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Group of Dearborn I Citizens seek to reinstate the Parking Ban on S. Plymouth Court, 9am-11am, to free up available spaces. Alderman proposes a solution.

A group of Dearborn Park I citizens with the backing of the Association boards representing 801, 899, 901, 1115,1143, and 1169 plus the White Townhomes, all on Plymouth Court are requesting from the Alderman to reinstate the parking ban between the hours of 9am and 11am. The Chicago Department of Transportation changed the parking ban signs without notice. Now, there are cars parked on the street 24/7 which might be convenient for some, but for most residents who seek parking for their car or for their guests or contractors to park, find it much more difficult to find a space.

On 1/17/17, there was a community meeting at 899 with Alderman King that was open to anyone in Dearborn Park. Alderman King, her assistant Prentice Butler, and Deirdre Holmes from CDOT attended the open session of the 1143 condo meeting on 1/18/17. The group met with the Alderman again on April 3, 2017 in Hyde Park and again April 24th at Eleven City Diner.

The meeting that was held tonight was an opportunity for community citizens of Dearborn Park to speak up and be heard. As one might expect from a standing room only crowd, there were lots of opinions but the overwhelming

majority, about 80% of the people who attended the meeting were in favor of the 9-11 ban. The Alderman agreed to put it back and to find additional parking solutions for Dearborn Park I.



May 10, 2017



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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Wed, May 10, 8 & 10 pm......Bass guitarist Frank Russell Band w/ Marco Villarreal guitar, Vijay Tellis Navak-Keys, Tim McNamara-Say, Charles Heath-Drums Thur-Sat, May 11-13, 8 & 10pm.......Grammy Nominated Cuban pianist Alfredo Rodriguez Trio Sun, May 14, 4pm, 8pm, 10pm.....Grammy Nominated Cuban pianist Alfredo Rodriguez Trio Mon, May 15, 7pmMcSwain International Foundation presents Tribute to an American Jazz Guitarist Calvin Keys featuring "The Great Guitarts" Henry Johnson, Buddy Fambro, Curtis Robinson Tue, May 16, 8 & 10pm.....Saxophonist Mark Colby Quartet Wed, May 17, 8 & 10pm......Drummer Rodrigo Villanueva Jazz Trio tribute to Bill Evans w/ Paul Hastil-Piano, John Christensen-bass Thur-Sat, May 18-20, 8 & 10pm......Drummer Xavier Breaker Coalition Sun, May 21, 4pm, 8pm, 10pm.....Drummer Xavier Breaker Coalition Mon, May 22, 8 & 10pm.....Brazilian Guitarist Luciano Antonio Quartet Tue, May 23.....check online calendar Wed, May 24, 8 & 10pm.....Ian Maksin & Gabriel Mon, May 29ay Tue, May 30, 8 & 10pm.....WDCB 90.0FM presents a night with & Victor Garcia Quartet—FREE!



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 \Box 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



OPINION

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Three things journalist Jane Jacobs taught us that we city dwellers should never forget

Every year during the first weekend in May--around the time of the late <u>Jane Jacobs</u>' birthday--I have to keep reminding myself that Jacobs was a mere journalist and not an urban planner.

Even though her writing (her most famous and influential book was <u>"The Death and Life of Great American Cities"</u>) and activism had as much impact as any urban planner in the world. She was instrumental in stopping New York from becoming Los Angeles by stopping a highway that would have traversed Manhattan, not to mention one that would have traversed the island's Washington Park. Seriously.

She took on her urban planning icon nemesis of New York, <u>Robert Moses</u>. And even though he got most everything he wanted during his tenure--like the building of slab after slab of new concrete obelisks in place of old buildings filled with history and character in New York City--she beat him when the chips were really down, and she saved Manhattan from a lot of wrecking balls and highway construction.

We remember her every year around her birthday in big cities around the world (including Chicago) with free tour -guide led walks in interesting neighborhoods that pay some sort of homage to Jacobs' ideas. For information about the Chicago walks this weekend, click <u>here</u>. In Chicago, the free walks are sponsored by the <u>Friends of</u> <u>Downtown</u>, a nonprofit that I am on the board of.

And next week, a new documentary called <u>Citizen Jane</u>: <u>Battle for the City</u> opens about her life and her ideas and her work. I saw a preview last night and it's quite good. One of the points the documentary makes: journalists know how to make good arguments.

What exactly should we keep in mind here in Chicago, as Rahm builds more and more concrete cookie cutter slabs? As he passes out the TIF money to his developer pals/contributors so they can make money, raising crane after crane after crane after crane in the name of progress --and keeping the unions that support him very busy.

