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## Did money influence zoning decision? Alderman backs campaign contributors' "Flagship" Lincoln Square pot shop

STORY AND PHOTO BY PETER VON BUOL

At the end of May, Ald. Matt Martin [47th] announced he would be supporting a zoning change request for 2301 W. Lawrence Ave. which will allow a marijuana shop operator to open a flagship location in Lincoln Square.

The move by Martin comes after he had accepted thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the shop proprietor.

"Ald. Martin has decided to approve the zoning change request from B1-1 to C1-1 to allow the applicant to apply for a business license to open a recreational cannabis dispensary in the strip mall," according to information posted in the development section of his website.

This newspaper contacted Martin's office to ask him about the appearance of impropriety in his accepting thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from a business requesting a zoning change to sell pot but no one at his office responded to our questions.



Jon Loevy, along with his wife, attorney Danielle Loevy, have donated \$40,200 to two candidates affiliated with the Democratic Party of the 47th Ward. In late May, Ald. Matt Martin announced he would be supporting their zoning change request for 2301 W. Lawrence Ave. to allow recreational weed store to open in Lincoln Square in this strip mall.

The shop will operate as Botavi Wellness and the principals will be Jon Loevy, a 47th Ward resident, and Mitch Zaveduk, who is a resident of Northbrook. Before a business license is issued at this location, the applicant will have to submit a Special Use application to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which requires a second community meeting before it reaches a decision on the application.

Since 2018, Loevy has also been one of the most successful local recreational pot shop operators in Illinois. In fact, Loevy and Zaveduk could actually be referred

to as "big corporate pot." Loevy's company currently operates 11 marijuana shops in Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Utah. Another location is planned for Benton Harbor, MI. The company plans to open 10 stores throughout Illinois.

Jon Loevy, along with his wife, attorney Danielle Loevy, have donated \$40,200 to candidates affiliated with the Democratic Party of the 47th Ward. These include Ald. Martin, who has received \$6,500, and Elaine Dordek, who received \$32,200 and who is now seeking

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## Zoning approved for 3449 N. Ashland, new project for 5909 N. Clark St.

Ashland buildings will complete a block-long new high-rise

Last week the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a set of zoning variances for 3449 N. Ashland Ave. It's one of three new buildings going up side-by-side that are part of a horizontal high-rise of sorts going up on the block.

The three new buildings have replaced the former Loyola Press that operated on this Lakeview site.

Situated at the southeast corner of Ashland and Cornelia avenues, the project will have approximately 200 feet of street frontage. But when combined with the other two new projects, the three buildings combined will run 600-feet north and south, from Cornelia south to the CTA Brown Line tracks, where they cross Ashland Ave.

Planned and developed by Contemporary Concepts Inc., the second of their three projects



This is the new look of 3415 through 3449 N. Ashland Ave., three new projects that combined will span some 600-feet along the east side of Ashland Ave.

is at 3415 N. Ashland, which is currently under construction. A future and final phase, at 3431 N. Ashland Ave., is now waiting for their building permits to be approved.

Once all three are complete, that eastern stretch of Ashland Ave. will be completely redeveloped with new construction approximating a 60-story high-rise, if you can visualize it resting on its side.

The developer sought a zoning

variance to allow for residential on the ground floor, claiming that market conditions and neighborhood preference called for ground floor residential uses. Indeed, much of Chicago's North Side is suffering from a glut of commercial vacancies.

The new development is five floors, and exclusively residential units. The building will have 53 new residential units but offer

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Despite approval of the \$1.7-billion Bally River West casino proposal by the City Council, there is continued hand-wringing about the largely secretive selection process, lack of review, quick passage of the deal, and the moral pitfalls of gambling itself.

## Despite city approval, dark clouds hang over predatory casino choice

'Casino regulatory-approval process untrustworthy'

BY DON DEBAT  
The Home Front

As critics continue to shoot it down, dark clouds hang over Mayor Lori Lightfoot's much-ballyhooed "casino-for-dummies" choice.

Despite approval of the \$1.7-billion Bally River West casino proposal by the City Council, there is continued hand-wringing about the largely secretive selection process, lack of review, quick passage of the deal, and the moral pitfalls of gambling itself.

Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] said Lightfoot's attempt to rush the casino deal through the City Council raised the specter of Mayor Richard M. Daley's infamous parking-meter deal, which

also was rammed through with little transparency and even less debate.

What may be more offensive is "administration mouthpieces" presenting the casino as a solution for the city's financial problems, said Paul Vallas, former budget director for the city and former CEO of Chicago Public Schools.

Vallas is one of five candidates running against Mayor Lightfoot in the up-coming election.

"The mayor and her allies are outright lying about the two claimed important benefits of the casino: that it provides a solution to the city's worsening pension crisis, and that it will enable the city to avoid a property tax in-

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## New 5-K run to raise funds for Clark Park play area

The Clark Park Advisory Council and other supporters who are raising funds to build a nature play area in Clark Park and various other projects, are hosting the first ever 312 River Run, starting 10 a.m. Saturday, June 25.

The run will start at Clark Park located west of Lane Tech High School, and follow the 312 River Run Trail through California Park around Horner Park and then back to Clark Park, without ever having to cross a street. But runners will cross over a river.

The cost for the 5-K run is

\$35 for adults and \$20 for kids, kids under 5 are free.

Through June 23, race packets can be picked up at Burning Bush Brewery, 4014 N. Rockwell. Race day check-in starts at 9 a.m. adjacent to the Clark Park Boathouse, 3400 N. Rockwell.

Free vehicle parking is available at DePaul College Prep and Lane Tech high schools parking lots.

Post race festivities will begin at Burning Bush Brewery at 11 a.m., children and dogs are welcome.



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# How to rescue your loved ones from horror or modern life



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

What a remarkable week, especially for food. I've eaten at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill three times.

Once solo. After my doctor's appointment and some blood work. The oysters help to deepen my blood to stay red.

Second, a fabulous lunch hosted by my pal, Gordon Sinclair. The erudite and revered Chicago restaurateur who reinvented fabulous dining in Chicago back in the 1970s when he operated Gordon, the best restaurant in town. Hard to believe it's gone 20 years. Gordon, himself, remains wise and handsome, a true celebrity in Chicago's pantheon.

Soft shell crab made it a lunch fit for a king.

Then a Saturday lunch. Dear friends hosted me for a belated birthday lunch.

West Coast oysters gilded the lily for me. Lots of iced tea. Summer delicious.

RL was jumping, crowded with aggressive eaters. Loud talkers. Suburbanites. College dining hall manners and silly emotional acting out. People seemed unused to the wines they were drinking. A smorgasbord of bad clothes and horrible manners. Not very urbane. Not very civilized.

It didn't take long for the ridiculous behaviors of our fellow lunchers to become the talk of our tables. But there was only so much you could say. Many of the ladies were screaming as they spoke. Like they were extras on the set of "Sex and the City."

The t-shirts and baseball caps on many male diners was another blow for civilized living. People

were out for lunch in their "play clothes."

I'm no snob. Really, I'm not. People don't need to be in three-piece suits. But can they not dress in blazers and polo shirts? Like they had actually grown up with some breeding?

After close observation, those in t-shirts and baseball caps, and the emotional sorority screamers swilling the white wine led the way in bad manners and bad tastes. There was no social dividend. My mother would have left the table. My grandmother would have left the restaurant. But I couldn't leave my West Coast oysters.

So restaurant manners have been on my plate ever since. I have brought up the issue at several gatherings I've attended since... I am not alone. Many folk deeply regret the loss of civilities in our culture. Especially eating out.

But I have also been encouraged by my favorite royal, Crown Princess Marie Chantal of Greece. A family no longer reigning, but she's still the mother of five children. One daughter and four sons.

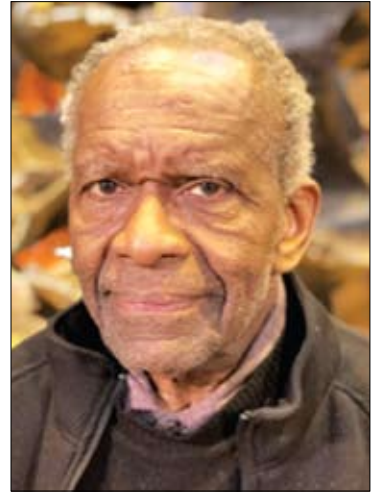
Married to Crown Prince Pavlos since 1995, she is a born-American, but now a wise and beautiful Brit.

She and her husband have produced elegant and tasteful children. Movie star good looks. A household of rugged refinement and first class academic education. Georgetown and NYU grads.

They are not the unattractive airheads of the House of Windsor, whose centuries of close breeding has left them with no chins and big ears. Rather, the Greek royals are a well-balanced, healthy family of friends.

I blame Marie Chantal for their bright success in family life, close fraternal bonding and elegant simple refinements. Like a family from Lake Forest, Winnetka or the Upper East Side of New York.

Marie Chantal is a real at home



(L-R) The Greek Royal Family. West Coast oysters. Chicago sculptor Richard Howard Hunt.

mom, she rules the royal roost. She's involved in the lives of her children and treats them with respect, love and high expectations. Even if they are princes and a princess.

Always critical for her is her insistence on etiquette. And let me say, it shows.

Long ago she banned mobile phones at the dinner table. Not permitting her brood to wear t-shirts in restaurants. And only allowing cereal on occasion for breakfasts.

She couples all that with the steadfast rule of no elbows on the table, napkins on the lap and "thank you" on the lips.

She's put her hard and fast rules together in a book, entitled "Manners Begin at Breakfast: Modern Etiquette for Families."

The book is a true sharing of her life with her children, revealing the rules she has taught them - Princess Maria-Olympia, 23, Prince Constantine-Alexios, 21, Prince Achileas-Andreas, 19, Prince Odysseas-Kimon, 15, and Prince Aristidis-Stavros, 11.

Marie says: "It's at the table that things are shared, it's so important for people to pause. And it's where we learn how to hold a knife and fork, how to say please and thank you. That's why I say manners begin at breakfast."

Marie explains that she teaches her children manners by "face-to-face conversation and role-

modeling." She admits she 'still pesters' her older kids.

The Crown Princess was, of course, not born royal. But she is the daughter of billionaire Robert Warren Miller, the king of duty-free shopping around the world. Her sisters are Alexandra von Furstenberg and Pia Getty. Good pedigrees all round.

But her wisdom is as simple as it is profound. Manners and good etiquette iron out many of the wrinkles in life helping it remain healthy and well-ordered. It provides children with handrails in living life. The surprising resolutions of difficulties, conundrums and unexpected discoveries.

Young people thrive when they have some certainty and observable rules they can embrace. One of life's great secrets for success.

I hope that more parents will embrace the necessity of manners in helping their children move through life. It's bound to assist in quieting the screamers out for lunch and make the t-shirt brigade realize they're inappropriately dressed. Keeping the chatboxes off their mobiles, and prevent them from checking their mail.

Can we not rescue civil living from the ashes of foul disorder and rude deportment? Can we not embrace the navy blue blazer and cotton summer suit from the disarray of torn jeans, spaghetti stringers and tattoos?

Keep your eyes peeled for Marie Chantal's book of etiquette. Eat again as family. Rescue your loved ones from the horror of modern life. Even in Chicago. Pass the West Coast oysters, please.

