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[Be Prepared: Construction Updates for the Jane Bryne Interchange](#)

If you're a driver in the Sloop you've probably experienced some of the headaches of the construction at Jane Bryne Interchange (aka the Circle). Well looks like it's about to be ratcheted up - be prepared ([via Connecting4Communities](#)):

- During construction of the interchange flyover, existing expressway ramps will be closed and lanes will be reduced: The ramp from the inbound Dan Ryan expressway (I-90/94) to the outbound Eisenhower expressway (I-290) will remain open but shift to a temporary roadway.
- The ramp from the inbound Dan Ryan to inbound Congress will be closed. Traffic will detour from Roosevelt Road to Jefferson to Harrison to Wells.
- The ramp from Roosevelt to Congress will be closed, and traffic will follow the Jefferson/Harrison/Wells detour. Traffic for the outbound Eisenhower will detour from Roosevelt west to Ashland and north to Van Buren.
- The ramp from Taylor Street to the inbound Dan Ryan will be closed. Traffic will detour north on Jefferson to Adams.
- The right lane of the inbound Dan Ryan will be closed from the Stevenson expressway (I-55) to Roosevelt.
- The inbound and outbound Stevenson ramps to the Dan Ryan will be reduced from two lanes to one.
- Four weekends this summer or fall will see a near-total shutdown of the entire interchange while beams for the flyover are installed. During those weekends, all lanes of the Eisenhower and Congress will be shut down, and an almost two-mile section of the Dan Ryan will be reduced to one lane in each direction. IDOT has not yet determined the four weekends for shutdown.
- The flyover is scheduled for completion in July 2016.

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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Tues, Mar 10, 8 & 10 pm.....	Luciano Antonio, "Sem Palavras" CD Release
Weds, Mar 11, 8 & 10 pm	Saxophonist Pat Mallinger Classic Jam
Thurs—Sun, Mar 12 - 15, 8 & 10pm	Trumpeter Dave Douglas/ Columbia College Jazz Ensemble
Sun, 4, 8, & 10pm	
Mon, Mar 16, 8 & 10pm	Saxophonist Mark Colby Quartet
Tues, Mar 17, 8 & 10 pm	WDCB—Bethany Pickens Trio FREE
Weds, Mar 18, 8 & 10 pm.....	Saxophonist Pat Mallinger Quartet
Thurs—Sun, Mar 19—22, 8 & 10pm	Pianist Chuchito Valdes Trio
Sun, 4 & 8pm	
Mon—Tues, Mar 23/ 24; 8 & 10 pm	Roosevelt University Jaz Ensemble
Weds, Mar 25, 8 & 10 pm	Saxophonist Pat Mallinger Classic Jam Session
Thurs—Sun, Mar 26—29, 8 & 10pm	
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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**

South Loop Neighbors St. Patricks Night at Reggies

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with South Loop Neighbors! We'll be at Reggie's from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday, March 17. Ticket price includes two hours of sliders, chili, sides, and wings along with two free drink tickets (good for well drinks, domestic beers, and wines). The Joyce Boys will be on hand to perform some Irish music for the occasion. Reggie's bus will provide transportation to and from the event and will depart from Printers Row (Harrison & Dearborn) at 6:15 pm.

Tickets are available at <https://southloopneighborsstpats.eventbrite.com>

Annual Members Dinner

Please come together with your neighbors at our annual members' dinner. This year we will meet at Jimmy Green's, 825 S. State, Sunday afternoon
March 29, 2:00-5:00 pm.

We will enjoy a variety of Jimmy's sandwiches along with mac and cheese and salad. We will have a 1 hour open bar.

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I can't stand Rahm: the Pullman ceremony is one reason I can't

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

So there they were week before last, in the Pullman neighborhood, [formally designating it a National Monument](#) with all the hoopla. Tiny Dancer was there, all the local pols were there, the Pullman people were there. And the crowing glory? The President was there. For a nice little photo-op with Rahm, who was running for re-election. And hoping to avoid a runoff. And also hoping some of Barack's left-over popularity would boost him just a tad.