First, that urban safety--something we in Chicago need desperately on our thoroughfares--comes from lots of people mingling in the street at all different times of the day, coming and going, and doing things of all kinds in the neighborhoods. It doesn't come from security guards stationed here and there inside buildings, or from police in patrol cars who happen to be tending to business on the other side the district. It comes from us and them, all



together doing things out in the open, and keeping our eyes **on the street.**

Second, the people who traverse the city streets-something the vast majority of us do these days and more and more will do it as time goes on and cities get denser-should be people of all sorts. Not just "your own kind." There should be economic, social, ethnic, age, intellectual and every other kind of human diversity in the neighborhoods to keep them strong and livable. Everyone on the street should have a different set of eyes **on the street**.

Third, the buildings in a neighborhood should be smallish and livable, some in good shape, some not, all from different eras, and in tune with street life, in general. They should maximize street life--not hide from it. Housing, government buildings, retail stores, schools, park field houses, business offices--every kind of activity that transpires in buildings should all be there together, all mixed in as a group, providng diversity and street life and security during every hour of the day and night **on the street**.

So think about Jane Jacobs this weekend, city dwellers, and see if your neighborhood measures up. If not, see what you can do to change things.

Bonnie McGrath

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



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Mondays with Mike:

by mknezo2014

Oh, Tokyo



• I write to you from Narita Airport, where it is 4:04 p.m. local time on Monday, May 8. I'll board a flight to Toronto at 5:30, where I'll change planes and, after around 14 hours of flying, I'll arrive in Chicago at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 8. When you see the zombie on Dearborn later, that'll be me.

I left April 29 and arrived in Tokyo April 30. My time here has been exhilarating, exhausting, and just a bit magical. This due in large part to our generous nephew Brian Miller, who teaches English here. Brian shepherded me around Japan to two baseball games, a heavy metal concert, temples, shrines, hostels, hotels, sushi joints, ramen joints; somehow he got all the right trains and all the right platforms.

We walked on average about eight miles a day. Brian worried more than he needed to about whether I was seeing everything I wanted to see. He's been in Japan for several years—so he couldn't fathom that pretty much every mile we walked and everything I saw was mesmerizing.

I could do a blog about every half day here—and I may especially about the two Japanese professional baseball games Brian treated me to.

But I need some time to process it all. Japan—most of my time was in Tokyo—is at once completely familiar and utterly foreign. It is organized and regimented—and chaotic. All these things at once.

For example, baseball is the same as it is here. But it isn't. There are organized cheering sections that shout cheers, pretty much constantly, as fans do in in a soccer match. They know every player and they know songs for every player. Forget walkup music, these people have it covered.

The trains, well. They ride on rails, but that's about it for similarities. Clean. Comfortably upholstered (including the subway). Quiet. Passengers are extremely well behaved. And one of the damn trains went 200 mph.

And the bathrooms. They have toilets—they no longer have the squat holes. The toilets—porcelain and everything—are largely the same. But the seats, well, that's another story.

To start, they're heated. And you can adjust the temperature. And you can also adjust the water pressure. The water pressure for the little spray that you can activate to give yourself a little spritz in the places that count. The first rule of Japanese toilet seats: find the stop button before you press any other buttons.

And the TV. Oh my God, the TV. Take the craziest Spanish language program you've ever seen. Then take LSD and turn the TV upside down. You're still not there.



And the people. Impeccably polite. They really are

That's Brian an me at a Harshen Tigers game at Jingu Stadium, the oldest baseball stadium in Japan.

smaller. Some of the women are at once so delicate and elegant looking that you're afraid they'll break if you bump into them. I didn't pay much attention to the men.

And the food. Sushi of course. We did one of the keitan conveyor belt things. Oh my. I had the best ramen I've ever had, and it was about eight bucks. Pork cutlet that was fried with this perfect panko crust.

I could go on, and I will. But I gotta catch a plane. See you soon, I hope.

If you want to effect change, you have to start local. These may or may not be your representative, however, if you live in Printers Row and Dearborn Park, they are.

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Al Hippensteel, Editor

Writing Out Loud

by Beth Finke

Sound the trumpets! My third book, Writing Out Loud, has just been published!