**RICHARD HOWARD HUNT:** Famed American sculptor **Richard Howard Hunt** will receive the Legends and Legacy Award from the Art Institute's Leadership Advisory Council on June 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Chicago's most prolific and accomplished sculptor will be on hand for conversation and comments. A cocktail reception will follow.

**GUN RUN: Maggie Baczkowski**, founder of Strides for Peace, reminded me they are having their upcoming marathon 8K, 5K, and 2 mile Walk at 6 p.m. on June 11, in Grant Park for their 9th Annual Race Against Gun Violence. They bring together all groups who seek to end the guns and deaths in Chicago. Contact **Ruby Lane** 773-910-6902.

**CHICAGO SPORTS: Dan Roan** is a record setter in Chicago sports without ever tagging

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# Lake Michigan Rescue Equipment Act now the law, and has already saved one life

Plus, check out the fab Women of the Blues exhibit!



Heart of the 'Hood by Felicia Dechter

As fate would have it, a man's life may have been saved Monday by a life ring after he fell into Lake Michigan at North Avenue beach.

Just before 6 a.m., the man fell into the lake and was able to get out, because of the life ring being tossed his way. It's as if it were a sign from God!

Thanks to the life ring that was recently installed there, the man is expected to recover. This is something water safety advocates - and this reporter - have been fighting for for years, proving beyond a doubt that 19-year-old Miguel Cisneros did not die in vain.

Prompted by the intense public outcry following his drowning death last August off the pier at Pratt Ave. in Rogers Park, on June 2, Gov. JB Pritzker signed HB4165 into law, marking the creation of the Lake Michigan Rescue Equipment Act.

The act, introduced by North Side Rep. Kelly Cassidy [14th], requires both private and government-owned piers and drop-off points to be outfitted with easily-accessible, public rescue equipment such as flotation devices. It also requires local governments to post warnings in high-incident areas and standardizes reporting of drowning incidents to the Illinois Dept. of Public Health.

"The stories of recent drownings on Lake Michigan are both tragic and preventable," Gov. Pritzker said in a statement. "This law will protect countless families from experiencing those same terrible losses and ensure a safer Lake Michigan for the thousands of Illinoisans who enjoy it every year."

Knowing that this is the law gives me some sense of comfort. I see the life rings on the beach and I'm grateful to know that now, if someone like Miguel is drowning, there will at least be a chance to try and save them.

And you may not know this, but this newspaper led the way in reporting about Miguel and the need for life safety equip-



(L) Rep. Kelly Cassidy and 49th Ward Ald. Maria Hadden celebrate last week's passage of the Lake Michigan Rescue Equipment Act. (R) Nineteen-year-old Miguel Angel Cisneros Jr. died after jumping off Pratt Pier on Aug. 22, 2021.



ment at the lakefront. Other media -- the big boys -- came along weeks later, flexing their muscle.

But there were many people in on this effort, which made me think of what anthropologist Margaret Mead once said: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." This is a shining example of Mead's concept.

Miguel's family and the Rogers Park community advocated for increased water safety measures after Miguel's tragic accident and several other incidents in the neighborhood in recent years. That includes the 2018 drowning death of 13-year-old Darihanne Torres. That sad July day, West Ridge resident Halle Quezada was on the beach with her kids, frantically searching for something that could float, "while helplessly watching a child fatally submerge and witnessing several would-be-rescuers turn into victims needing rescuing themselves."

In response, Quezada co-founded the Chicago Alliance for Waterfront Safety. She also helped Rep. Cassidy draft the new law.

"This weekend, I stood in front of a life ring at that same spot and whispered to the 13-year-old girl we lost, 'This is for you,'" said Quezada. "Of course, it is too late for her and I will never stop wishing this could bring her back, but her legacy will live in this law, ensuring that when the unthinkable unfolds, we will have a fighting chance at survival."

Swimming season is upon us, so remember, drownings often happen quickly and

with little noise. Public safety officials recommend using wearable flotation devices, closely monitoring children at play, and assessing weather conditions carefully before swimming. Please do all of the above.

Congratulations to everyone who made this happen, including Miguel's mom, Maria Diaz, who lost a big chunk of her heart that day but still managed, through unimaginable and intense grief, to fight for something that might have saved her beloved son's life had it already been in place -- a simple safety ring.

"I'm grateful to all the advocates,

especially the Cisneros family, who turned their grief into action and brought us to this day," said Rep. Cassidy.

The passage of this law is an example of how democracy should work, said Ald. Maria Hadden [49th].

"Thank you to the community leaders who implored us to do more to prevent further tragedies at our lakefront," Hadden said. "Having this new standard for safety is the right thing to do to save lives."

Amen to that.

**Lady curates the Blues...** the always-fabulous Lynn Orman Weiss is curator of a wonderful exhibit that pays tribute to some great Blues women. And it's just in time for the Chicago Blues Fest, which starts Thursday in Millennium Park.

The collection of amazing photos, "Women of the Blues: A Coast to Coast Collection," debuts from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight, June 8, at the New Epiphany Center for the Arts, 201 S. Ashland Ave. (The event is free but reservations are required. Go to [etix.com](http://etix.com) and look up Women of the Blues).

The exhibit, which documents the past and celebrates the future by showing many generations of these incredible women, was put together by Orman Weiss, who is also founder and curator of the Women of the Blues Foundation. She collaborated with Epiphany Center and put together a collec-

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## St. Henry's cemetery tour June 18



St. Henry's Cemetery, 1929 W. Devon Ave., at Ridge.

Photo courtesy of Cynthia Anderson

Ever since the pandemic, cemeteries have become very popular spots.

Now the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society [RP-WRHS] is once again hosting cemetery walking tours. St. Henry's Cemetery, 1929 W. Devon Ave., at Ridge, is Chicago's only surviving churchyard cemetery, and the final resting place for many of the original settlers of the Edgewater, Rogers Park and West Ridge communities.

Those interested may join RP-WRHS' cemetery historian Glenna Eaves for a tour that features farmers, builders, merchants, entrepreneurs and artisans laid to rest in this intimate, beautifully-maintained graveyard.

The tour will be 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 18, and the cost is \$20.

Guests will learn how their lives and accomplishments of

those interred there shaped local history and discover surprising stories that include a tragic unsolved murder mystery, the inspiration for a well-known ballpark treat, and a romance sparked by the Great Chicago Fire.

The church itself was erected in 1905. The neo-Gothic structure, clad in brick with ornamentation of limestone and bronze, originally served Chicago's German and Luxembourg Catholic community. But as the population changed, it was given to a Croatian parish in the 1970s. At its founding three acres were set aside for a cemetery. St. Henry's Cemetery is a simple, functional, open space with only few large monuments that is well suited to the needs of conservative immigrants farming the land north of the city.

To register, or for more information, visit <https://rpwrhs.org>.



The proposed Bally casino would replace the Chicago Tribune printing plant at 777 W. Chicago Ave. This bustling intersection is boxed in by the Chicago River, vehicular bridges and Metra railroad tracks—not an ideal site for a mega development.

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crease," said Vallas. "It will do neither."

Bally Corp. predicted the casino would pump \$200 million annually into pension coffers. Unfortunately, that represents just 9% of the city's annual pension contribution. However, Bally is not contractually required by the city to actually deliver that amount.

The proposed Bally casino would replace the Chicago Tribune printing plant at 777 W. Chicago Ave. This bustling intersection is boxed in by the Chicago River, vehicular bridges and Metra railroad tracks—not an ideal site for a mega development. Traffic congestion on Chicago Ave. west of Halsted also includes a steady flow of slow-moving trucks from a nearby cement plant on Goose Island.

In addition to the casino's 3,400 slot machines and 173 gaming tables, Bally's plan also includes a hotel, an entertainment complex, a food hall, four bars, an outdoor park and an amenity terrace.

The latest actions by the key state regulatory body responsible for examining the qualifications of Bally and the Chicago casino is sparking calls to kill the casino project altogether, according to anti-gambling groups.

The Illinois Gambling Board, the government agency charged with overseeing the gambling industry in the state—including the Chicago casino proposal—recently advanced an application for an online-only sports wagering license for Grupo Caliente, a company allegedly connected to

illegal drugs and money laundering.

Apparently, Grupo Caliente, and its owner Jorge Hank Rhon, have been cited by the New York Inspector General as "the subject of numerous allegations of illegal activities."

In addition, Rhon "has been suspected by U.S. law enforcement and Mexican authorities of illegal money-laundering activities related to illicit drug trafficking, particularly with the Arellano Felix drug cartel based in

of the murder. Another employee has disappeared and the case remains under investigation.

- The Nevada Gaming Board effectively ended all contracts with Grupo Caliente due to concerns with its shady operations.
- Rhon's dog-racing track does not have animal-welfare standards. Also, Rhon has faced arrest and fines due to trafficking of wildlife, including endangered species, as well as illegal firearms possession.

***"When the people regulating gambling see an operator who has been suspected of money laundering, wildlife trafficking, and ties to drug trafficking for the Mexican cartels as acceptable, it demonstrates even further why the citizens of Chicago can't trust the Lightfoot administration," said Zach Savella Stallard, of Stop Predatory Gambling Illinois.***

Tijuana," according to a report by the national advocacy group, Stop Predatory Gambling, and Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems.

The two anti-gaming advocacy groups sent a terse letter to the Illinois Gambling Board outlining serious concerns with Grupo Caliente, and its owner Rhon, highlighting the following serious charges:

- The governor of Baja, Mexico, accused Rhon of being responsible for the high-crime rate in his state.
- A reporter investigating Rhon's alleged drug use was assassinated, and employees of Rhon's dog-racing track were convicted

The two anti-gambling groups are concerned over the negligence of the Illinois Gaming Board and its questionable ability to properly regulate the impact of the new Bally casino and other ventures on gambling addiction and criminal activity.

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for the Mexican cartels as acceptable, it demonstrates even further why the citizens of Chicago can't trust the Lightfoot administration," said Zach Savella Stallard, of Stop Predatory Gambling Illinois.

Lightfoot's claim that the "casino regulatory-approval process will protect our communities" is untrustworthy, Stallard said.

Here is a link to the Illinois Gambling Board letter: <https://www.stoppredatorygambling.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-Caliente-letter-to-IGB.pdf>

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# Connors Park to be restored

**One of the most beloved people-watching spaces on Near North Side**

BY THOMAS J. O'GORMAN

The pandemic was not good for people and parks, and one of the Near North Side's beloved pocket parks got hit hard.

Connors Park, 861 N. Wabash Ave. / 41 E. Chestnut, is set for a rehab and return to its former glory as a premier people-watching space.

The park is formed on a triangle of land bounded by Rush, Wabash and Chestnut streets. Connors Park is a small 0.34 acre pocket plaza surrounded by wealth, clout and people... lots of people. Yes, sometimes things in Chicago actually do work. Even in the Gold Coast.

Nothing says that louder than the planned renaissance of Connors Park. The time is just ripe to reinvent an important piece of neighborhood greenery. And for an important partnership between nearby commercial enterprises and local government.

Recently Truluck Restaurant opened across the street from Connors Park. General manager John Damas has sought to develop a lasting plan for the park's restoration. He's had beauty on his mind.

Truluck has led the way with an aggressive campaign to recruit support - and funds - for sprucing up the environment at their end of Rush St.

