseveres. This Italian comedy is delightful. (US)

### Being Esther by Miriam Karmel (Milkweed Editions \$15)

Esther's daughter worries about her widowed mother living alone, but Esther resists being "sent to Bingoville". She prefers living in her familiar north side Chicago apartment building with its wonderful mix of neighbors, including her childhood friend. This pitch perfect portrait of a woman, reflecting on her past with its struggles and joys, meeting each day with zest despite her failing health and memory, is a gem. (ES)

### E. B. White on Dogs ed. by Martha White (Tilbury House \$22.95)

For anyone who loves dogs, the New Yorker Talk of the Town or Charlotte's Web, along with everyone who misses the inimitable writing of E. B. White, this collection of letters, essays, poems and sketches compiled by his granddaughter is a treasure. Dip in anywhere and savor the wit, style and heart. (ES)

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[Jones College Prep Getting Athletic Field Down at Old Ickes Land; Will Be Open to the Public](#)

CBS 2 reports:

A new athletic facility will be built for a South Loop high school, but officials are avoiding the kind of controversy that surrounded a soccer field in Lincoln Park. CBS 2's Jim Williams explains in this original report.

Jones College Prep has a brand new, state of the art building. But in the land-locked South Loop, there's no room on campus for an athletic field, so the city will convert a vacant lot two miles south of the high school.

Alderman Dowell says the new park at 23rd and Federal should be ready by the beginning of the next school year. It'll also be used by the National Teachers Academy.

The Ickes Public Housing Apartments used to be there. Some of the former residents will return to new homes built on part of that land.

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## STARTERS

<b>Scotch Egg</b> Romescio Sauce, Frisee	\$5
<b>Bruschetta</b> Tomato, fresh Mozzarella, Basil, grilled Bread	\$9
<b>Shrimp Cocktail</b> Rosemary, grilled Lemon	\$10
<b>5 Cheese Truffle Mac</b> Ditalini Pasta, 5 Cheese blend, Chive	\$9
<b>Pork Taco 3 Way</b> Pulled <i>PORK</i> , braised <i>BELLY</i> , spicy <i>CHORIZO</i> , handmade Queso Fresco, Onion, Cilantro, Lime, soft Corn Tortilla	\$11
<b>Crispy Calamari</b> Tomato Sauce, roasted Garlic Aioli, grilled Lemon, Parsley	\$9
<b>Chicken Wing 'Flight'</b> Blue Cheese Dressing, Buffalo, BBQ, Plain, Teriyaki	\$10
<b>Mile High Mini Burger</b> Aged Cheddar, caramelized Onion, L.T.P., double smoked <i>BACON</i>	\$9
<b>Pulled Pork &amp; Polenta</b> Creamy Polenta, Port Syrup, Chive	\$11
<b>Truffle Frits</b> Mornay Sauce, fried <i>EGG</i> , Grana Padano	\$10
<b>Pork Belly Slider</b> Braised <i>BELLY</i> medallions, shaved Fennel & Apple Salad, on Brioche	\$13
<b>Southern Slider</b> Pulled <i>PORK</i> , BBQ Sauce, creamy Cole Slaw, on Brioche	\$12

## SOUP

<b>Lucy DeMilio's Chili</b> Cup \$4 Bowl \$6 Aged Cheddar, chopped Onion, Jalapeño, Sour Cream	
<b>Baked French Onion Soup</b> Cup \$5 Bowl \$8 Herb Crouton, Aged Gruyere	

## FROM THE GARDEN

Add <i>CHICKEN</i> Breast	\$5
Add <i>DUCK</i> Confit	\$6
Add <i>DUCK</i> Breast	\$6
Add Fillet <i>SALMON</i>	\$6
Add Grilled <i>SHRIMP</i>	\$6
<b>House Salad</b> Mescaline Greens, Zima Tomato, Citrus Vinaigrette	\$10
<b>Baby Rocket Salad</b> Date, shaved Fontina, Sherry Vinaigrette	\$12
<b>Classic Caesar Salad</b> Crisp Romaine, Grana Padano, Herb Crouton, Caesar Dressing	\$10
<b>Chop House Salad</b> Crisp Romaine, aged Cheddar, Cucumber, Kalamata Olive, Caper, Fines Herb, Garbanzo Bean, <i>BACON</i> lardon, Blue Cheese Dressing	\$13