And wait, there's more: I'll be participating in a session at this year's Printer's Row Lit Fest with my publisher and two writers from the memoir-writing classes I lead:

Date: Sunday, June 11th Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Program: Getting your Memoir Off the Ground...and published. Presenters: Beth Finke, Anna Perlberg, Wanda Bridgeforth, Nancy Sayre

Location: Jones College Prep/4th Floor/Room 4008

You loyal Dearborn Express readers are going to recognize some of the characters in this new book of mine -- many of them appear in my blog posts here.

And if you don't recognize the characters, you will surely recognize the setting. Our Printers Row neighborhood plays a major part in Writing Out loud: the Printers Row Lit Fest, Sandmeyer's Bookstore, Grace Place and Hax(the tavern formally known as Hackney's) all play supporting roles.

The real stars, however, are the older adults who sign up for the memoir -writing classes I lead in Chicago. One class meets at the Chicago Cultural Center, two meet in Lincoln Park, and one meets right here in Printers Row at Grace Place. Chronicling my time with a remarkable bunch of senior citizens has been a labor of love, and I hope reading Writing Out Loud leaves you loving (and learning from) them as much as I do.

The paperback version of Writing Out Loud is available now at Sandmeyer's Bookstore, 714 S. Dearborn. Ulrich and Ellen Sandmeyer assure me they'll give me a call to come down to the store anytime a customer wants the book signed by the author. If we're home, who

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Beth Finke

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Manifest Urban Arts Festival: the ultimate showcase of creative talent.

Columbia College Chicago invites you to our annual showcase on Friday, May 12, to celebrate the student work that



only our students can create. At Manifest, you'll encounter thought-provoking gallery exhibitions, live performances, fashion shows, original game design, literary readings and more--all curated by the talent that defines our campus.

In addition to seeing the cutting-edge work of our students and organizations, rock out to musical performances by student bands and DIs on three outdoor stages. The day will culminate with a national headliner.

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Book Review: Chicago is Not Broke: Funding the City We Deserve, edited by Tom Tresser (the CivicLab 2016).

"Chicago is [really] not broke," proclaims a new book, organized by Tom Tresser and co-written by civic activists and policy wonks who combined in one book all they think we need to know to get what we want from our city. This slim volume, published by the CivicLab, is a handy compendium of all the secret and illegal stuff that absorbs our finances for ill and serves the public for naught. Some things we'd already read, but forgotten about, and we never put 2 + 2 together. The book is about corruption. It divides our budget woes into three fiscal sins: "Money That Is Stolen From Us...Money That Is Hidden From Us and... Money That We Are Not Collecting." It offers provocative ideas about tax policy, borrowing money, public banking, and our lousy voting numbers. It lays blame on crooked contracts, corrupt cops and community quiescence. The only shortcoming of this little book is its not-too-diverse authorship: eleven writers; nine white; nine men.

"Chicago is as full of crooks as a saw is full of teeth," so said Chicago newsman John Gunther in 1947. Chicago remains brazenly unscrupulous. Prize-winning investigative journalists have faithfully detailed the myriad crimes of city council members--about a third of whom have been convicted for corruption since 1972-but with little

SAVE THE DATE **BOOK LAUNCH!**

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DISCOVER YOUR UNTAPPED POTENTIAL...



Lorraine Schmall

Dearborn Park, May, 2017

gender, ethnic, religious and party lines.

change. David Mamet wrote: "In Chicago, we love our

crooks." And, apparently, we do little to obviate the next

batch. When South Side Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. had

to leave the House of Representatives and report to the Big House for stealing, the special election for his replacement inspired just over 11% of the district to vote. When Chica-

go held its last special election this year to replace a resign-

ing alderman, only 18% of the voters cast ballots. Unfortu-

nately, crime marches on, and continues to permeate poli-

tics and public service, especially when we aren't watching. "Chicago is Not Broke" stands out among the spate of

recent how-to books with little practical advice for the

99%: our billionaire president's daughter, and wife of his

billionaire advisor, explains how to make millions and be a

mom: a multi-millionaire CEO with children describes her

atypical widowhood without poverty; a millionaire preach-

er of the Prosperity Gospel reiterates that a person's great

wealth is God's will. Tresser's authors hold meetings, en-

courage conversation not conversion, and hope to stimulate people to act out and take names- hopefully across racial,



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<u>Harold Washington Library Center –</u> <u>Free exhibit</u>

This Memorial Day month, honor our nation's veterans with a visit to The National Veterans Art Museum's exhibition *Above & Beyond*, now open on the third floor of Harold Washington Library Center. The art installation features over 58,000 hand-stamped replicated dog tags representing U.S. soldiers who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

The dog tags are suspended from the ceiling of an open 13 feet x 34 feet installation on the library's third floor near the escalators.