There was, however, one glaring omission at this very political event: my Alderman. Alderman Bob Fioretti of the 2nd Ward--still alderman of the ward at least for the next several weeks.

So why should Fioretti have been there? Not only did he grow up in the Pullman area, [receiving a Pullman Foundation Scholarship](#) to college, he also spent years on the board of the [Historic Pullman Foundation](#), including a stint as president--and remains to this day on the board. He helped make [the historic Pullman area what it has become](#): a National Monument. He helped it thrive as one of the most interesting neighborhoods in Chicago so that it could come into its own in 2015. And now it will become even more world-famous. It will help Chicago attract tourists and there will be more money for restoration and renovation and all that sort of thing.

I have a book ([Arcadia Publishing, 1998](#)) in my Chicago history book collection about the history of Pullman and Fioretti's picture is in it. He, above all, deserved to be included in this ceremony. He was there all through the years that the neighborhood of Pullman headed off irreversible decrepitude and complete urban death.

And ironically, his ward--from which he was [so rottenly gerrymandered out by Rahm](#) and his sycophants on the City Council--contains the [Prairie Avenue](#) land on which [George Pullman](#) lived in a long-gone beautiful mansion of the gilded Age at 18th and Prairie.

Rahm showed his true colors, though, vis a vis this very notable event. Fioretti would **not** be there. He would not be invited. Fioretti was one of the four guys running against Rahm. And [a reliable critic of Rahm's](#) in the City Council. But he wasn't polling well, had little money. And wasn't attracting that much attention. In other words, he wasn't much of a threat to Rahm.

But Rahm is small. And a dreadful bully. He didn't want to share the spotlight with a critic or an opponent, no matter how dumb that looked. He's a scared, nervous little pipsqueak. Uncivil. And creepy. And Fioretti's well-deserved invitation "mysteriously disappeared."

That wouldn't have been the case if we had a mayor who was dignified, kind, open-minded and not a bully. Hmmmm. Dignified, kind, open-minded and not a bully. Sounds kind of like the other guy running for Chicago mayor: Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

I encourage you heartily and vigorously to vote for Garcia on April 7. You won't be sorry, I guarantee that. Especially if you, like me, want to shout this out every chance you get: "I can't stand Rahm!"

Bonnie McGrath



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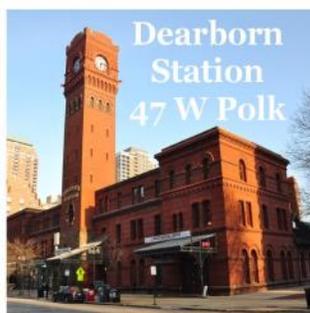
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Music@ Grace on Thursday, **March 12** features **Cassidy Smith**, mezzo-soprano, and **Alyssa Arrigo**, piano, perform music of Handel (from Ariodante), Beethoven, Liszt (concert paraphrase from Gounod's Faust), A. Berg, and Goldrich. Ms. Smith and Ms. Arrigo are members of the Professional Diploma in Opera, Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts, and Chicago Opera Theatre.



These performances by advanced music students from Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts (CCPA) 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 each 45- to 60-minute performance. A \$6 per person donation for the performers is gratefully accepted. For further information, visit <http://gracechicago.org/programs/>

The Men's Association Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, March 14 from 8:00-- 11:30 a.m. Come enjoy all you can eat pancakes, plus sausage, bacon, orange juice and fair-trade coffee! Cost is a donation of \$7 adults or family of four \$20. Docent led tours of this National Historic Landmark are available. At 11:00 a.m. the Women's Association will host a Line Dance activity. All are welcome.

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SLN Candidates Night

Thank you to 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, 4th Ward Alderman Will Burns, County Clerk David Orr on behalf of mayoral candidate Chuy Garcia, mayoral candidate William Walls, candidates for 4th ward alderman Norman Bolden and Tracey Bey, and candidate for 3rd ward alderman Patricia Horton. Thanks to all who attended our candidates forum at East/West University. It was most enlightening.

