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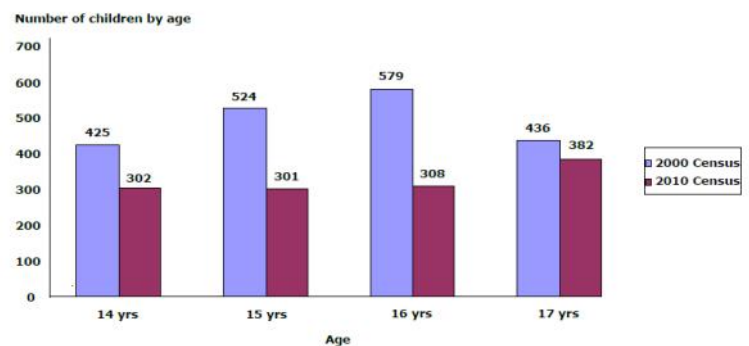
Central City High School

At a South Loop Neighbor's (SLN) meeting at Jones College Prep on Oct. 15th, hosted a presentation by Connecting4Communities, a community organization that serves the Tri-Taylor, Little Italy, Roosevelt Square & Brooks Homes, and University Village. Among their pro-active concerns is providing a quality local high school which also mirrors the South Loop's yearning for the same for our students. They have been working on a proposal for a "Central City High School." They have been working with local alderman and CPS. Seven alderman have signed a letter of support including Aldermans Pat Dowell, William Burns and Daniel Solis. Dennis O'Neill, executive director of Connecting4Communities has proposed creating Central City High School in the Roosevelt Square development area, (south of Roosevelt). The School would be at 14th St near Blue Island Ave. about 2 miles west of the South Loop. This high school would guarantee seats for local residents for graduates from seven city grade schools including **South Loop Elementary School**. This new proposed school would be a District Innovator school and not a charter or contract school. Parents know that when their child reaches the age to go to high school, it is very competitive to gain admittance to one of Chicago's magnet schools. Jones College Prep has two special programs, one for pre-engineering and one for pre-law where our local students can apply for. However, it's not a guaranteed seat. The two charts at the right show a trend where families with children move out of the area when their children reach high school age. Dennis said that with an agreement with CPS and the backing of the alderman, breaking ground on the new high school could happen as early as 2014.



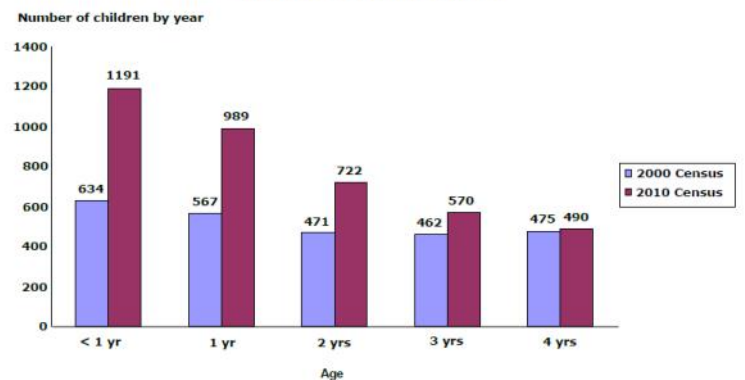
"Central City" resident high school aged population

2000 and 2010 U.S. Census



"Central City" resident preschool aged population

2000 and 2010 U.S. Census



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COMING TO THE JAZZ SHOWCASE

Tues Oct 22 : 8 & 10 pm.....

Weds Oct 23: 8 & 10 pm.....

Thurs Oct 24 thru Sun Oct 27: 8 & 10pm

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Weds, Oct 30: 8 & 10 pm

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Ari Brown at the right

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

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

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

Www. Southloopneighbors.org

Reserve Your Place at Reggies Music Joint Happy Hour Buffet Friday, November 8, 2013

Members of South Loop Neighbors are invited to ride the Reggies Rock Club Bus, departing Dearborn Street Station on Friday 11/8 at 5:00 pm. We will ride to Reggies at 2105 S. State, where we will enjoy an acoustic set of music, cocktails and a buffet dinner. At 8:00 the Reggie bus will bring us back to Dearborn Station.