Nearby is an interactive kiosk where you can look up the names of veterans and find the location of their hanging dog tags.

The piece was created by veteran artists and is meant to help viewers reflect on the impact of war. This is the only memorial to Vietnam veterans outside of Washington, D.C.

It will be on display for the next four years

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A TRIBUTE TO HANNI, SEEING EYE DOG EXTRAORDINAIRE

My last post shared both sad and happy news. My loveable retired Seeing Eye dog Hanni died Wednesday, and the book I've been working on for more than a decade had been released just the day before.



It's been an emotional week for sure, but in the end, so much good to think about. Hanni lived an amazing 17 years, and she wasn't suffering much at the end. Those 17 years just caught up with her.

That's me with Hanni, a back cover photo from Writing Out Loud (Photo courtesy Kaitlin McCall)

Hanni played a major role in my life, and she plays a major role in my new book, too. It'd been a while since I wrote and revised some of the stories about her for *Writing Out Loud*, and rereading them these past few days made me smile. Publishing an excerpt here that highlights her guide work might be just the right way to honor that brave, funny, smart, cute, fluffy, heroic, tail-wagging retired Seeing Eye dog. Here's an excerpt from a chapter called "Getting There," where Hanni guides me to the very first memoir-writing class I led in Chicago back in 2004:

On our way to the first day of class, Hanni looks ahead, makes a split-second decision, and darts left. Holding tight to her harness, I sidestep along with her. My shoulders breeze by something as we needle our way down Michigan Avenue. A tree? A lamppost? A person? Without being able to see, I have no idea what we missed. I'm just glad we missed it.

"That dog isn't looking where he's going!" a random voice calls out from behind me. But what does the voice know? That's just the way Hanni works. She's quick on her feet. A proud graduate of The Seeing Eye, class of December, 2001, Hanni – her name rhymes with Bonnie – was taught to make quick decisions. She has to. That's the only way we can avoid collisions with pedestrians. With cars pulling out of parking garages. With taxis turning right on red. With delivery trucks rushing out of blind alleys. The trip is less than a mile from our apartment. Commuting by foot and paw, we sail down Michigan Ave-

nue. Weaving through the lunch crowd, we are right on

time. Until we run into this guy...

Aha. A cliff hanger! I won't leave you hanging there for long, though – you can find out who "this guy" is by clicking on the <u>Look Inside link</u> on Amazon free of charge. "Getting There" is one of the chapters featured.

Hanni guided and kept me safe (and gave Mike some reassurance, too) for eight years, then brought joy to our friends Steven and Nancy for seven more. As <u>one of</u> <u>you commented</u> to my last post, Hanni really did lead an important life.

Thank you, Hanni. Thank you.

Beth Finke 's memoir-writing class in Printer's Row meets on the second floor of Grace Place (637 S. Dearborn, Chicago) on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. The fee is \$75 for each six-week session. The next Grace Place memoir class starts on June 8, 2017. You can register and pay online for the next six-week session here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memoir-writing-forseniors-summer-2017-tickets-34125941610

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been released.

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what a blind teacher learned from leading a memoir class for seniors

Beth Finke

No More Micro-Apartments for

Printer's Row?

A reader writes: No more micro apartments? New sign up at Dearborn:Polk.

Looks to be the case. For those who aren't familiar, <u>there were some render-ings that popped up and proposed "micro-apartments"</u> for this little - but prominent - piece of vacant land.



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The design of 742 S. Dearborn from September 2015 (top left), March 2016 (top right), September 2016 (bottom left), and now (bottom right) *Myefski Architects/LG/SSP*

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Family Matters: As the Descendants of Aunt Bebe Approach a Hundred Years in Hospitality In and Around Chicago, Hackney's Be-

comes HaxFast-casual burgers meet craft beer

By Brian Hieggelke

The food intelligentsia obsesses over a rather tiny segment of the dining universe, spending most of its energy on the finest artisans in the craft, the chefs helming the kind of restaurants we admire, even if we mostly visit them on special occasions.

But the truth is, we spend our time in more quotidian environs, in the not-special-occasion places we cherish for comfort, cost and proximity. For me, this was the restaurant long on the corner where I live, Hackney's. Hackney's was where I often held business lunches, the place I met friends for drinks, the "other kitchen" where my family would decamp for a home-style meal of meatloaf or nachos.