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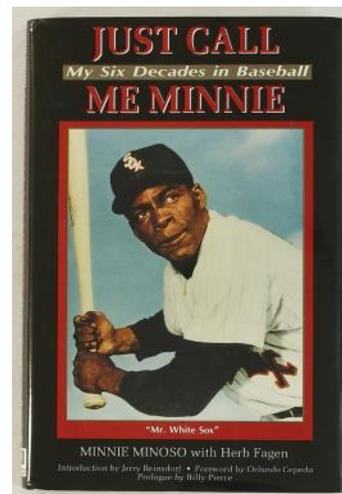
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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

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Mayville posted 2/27/15

Teachers in Mayville, Wisconsin had read [my children's book *Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound*](#) aloud to their students before I arrived there last week, so when I showed up without Hanni, the star of that book, a few of the kids were – quite reasonably– disappointed.

Hmm. Might be good to start my presentation with an explanation. [Hanni had retired from guide work](#), I told them. She lives with friends, she plays in the forest preserve a lot, and she just had a birthday. "Hanni is 15 years old now," I said. After explaining [what dog years are](#), I asked them to multiply 15 X 7. They were amazed. From there I described how frightened my next dog Harper became after he [heroically saved us](#) from getting hit in Chicago traffic. "He saved us from getting killed," I said. And for that, he deserved an early retirement." I sensed them nodding in agreement.

I told them how another pair of friends took Harper in, and I shared stories of how happy Harper is now in a quiet suburb with a big back yard to play in. Then I introduced them to the dog sitting calmly at my feet. When Whitney heard her name, she sprang up, flipped over and kicked her legs, hoping for a belly rub. The kids laughed and clapped, overwhelmingly approving of this silly new dog.

Whitney loved being off harness, and the kids loved it, too.

While Whitney and the kids started settling down, a hand shot up with a question. "How come you didn't bring those other dogs with you then, too?" The questions went on from there. Some examples:

How did you get blind?

How do you drive?

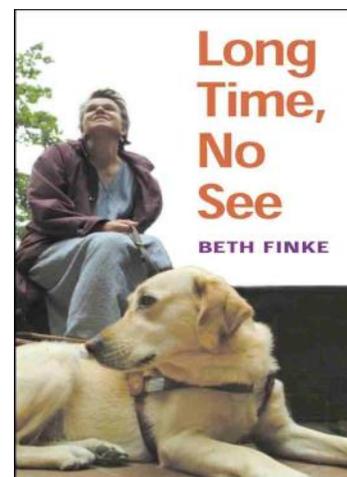
- How did you get blind?
- How do you drive?
- How did you get here?

- Do you ever get tired of the color black?
- How do you write books if you can't see the paper?
- Does your dog ever make a mistake?
- How do you open a door?
- How can you use a key?
- How do you know what year and month and day and time it is?
- Why do you keep your eyes open if you can't see?
- How can you sit on chairs and not fall off?

Whitney and I had a ball in Wisconsin last week –the temperature was below zero, but the people we met were so warm we hardly noticed. The staff at the [Radisson in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin](#) took turns taking Whitney outside for me whenever she needed to "empty." The thoughtful teacher who picked us up at the hotel to drive us to school had a cup of hot coffee waiting for me in her warm car, and the Mayville students were bright and curious and thoughtful – one girl had painstakingly glued beads onto a sheet the night before to create a Braille note I could read on my own. It all warmed my heart.



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



Near South Little League Registration Opens

By [Josh McGhee](#) on February 19, 2015 7:41pm

CHICAGO — Registration for Near South Little League Baseball will begin this weekend.

Parents can register in person at Old St. Mary's Church, 1500 S. Michigan Ave. from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, according to [the league's website](#).

The fee to register is \$100 before March 14 and \$175 after. Registration closes March 27.

The league is for boys and girls ages 4 and up, and all practices are held at Dunbar Park, at 300 E. 31st Street, according to its website.