## BETWEEN THE BUN

<b>THE Blackie's Burger</b> Half Pound Black Angus Patty, Aged Cheddar, caramelized Onion, roasted Mushroom, double smoked <i>BACON</i> , L.T.P., Garlic Aioli, on Brioche w/ Frits or Kettle Chips	\$11
<b>The French Burger</b> Half Pound Black Angus Patty, melted Double Cream Brie, roasted Shallot, poached Pear Spread, Whole Grain Mustard, on Brioche w/ Frits or Kettle Chips	\$13
<b>The Mason-Dixon Burger</b> Half Pound Black Angus Patty, BBQ pulled <i>PORK</i> , Pepper Jack, Cole Slaw, L.T.P., on Brioche w/ Frits or Kettle Chips	\$13
<b>Portabella Burger</b> White Balsamic marinated <i>MUSHROOM</i> Cap, oven dried Tomato, shaved Red Onion, Pesto, on Brioche w/ Frits or Kettle Chips	\$12
<b>Signature Salmon Burger</b> Grilled fillet <i>SALMON</i> , L.T.P., Chipotle Aioli, Cole Slaw on Brioche w/ Frits or Kettle Chips	\$11
<b>Jerk Chicken Sandwich</b> Guryere and Pepper Jack, double smoked <i>BACON</i> , Citrus Aioli, L.T.P., on a Dutch Crunch Roll w/ Frits or Kettle Chips	\$11
<b>Reuben Sandwich</b> Slow cooked <i>BRISKET</i> , Guryere, 1000 Island Dressing, Sauerkraut, Pickles, on thick cut Rye Bread w/ Frits or Kettle Chips	\$11

## FLATBREADS

<b>The Margherita</b> Tomato Sauce, fresh Mozzarella, Basil	\$10
<b>The Italian</b> Tomato Sauce, spicy <i>SAUSAGE</i> , fresh Mozzarella, Spinach, fresh Herbs	\$11
<b>The Original Cowboy</b> Romescio Sauce, <i>CHORIZO</i> , grilled Green Onion, Bell Pepper, handmade Queso Fresco, Cilantro	\$12
<b>BBQ CHICKEN</b> Slow cooked <i>CHICKEN</i> , BBQ Sauce, Fontina, Red Onion, Pineapple, Rocket	\$12

## THE MAINS

<b>Pasta Primavera</b> Handmade Linguini Pasta, roasted Mushroom, Asparagus, julienne Roma Tomato, Pesto	\$11
<b>Three Cheese Tortelloni</b> Handmade Pasta, Italian <i>SAUSAGE</i> , wilted Spinach, shaved Leek, Vodka Sauce, Fines Herb	\$13
<b>Grilled Pork Chop</b> creamy Polenta, glazed Baby Carrot, Demi Glace	\$15
<b>Duck Confit Raviolotto</b> Parmesan Game Broth, Truffle Rocket Salad, Port Syrup	\$15
<b>Grilled Rib Eye of Beef</b> 8oz Petit Cut \$17      16 oz King's Cut \$27 Lyonnaise Potato, glazed Baby Carrot, Demi Glace	

## SIDE ORDERS

<b>BBQ Pulled Pork</b> Half Pound \$8      One Pound \$16	
<b>Glazed Baby Carrots</b>	\$5
<b>Lyonnaise Potato</b>	\$5
<b>Creamy Polenta</b>	\$4
<b>Handmade Frits</b>	\$4
<b>Double Smoked Bacon</b>	\$4
<b>Kettle Chips</b>	\$3

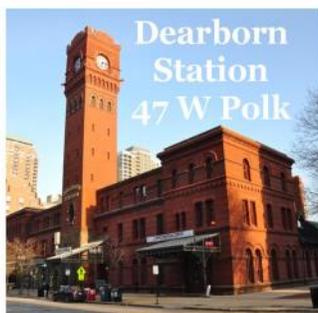
Chef Jacob D. Sloan

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### **Alliance for a Greener South Loop: Meatless Mondays in March...MMM!**

Most people don't know that eating less meat is a great way to be kind to the environment, better even than recycling. To help get the word out, the Alliance for a Greener South Loop works with South Loop restaurants and community organizations, like GSLA, to make eating less meat more fun through *Meatless Mondays in March...MMM!*

In case you've been following the Alliance's past *MMM!* campaigns, there are some changes for this year's *MMM!* campaign:

:: It's in March (not May)

:: Anyone sharing pictures of their favorite meatless dish (#mmmsouthloop) gets entered in a raffle. Prizes are provided by participating restaurants.

:: The Alliance is introducing a Veggie Chili Cook-Off: March 31, 6-9pm, at Daystar Center, 1550 S. State St.

:: The Chili Cook-Off event is a fundraiser to benefit a South Loop community garden. Stay tuned for more information about this upcoming project.

What hasn't changed from previous *MMM!* campaigns:

:: Community organizations organize events, such as Greater South Loop Association's (GSLA's) Neighbors' Night Out on March 10. , at Artists Cafe, where you can get \$1 off the Hummus Veggie Wrap.