My connection to the space predates that establishment; it was in the original restaurant, Moonraker, that I had my lifechanging lunch. It was in the winter of 1985. Fresh out of business school and training on Wall Street, Jan and I were in town for a wedding and looking for an apartment. She was to return to the University of Chicago, I was to work at Sears Tower, so the barely developed South Loop made sense. Plus we'd fallen hard for New York and the old printing factories turning into lofts gave Printers Row a strong Soho-Tribeca vibe. But the neighborhood was barren; just a few residential buildings and the fortified complex of Dearborn Park were served by little retail, no grocers and a void of any semblance of nightlife. After looking at what would become our apartment in a new high-rise, we found Moonraker and had lunch. It was a charming if relatively nondescript place with an equally unmemorable menu, but that was beside the point: for us, the mere presence of the restaurant indicated just enough civilization for us to make our decision, a decision that would soon lead us to start the neighborhood newspaper that became this publication and determined the course of our entire life. Of course, had we imagined such at the time, we might have ordered Champagne.

Moonraker was a regular visit for us over the years, especially in the summer when its sidewalk cafe was *the* place to dine al fresco, but it never rose above its modest ambitions. (We eventually got to know the owners, who described its origin as a collaboration between a group of neighborhood pioneers who wanted a place to get a burger. None were restaurateurs by vocation or even avocation.)

Eventually the space was sold to Hackney's, a newgeneration outpost of a family of suburban restaurants that trace their roots back to the Green Parrot saloon run by their great-grandparents at Montrose and Clark in the 1920s. From day one, Hackney's was bustling in a way that Moonraker never was, an indication of the cumulative value of a brand, in this case one built by an extended family over several generations. Renowned for their burgers and onion loaf, they embraced the craft-beer revolution in its nascent stages, becoming for a time the best beer spot in downtown Chicago. It thrived. So we were all shocked last September when, with little notice, it announced it was closing after fifteen years.

The Darwinian nature of capitalism makes any business perpetuation unlikely over time; add the dynamic of multigenerational families to the mix and you can see why long-lasting places like Hackney's are so rare. And not long after Hackney's Printers Row closed, Hackney's in Lake Zurich announced its closure after nearly fifty years. The family operator of that particular location was ready to retire, and no one from the new generation had the desire to take it



Aunt Bebe shakes hands with Aunt Bebe at Riverview

over. And so it went. Click here for the rest of the story.

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Monday, May 8, 2017 Hax and Gordo's Getting Closer to Being Printer's Row Multi-Purpose Hangout

Work continues at the new Hax and Gordo's space on south Dearborn (formerly Hackney's). We had numerous readers send us emails and pics of their new logos and some pics of the inside through the windows:

We recently walked by and took a glimpse. We're pretty excited to see what the finished product looks like.

As you know, the Flaco's Tacos concept and success which is owned by the Hax and Gordo's crew - is partially responsible for this revamp of Hackney's into Hax. Judging by the crowd at Flaco's this past Friday evening it's understandable to see why they may want to emulate it.

If all goes according to plans, Hax will be more of a multipurpose catchall hangout spot for Printers Row and the Sloop (via New City):

Jim Hebson gave me a tour of the new venue, which is slated to open in mid-May. Like Flaco's, customers will order at a counter, where they'll find a streamlined menu featuring the legendary burgers on homemade buns (including their signature rye), along with turkey burgers, veggie burgers and other sandwiches, a slimmeddown onion loaf and homemade pies. They'll also be able to partake of a curated selection of ten local beers on tap, as well as a signature frozen drink. But Hax is also planned to be more of a hangout than Flaco's, filling in the coffeehouse vibe vacated when the long-running Gourmand closed across the street a few years back. Coffee and breakfast will be served, and seating includes couches and booths. "We want people to hang out all day here, working on their laptops," Hebson says.



Entirely new will be the adjacent space, recently annexed, that will house Gordo's, which will offer homemade ice cream sandwiches with a variety of mix-ins.

If you have time, head on over to New City - the article is a great read.

In the meantime, get excited for Hax and Gordo's - it has the potential to be an amazing addition to the hood. http:// www.sloopin. com/



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New South Loop School Getting \$50 Million In TIF Cash Instead Of \$9 Million

By David Matthews | April 28, 2017 6:09am

SOUTH LOOP — The new South Loop Elementary School will draw nearly \$50 million in tax increment financing, more than five times the \$9 million that was reported when plans for the new school were introduced last year.

An ordinance approved this month by the City Council also revealed the construction budget for the future four-story school at 16th and Dearborn streets has jumped 13 percent to nearly \$62 million, up from about \$55 million last year.