Chicken Wings – BBQ and Buffalo
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Mac n' cheese, Baked Beans w/ Bacon, Mushroom Stuffed
w/ Artichoke & Cheese
2 drink tickets for beer, wine and well drinks, soft drinks

\$15.00 for Members
\$35.00 for non-members

RSVP at reggies@southloopneighbors.org. You must be a member in good standing to obtain the \$15 reservation. Join today!

Time to Renew your Membership in South Loop Neighbors!

Many of you have joined South Loop Neighbors for different reasons, including but not limited to... staying informed about neighborhood development, making new friends or staying connected with old ones, learning about the community or just helping out in the neighborhood.

Jaqi Green, Membership VP, South Loop Neighbors

If you have any questions, please contact Jaqi at membership@southloopneighbors.org.

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OPINION

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the the editor or South Loop Referral Group.

Mariano's has a grand opening in the South Loop; Dominick's closes immediately

I always figured Mariano's would put Dominick's out of business. The head of Mariano's left Dominick's and started Mariano's. Not a good sign. And then I started noticing that wherever Dominick's had a pretty good business, Mariano's opened nearby. It was only a matter of time--and design.

What really surprised me, though, is that after only two days of Mariano's being in business in the South Loop at 16th and Clark, just a stone's throw from Dominick's at Roosevelt and Canal, Dominick's announced it was leaving Chicago. There must be a connection. A final nail in the coffin? Mariano's in the South Loop? Goodbye, Dominick's!

It looks like our very own South Loop Dominick's is going to turn into a Jewel. What this means for the Jewel at Roosevelt and State--across from my house--I do not know. Nor do I particularly care. Because in the South Loop, we have grocery stores up to the eyeballs!

Which wasn't always the case. In fact, when I moved to my house in the South Loop 19 years ago, we barely had any. We had a place called Printers Row Market at 8th and State, which was found--after a thorough television investigation--to be selling meat that was a year old. That sort of thing. My neighbors and I basically got in our cars and went to other neighborhoods to shop.

Until a little before the turn of the last century--when Dominick's opened on Roosevelt in a mall. They had a grand opening. And everyone was all excited. Like the Second Coming. Then in 2001, Jewel came. Then Whole Foods and Target came to Roosevelt Road, too. And Trader Joe's. And Costco opened at 14th and Ashland. (A little too far to be considered the South Loop, but calling itself the South Loop Costco just the same.) And everyone was really excited each and every time. Just like they were on Tuesday, Oct. 8, when Mariano's opened it's doors on 16th Street. In fact, everyone was quite excited when Mariano's had its groundbreaking last year.

As each new store came, they got better. More interesting. More innovative. Anything to capture the imagination of South Loopers--and those passing through the South Loop. And a number of very good smallish specialty groceries opened, too

Mariano's was no different on Tuesday. I had a tour at 11 AM that morning. And it was remarkable, to say the least. For example, they sport a huge wall of shelves full of fresh, obscure spices presented in bulk jars. You want only an ounce of a spice? Because you probably won't use it ever again, and why buy



more and let it go to waste? Mariano's will spoon it out for you in the amount you need.

You want good prices for **gorgeous bakery products**? Wild Gelato flavors, served at a gelato bar? Piano music? They have one in every store. An in-store sing-along for your preschooler? Good wine? The wine buyer dares you to blindfold yourself and pick a bottle--any bottle--and it will be good, he says.

You want to buy a burger or a nice piece of **fish** and you want it now? Grilled? Take it home or eat it there? They've got a grill going at all times and you can ask them to grill you a brat, a hotdog, a steak, a burger, a piece of salmon, a piece of trout, a portobello mushroom--anything at all--hot and delicious. And quick.

A pint of fresh orange juice is yours for a dollar. A smoothie with kale for a good de-tox is yours for the asking.

How about an 80 pound Hawaiian Opah fish? Or organic scallions for a dollar a bunch? I can't remember them being that low--organic or not. How about an enormous taffy apple made before your very eyes drenched in M&Ms? Or a great cup of espresso--so good some of the South Loop coffee klatch places are already afraid of stiff and deadly competition.