The near South Little League was founded in 2008 by Jim Navarre, a South Loop attorney and father of three boys, and by its second year had grown to nearly 300 participants, according to its website.

You can also find a registration form [online here](#).

<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/>

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Greetings Chicago Women's Park & Gardens Supporter. A few important updates:

Women's Park & Gardens Field House Adds Pre-Teen Club and Teen Leadership Club Programs
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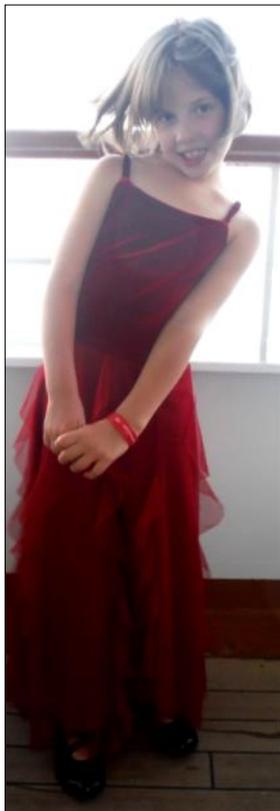
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Becca from Dearborn Park is a Winner!

Second grader, Rebecca Besecker, will be reciting poetry (her own and those of two other students), at a public Chicago Symphony Orchestra performance, at Orchestra Hall, on 3/21. If anyone is interested, they can catch her performance on 3/21, at the 11 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. concert. Tickets are as low as \$6, and it is a shorter concert because it is kid friendly. Click here for additional information: <https://cso.org/TicketsAndEvents/EventDetails.aspx?>



Flitter flatter birds!
Flying fast. Fly on
faster, but then stops.
I see 15 toucans.
They are all a beauty.
Red, green, yellow.
One plays my
flute.
I wish I could fly grace-
fully.
Gracefully.
Gracefully.
Gracefully!
I give it my snack.
More birds!
Oh how they fly.
Fast, slow, does it matter?
Pretty, musical, small,
big.
In all different colors.
They look like a
beautiful cake.

Chirp! Chirp! Noisy
birds! Chirp! Chirp!
Then
the music chip chirp!
Chirp! Chi-chi chirp!
It flows through my
ears.
They pick me
up.
They are small.
I fly now, on and
on.
Now they fly me home.
This is a moment I'll
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House Bill 4745

Expands current law that makes it illegal for parents or guardians to allow underage drinking at a residence or other private property. State law will now include vehicles; conveyances, like trailers, mobile homes, and campers; or a watercraft under the parent or guardian's control

House Bill 5701

Gives job applicants the opportunity to address questions about a past criminal record in person, during an interview. The new law prohibits private employers with 15 or more employees from asking a job applicant about their criminal history until the applicant has been selected for an interview or, if there is not an interview, until after a conditional offer of employment is made.

Senate Bill 978

Requires the Department of State Police to automatically expunge all records pertaining to the arrest of a minor if the arrest did not result in a delinquency petition being filed. The State would have to expunge arrests automatically when the minor turns 18 and only if the minor was not arrested within six months of the minor's most recent arrest.

Ken Dunkin, State Representative of the 5th District, met with constituents on Saturday, Feb. 28th at Daystar School to answer questions. He talked about the budget, the budgeting process. There were concerns over proposed cuts by the new governor and how Illinois would overcome the loss of revenue from the recent version of the state income tax that was allowed to expire. Some of the new laws for 2015 are shown on the left. For more information, you can go to :

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Dime Stories: The Real Face of Obamacare

By Tony Fitzpatrick

Chances are, the most defining achievement of the Obama administration is the passage of the Affordable Care Act, i.e. "ObamaCare." After a long battle, the bill that was eventually passed was gutted by Republicans and Democrats alike. The point is that it passed. The reactionary among us want you to equate ObamaCare with a black, yellow or brown face when, truth be told, the greatest beneficiaries of ObamaCare are white baby boomers.