But it's the nearly fivefold jump in TIF funding that's raising eyebrows from neighbors. Parents at nearby National Teachers Academy, 55 W. Cermak Road, said it's another sign Chicago Public Schools officials are trying to phase out their school, along with plans to expand South Loop Elementary's boundaries. Many academy parents worry their school will be converted into a high school or otherwise absorbed into the new South Loop school.

National Teachers Academy "is happy South Loop is getting their building. If they have an overcrowding issue they need to solve it," said Elisabeth Greer, chairwoman of the academy's local school council. "But the South Loop is growing. We need two elementary schools."

South Loop Elementary opened for 580 students in 1988, but now has 839, according to CPS. And the South Loop, one of the few city neighborhoods growing in population, is slated for thousands of new homes in the next decade.

The new South Loop school will fit 1,200 kids with 50 classrooms, two computer labs, two art rooms and a rooftop play area, among other amenities. The school at 1601 S. Dearborn

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TIF districts capture all gains in the property tax base for a designated area — diverting revenue from other local taxing bodies including school districts — and place them into a special fund for projects meant to spur redevelopment in blighted areas.



A rendering of the new South Loop Elementary School under construction at 1601 S. Dearborn St. The school is expected to open in 2019.

The method is heralded as an economic engine by some, but decried as a "slush fund" for politicians' pet projects by others.

The Chicago Teachers Union has criticized the city's use of TIF funds for real estate developments for years. The proposed Near North Side high school once known as Obama College Prep was put on hold last year after Mayor Rahm Emanuel used \$175 million in TIF funds to reach a contract with Chicago teachers and avert a strike. A union spokesman did not return a message seeking comment on South Loop school's TIF funding.

The Board of Education moved last year to acquire the site of the future South Loop school, telling parents then that the project would be partially funded with \$8.7 million in TIF funding. The amount was raised to \$10.7 million by July.

An ordinance approved earlier this month by the city council said the TIF contribution will now be an amount "not to exceed" \$48.3 million. Click here for the rest of the story.

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Columbia College Chicago Is Getting A Huge, \$50 Million New Student Center

By David Matthews | May 2, 2017 2:36pm

SOUTH LOOP – Columbia College Chicago is building a student center, the first in the school's nearly 130year history.

The Downtown school for the arts shared renderings of the new student center coming to 8th Street and Wabash Avenue in advance of a groundbreaking in October. The center is slated to open by late 2018.

"The new center will be a cornerstone of the student experience at Columbia," Kwang-Wu Kim, Columbia's president, said in a statement. "Our students have always sought out ways to collaborate and study in informal settings outside the classroom. Now, students will have a place designed especially for them - a welcoming space as distinctive as they are.³

Once open, the five-story, 114,000-square-foot student center will serve as a hub at the center of Columbia' sprawling South Loop campus. Renderings show a "dining loft" as well as malleable space that can be used for dance studios, workshops or private events. Chicagobased Gensler designed the center.



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Columbia College Chicago's new student center

The student center's cost has yet to be determined, but preliminary estimates were around \$50 million, said Cara Birch, a spokeswoman for Columbia. The center's sources of funding have also yet to be finalized, but the center will not divert proceeds from students' tuition payments, Birch said. Annual tuition at the private arts school is currently about \$25,000.

Columbia announced its plans for the center amid falling enrollment and speculation the school may begin selling real estate in the South Loop to compensate. Columbia currently owns 20 buildings Downtown.

The school said in a statement it will host community meetings soon to answer questions about its plans for the new student center.

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South Side Craft Beer Fest Hosted By Baderbrau Features 20-Plus Breweries

By Justin Breen | May 1, 2017 6:19am

The Inaugural South Side Craft Beer Fest (SSCBF). This year's SSCBF will be held in front of Baderbrau Brewing Company.

CHICAGO — A giant beer fest featuring 20-plus South Side breweries is set for May 20 in front of Baderbrau Brewing Company, 2515 S. Wabash Ave.

The inaugural South Side Craft Beer Fest will feature more than 50 hand-crafted beers and is presented by Baderbrau, the Southside Brewers Association and the South Loop Business Exchange. General admission tickets are \$45 and VIP tickets are \$60, which includes \$8 in food tickets provided by participating food trucks and VIP catering. Tickets can be bought here.

The event "provides a unique opportunity to procure and sustain an event by brewers that focuses on the South Side brewing community," Baderbrau spokesman Justin Maynard said. "What makes this event so special is that it is a beer festival that is ran by brewers. ... The Southside Brewers Association is looking forward to growing this event for years to come, and creating awareness about the

For more information on the event, click here.