Then there's those pizza Thursday nights (you get a lot for \$10). A very authentic sushi bar. A hot bar full of comfort food like spaghetti Bolognese. Full dinners, freshly made for \$6 (\$10 for steak). You get a free pint glass if you put together two custom made craft beer six packs.

How about two freshly made long French loaves for a dollar?

There's an olive bar, sandwiches galore, tons of gluten-free products, a soup bar with award-winning soups and a flower shop with a horticulturist to design you a lovely vase full. And an International section with the actual flags of the countries hanging from the ceiling, and over the aisle. Not to mention lots of indie vendors. And plenty of free samples.

Add it all up--and you have a cross between Whole Foods and Trader Joe's, with a little bit of Costco, Jewel, Aldi and Target thrown in. Only one thing left to say: Dominick's, you were smart to give up.



Bonnie McGrath

Visit my blog:

<http://www.chicagonow.com/mom-think-poignant>



HARRISON ST COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation. Complete Streets allow for safe travel by those walking, bicycling, driving automobiles, riding public transportation, or delivering goods. Complete Streets operate for everybody, pedestrians, bikes, motorists, particularly for the most vulnerable. It is designed to reduce cars, calm traffic, increase walking and cycling and transit. The Harrison St project is planned for Harrison Street between DesPlaines and Wabash. Roosevelt Road is also slated for the redesign.



Music@Grace, Thursdays at 7:30 pm,

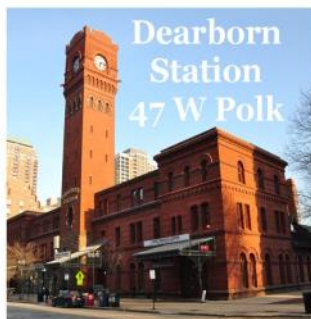
Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn Street in the South Loop.

On Thursday, October 24, Music@Grace features violist Davis Perez and pianist Stephen Uhl performing Henri Vieuxtemps's Capriccio for Viola; Franz Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata for Viola and Piano; and Johan Sebastian Bach's Chromatic Fantasy. These free performances by advanced music students from Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts take place at 7:30 pm in the second floor sanctuary of Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn Street. A reception with the artists follows each 45-minute performance. For further information, visit <http://gracechicago.org/programs/>. Please join us.

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Safe & Sound Blog

by Beth Finke

Bethfinke.wordsmith.com



Some members of the memoir-writing class I lead at the Chicago Cultural Center. Wanda is to my left in the photo (the far right as you look at it).

Wanda Bridgeforth is 92 years old and has been attending the memoir-writing class I lead in downtown Chicago for seven years. She grew up in Chicago and her mother worked "in private family," which means Mama lived at the houses she took care of. Wanda lived with one relative one week, a friend the next, and sometimes, with complete strangers.

When I asked writers to describe their favorite plaything as a child, Wanda

came back with an essay about her doll, Geneva. Wanda is compiling some of her essays to self-publish as a gift for friends and



family this Christmas. I have a feeling this one about Geneva will be included in that collection.

My Favorite Toy by Wanda Bridgeforth

I must have been a really good girl in 1927 because Santa left an ironing board, electric iron, sewing machine and the Effanbee "Rosemary Doll" all of my friends and I had asked for that year.

Her curls and eyelashes were natural hair. Every time I sat her up or laid her down she opened and closed her eyes and said, "MA-MA!!!" That was enough to melt a little girl's heart. Without hesitating I named her Geneva, after my Mama.

In late spring 1928, Dad's company closed their chemistry lab and he was laid off. Mama and I moved into a bedroom with Aunt Gert and Uncle Larry on 51st Street and Dad went to live with Uncle A.S. and his wife at 42nd and Vincennes. Mama showed me how to wash and iron Geneva's dress, panties and bonnet.

Mid summer, Mama went to work "in private family." I abandoned all of my toys except Geneva. She became my confidant and bedfellow. I guess you could say she was my security blanket. I took her everywhere. The kids began to tease me and called me a "big baby," so, when

I left home I hid her under the pillow on my bed.

Every Tuesday after school I washed her clothes so she would be nice and clean when Mama came home on Wednesday, her day off. The three of us would sit at the kitchen table and exchange the events of the week. Geneva's clothes were almost faded white.