The work started with the make-over of their own grand outdoor patio space. Second on his list was the restoration of the surrounding Connors Park across the street.

A new commercial enterprise, Jeni's Ice Cream, a high-end ice cream establishment will soon open on the park's commercial space. They too have concerns about the park and have displayed lots of goodwill to reshape the grandeur of the park.

Jeni's new location is perfect for summer city strolls, through some of the busiest people-watching streets in the city. The project recently received the permits necessary to move forward.

"Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] has also been remarkable in lending a hand and voice from the start," said Damas. "He has been enormously cooperative, providing significant leadership. So too has the Chicago Park District [CPD]."

Now each has secured the funds necessary to complete a restoration of the park. The alderman has secured a working budget contribution of some \$60,000 from the city. And the CPD has guaranteed \$45,000 for the restoration. The bids are in and the plan has begun.

No one would be more happy about this than the man after whom it is named, former long-time Illinois State Sen. William J. Connors (1892 -1961), affectionately known as "Bacci" Connors. Connors rose from deputy municipal court bailiff to state senator, serving seven terms and acting as

senate minority leader.

You might not be familiar with this powerful Illinois political powerhouse from Chicago's past, but you might have been familiar with his daughter, Chicago Sun-Times columnist Dorsey Connors. An early star of Chicago television.

The senator was an important leader in all Gold Coast affairs. His political partner was former 42nd Ward Ald. Dorsey Crowe. Together they managed the comings and goings of local life to build a sturdy, healthy neighborhood of elegance and refinement.

Connors Park is nearly as old as the city itself. The City of Chicago acquired the tiny triangle of land from an early subdivider in 1848. The city retained jurisdiction until 1959, when it transferred the park to the CPD. Over its long history, the property was known as both



A rededication of Connors Park on the Near North Side will hopefully take place later this summer.

Oak Park and Arbor Rest. What is more, between 1931 and 1957, a sign mistakenly labeled the park Rehm Arbor, the name of another triangular park nearby.

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## More summer camps at Chase Park

New summer camps dates have been added at Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Ave.

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## Artists of the Wall Festival June 18-19

This year Artists of the Wall Festival will be held at Loyola Park June 18-19, with the theme World of Tomorrow.

Registration for 150 reserved mural spaces is sold out, but a limited number of walk-up spaces will be available.

Registration and walk up availability begin at 9 a.m. Circle Gardens, a community garden within Loyola Park, will offer chalk drawing on their community garden beds.

Guests can watch artists create murals along the beachfront from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3p.m. Sunday.

## Musicians wanted for Make Music Chicago event

The Willye White Park Advisory Council is seeking bands and musicians to perform at Willye White Park's Make Music Chicago, 1610 W. Howard St., 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 21.

They ask performers to email a recording of or a link to your music to [evamccann1228@gmail.com](mailto:evamccann1228@gmail.com) and [WillyeBWhitepac@gmail.com](mailto:WillyeBWhitepac@gmail.com) for consideration. There is no fee involved for playing at this event.

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Demetria Taylor  
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Win Noll and Mary Lane together on stage at Buddy Guy's Legends.  
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Lynn Orman Weiss in the gallery.  
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tion featuring images of extraordinary voices of blues women photographed by photographers from around the world.

The traveling exhibit was inspired by Chicago's Queen of the Blues, the late, legendary Koko Taylor, Orman Weiss said. The exhibit also pays homage to 86-year-old blues legend Mary Lane, who will be honored at the Blues Festival at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the new Women in Blues stage. "I'm A Woman," will close out the show, paying tribute to Lane and featuring a dozen extraordinary Chicago Blues Women.

The celebration will continue at the Epiphany Center at 9 p.m. Sunday night when Lane is the special guest of Win Noll and The Rockin' Souls. (Cost is \$20.) Orman Weiss said Lane mentored



Artist Ken Wilson.

Noll, and has been passing the torch to rising stars such as her.

A collection of these historical and remarkable photos are also on exhibit through June at Cliff Dwellers, 200 S. Michigan Ave. If you're looking for a cure for the summertime blues head on over, because you definitely won't be singin' the Blues after seeing these simply-marvelous pix.

**All's fair...** North Side artist Ken Wilson has participated in the Wells Street Art Fest for 15 years, and once again he will sell his cool art at this weekend's 47th annual, which takes place

on Wells St. between North Ave. and Division St.

It runs concurrent with, and parallel to the Old Town Art Fair located just to the north.

Wilson and a diverse mix of more than 140 juried local and national artists will be selling traditional paintings and sculpture, artisan woodworking and metalsmithing, ceramics, jewelry, craft, photography, digital arts, and more. Wander their booths, sample tasty food, do some kid's crafts, see the amazing Jesse White Tumblers, and listen to great music from local bands.

Giulia Sindler, co-chair of the Art Festival Committee and co-owner of the neighborhood's family-owned Kamehachi Restaurant, said the nonprofit Old Town Merchants & Residents Association (OTMRA)---the fest is its primary fundraiser--- is excited to bring back this neighborhood tradition and that the area's businesses have endured so much over the past two years that they are, "hoping this weekend will bring new and old festival-goers together to enjoy the beautiful weather and experience all that

our neighborhood has to offer."

We caught up with Wilson and he gave us a little more info on himself, below. Be sure to check him out if you go!

**Q:** You're a 15-year fest seller. What has that been like for you?

**A:** I started my career as an illustrator for many publications, including Chicago Reader and Chicago Tribune, but the surge in art festivals have given artists like myself a new way to promote my work and reach new customers. I enjoy engaging with the customers in-person, which isn't an option with online platforms or galleries in some cases.

**Q:** Who inspired you to be an artist and when did your love of art begin?

**A:** From a very young age I always enjoyed drawing and creating artwork. My mother inspired me as a young boy, as a young adult I became influenced by comic books and animated films. The pop artists of the '60s continue to fuel my passion, especially artists such as Robert Rauschenberg, Joseph Cornell and the comic artist Bill Sienkiewicz.

**Q:** What sort of artwork will you be selling?

**A:** This season, I have completed a new series of graphite portraits assembled with collage. This series focuses on more female and diverse musicians than the classic rock icons featured in some of my past work (Keith Richards, Paul McCartney, Grateful Dead). The new series will include images of Dolly Parton, Amy Winehouse, Prince, and even John Belushi. My work for sale ranges from \$3 postcards up to large-scale originals. Festivals like Wells Street provide an entry point for art collectors within any budget range.

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"This is a memorial to those guys and the thousands of folks who died from AIDS," State Rep. Greg Harris said on June 2 at the grand opening of the AIDS Garden Chicago, located just south of Belmont Harbor. Harris was diagnosed with HIV in 1988.

## AIDS Garden Chicago debuts along North Side lakefront

Nearly 20 years after Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] began talking about creating a memorial to the lives lost during the AIDS epidemic, the longtime Lakeview businessman stood with other luminaries on a stretch of lakefront just south of Belmont Harbor on June 2.

Tunney was there for the grand opening of AIDS Garden Chicago, a new 2.5-acre park anchored by artist Keith Haring's 30-foot sculpture, "Self-Portrait."

"Many of the people here have been in

the trenches for, God bless, 40 years," Tunney remembered. "40 years plus actually."

"This is what this garden is about," he continued. "Education, resilience and making sure that this type of pandemic or crisis never happens again with government indifference for the first 10 years."

Haring's towering sculpture was installed in late 2019, but progress on the memorial slowed when the COVID-19 pandemic arrived months later.

The garden is located on a stretch of land

where the gay community gathered for decades on the "Belmont Rocks," limestone boulders that protected the shoreline from Lake Michigan's waves. The Army Corps of Engineers replaced the rocks with the current cement revetment shortly after Tunney became alderman in 2003.

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Mayor Lori Lightfoot remembered visiting the Belmont Rocks as a law school student.

"This spot really means a lot to me personally. I came here after my first Pride Parade and I was amazed to see what felt like a sea of beautiful, diverse humanity, hanging out, dancing, playing music, barbecuing. I'd never seen or experienced anything like that before," Lightfoot recalled.

## Plan Commission virtually approves destruction of historic church building

### Architect's work linked to 1893 World's Fair design

PHOTO AND STORY  
BY PETER VON BUOL

In a virtual meeting held on May 26, the eight-member Chicago Plan Commission [CPC] approved a developer's plans which will allow the demolition of a 120-year-old Lincoln Park church building which incorporates design features from a building its architect had designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

Located at 2700-2717 N. Pine Grove Ave., development company Ogden Partners will incorporate the south, east and west facades of the existing building of the 2nd Church of Christ [Christian Science] congregation into what will become a six-story residential building with 22 residential units.

Among those who had been advocating for the preservation of the historic building had been the members of Preservation Chicago, a non-profit architectural preservation advocacy group which had sought re-use of the building.

"While it's notable that the façades of architect Solon S. Beman's Christian Science Church will remain standing, it is unfortunate that the entire orange rated building could not be preserved. The work of Beman is honored and revered on the South Side for what today is our Pullman National Monument Park, but obviously discounted in Lincoln Park, where only the exterior shell will be preserved and the larger building demolished. This is extremely unfortunate," said Ward Miller, the group's executive director.

The property will also include worship space in the existing foyer for the dwindling congregation of the Christian Science Church. The new building will eliminate a surface parking lot but will add 31 underground parking spaces. These spaces will be accessed through an alley entrance, not through a curb cut.

"One would assume that the congregation would [have wanted] to preserve what many would consider as part of a national treasure in Chicago. However, it appears that monetizing the site may have been a priority, even over a community cultural center, which could have been the ultimate

gift by this religious congregation to the Lincoln Park Community. So, it's a missed opportunity. We had found a major philanthropic Chicago-based foundation that was willing to sponsor this proposed Lincoln Park community center," said Miller.

Principal of Ogden Partners is Mark Ordower, who happens to serve as a board member on the Near South Planning Board [NSPB], a delegate agency of the city's neighborhood business development program which serves the city's South Loop neighborhood, and which has a stated purpose of attracting and retaining neighborhood businesses.

The agency includes some of the city's most prominent developers and architects, including Ernest Wong, chair of the city's Commission on Landmarks. The CPC and the Commission on Chicago Landmarks both are within the Dept. of Planning and Development [DPD].

The CPC is responsible for the review of proposals that involve the Lakefront Protection Ordinance and the historic church property's proximity to the lakefront triggered the review process.

Miller said his group is disheartened Ordower's plan will cause the destruction of a building which echoes Beman's award-winning Merchant's Tailor Building from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, which had also been built in an architectural style known as Classical Revival.

For decades afterward, Christian Science congregations around the country followed Beman's lead as they built their own church buildings in the same style.

"This plan could have been another major institution in Lincoln Park, but will now be a new residential building, springing from the shell of a former Landmark-quality temple, which should have been a Designated Chicago Landmark," said Miller.

Houses of worship are exempted from Chicago Landmark Status ostensibly to not cause an undue financial burden. Miller said too many of Chicago's historic churches have been lost and Preservation Chicago is urging the Chicago City Council to reconsider the city's religious buildings ordinance.

"Looking to the future, we need to repeal the 1987 Religious Buildings Ordinance, which exempts houses of worship from being given Chicago Landmark Sta-

tus, without the consent of the owner. No other building type must conform to this special provision of the landmarks ordinance, except these houses of worship, which are also tax exempt to our city's tax base," said Miller.