Participating breweries include:

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Mitisek (who recently stepped down as the company's

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artistic director, but will continue to collaborate with it), and Douglas Clayton, its executive director. All the pro-

debaker Theater in the Fine Arts Building at 410 S. Michigan where Stewart Copeland's opera, "The Invention of

-winning duo. And a pair of rarely heard bel canto operas. They will all be part of the 2017-2018 season of Chicago

ecutive director. (Photo: Courtesy of Chicago Opera

In prepared remarks, Clayton said: "As we embark on our on our 44th season at COT, we looked to curate a season that combines new and rarely-performed works that surprise and challenge – from a thrilling, mysterious world-premiere to a double-bill that spans the career of a great composer."

"This upcoming season is created in collaboration between Doug and myself, selecting productions that both celebrate and expand the boundaries of the opera experience," said Mitisek, "I look forward to returning to COT as guest director for 'The Consul' to kick off another groundbreaking season here at COT under my successor's leadership." Here is a closer look at the season:

Soprano Patricia Racette will star in the Chicago Opera Theater production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Consul." "The Consul" (Nov. 4, 10 and 12, 2017): Co-produced by Long Beach Opera, this 1950 opera with music and libretto by Gian Carlo Menotti will star soprano Patricia Racette (previously seen in COT's "La Voix Humaine"), with Kristof Van Grysperre conducting and Andreas Mitisek directing. Making her role debut as Magda in this new interpretation of a widely known but now very timely work, Racette plays a woman in danger who is desperately seeking a visa to flee to safety. As the walls close in around her, she must plead for an audience with the consul before it's too late.

Click here for the rest of the story: http://chicago.suntimes.com/entertainment/chicagoopera-theater-to-stage-2017-18-season-at-thestudebaker/

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Wednesday, April 26, 2017 Mercat a La Planxa (638 S. Michigan) Reopens After Facelift

We received the following from a reader: Mercat a la Planxa (638 S. Michigan) has reopened Sure enough, it looks like you can go to their website and book tables:

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Site Cleared for Future South Loop Elementary; Some Question Whether It's Necessary A reader writes:

Thought I would forward on pictures I took of the completely demolished old USPS location at 16th and Dearborn. This has really picked up steam and is a great sign for the Sloop!

As a reminder, about a year ago word trickled out that a new South Loop elementary school was being proposed for the neighborhood. Details are still limited, but we had a post in August that outlined that a 4-story structure that would be 110,000 square feet would be built to house the school.

While many in the neighborhood are excited about this development, not everyone is as bullish about the school. One reader recently sent us an article from WBEZ about some of challenges regarding schooling in Obama Prep did.

the city. More specifically the article talks about National Teachers Academy (on Cermak) and questioning whether South Loop Elementary is necessary given the city's budget crunch. The reader expounds:

It points out that parents at NTA question whether it's a wise use of funds at this juncture to build a new school for South Loop Elementary (SLE). This is a big deal. In my opinion, from an outside perspective, building for SLE is completely unwarranted and perpetuates racial segregation. (Disclosure: I own in the NTA district.) However, I've heard rumors that the secret plan is to turn NTA into a high school for the South Loop and Chinatown. If true, these discussions should be happening in public, it's a bad idea to have CPS making such big decisions without public input. What are the population projections for the area? How many seats do these schools have? How will charters change the picture? Anyway, I saw this WBEZ article and it made me wonder if the SLE project could blow up the way Obama Prep did.



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Drunken Driver Was Going 72 mph Before Fatal Grant Park Crash: Prosecutors

By Erica Demarest | May 5, 2017 5:28pm

Samantha Salazar, 27, drove over a sidewalk and into Grant Park, where she crashed into a barrier.

COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE — The drunken driver who caused a fatal crash at Grant

Park last weekend was going 72 miles per hour when she drove her car over a sidewalk and into the grass, prosecutors said Friday.

Samantha Salazar, 27, later admitted to drinking whiskey and pop before getting behind the wheel of a 2011 Lincoln Continental late Sunday, police and prosecutors said.

Her blood-alcohol content at the time of the crash was .12. The legal driving limit is .08.

According to prosecutors, Salazar was heading north in the 1200 block of South Indiana Avenue about 11:30 p.m. Sunday when she approached a T-intersection at Indiana and Roosevelt.

There was one passenger in the car: 52-year-old James Pickett.