As much quarrel as I have with Guantanamo, drones and the continuous warfare, I must admit to anyone who will listen that Barack Obama saved my life. Without the Affordable Care Act, I would not be here. And I am sure it warms the cockles of your heart to know that my ample white ass was able to purchase health insurance. The true face of ObamaCare is ME. Male, mid-fifties, overweight, with one pre-existing condition that excluded me from the luxury of being able to buy "normal people" health insurance.... anywhere. I went for nearly two years without any health insurance.

Insurance companies are particularly offensive to me because they pretend to give a f**k about you. I don't know who to hate more, big pharma or insurance companies. Big pharma at least admits they are pigs and are in it for the money.

What is odious about the insurance industry is that they pretend to care about you and yours: Right... I got your "good neighbor" right here, swinging.

On January 5, I got out of the morning shower feeling like the heat was unbearable—my head was sweating, and I had a dull but insistent pain in my chest. My upper left arm was tight and as I sat on the edge of my bed I began to realize I'd never quite felt this way before—and it wasn't good. I asked my wife to call an ambulance and told her I was pretty sure I was having a heart attack. She calmly went to the kitchen and got me two orange-flavored baby aspirins and told me to chew them up quickly; the pain in my chest lessened considerably and three minutes later the ambulance was there. Doctors later told me that the baby aspirin saved my life. By this time both of my children were awake so I asked the paramedic if I could just walk out of the house and get into the ambulance. He said that's fine "but if you shake once your feet will not hit the ground again until after your procedure." The entire time, from telling my wife I was having a heart attack to the time I arrived in the ER, was eight minutes. I asked the driver to take me to Northwestern Hospital. The EMT told me "we take you to the closest hospital"; thankfully they took me to Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center on Division Street. For the rest of the story: <http://newcity.com/2015/02/18/dime-stories-the-real-face-of-obamacare/>

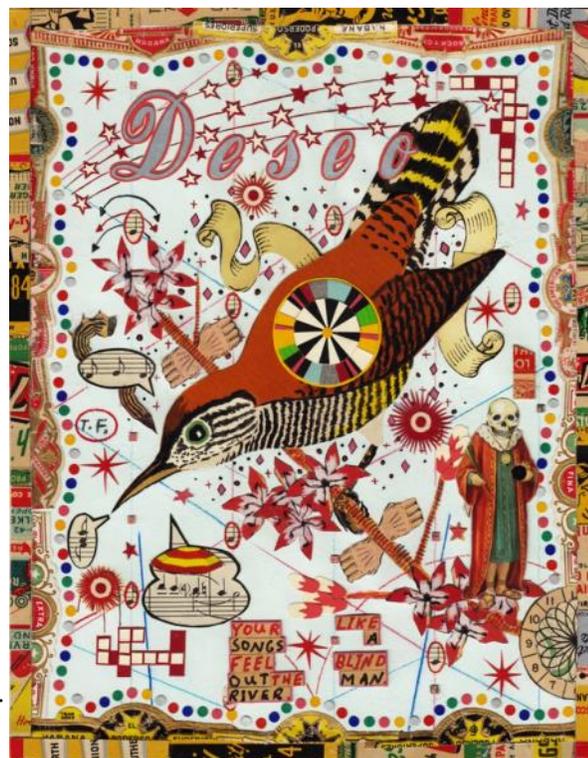


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Thursday March 26,
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6:00pm reception,
7:00pm lecture

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This lecture will introduce three important women sculptors of the early 1900s and what their careers contributed to American sculpture, architecture, and landscape design. It considers subject matter and style within the biography of each artist. Glessner House features an Anna Hyatt Huntington bronze entitled "Rolling Bear Cub" in its collection.

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The Problem Landlords Ordinance

Residential rental tenants in the City of Chicago work hard for the money they spend every month on a place to live.

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I was very proud to vote last month on a measure that will give renters that peace of mind, the Problem Landlords Ordinance.

The Problem Landlords Ordinance identifies landlords and building owners who have failed to meet minimum requirements such as providing adequate heat, hot water and working smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors.