For many, houses of worship provide a sense of permanence to their neighborhood and for generations, Miller added, they have been actual landmarks for residents.

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# Beach bums

## Nine charged with taking guns to North Ave. Beach; Beachgoer stabbed on way home from Montrose Beach

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police seized 11 illegal guns at North Ave. Beach over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, CPD Supt. David Brown said May 31. At least 13 adults, all men, were charged with felony gun possession at the beach on May 30. They appeared in felony bond court May 31 before, coincidentally, Judge Charles Beach.

It was another social media mob gathering of young people, promoted on social media as a “2000s themed cookout beach takeover.” On May 11, another mob party was called at North Ave. Beach, which was broken up by the police, only to see the youths spill into the Gold Coast and Old Town areas, with bad behavior going on for hours.

While Brown credited his department’s “enhanced security protocols” for the gun seizures, all but two of the individuals charged were caught when they allegedly tried to bring firearms through checkpoints at the beach entrances — or ran away from the checkpoints when cops asked to look inside their bags.

Police established the checkpoints to prevent alcohol from being brought onto the beach, according to prosecutors. A sign posted near one checkpoint

warned beachgoers that bags were subject to search and cited a city ordinance against having alcoholic beverages on park property.

Officers began making gun arrests shortly after the checkpoints were set up, and were then pelted by glass bottles thrown by rowdy partygoers.

Several of the men arrested on May 30 had state-issued Firearm Owners ID [FOID] cards that allow people to own firearms, but lacked concealed carry licenses [CCL].

Only two of the nine people who appeared in bond court Tuesday were not arrested as a result of CPD checkpoint searches.

Jevon Stephenson, 21, of Calumet City, is one of these men. Cops patrolling the beach saw Stephenson reach into a backpack and pull out a gun that he pointed at an “unknown individual,” Assistant State’s Attorney Sean Kelly said. Stephenson complied with a police order to drop the weapon, Kelly said.

The firearm was allegedly reported stolen from Michigan in September.

Stephenson reportedly has an FOID but no CCL. Beach said he could go home after posting a \$500 bail deposit, but he must stay in the house from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Charles Owens, 23, allegedly carried a gun that was discovered by a security guard during a bag check at Castaways, the restaurant and bar atop the beach’s landmark boat-shaped service building. Prosecutors said the guard seized the loaded handgun and an additional ammunition magazine



(L to R): Damian Avila, Mehkyi Bridges, Juan Carrasquillo, Bryan Frost, Kaleb Harris, Giovanni Mercado, Charles Owens, and Jevon Stephenson.



Chicago police staff a checkpoint at the entrance to North Ave. Beach on Memorial Day weekend.

from Owens, then summoned police while he apparently enjoyed the venue. Owens has a FOID but not a CCL, Kelly said.

“Mr. Owens comes before the court ... He has no criminal background whatsoever. He’s gainfully employed. He’s college educated. Yet, for some reason, unlicensed, he carries a weapon to the beach,” summarized Judge Beach.

“If you’re doing it because you’re worried you gotta defend yourself, then perhaps you just don’t go to the beach,” the judge continued. “Just don’t go if you think it’s going to be dangerous.”

Owens paid a \$500 bail deposit bond to go home and await trial.

Beach handed down similar bail amounts to four other men who were allegedly caught with firearms at CPD checkpoints.

But the judge tripled the required bail deposit for Mehkyi Bridges, 20, of Joliet. Prosecutors said Bridges ran from the police checkpoint, had \$320 worth of pot in his bag, and carried a loaded “ghost gun.” He was also adjudicated delinquent for aggravated robbery as a juvenile in 2019, prosecutors said. Beach cited all of those factors as reasons for Bridges’ higher bail amount.

Another man, whose full name

was not stated in court, allegedly backed away from the CPD checkpoint, refused to show his fanny pack, then bolted into the traffic lanes of Lake Shore Drive as he tried to escape from police. Prosecutors said he was caught trying to climb over a fence into the park on the other side of the drive. Cops allegedly found a loaded handgun in his fanny pack. Beach said the 23-year-old O’Hare employee would need \$1,000 to get out of jail because he allegedly ran from cops and headed into a park where people were enjoying the holiday.

Two other men who allegedly ran from the checkpoints with guns in fanny packs will also need \$1,000 to go home: Giovanni Mercado, 20, and Juan Carrasquillo, 25. Beach also ordered Mercado to go onto electronic monitoring.

Beach ordered three men who were allegedly arrested at checkpoints to pay \$500 deposits to go home: Kaleb Harris, a 20-year-old security guard who has never been arrested before. Beach also ordered him to stay in the house from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.; Bryan Frost, 21, of Lake County, who has no criminal background, and Damian Avila, 27, who has no background and holds an FOID card. Beach also ordered him to go onto electronic monitoring.

### Beachgoer stabbed and robbed as he walked home from Montrose Beach

On May 31 prosecutors charged a woman with robbing a beachgoer as he walked home from Montrose Beach over the holiday weekend. But her boyfriend, who allegedly stabbed the victim during the robbery, remains on the loose.

It happened under the Lawrence Ave. bridge as the victim and a friend headed home around 9 p.m. May 28.

Prosecutors said a woman asked the victim’s friend for money or the bags they were carrying, but the situation escalated and became physical. The soon-to-be robbery victim tried to break it up, but the woman punched him in the face six times, Assistant State’s Attorney Sean Kelly said.

She also ordered the victim to hand over all of his property. He refused.

That’s when a man intervened.

“Are you messing with my woman?” he asked before punching the victim three times and stabbing him in the chest, according to Kelly. The man and woman then took the victim’s bags.

The victim ran to nearby Weiss Hospital for treatment, but they transferred him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, which has a trauma unit, Kelly said.

Police arrested Jennifer Dlouhy, 43, in the area. The victim and his friend both identified her as one of the assailants, according to Kelly. The man is still at large.

Assistant Public Defender Suzin Farber said Dlouhy has no criminal background and may have mental health concerns.

Judge Charles Beach set Dlouhy’s bail at \$25,000. She must post 10% of that to go home on electronic monitoring.

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# Did City block FBI invite to stalled Clewer case?

**2004 murder remains unsolved as CPD seeks new tips**

BY BOB ZULEY

On May 24, Chicago Police announced they are seeking new information about the unsolved murder of Kevin Clewer, and in particular, about a long-sought person of interest named "Fernando."

Clewer's lifeless body was discovered on March 24, 2004 in his third floor apartment at 3444 N. Elaine Pl., by his father during a welfare check after Clewer failed to arrive at work that morning.

Over the ensuing 18 years, Clewers' brother, Ronald, has worked tirelessly in keeping his beloved brother's case in the public eye through frequent media interviews and public outreach.

Unknown to Ronald and the Clewer family, two key factors likely played determining roles in not bringing the stalled investigation to fruition.

First, Clewer's homicide investigation was assigned to CPD Area 3 De-

etective Frank Esposito who was possibly distracted at the time in salvaging his besieged Express Valet Company from numerous court cases as was reported at the time by Lisa Parker of NBC5 News. Cook County Circuit Court records reveal that Esposito or Express Valet were named in 17 cases brought by the City of Chicago between 2002 and 2007.

Detective Esposito's Express Valet operated with invalid insurance at all nine restaurants and Rush St. nightspots he serviced. Chicago Consumer Services spokesperson Connie Buscemi told NBC5 at the time that they charged Express Valet with 33 counts of licensing violations including deceptive practice, consumer fraud, no insurance and no valet parking license. CPD Internal Affairs was also investigating Esposito, according to NBC5.

Esposito was subsequently fined \$252,373 for the infractions, an order that was eventually upheld by the Illinois Appellate Court.

He was ordered suspended from the police department for 30 days — a penalty that was suspended in Aug. 2007 by his personal friend, then-CPD Supt. Phil Cline, who was a member of Esposito's wedding party as the Chicago Sun-Times reported in 2014.

Esposito was also involved in a separate Internal Affairs investigation involving missing files in the death of Jason Strangeland according to a Sun-Times report by Tim Novak and Chris Fusco.

Strangeland, 30, died in 2010 from injuries suffered in an altercation at a Rush St. bar in 2008, according to the report.

Of interest, Clewers murder investigation coincided with the infamous April 25, 2004, murder of David Koschman. Koschman was fatally punched while on a late

night Division St. outing with friends by Richard J. "R.J." Vanecko, a nephew of then-Mayor Richard M. Daley. Vanecko's brother, Robert, was business partners with Daley's son, Patrick. Vanecko later pled guilty to the charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with Koschman's death.

In the controversial investigation that followed Vanecko's case, the ensuing 2004 and 2011 police probes of Vanecko's involvement in the homicide likely distracted top police bosses from Area 3 and CPD headquarters from objectively overseeing the high-publicity Clewer investigation. It also may have contributed to top aides to Mayor Daley to quash a subsequent city agency request to then-CPD Supt. Jody Weis to invite the FBI to join in and assist the stalled Clewer investigation.

The extensive police investigations in 2004 and 2011 of Vanecko's role in Koschman's death was revealed by special prosecutor Dan K. Webb and was heavily reported by local media.

A U.S. federal lawsuit filed by Koschman's mother against the city and Cook County prosecutors similarly detailed the participation of numerous sworn police officers and prosecutors in the conspiracy. It's unknown how many people from the mayor's of-

fice were involved.

In 2015, the City of Chicago authorized a \$250,000 payment to Nanci Koschman to settle a lawsuit accusing police and prosecutors of a cover-up in the death of her son who got into a fight with the nephew of Mayor Daley, as was broadly reported at the time.

Five months later, the office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez authorized a \$50,000 payment to Nanci Koschman.

Both the Clewer and Koschman homicide investigations fell under the purview of police Area 3, the regional police headquarters located at Belmont and Western avenues. The premier unit was highly sought after and acceptance to the elite homicide unit was rare.

The area encompasses police districts ranging from the North Loop to the northern border of the city, and from the North Branch of the Chicago River eastward to the Lake Michigan shoreline. The vast area encompassed everyone from the privileged elite of the Gold Coast to the downtrodden of the Cabrini-Green housing site and expansive residential communities throughout. (It also entirely encompasses this newspaper's coverage area.)

In the aftermath of Clewer's murder, police responded to intense community pressure by releasing a sketch of a young Latino male believed to be named "Fernando" as a person of interest in the case. Completion of the sketch was made possible by a Little Jim's Tavern patron who cooperated with police.

Fernando was believed to have met Clewer, then 31 years of age, in Little Jim's, a popular tavern at 3501 N. Halsted St., and traveled together to Clewer's apartment around the corner on Elaine Pl. Clewer was subsequently discovered stabbed over three dozen times in his bedroom the following afternoon by his father. Clewer's roommate reported hearing nothing suspicious but told police he may have heard Clewer admit someone into the apartment around 4 a.m., according to

WBBM Newsradio.

(Full disclosure. It was at this time that this writer came to the realization that he believed he knew the person depicted as the "Fernando" person of interest and turned over pertinent information and photographs of Fernando to his brother, veteran Area 3 homicide Detective Richard Zuley who had returned after a recent leave of absence.)

After 12 months of investigation under Esposito, Det. Zuley quickly developed information about Fernando from sources in the community. One of his most frequent tipsters was William "Feathers" Gary, a bartender

at the Granville Anvil tavern located in Edgewater. Fernando's frequent talk in the bar about Clewer's murder arose such alarm that Fernando was barred from the premises by management.