:: Participating restaurants offer discounts/specials on meatless meals/dishes on Mondays in March. Look for the yellow "Eat Here on Meatless Mondays in March...MMM!" signs in windows around the 'hood.

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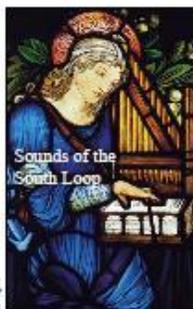


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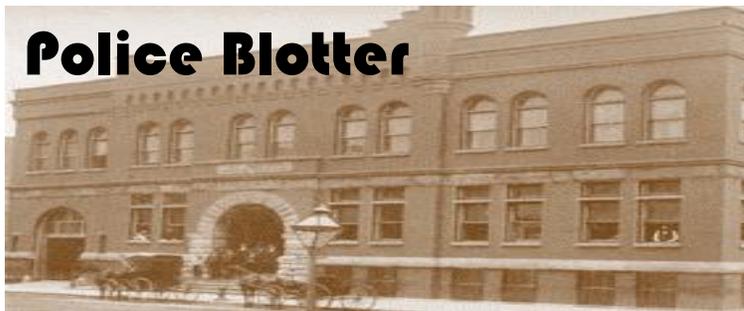
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### JUNKIE JUSTICE

A 29-year-old man was arrested Feb. 26 for heroin possession at the Roosevelt Red Line station, 22 E. Roosevelt Road, after an officer saw him remove a Ziplock bag containing a white, powdery substance from his pocket. The officer approached the man, who handed over the bag and said it was heroin. The man was placed into custody.

### CAR TROUBLE

A woman reported her boyfriend pushed her out of his moving vehicle Feb. 24 on the 500 block of South Clark Street as he was driving her to Chicago Union Station after spending the night at his home. She sustained a bruised eye and a bloody nose. She was treated at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and pressed charges against her boyfriend.

### TARGETED TRANSACTIONS

A woman reported Feb. 24 that her debit card was stolen and used to make fraudulent purchases at Target, 1154 S. Clark St. She told police she went to her bank to make a transaction, but her account balance had been depleted at Target and Home Depot. The purchases were more than \$900. She closed her account.

### SPARE ME

A man reported a theft Feb. 25 after he noticed his spare tire was missing from the trunk of his car. The man told police he parked his 1989 black Jeep Wrangler at Peoples Auto Parking, 710 S. Wabash Ave., for several hours. When he returned, he noticed his tire was missing. He reported no other damage to the vehicle.

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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 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.

You are invited to attend:

## Veggie Chili Cook-Off

Monday, March 31, 2014 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Ever dream of being the next Iron Chef? Of finally getting to take your superstar cooking chops out of your kitchen and into the spotlight?

Now's your chance!

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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? **Register by March 10th to take advantage of our Early Bird Discount:** save \$5, for both chili entries and eaters!

Everyone who registers – as a chili entry or eater – is entered to win raffle prizes donated by our 2014 MMM! participating restaurants.

PLEASE CLICK BUTTON BELOW TO REGISTER. (Our website recently experienced technical difficulties that have been fixed. If you were not able to go online to read about event details earlier, please try again: [Veggie Chili Cook-Off](#). Thanks for your patience.)

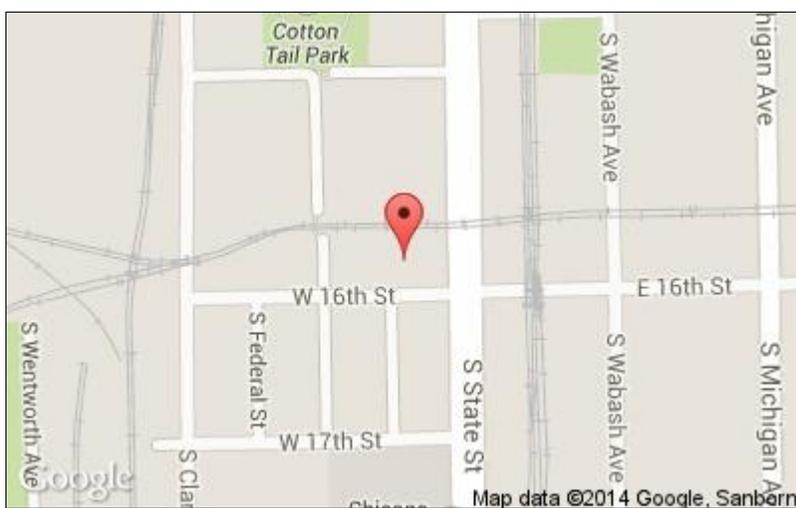
WHERE: Daystar Center, 1550 S. State St

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)



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