A list of those substandard landlords, in cooperation with the Department of Buildings is then published bi-annually, creating a more transparent, accessible resource for renters.

But the ordinance does more than that. It also makes it clear that the City of Chicago will not tolerate the kind of neglect that jeopardizes our residents' health and safety.

Owners who appear on the list will be prohibited from obtaining business licenses, receiving zoning changes, acquiring city land or receiving financial assistance like Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or obtaining building permits not related to addressing their violations.

The City Council has taken this critical step toward earning Chicago renters' trust and ensuring their safety.

Taxi Reform

For years taxi drivers have suffered. They have suffered from higher gas prices, higher fees imposed for taxi cab companies and higher penalties from the City of Chicago.

For decades, the taxi industry here in Chicago has had more and more fees imposed upon it by City regulations. With the recent popularity of nascent ride sharing companies, this meant the taxi industry was struggling to keep pace with the cost of doing business.

Some reports estimate that some taxi drivers were earning less than the minimum wage.

So, the Chicago City Council voted to scale back some of the fees to give hard working taxi drivers a fair shot at competing in today's landscape. The ordinance passed today will:

1. Reduce the maximum administrative fine the City could levy against drivers from \$1,000 to \$400.

Lower the lease cost that drivers pay if they don't own their medallions. [Click here](#) to download the full ordinance.

These two ordinances are important steps toward making Chicago work for everyone.

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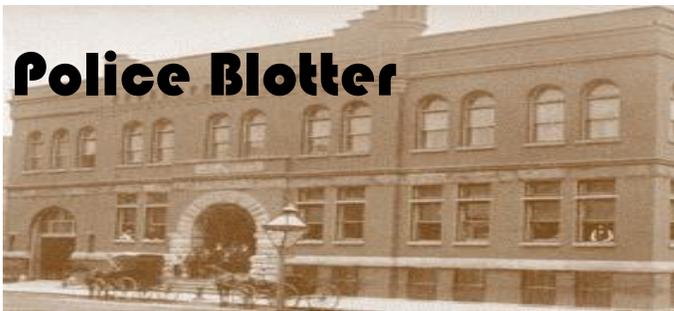
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Police Blotter



<http://www.sloopin.com/> posted 2/21/15 [Be cognizant and alert \(via ABC7\):](http://www.sloopin.com/) [Police are investigating a possible armed robbery on a CTA platform at State and Harrison in Chicago's South Loop.](http://www.sloopin.com/)

A woman said she was waiting for a southbound train at the Harrison Red Line station around 1:30 p.m. Friday when she was approached by a young man, believed to be in his early teens, who demanded money from her. She said the man took cash from her before fleeing to a stairwell.

Be cognizant and alert (via ABC7):
Police are investigating a possible armed robbery on a CTA platform at State and Harrison in Chicago's South Loop.

All meetings will be held at:

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Suburban Man Pulls Gun at South Loop Nightclub, Prosecutors Say

By [Erica Demarest](http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/) on March 10, 2015 5:38am

<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/>

COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE — A suburban man pulled a loaded gun at The Shrine nightclub this weekend when a security guard asked him to leave, prosecutors said Monday.

Comfort Robinson, 38, was arrested about 4:40 a.m. Sunday at the South Loop bar, 2109 S. Wabash Ave., according to a police report.

Prosecutors alleged Robinson had been escorted outside after he became unruly early Sunday.

The suburban Broadview man was combative with a security guard and approached him with a gun, Assistant State's Attorney Erin Antonietti said in court Monday.

The 32-year-old guard was able to grab the gun, police and prosecutors said, and Robinson was subsequently arrested.

Police recovered a Ruger gun, magazine and 15 live rounds, court documents show. Robinson did not have a valid FOID card.

According to Antonietti, Robinson was previously convicted of seven separate felonies, including unlawful use of a weapon, drug possession and theft.

He was charged this week with aggravated assault and unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.



Comfort Robinson, 38, was charged with unlawful use of a weapon and aggravated assault

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