Based upon the actionable information they developed and upon learning that Fernando was preparing to imminently relocate to California to escape the pressure from Clewer's murder, Det.



Police sketch of person of interest, "Fernando."



Kevin Clewer.

**CLEWER** see p. 12

## Overnight closure coming for Lake Shore Dr. Bridge

The Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT] plans to close the Lake Shore Dr. bridge over The Chicago River starting tomorrow, to make adjustments. The project is expected to be completed sometime in mid-July.

This project will occur during the overnight hours to accommodate weekly boat runs during the day. This work will occur on Mondays and Thursdays beginning June 9.

Upper Lake Shore Dr. will

be closed from Illinois St. to Monroe St. and Lower Lake Shore Dr. will be closed from Grand Ave. to Lower Wacker Dr.

Southbound traffic will be directed off onto westbound Grand Ave., to southbound Columbus Ave., to eastbound Monroe St. and back to the Drive. Northbound traffic will be directed off at westbound Monroe St., to northbound Columbus Ave., to eastbound Illinois St. and back to the Drive.

Meanwhile, on Dearborn St.,

CDOT has scheduled emergency work on the Dearborn Bridge to begin June 13. They will be replacing both sidewalks, all of the bridge grating and replacing the beam structures.

This project is expected to last through December. The bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic and sidewalk at a time. Bike traffic will be detoured to Clark St.

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# Police Beat...

**Three juveniles questioned in connection with wave of North Side robberies are back on the streets**

We previously reported that Chicago police were questioning two men in connection with a series of North Side armed robberies that unfolded over the Memorial Day weekend. Evidence is growing that the crew responsible for the weekend's wave of hold-ups is part of the group that committed dozens of robberies earlier in the month, including the shooting of Dakotah Earley in Lincoln Park.

It turns out police actually arrested a third person, too. All are juveniles.

And the bad news is, they have all been returned to the streets, according to a source.

Cops arrested the suspects May 30 after they ran from a Honda Civic that was stolen during a robbery spree on the North Side on May 29. The car was used in more robberies that Sunday night and early Monday across Lakeview and Rogers Park.

On May 30, as CPD tracked the Civic from the air and ground, one teen bailed out of its driver's seat and ran into a house on the 1500 block of S. Drake. That home is about 50 feet from where cops located the stolen BMW used by the robbery crew that shot Dakotah Earley in May, according to a CPD analytical report provided to this reporter.

The Civic's other two occupants continued driving the car and cops arrested them after they jumped out of the vehicle near the Harrison 11th District police station. Prosecutors charged one of them with unlawful use of a weapon after cops saw him running from the stolen car with a gun in his hand.

The second teen who ran from the car is charged with theft of lost or mislaid property. That's a charge commonly used when someone has stolen property like robbery or burglary proceeds.

The third suspect was released without being charged with anything, the source said. Police arrested him for unlawful use of a weapon in April.

A source with knowledge of the investigation said they were "baffled" by the decision to release the trio.

Two sets of robberies over the holiday weekend, one in Rogers Park and West Ridge, the other in Lakeview and Rogers Park, have been linked to the stolen Honda Civic.

In our story, a law enforcement source pointed to parallels between the weekend robbery sprees and a similar wave of perhaps 30 robberies across the North Side that unfolded in May. Those similarities included the robbers' willingness to fire a handgun at victims, commission of several crimes in one night, an orange face mask, and the general tactic of confronting individuals and small groups of people who are walking during the late night and early evening hours. Now, the 1500 block of S. Drake seems to be another parallel.

In another notable case, Chicago police arrested a 17-year-old boy on the 1500 block of S. Drake in February after linking him to the carjacking of a 77-year-old woman near Wrigleyville last year.

This month's robberies bear many similarities to another violent rob-

bery surge that hit the North Side late last year. After two people were shot in separate armed robberies two hours apart in Boystown on Dec. 28 and 29, the hold-up crew moved its activities north to Edgewater, where armed robbers shot a witness during a hold-up on Jan. 13.

A 17-year-old boy is charged with the Edgewater shooting and several of the robberies that occurred in the wintertime spree.

**Man flashed gun, gang signs at cops while waiting for red light to change in Edgewater**

A five-time felon is in hot water again after he allegedly flashed gang signs at two cops and displayed a handgun while waiting for a red light to change in Edgewater on May 30.



Buster Lacour

The officers, traveling in an unmarked car but wearing full police uniforms, were waiting for the light at 6100 N. Sheridan when another car pulled up alongside them around 1:02 a.m.

When a cop looked over at the car, its front seat passenger threw up a gang sign and flashed a handgun through the window, Assistant State's Attorney Sean Kelly said.

The officers pulled the car over, recovered a loaded handgun from the floorboard in front of the passenger, and arrested him, according to Kelly.

Buster Lacour, 37, is charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.

Kelly said Lacour was convicted of possessing a stolen motor vehicle in 2002, identity theft and aggravated battery in 2007, violating an order of protection in 2016, and aggravated battery in 2017. He also has six misdemeanor convictions since 2012, Kelly noted.

Lacour's public defender said he is married, has four kids, lives with his father, and served three years in the army.

Judge Charles Beach set bail at \$35,000. That means Lacour must post a deposit of \$3,500 to go home before trial.

**Charges filed in Lakeview carjacking**

Prosecutors have filed carjacking and gun charges against a man in connection with a vehicular hijacking in Lakeview in May.

Around 1 p.m. May 28, a man was repairing a scooter behind his home on the 1400 block of W. Cuyler when two masked men walked up and one put a gun to his head.



Dentrell Curtis

The men demanded the victim's car keys and one of them reached into his pockets to get them, Assistant State's Attorney Christopher Cromydas said. Then they climbed into his Lexus SUV and drove away, followed by an accomplice who was driving a silver Jeep.

Cromydas said the Jeep had been carjacked from a woman in Cicero a few days earlier.

About 30 minutes later, cops spotted the stolen Lexus and the Jeep traveling together and tried to pull them over. The Lexus got away, but the Jeep crashed outside the Northwest Armory, next to Humboldt Park.

The Jeep's driver, Dentrell Curtis, 19, admitted to taking part in the Lakeview carjacking and he even identified the victim in photographs, Cromydas said. Police also found a loaded and stolen handgun in the Jeep, Cromy-

das added. Curtis allegedly told cops he carried the gun for protection.

Prosecutors charged Curtis with armed violence, aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, possessing a stolen motor vehicle, fleeing and eluding, and leaving the scene of an accident. He also received several traffic citations. Judge Charles Beach ordered him held without bail at the state's request.

**Loop bank robber strikes for the 4th time in a month**

The Loop's serial bank robber struck again on Friday afternoon, according to new information from the FBI, marking the fourth time he has robbed a bank in the neighborhood since May 2.

He picked the US Bank at 71 S. Wacker for his latest heist, which unfolded at 3:16 p.m. on May 27, the FBI said.

The robber wore a Led Zeppelin hoodie with the band's "Swan Song" logo emblazoned across the front. It remains to be seen if the May 27 robbery will, in fact, be his swan song.

According to the FBI, the same man robbed Huntington National Bank, 20 N. Clark, around 3:57 p.m. on May 23; Chase Bank, 2 N. LaSalle at 4:14 p.m. on May 9; and US Bank, 25 E. Washington, at 11:23 a.m. on May 2.

He has presented written notes demanding money during each hold-up.

The FBI said he is in his 50s or 60s and stands 5'-5" to 5'-8" tall.

So far, the agency has not upped its \$1,000 reward offer for information that leads directly to the robber's arrest and conviction. Tips can be shared with the FBI's Chicago field office at 312-421-6700.

**Police looking for hit-and-run driver who injured motorcyclist in Roscoe Village**



Chicago police are asking for help as they try to track down a hit-and-run driver who struck a 70-year-old motorcyclist in Roscoe Village on June 3.

According to a police report, the motorcyclist was traveling behind the Prius and tried to pass the car on the right by driving in the bicycle lane. The vehicles collided as he tried to pass, causing the motorcyclist to lose control and slide across Roscoe St., the report said.

The driver of the car, a silver-colored Toyota Prius C, continued eastbound, according to police. CPD said the motorcyclist, who lives in Logan Square, was seriously injured.

Anyone with information about the car or the crash can call major accident investigators at 312-745-4521. The case number is JF-266386.

**Gunman robs Verizon store in Lakeview; at least five other phone stores robbed since May 11**

An armed man robbed a Verizon store near the Paulina Brown Line CTA Station on June 5. It appears to be related to a string of similar cellular store robberies that have been reported since May 11 in Lakeview, North Center, Bucktown, and West Town.

The man entered the store at 1654 W. Roscoe around 5 p.m. and loaded a bag with phones, an employee's watch, and other items, according to initial information. He then escaped via the alley.

The robber was described as a Black male who stands about 6-feet tall. He wore a white baseball hat, black mask, black hoodie, white gloves, and car-

ried a bag that said "cookies" on the side, according to an officer who saw surveillance video.

On May 27, a man wearing a ski mask entered the AT&T store at 4000 N. Lincoln and displayed a handgun while announcing a robbery around 8 p.m. He collected boxes of phones from the storage room, then exited through the back door while telling an accomplice to pull around with their getaway car, according to CPD records. He was described as Black, 6'-3" tall, wearing a black hoodie.

On May 24, an armed man robbed the Verizon store at 1652 N. Milwaukee in Bucktown around 7:50 p.m. He forced the store employee into the back of the store and loaded a black bag with phones. The man ordered the store worker to wait five minutes before calling 911 and then fled the scene.

Police who responded to the scene described the robber as a possibly Hispanic man wearing a mask, a blue hoodie, and black shoes.

And on May 18, an armed man robbed the AT&T store at 2006 W. Chicago in West Town. He collected boxes of phones and ran out the back door around 7 p.m. That robber was described as a Black male who stands about 6'-3" tall. He wore red sweats, a black hoodie, and white shoes. Witnesses said he fled in a newer Toyota Camry that waited for him in a nearby parking lot.

A week before that, on May 11, an armed man robbed the Verizon store at 3019 N. Clark in Lakeview. He confronted an employee with a handgun around 7:50 p.m. and forced the victim to the back of the store. He filled a bag with phones and fled through the rear entrance, according to police. He was described as Black, 6'-2" tall, wearing a mask and a black hoodie.

**Three more women, including 77-year-old, mugged in Lincoln Park as robbery pattern grows**

Three more women have been mugged in a small section of Lincoln Park, bring the total number of victims in a days-old robbery pattern to at least nine. And, we have learned, the robbers responsible for the crimes also stole an Amazon delivery driver's car in the same area on June 3. There was a gun inside it.

The latest robbery occurred at 12:30 p.m. June 4 on the 400 block of W. Arlington Place. A CPD spokesperson said two offenders grabbed "personal belongings" from two women then fled in a stolen blue Kia.

That blue car is the Amazon driver's Kia Sportage, which was taken when he left it running unattended on the 500 block of W. Wrightwood around 8:15 p.m. June 3. He told police he had a gun in the car.

Earlier Friday, two muggers knocked a 77-year-old woman to the ground and took her purse by force on the 400 block of W. Deming, police said. She refused medical attention. The robbers escaped in a dark blue Nissan Rogue with Florida plates that had been stolen from the 2300 block of N. Lincoln, according to a police report.