Instead of turning or braking at the T, Salazar sped forward into Grant Park — causing her car to go airborne over a sidewalk before it touched down on a grassy slope and eventually crashed into a concrete embankment, Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Carlson said during a bond hearing Friday.

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Salazar was rushed to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where she was treated for a broken leg, Carlson said.

Pickett, of the 8600 block of South Damen Avenue, was pronounced dead at Northwestern at 1:03 a.m. Monday, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. His cause and manner of death are listed as blunt-force injuries caused by a traffic accident.

Salazar, of the 900 block of North Sacramento Boulevard, is charged with reckless homicide and aggravated DUI causing death.

Cook County Judge Peggy Chiampas on Friday set bail at \$750,000.

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2 robberies reported on CTA Orange, Red line trains

CHICAGO NEWS 04/24/2017, 10:59pmS

Sun-Times Wire

June 14

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Police are warning CTA riders after two robberies happened on CTA trains this month.

The robberies happened while the trains were in motion, according to an alert from Area Central detectives. The robbers punched unsuspecting people in the face, grabbed their cell phones or purses and then ran away as the train doors opened.

The robberies happened on the Orange Line about 6 p.m. April 21 in the 1200 block of South State and on the Red Line at 3:18 a.m. April 23 in the 300 block of South State, according to the alert.

One robber was described as a 5-foot-9 to 6-foot black boy between the 15 and 17 years old, weighing 145–175 pound and wearing a black skull cap, police said. The second robber was described as a 5-foot-9 black male.

Anyone with information about the robberies is asked to contact Area Central detectives at (312) 747-8384.

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732 S. Financial Place Unit #801 ~ Penthouse Loft ~ offered at \$500K

Two indoor parking side-by-side parking spaces are offered at

\$50K Sophisticated urban elegance abounds in this fabulous Timber & Brick Loft. This Spacious 1200 Sq Ft -City Home has been completely gutted to the brick walls, Professionally Redesigned and Re-Constructed using only the finest Materials and Custom Finishes. This topfloor Loft with bright eastern exposure offers City Skyline Views and includes: 2 generous sized bedrooms, 2 Spa-Baths and a 'Lofted' Bonus-Room. Features Include: Soaring 16' Heavy Timber Ceilings, Exposed Brick, Hardwood Flooring, Custom Kitchen Cabinetry, SubZero, Miele & Dacor Appliances, Custom Bathroom and Storage Cabinetry, Custom Doors, Windows and Millwork and Beautiful Glass 'Barn-Door' Style Rolling Doors with Imported Nickel Plated Hardware. No Expense has been spared, no detail has been missed. This is truly a One-of-a-Kind Loft in the Hot Printers Row, South Loop Community. Not to be missed!

732 S. Financial Place Unit #412 ~ Timber & Brick Loft ~ Offered at \$239K

Printers Row Lofts - Spacious 900 Sq Ft Timber & Brick Loft. Brand-New Stainless Appliances, Hardwood Floors Throughout, Exposed Brick, Soaring 12' Heavy Timber Ceilings, Brand-New Bathroom Vanity & Fixtures. Unit Shows Very Well! Fabulous Location just steps to Everything the Printers Row, South Loop Community has to offer!

714 S. Dearborn St. - Unit 9-PH ~ Penthouse Home ~ Offered at \$999K

Unique Printers Row Penthouse. A Once-In-A-Generation Opportunity to Own the Penthouse atop The Historic Rowe Building. Unlike anything else that has ever been offered in the City of Chicago! This Enormous 2400 Sq. Ft. - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Condominium Lives like a Single Family Home! Enjoy Beautiful Unobstructed City Skyline Views from Every Room. Features Include a Massive Living/ Dining Room w/Sliding Doors to the 400 Sq Ft Terrace. Open Kitchen w/Solid Cherry Cabinets, Custom Lighting and Bosch/Dacor Stainless Appliances. 3 Generous Sized Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms and an enormous 35' X 15' second Floor Family Room. This home offers over 700 Sq Ft of Outdoor Space! The Rowe Building is zoned 'Live/Work' offering owners the versatility to include their office and home in the same space. Indoor Tandem Parking Available for sale at 801 S. Plymouth Ct. \$70K (from another sell-

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431 S Dearborn St #1601 3 bed, 2 bath, 1550 sq ft \$350,000

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801 S Plymouth Ct #912 2 bed, 2 bath, 1100 sq ft \$275,000

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633 S Plymouth Ct #604 1 bed, 1 bath, 900 sq ft \$235,000

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