Christmas 1931, "Cousin Sugar" the lady I was staying with made Geneva a new outfit. Mama and Cousin Sugar assured me the new clothes did not need weekly washing.

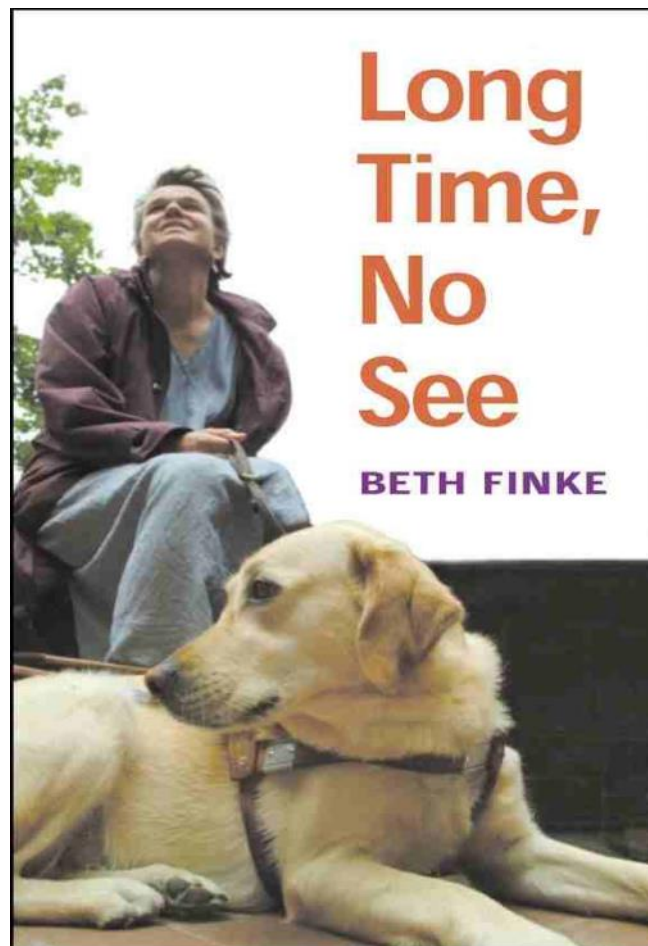
Some of my friends boasted about their dolls made of rubber that could drink milk or water from a tiny bottle with a tiny nipple on it. I looked at Geneva, her mouth was open and she had a space between her lips. I bought a tiny bottle with a tiny nipple on it from Woolworth's 5 & 10 cents store and fed Geneva.

After a while Geneva developed a horrible odor and her body became damp. Cousin Sugar and Mama cut a slit in her body. The straw stuffing had mildew and mold and her plaster body had melted. Only her head was intact. I didn't realize her straw insides absorbed the liquid instead of passing it through like the rubber dolls did.

I was inconsolable. Geneva was DEAD!!!

I decided she must have a funeral. Mr. Brunow, the janitor, dug a grave in the far corner of the back yard. Dressed in our parents black clothes, my friends and I marched behind the Radio Flyer Wagon lined with black crepe paper.

We sang a hymn and sent Geneva, My Favorite Toy, dressed in her Christmas Outfit to live with the Angels.



Local author Beth Finke's books are available at Sandmeyer's

THE ROY SVENSON BOOKSHELF

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From 1998 through 2012, Roy Svenson, Chicago Community Bank vice president and Dearborn Station branch manager, enriched the South Loop by building relationships among schools, businesses, and residents. The books on this shelf are donated by his friends to honor his vision and passion for making connections within our community. These books were written by people who live or have lived in this neighborhood, or they include a reference to the area, or both.

Whether through this collection or through their own experiences, we hope Jones College Prep students find the joy of community that Roy shared with all of us.