The first robbery in the pattern occurred around 2:20 p.m. June 1 on the 2700 block of N. Pine Grove. The victims in that mugging were a 65-year-old woman and her 40-year-old daughter.

Similar robberies of women were reported June 1 on the 600 block of W. Addison around 8:50 p.m. and on the 2500 block of N. Lakeview around 9:40 p.m.

Then, on June 2, a 31-year-old woman was robbed by two men who pulled away her purse and phone in an alley behind the 2600 block of N. Hampden. A resident recorded the robbers' getaway car as they left the

scene. All of the incidents took place in the Town Hall (19th) Police District, where officers have recorded 122 robberies so far this year, up 33% from this point last year. CPD's latest CompStat statistics report shows robberies in the district are up 39% compared to 2020, 42% compared to 2019, and 3% compared to 2018.

**FBI offers reward for Boystown bank robber**



The FBI is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the man who robbed a Boystown bank on June 3. According to the agency, the man seen in these surveillance images robbed Fifth Third Bank, 3601 N. Broadway, at 12:05 p.m.

He implied he had a gun, then fled north on Broadway after getting less than \$1,000, a CPD report said.

The robber stands about 5'-8" tall and is in his 40s or 50s, according to the FBI.

Tips can be shared with the agency's Chicago Field Office by calling 312-421-6700.

**Man and 14-year-old boy shot in Old Town**

Two people, including a 14-year-old boy, were injured when someone fired shots in a group of people on an Old Town street on June 4.

A crowd was gathered on the 1300 block of N. Hudson when two people began arguing around 2:27 a.m. Police said one of them pulled out a gun during the altercation and began shooting, striking a 23-year-old man and the boy who were standing nearby.

Both victims went to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in a car before police arrived. The man was shot in the chest and the boy was shot in the abdomen and leg. Police said they were in fair condition.

Investigators did not find any shell casings at the scene and cops said they received little help from the crowd.

The victims are the 31st and 32nd persons shot on the Near North Side this year, according to records maintained by this reporter. Six of those victims died.

At this time last year, the Near North Side had recorded nine shooting victims, all of whom survived. There were seven victims, including two fatalities as of June 4, 2020.

**Lincoln Park mugging caught on video as neighbors vow to track down serial robbery team**

Video has surfaced of two men robbing a 65-year-old woman and her daughter in Lincoln Park on June 1. The crime is part of an ongoing pattern of robberies in the immediate area. Another woman was mugged in Boystown under similar circumstances last week, too.

The first robbery, on the 2700 block of N. Pine Grove around 2:20 p.m. June 1, was captured on video. It shows a 40-year-old woman walking with her mother behind two men.

Suddenly, the two men turn around and begin talking with the women. Just as quickly, one robber

# Drunk driver gets six years for crash that killed drag performer in Boystown

BY CWBCHICAGO

A DUI driver who slammed head-on into a popular drag performer's car on Boystown's Halsted St. nightlife strip in July 2019 has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Gerrick Birt, 32, pleaded guilty to aggravated DUI causing death in exchange for the sentence, which was handed down by Judge Michael Hood. Prosecutors dropped three other felonies, including reckless homicide, in their plea deal.

Prosecutors said Birt's blood alcohol level was .253, more than three times the legal limit, when he swerved into oncoming traffic on the 3500 block of N. Halsted and slammed head-on into a northbound vehicle at 2:14 a.m. on July 11, 2019.

The driver of the other car, Jherrion Bates, 25, was on his way to perform at Charlie's Nightclub, 3726 N. Broadway, as GiGi Mayonaé.

Patrol officers working near Roscoe and Halsted streets raced to the crash scene after hearing a loud noise and seeing smoke coming from two vehicles. Police said an officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol when they found Birt sitting behind the wheel of his car, which had caught fire. A cop helped him from the vehicle because he was unable to follow directions, police



Jherrion Bates, performing as GiGi Mayonaé.

said.

Bates underwent surgery at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center two days later to repair a broken pelvis and seemed to be in good spirits.

"I'm mad I'm missing Sunday Funday," he joked on Facebook just three days after the crash. At 1:50 p.m. that afternoon, Bates died from complications caused by the collision.

Snapchat video from moments after the collision showed smoke billowing from cars and a lone horn honking at an otherwise eerily quiet scene.

Birt allegedly told officers that he was driving from Rogers Park to his Bridgeport home after consuming three ounces of Jack Daniel's whiskey. But later, police said, Birt told them he had been drinking Miller beer and only remembered that he drove out of a parking space. He did not recall drinking whiskey or telling police that he consumed



Gerrick Birt

Jack Daniel's, the officers wrote.

Birt is expected to be paroled in Aug. 2014 after receiving a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior and credit for time that he spent on electronic monitoring and in jail before pleading.

## CPD claims cops aren't working 11 days straight as cops finish working 11 days straight

BY CWBCHICAGO

As Chicago Police Supt. David Brown fields questions from reporters during his regular press conferences, he draws occasional sips from a coffee mug. We don't know what Brown drinks from his mug, but it's definitely not truth serum.

Brown's post-weekend press conferences from May 23 and 30 were chock full of moving targets, cherry-picked statistics, and some statements that show a stunning lack of knowledge about his department's operation.

Brown delivered one of his biggest whoppers on May 31 after a reporter asked him about the continual cancellations of days off for the city's cops. The reporter said some officers had worked 11 days straight.

"I don't know where you get the 11 days in a row," Brown replied. "So let's just slow it down a little bit."

Well, one place to get the 11 days in a row is by looking at the CPD's 2022 Operations Calendar, an eyeball-bending chart that is used department-wide to keep track of days off, court dates, and other information.

CPD assigns Chicago cops to one of many rotating "days off groups" so the department can maintain 24/7 operations. As Brown spoke, cops in group #66 were enjoying their first day off after working — 11 days straight.

They were supposed to be off last May 25 and 26, but the department cancelled those.

Cops in group 61 had just finished working 10 days straight as Brown spoke.

Group 62 will work 11 days straight later this month because Brown personally cancelled days off for cops between June 14 and June 20 in a May 30 email. Others will once again slog through 10 days straight.

But that's not all. When another set of cancelled days is factored in, some members of Group 65 are working 17 days in a row. They were last off on May 18 and they were not scheduled to be off again until June 5. Those cops will have a total of three days off between May 19 and June 21.

Chicagoans who watched Brown's press conference last week may have suffered whiplash May 31 when he talked about Memorial Day weekend, which saw the most shootings for the holiday weekend since 2016.

On May 23, Brown raved about the just-concluded weekend as he compared it to the same weekend in 2021.

"This weekend Chicago saw decreases in shootings, shooting victims and homicides compared to the same weekend in 2021. Compared to that same weekend, shootings were down 44%, shooting victims were down 39% and homicides were down 89%. That's this same weekend compared to the previous weekend in 2021," he bragged.

High temperatures on May 21 and 22 were 63° and 65° in Chicago compared to 87° and 82° the same weekend last year.

Yesterday, fresh off the worst Memorial Day weekend in five years, a reporter asked Brown what happened.

Suddenly Brown didn't want to compare the Memorial day weekend to last year's Memorial Day weekend.

"So, just to put it in context," Brown said,

"we look at the last decade of Memorial Day weekends ... we were about the same level of violent crime that we've seen over the last decade."

"You really need to look at 10 years and this one was somewhere not at the top or bottom."

Last week, Brown told reporters that the department "added 130 officers to CTA since March." He went on to claim that, compared to 2019, CTA crime was down 46%.

In fact, total crime across all CTA trains, buses, platforms, stations, and other property, is down compared to 2019, according to city records. Of course, ridership is also down sharply thanks to COVID.

But the kinds of crime that are down may not be the ones riders are most concerned about.

Through May 15, there were 1,029 fewer crimes on the entire CTA system this year compared to the same period in pre-COVID 2019, city records show. About half of the reduction is because of a decline in thefts and pick-pocketing, which makes sense since there are far fewer passengers to pickpocket and steal from.

The other half of the reduction is due to a 63% drop in criminal damage cases (think graffiti), 56 fewer trespassing cases, 194 fewer cases of turnstile jumping and fraud at Ventra machines, and 35 fewer narcotics arrests. Those reductions may result from relaxed enforcement rather than decreased crime.

Meanwhile, murders on CTA increased

from zero in 2019 to one as of May 15. Another CTA passenger was stabbed to death on a Blue Line train hours after Brown's press conference.

In other crimes of concern: non-fatal shootings were up from three to seven through May 15. Criminal sexual assaults were up from two in 2019 to ten this year. Robberies were up from 194 to 204. Stabbings through May 15 were up from 23 to 30. And, again, those increases came with fewer riders.

And the statistics don't include crimes that, technically, didn't occur on CTA property. Like the mass shooting last month in which a gunman fired from the top of the Chicago Red Line CTA station's escalator into a passing group of people. Or the 16-year-old ambushed as he stepped onto the sidewalk from a CTA escalator at the Grand Red Line CTA station.

On May 31, Brown made another claim: "On our CTA, since we added more resources in the past 27 days, CTA crime is down 10% these last 27 days since we've added additional resources."

In fact, Brown, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and CTA President Dorval Carter announced their revamped CTA security plan on March 9, not 27 days ago.

We wanted to know what period of time Brown used to make his claim about a 10% reduction in CTA crime. Is it compared to the same 27 days last year? Four years ago? 2019? A decade?

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## Uptown high-rise on agenda of June 15 meeting

The next 46th Ward Zoning and Development Committee meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14. On the agenda is discussion on the new high-rise proposal for 640 W. Irving Park Rd. This meeting will occur virtually over Zoom. For more information call 773-878-4646 or write to ward46@cityofchicago.org.

## Walk with a future doc

Walk With a Future Doc is an annual series of weekly walking events hosted by the Chicago Parks Foundation [CPF] that aims to bring medical students and community members together for outdoor walks.

Last year, the CPF brought it to Chicago's parks and they will return again this summer. Local medical students lead 45-min weekly park walks and give short talks on health-related topics.

This is a free, low-pressure way to get moving, connect with your neighbors, and learn more about your own health.

The next walk is 6 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 8, at the Lake Shore Park Tennis Courts, 808 N. Lake Shore Dr. Additional walks will be held June 15, 22 and 29.

Registration is requested, visit [www.givepulse.com/event/contact/293538](http://www.givepulse.com/event/contact/293538).

## DESTRUCTION from p. 7

"Keep in mind that these houses of worship were often constructed by members of our families and communities to stand as beautiful places of solitude and worship in perpetuity. That has often been forgotten in recent years and this city ordinance needs a group of sponsoring alderpersons to repeal this ordinance," Miller said.

While the congregation has been described as the "owner of the tabernacle" in its zoning application, a city official informed Inside Publications the congregation will actually be a tenant in the new building.

If the congregation does retain ownership of the foyer space, it may be financially beneficial for the congregation to rent out its tabernacle for events. After all, Lincoln Park is located just east of the church. The congregation also owns the Christian Science Reading room at 2628 N. Clark



Located at 2700-2717 N. Pine Grove Ave., a developer will incorporate the south, east and west facades of the existing 2nd Church of Christ Christian Science building into what will become a six-story residential building with 22 residential units.

St. and may shift its activities to that location on desirable dates for outside rentals.

According to Ogden Partners presentation to the CPC, the development will result in construction of one "affordable housing" four-bedroom unit within a two-mile radius of the Pine Grove property.

According to information posted on the website of the DPD, the purpose of the Lakefront Protection Ordinance includes maintaining and enhancing the "landscaped, spacious, and continuous character of the lakeshore parks" and to "preserve the cultural, historical, and recreational heritage of the lakeshore park."

## CLEWER from p. 9

Zuley and his partner, Detective Rita O'Leary and backup officers arrested Fernando and his close companion, B.T., in early April as they exited a friend's residence on the 7000 block of N. Damen Ave.

It was B.T. who had previously reached out to Lead Detective Esposito with concerns about Fernando that Esposito ignored.

Once in custody at Area 3, Fernando admitted that he did in fact

use the street name "Fernando" and that he met Kevin Clewer in Little Jim's Tavern. He described accompanying Clewer to Clewer's apartment where they shared a marijuana cigarette and drank a mixture of Grey Goose vodka and Squirt (or 50/50), a fact that was at least partially corroborated by crime scene photos. He said he amicably departed at 2 a.m. after failing to come to an agreement about the details of the remaining visit, leaving Clewer alive and well in his residence.

Fernando submitted to two polygraph examinations and also furnished a DNA sample and was released from CPD custody at the end of the mandated 48-hour detention period with Det. Zuley believing they had likely identified the Fernando person of interest who himself admitted visiting Clewer, but with no knowledge that he committed the homicide.

Fernando's proper name, other nicknames and other personal information is being withheld as he has been investigated and released and has relocated out of state.

During the stagnated investigative interim, Ron Clewer enlisted

the help of the Morton College Institute for Cold Case Solution in Cicero to look into the Clewer homicide case. Director George

Seibel, a retired Chicago police violent crimes detective, told CBS News that he believes the focus should be shifted to a third individual who is known to police and was questioned but not considered to be a suspect.

Having reviewed the case in detail, Seibel is also critical of the initial CPD investigation. "It's clear now that they didn't try very hard," he said. Seibel declined to provide specifics to CBS News but added, "this case is solvable."

In March 2010, with no new progress made on the Clewer investigation and with CPD still inexplicably searching for the Fernando person of interest, the Chicago Commission on Human Relations [CCHR] Advisory Council on LGBT Issues addressed the issue at the request of this reporter.

In a letter to then-CPD Supt. Jody P. Weis, the council expressed concern about targeted

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### ***In a letter to then-CPD Supt. Jody P. Weis, the Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council expressed concern about targeted crimes of violence committed against members of Chicago's LGBT community specifically mentioning Kevin Clewer.***

The March 24, 2010 letter asked Weis to invite the FBI to assist the Clewer investigation: "Lastly, the Advisory Council requests that the Chicago Police Department seek investigatory assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Clewer case and in other similar unsolved investigations. We believe that the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program, and the Combined DNA Index System may be instrumental in moving these cases forward. You are uniquely suited, by virtue of your FBI service, to initiate this course of action within the Chicago Police Department."

Transmittal of the letter to Weis was supported by the Chairman and Commissioner of the CCHR, Dana V. Starks, himself a former interim superintendent of the

CPD. It was also supported by Kevin Clewer's brother, Ronald, who forwarded a letter of endorsement.

In response to the letter to Weis, a high level meeting was convened on May 6, 2010 in a conference room in Mayor Daley's fifth floor suite of offices in City Hall. Those in attendance included Mayor Daley's Assistant for Public Safety, Ashley Van Ness; Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Gary Lorden, CPD Chief of Detectives Thomas Byrne, CPD Chief of CAPS Tina Skahill; and from the CCHR, Cmsr. Starks, Dr. William Greaves, Dr. Elizabeth Kelly and this reporter.

Interestingly, although the letter was addressed to Superintendent Weis, neither Weis nor his top assistant, Michael Masters, were in attendance. Nothing substantive was accomplished during the meeting and no agreement was reached in bringing in the FBI.

The rationale for bringing in 'fresh eyes' into a stalled investigation will be explored in the next edition as well as an overview of the Koschman investigation.

Anyone with information about the Kevin Clewer investigation is asked to contact Chicago Police Area 3 Homicide at 312-744-8261, the anonymous tipline at 833-408-0069 or send in a tip at CPDTip.com.

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a base or making a touchdown. His 45 years of sports reporting is one for the books, with 38 years at WGN sports gilding the lily. Sharp-eyed, a head filled with sports rules, wise commentary and expansive sports trivia, married to a thoroughly well-liked disposition, shaped his career that Chicagoans have trusted and admired. As he retires from the profession to which he brought talent and honor, Chicago sports enthusiasts stand as he rounds the bases of a charming life.



Dan Roan.  
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Krewasky A. Salter



Teddy Flores and Manny Flores.



Tom Demetrio

**LAW LEGEND: Tom Demetrio** isn't just a co-founder of the legendary Chicago law firm of Corboy & Demetrio, he's a hands-on advocate for Chicagoans who need defense in the face of human tragedy. That's not just my opinion, but the certainty of the legal profession's elite publishers who have named him the #1 leading personal injury plaintiffs' lawyer in Illinois for 2022. It's the second time this year he has been so ranked by publishers. And the sixth year in a row he has been ranked first out of 62,000 attorneys in the state. Bravo.

**OLD TOWN MAYOR:** Is there another Chicagoan whose life so well-fits the contours of a salty neighborhood better than Old Town's honorary mayor **Shelley Howard**? As the Wells St. celebrity of endless sightings at famed legendary watering holes for suppers from sushi to pastas turns 75, this column joins an A-list of friends in saluting the Chicago star and music industry legend.

Maestro **Stanley Paul** was on hand for the "Last Supper-like" birthday bash on Bellevue at Tavern on Rush for birthday boy Howard and his disciples, and son, **Shaun Howard**.

While chaos spreads its blanket of political incompetence across the city, Howard buckles up our Chicago faith and hope that we can all find our way back from present troubles. He remains our calm anchor from Tavern on Rush to Topo Gigio, where his tables always have room for real Chicagoans. Happy birthday Shelley, your stories keep us together.

**THE LAW:** Cook County Sheriff's Office attorney **Khara Coleman** has been named the 2022-2023 Editor-in-Chief of the Illinois Bar Journal, giving her the distinction of being the first Black woman to hold the position. Coleman, who joined the Cook County Sheriff's Office in 2018, will preside over her first meeting as Editor-in-Chief at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Bar Assoc. later this month. Word of advice... don't miss deadlines, they matter.

**REBRAND:** Did you see the helicopter removing the high signage from the building? Kemper/Unitrin is no more. The rebranded building will now be known as The Heritage at Millennium Park.

**MORELAW:** The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Ride to Remember leaves the Area Four Detective Headquarters at 9 a.m. July 31 and travels the boulevards to the memorial site adjacent to Soldier Field along the lakefront

for the program. All proceeds are donated to the Foundation. The event is open to the public and all makes and models of motorbikes are welcome. That includes all those daring North Side scooter riders dodging traffic.

ion show and astonishing concert by **Patti LaBelle**, Christie's was proud to support the event.

**WHO'S WHERE:** **Krewasky A. Salter** named new president of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library... **Cynthia Olson** in



Keely Moll and Cooper.



Sean Eshaghy and Mamie Walton.

**GOOD EGG:** Smack Dab, 6730 N. Clark St., hosted their monthly free community dinner last Saturday. Always free, they offer a community dinner for anyone who wants or needs a hot meal. Yes, they said "free"... or pay what you can to help support the cause. Take up to 10 meals for anyone in your community who needs a lovely fresh-made meal. So bring some meals to friends, family or neighbors in need. Meals are always vegan.

**GREEK FEST:** Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1017 N. La Salle St., will host the annual Gold Coast Greek Fest from Friday, June 24 to Sunday, June 26 with an abundance of traditional Greek food and traditions. Check the times.

**INVESTMENT SUMMIT:** Former Ald. **Manny Flores** in one of the WGN TV Studios' green rooms prepping for an interview with **Micah Materre** getting the word out on "People to People," promoting World Business Chicago, at the Black and Latino Excellence Investment Summit. Accompanied by his number one prepper, son, **Teddy Flores**, who looks so grown up and a chip off the old block.

**ANCIENT LEGACY:** **Carole Cheung** of Jade Court Hyde Park, 1516 E. Harper Court, still serving dishes from the blue spiral-bound notebook with recipes written in Chinese by her father, **Eddy Cheung**, before he died.

**ABOUT LAST NIGHT:** The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago held a little soirée called ArtEdge, celebrating polymath artist **Nick Cave** at the historic Dusable Museum Dinner, fash-

Paris, croissanting and connecting with old friends and visiting the Picasso Museum... **Virginia Shorey** enjoying both the beer and the view of the Rhine River in Boppard, Germany... **Rodney Alex** at Cloven Hoof Brewing in Ashtabula, OH, reunited after 25 years with **Randall Johnson**, the master of his party scene revels at The Ohio State long ago... **Janet Owen** at Hillsboro Beach Club, Pompano, FL, with husband, **Rodger Owen**, at their new "home away from home," ready for the hypnotic sound of the waves outside their room and the glass of wine nap before dinner... **Eamonn Cummins** at the new, soon-to-be-opened Double Door in Uptown, with owners **Pete Bruce, Sean Mulrone**y and **Mike... Todd S. Davis** reports from Old Town, marketing to buy a Plum Bun, but discovering that due to a back-door double-cross leasing agreement, Plum Market is closing, and the shelves are now bare, forced, then, to peruse the aisles of Aldi... Attorney **Thomas Murphy** and Walgreens' **Alvin Johnson** at Ald. **Brendan Reilly's** event to hear Sheriff **Tom Dart** at Gibson's Italia... **David Heiner** and

**Whitney Reynolds** in Calistoga, CA... R.I.P. Depeche Mode's **Andy Fletcher**... **Bruce Ingram** doing a Happy Birthday big 50 to sweet **Heather Farley**... At the Latin School Prom 2022, the rain stopped just in time for photos and **Keely Moll** looked so chic with her dashing date, **Cooper**... **Mark Olley** lunching at Campiello Naples in Naples, FL... **Dean** and **Sally Jo Morris Pfaff** in Monte Carlo Harbour at Monaco's Grand Prix... **Linda** and **Richard Robin** out in style with the family, **Jason, Ashley** and **Neal** at Ciccio Mio... **Ken Norgan** dining outside at Gibson's on Rush St. with **Helen Hall Melchior, Phil Palmer** and **Lawrence**, playing Who are the "old" Hollywood stars from the 1930s?... Ret. Judge **Rhoda Sweeney** on her way to Lake Como, Italy... **Ronda J Liesenfelt** in Lisbon Portugal at the Four Seasons Ritz Lisboa... **Sean Eshaghy** and **Mamie Walton** at the Arts Club for her fab birthday... **Colleen Dal Santo Ryan** in from California visiting the Tin Man in Oz Park with son, Northwestern Univ. senior **Parker Ryan**... **Pope Francis** named 21 new cardinals, including Bishop **Robert McElroy** of San Diego... **Tristan Hoppe** wed **Katie Gillaspie** on Saturday, June 11, at All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church. Tristan and his family, the **Hoppes**, have been living and working in Albania as Orthodox Christian missionaries.