Friends of Roy Svenson
September 2013



Roy Svenson at the Tribute in his honor at Jones College Prep on Sept 18th. Photo by Mary Ivory

Books purchased with community members' donations (listed alphabetically by author):

Urban Haiku & Other Selected Poems by Regina Harris Baiocchi *
Choke by Sian Beilock *
The Chicago "L" by Greg Borzo *
Grant Park: The Evolution of Chicago's Front Yard by Dennis Cremin
Conversations with Friendly Demons and Tainted Saints by Nina Corwin *
The Nets of Modernism by Maud Ellmann *
Hanni and Beth, Safe & Sound by Beth Finke *
The Coming of Locusts by Tony Fitzpatrick *
A Passion for Discovery by Peter Freund *
Perspective Drawing: A Designer's Method by Robert Gordon *
Printers Row, Chicago by Ron Gordon *
The Walls of Delhi by Jason Grunebaum *
When I Left Home by Buddy Guy with David Ritz
World Film Locations: Chicago by Scott Jordan Harris
Parenting by Strengths by Mary Ivory *
Jaded by Eugene Izzi *
Fermilab by Adrienne Kolb *
Blind Watchers of the Sky by Edward W. "Rocky" Kolb *
Push Comes to Shove by Maud Lavin *
Games Primates Play by Dario Maestripieri *
Danger! Women Artists at Work by Debra Mancoff *
Crossing: A Memoir by Deirdre McCloskey *
City of the Century by Donald Miller
The Flash and Outbreak of a Fiery Mind by Dale Moyer *
Someone Traveling by Jane Nicholson *
15 Months in SOG: A Warrior's Tour by Thom Nicholson *
Lost Chicago by John Paulett and Judy Floodstrand *
Sweetness by Jeff Pearlman
What Makes Learning Fun? by Deborah Perry *
Harold! Photographs from the Harold Washington Years by Marc PoKempner, Salim Muwakkil, Antonio Dickey and Ron Dorfman
Just Be by Victor Powell *
Divergent by Veronica Roth *
Boss by Mike Royko
Chicago Portraits by June Skinner Sawyers *
The First Apartment Book by Kyle Schuneman *
Confucian & Taoist Wisdom by Edward L. Shaughnessy *
Commuters: A Novel by Emily Gray Tedrowe *
Chicago's Historic Prairie Avenue by William Tyre
Reckitt's Blue by John Wilkinson *
At Home in the Loop by Lois Wille *

* Books authored by current or past residents of the South Loop

Books donated (this list still in formation):

These books have been donated by the author unless otherwise noted. Additional donations are welcome.

Indigo Sound and Blues Haiku by Regina Harris Baiocchi
Where to Bike Chicago and *Chicago Cable Cars* by Greg Borzo
The Uncertainty of Maps by Nina Corwin
Sin in the Second City by Karen Abbott, donated by Ron Dorfman
The Lamplighter by Maria Cummins and *Peggy Parsons, a Hampton Freshman* by Annabel Sharp, published by M.A. Donohue Press (formerly located 701-727 S. Dearborn, on Printers' Row), donated by Carol Dorsey
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Our newest Community Member became a Chicago Public School teacher, so she had to resign from the council. We wish her well with her students.

If you are interested in joining the LSC, then please stop by the Main Office for the application materials, or they can be downloaded at the LSC website for Chicago Public Schools:

<http://www.cps.edu/Pages/LSCElections.aspx>

Application deadline is November 8, 2013.

Please attend the Candidates' Forum at the monthly LSC meeting November 13th 6:15 pm

Each applicant makes a short presentation (3 minutes), and the LSC votes in closed session for the new representative.

The LSC is a hard working group comprised of the Principal, parents, teachers, staff, and community members. LSCs participate in the governance of Chicago Public Schools and are responsible for (3) main duties:

1. approving how school funds and resources are allocated;
2. developing and monitoring the annual School Improvement Plan
3. evaluating and selecting the school's principal.

Questions? Please contact Principal Shelton (773-534-8690) or Chairperson Ellen Lorden (ellenlorden@yahoo.com)

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"community?"

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Wednesday, October 23, 2013. 6 pm Reclaimers - Song with a dash of Bluegrass

A trio of fun-hearted and sophisticated artists with a love of pairing great melodies and harmonies. The Reclaimers offer new, old, traditional, and freshly inspired works for an eclectic combo of voice, guitar, banjo, bass, percussion, fiddle, mandolin, and more! Laura Goetz, Curt Bewley, Elliott Nott bring you music and words - with a dash of Bluegrass!