**OBELIX:** **Oliver Poilevey** and brother **Nicolas** have opened Obélix at 700 N. Sedgwick—a restaurant named for the lesser known hero in the French comic book series Astérix—on May 5 in River North in the short-lived former home of Entente. Their late parents captivated Chicago with "La Sardine," but now they want to do something that is truly themselves. Stunning menu. Modern French.

**TRAPPIST BEER:** The only brewery operated by Trappist monks in the United States is closing and Indian Pale Ales are to blame. Proving how unprofitable the complex and dry Belgium-style beers are in competing in the beer market with the hoppy

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES TRUST 2006-0A1, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-0A1; Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ATANACIO M. RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; MARI-SOL RIVERA AKA MARISOL R. RIVERA; BILLY RIVERA; JOHN RIVERA; TONY RIVERA; JOHN JACK LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ATANACIO M. RIVERA AKA ATANACIO RIVERA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 662 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 11, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-06-215-020-0000. Commonly known as 6129 North Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W19-1140 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Intercountyjudicialsales.com **13195846**

080808 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 5852 SHERIDAN LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JOINT VENTURE LLC, LI HUANG, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 21 CH 1874 5852 N Sheridan Rd CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 1, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite

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35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5852 N Sheridan Rd, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-402-025-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$494,066.36. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate are subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Kurtz & Augenlicht LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 123 W Madison St, Ste. 700, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 265-0106. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjpsc.com for a 7 day status report of pend-

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ing sales. Kurtz & Augenlicht LLP 123 W Madison St, Ste. 700 Chicago IL, 60602 312-265-0106 E-Mail: mkurtz@kalawchicago.com Attorney Code: 46376 Case Number: 21 CH 1874 TJSJC#: 42-1948 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 21 CH 1874**

010101 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-KS11 Plaintiff, -v.- JANINA CASTILLO ROJAS, DIOGENES P. ROJAS, GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MALIBU EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2020 CH 05562 6033 N. SHERIDAN RD APARTMENT #34G CHICAGO, IL 60660 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 22, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 23, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6033 N. SHERIDAN RD APARTMENT #34G, CHICAGO, IL 60660 Property Index No. 14-05-215-017-1302 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$404,976.57. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity

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of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 310906. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjpsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago IL, 60606 312-263-0003 E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com Attorney File No. 310906 Attorney Code: 43932 Case Number: 2020 CH 05562 TJSJC#: 42-1739 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2020 CH 05562** 13194952

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080808 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT Plaintiff, -v.- STEPHEN G. KAPLUS A/K/A STEPHEN KAPLUS, ABS LOAN TRUST VI, THE PICARDY PLACE/DIVERSEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants 2019 CH 03779 1802-E W DIVERSEY PKWY CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1802-E W DIVERSEY PKWY, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-30-222-097-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjpsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-19-09301 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2019 CH 03779 TJSJC#: 42-1498 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2019 CH 03779** **13195450**

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080808 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CENTRUST BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v.- ISIAH GEORGE, 360 RENTALS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 21 CH 2351 6417 N. KEDZIE AVENUE #2W CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 25, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 5, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6417 N. KEDZIE AVENUE #2W, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-320-059-1004 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$120,530.20. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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DOMINION ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2020 CH 05141 7220 N. CLAREMONT AVENUE, UNIT 3B CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 30, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 6, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7220 N. CLAREMONT AVENUE, UNIT 3B, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 11-30-318-037-1006 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$117,249.75. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium

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Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 20 8117. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjpsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago IL, 60606 312-541-9710 E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. IL 20 20 8117 Attorney Code: 40342 Case Number: 2020 CH 05141 TJSJC#: 42-1649 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Case # 2020 CH 05141** **13195607**

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## POLICE BEAT from p. 10

wrestles the daughter's purse away. The second robber then grabs the mother's sweater from behind and hurls her to the ground as he runs away with his accomplice.

Similar robberies of women were reported on the 600 block of W. Addison around 8:50 p.m. June 1 and on the 2500 block of N. Lakeview around 9:40 p.m.

Then, on June 2, a 31-year-old woman was robbed by two men who pulled away her purse and phone in an alley behind the 2600 block of N. Hampden. A resident recorded the robbers' getaway car as they left the scene.

On June 3, three men stole an Amazon delivery driver's gray Kia Sportage as he dropped off packages on the 500 block of W. Wrightwood,

just steps from where Thursday's robbery occurred.

While police have not publicly linked the crimes, the people who committed the robberies on June 1 also tried to steal a car that they thought had been left running on the 2900 block of N. Halsted. But the keys weren't in it and they escaped in a Mercedes that was waiting for them.

### Man confronted by gunman while walking his dog in Lakeview

Police are investigating after a gunman confronted a man as he walked his dog in Lakeview on June 3. The offender then jumped into a car that was seen driving recklessly and stopping as its occupants tried to steal other vehicles throughout the neighborhood and nearby Lincoln Park.

The first sign of trouble was near

Wellington and Sheridan around 6:45 p.m. A passerby reported seeing two or three teenage boys checking car doors there, one wearing a ski mask. They were accompanied by a beat up Honda Civic with dark window tints, a witness reported.

About five minutes later, a 25-year-old man was walking his dog on the 300 block of W. Briar when a heavily damaged silver car pulled up. A male exited from the rear passenger side and pointed a gun at the victim, according to Officer Jessica Rocco, a CPD spokesperson.

The man picked up his dog and ran into a nearby residential building to get help.

Responding officers reported the car was occupied by five young Black males wearing ski masks and surgical masks. The one who got out of the vehicle with a gun appeared to be only

13- or 14-years-old, they said.

The police received a series of calls within the next hour about a car filled with young men who were driving

recklessly and trying to steal idling cars. No arrests were made.

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## WORKING from p. 11

Nope. According to a CPD spokesperson, Brown is comparing the most recent 28 days (yes, 28) with the 28 days immediately before.

The most recent crime data available on the city's data portal is from May 24, so it's not possible to fact check Brown's claim.

But, here's what the city's data

says about other periods of time. All CTA crime May 1 to May 24 annually:

2019: 421  
2020: 184  
2021: 148  
2022: 235

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March: 207  
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## Rahmschnitzel with Chef Carol

DANKHaus German Cultural Center, 4740 N. Western Ave., is offering an in-person cooking class with Lincoln Square's own Chef Carol Himmel of Himmel's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22.

Himmel will be teaching students how to make Rahmschnitzel, a delectable pork tenderloin in a mushroom cream gravy and one of the restaurant's most popular dishes. The class is \$30, for more information or to register write to samantha@dankhaus.com.



Image of the proposed new condo building going up on the 5800 block of N. Clark St., at the site of the former Uni-Mart.



### ZONING from p. 1

only 27 car parking spaces. Some of the units will have private balconies.

At 3415 N. Ashland, the developer is putting up a four-story building, with 53 rental units but just 16 parking spaces.

Once Contemporary Concepts Inc. are done with all three buildings, there could be as many as 160 new units, but under 70 parking spaces in total.

### Clark St. condo

Further north in Edgewater, a new condo building is going up on the 5800 block of N. Clark St., the former site of a Filipino grocery store, Uni-Mart, at Ardmore and Clark St.

It is the first new multi-unit condo development project undertaken in Edgewater in years. The former grocery store was demolished last week.

The project should get underway by the

end of summer or early fall, and take 18-24 months to complete.

A true rarity these days, in an era of high density housing offering little off-street parking, this 18-unit condo building will be served by 29 off-street parking spaces, a ratio of over 1.6 spots per unit.

The store once stocked an assortment of Filipino groceries, dry goods and freshly-prepared meals and ethnic food items.

### POT SHOP from p. 1

to replace outgoing State Rep. Greg Harris [13th].

Loevy and his business partners filed an application to open a 6,585-square foot pot shop in The Square Shopping Center, 2301 W. Lawrence Ave. The space is currently not zoned for a business selling pot. In order to do so, Loevy had to request a zoning change and get support from Ald. Martin.

The recreational weed shop would operate under a state-issued license and would be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The shop will also need a Special Use permit from the city's zoning board of appeals. The strip mall they want to operate out of includes 38 city-owned metered parking spaces.

The developers have said that one of the primary reasons for locating the pot shop in the Lincoln Square Mall is the metered parking spaces. Loevy and Zaveduk have said the metered public parking spaces are a key component for their business model.

All sales will be in cash as selling marijuana remains illegal on the federal level. Purchases cannot be made using credit or debit cards and despite security requirements, most pot shop customers pay in cash and that makes them prime targets for

criminals wishing to steal cash or drugs.

During his community zoning process, Martin used the opportunity to request the operators to reconsider where they would be accepting deliveries of their shipments of recreational weed.

"Based on comments from nearby neighbors, the applicant has agreed to change the design of the space to receive deliveries from the parking lot side of the strip mall, so as to avoid impacting residential traffic on Oakley," wrote Martin.

Across the nation, as cannabis has been legalized at the state level, cannabis stores have become prime targets for what are often coordinated violent hit-and-run robberies. After three pot store employees were killed in March during three separate robberies in California and Washington State, marijuana industry officials called for Congress to reform banking laws to allow for their businesses to legally accept credit cards and debit cards.

According to a security expert who has spoken to this newspaper, the all-cash business and the configuration of the Lincoln Square parking lot will make the site susceptible to a hit-and-run robbery.

Ironically, Ald. Martin has been attempting to eliminate another city-owned parking lot nearby at 4715 N. Western Ave.,

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hoping to gift it to a private, out-of-state developer who wants to build a 51-unit apartment building on the site.

This city-owned surface parking lot at Leland and Western avenues provides parking for those who shop, dine, and use the services of the Lincoln Square Mall. It also provides parking for nearby cultural institutions such as the DANKHaus, the nearby Davis Theater and the Old Town School of Folk Music.

The alley adjacent to that parking lot serves as a critical piece of commercial infrastructure for some of Lincoln Square's most prominent local businesses, such as Merz Apothecary, The Book Cellar and Gene's Sausage Shop. Were that alley shut down for 18 months or more during any

future construction, it would severely degrade the ability of those adjacent retailers and the new Northwestern medical office from conducting their business.

That parking lot has also served as space for Lincoln Square's annual festivals, including German Day, Maifest and AppleFest; and as much-needed parking for customers who attend the weekly Lincoln Square Farmer's Market, which annually ranks among the city's best-attended.

In addition to Martin and Dordek, Loevy has also contributed \$500 to 47th Ward Committeeman Paul Rosenfeld and \$1,000 to Jon Stromsta, a judicial candidate supported by Rosenfeld who lives in the ward.

In order to open, Loevy and Zaveduk will also need support from the Illinois General Assembly and support from Dordek, if elected, will help their cause.

The applicant has also increased the size of their waiting area by 24%; it will now accommodate up to 24 seated customers (up from 12), reducing the chances of lines forming outside. This proposal has the support of the Heart of Lincoln Square Neighbors Assoc. and the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce, both of which are closely affiliated politically with Ald. Martin.

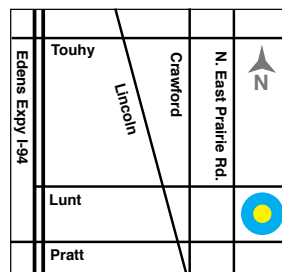
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