Wednesday, November 20, 2013. 6 pm Pallade Musica - Dialogues of Silk and Fire

The award-winning early music ensemble from Montreal sculpts music with textures of silky dialogues and fiery rhythms. Baroque violinist Tanya LaPerrière and Baroque cellist Elinor Frey join with theorbo specialist Esteban La Rotta and harpsichordist Mylène Bélanger in creating imaginative and dramatic music of the past. Join us for these rare Dialogues of Silk and Fire!

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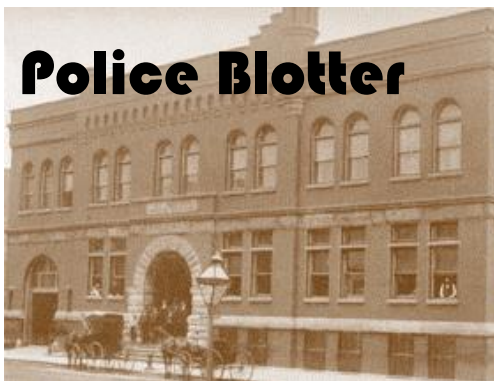
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COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE

— A man claiming to be "the bodyguard of all students" is charged with robbery and battery after accosting two Columbia College students, according to court documents. Police said a student was walking in the 1300 block of South Michigan Avenue on Oct. 3 when the man, 50-year-old Cary High, approached him and said he "knows everyone at Columbia College and is the bodyguard of all students." He allegedly asked the student to buy him a sandwich. When the student said he had no money, High accused him of lying and warned him that he would remember him, prosecutors said. A few days later on Oct. 8, the same student encountered High again, prosecutors said. He walked up and said to the student, "Do you remember me? I remember you." High again asked for a sandwich, according to a police report. When the student pulled out a \$5 bill, High allegedly responded by demanding all his money. A second student, a 20-year-old woman, encountered High on Sept. 23 in the 600 block of South Wabash Avenue, where he allegedly made a derogatory

**Police Blotter****Lock up**

A woman returned to her regular parking spot at 650 S Financial Plaza on Oct. 5 to find her car missing. The vehicle was legally parked but left unlocked. She contacted police and reported it stolen. The vehicle has not been towed and is not impounded. The car contained her iPad, GPS system and textbooks and has not been found as of press time. (LOCK UP)

Phone home

Two men confronted a Jones College Prep student Sept 25 on the 700 block of South State Street. The men told her to give them her iPhone. The student claimed she did not have one and one man grabbed her before the other swiped her iPhone from her pocket. The thieves ran south on State Street and have yet to be identified.

Trespass to impress

A man was arrested Oct. 4 at the Roosevelt Green Line station, 22 E. Roosevelt Road, after preventing patrons from entering the platform for two hours. When CTA personnel asked him multiple times to leave, he refused. Police arrived and arrested him on a charge of trespassing. He said he was there to get exercise and to talk to women.

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Pictured from left to right are South Loop Neighbors board members Susan Ohde, Sandi Thayer and Robin Toewe.



What's more fun than a Sunday morning summer bike ride through relatively sleepy Chicago streets? The second ward's own version of a critical mass ride—about 100 bicyclists in flaming orange “bike the ward” t-shirts taking over the streets with volunteer escorts to help us motor through major intersections (and a Wacker Drive detour because it had been turned into a movie set for the latest in the Transformers franchise). **Second Ward Alderman Bob Fioretti's annual bike the ward** on Sunday, September 29, drew riders of all ages for a leisurely ward tour on two wheels that would have made Mary Pop-pins proud. Bicyclists started and finished at Fairlife Foods in the West Loop. The ward and local businesses provided free t-shirts, a starting line breakfast, a halfway pit stop at Goose Island Brewery, a wrap-up BBQ lunch, a bike check station and goodie bags. Our tour touched all parts of the newly mapped second ward, reaching as far south as the Museum Campus, east to the lake, north to North Avenue and west to Damen.



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Next Meeting

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At 7:30 am

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These tours are held at the South Loop School Early Childhood Center: 1919 South Federal Street. For questions, please email Ms. Maria: mmacnab@cps.edu. The tour dates for prospective PK and K families are: November 22nd, December 20th, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 25th and May 16th

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