

Nearly \$50M of Chinese funding for never-built Superior St. tower diverted to developers' personal accounts

BY PETER VON BUOL

One of the attorneys for a group of Chinese-based investors who had invested nearly \$50 million to fund construction of a never-to-be-built condominium and hotel tower on the northeast corner of Wabash Ave. and Superior St. says documentary evidence has been uncovered which proves his clients' money was siphoned from the project to the personal accounts of the developers.

"[We] have documentary evidence that the Chinese investment was never loaned to the

failed project, as required [by law]," said attorney Douglas Eliot Litowitz, who along with attorney Glenn J. Dunn, is representing the Chinese investors. "When no permit was issued to build, they diverted the investment to the managers' personal accounts and other projects."

"When they were discovered, they tried to smooth it over with a lie that they would return the money with a \$200 million-dollar Bahraini loan, which was never investigated, and which had them lying to federal judges for a year," said Litowitz, who along with at-

torney Glenn J. Dunn, is representing the Chinese investors.

Individually, the victims in the Chicago project had invested up to \$550,000 for a total of nearly \$50 million to fund construction of what was known as the Carillon Towers project. The investors had been participating in the shady industry of EB-5, a federal program which provides foreign investors with a fast-track to permanent U.S. residency status. For many participating in EB-5 projects, their investment is often a

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Video of North Avenue Beach suspect released, alderman demands anti-rioting crack down on beach parties

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police have released surveillance video of a suspect fleeing the scene of June 21's shooting at North Avenue Beach. Officers arrested another suspect shortly after the shooting, but police are still looking for the second man, who, according to CPD Supt. David Brown, threw a fanny pack that contained a handgun as he ran from the police.

Meanwhile, on June 22, Lincoln Park Ald. Michele Smith [43rd] called for the city to deploy

"metal detectors or metal detecting wands at all entrances" to the nearly mile-long beach and for prosecutors to charge people who promote beach parties under anti-rioting laws.

In a press conference, Brown said a social media flyer attracted some people to the beach and the day was "very peaceful initially."

But police confiscated their first gun of the evening shortly after 5 p.m. at a bag screening checkpoint. A half-hour later, a second gun was found during a screening. Officers arrested both

men, Brown said.

Then, at 9:47 p.m., officers heard screams as two women began fighting. Moments later, the cops saw a muzzle flash and heard shots, which left a 19-year-old man in critical condition, Brown continued.

Police chased two men and arrested one of them. Brown said he remained in custody at midday, without specifying what police were trying to charge him with. The second man, whom

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Risk of another Mag Mile loss as H&M probes market

Retailer looks to downsize with shopping strip almost a quarter empty

BY THEREALDEAL.COM

Acadia Realty Trust is on the verge of feeling more pain on Chicago's Magnificent Mile.

Swedish retailer H&M is hunting for a smaller space to move into from its four-story, 60,000-square-foot store at 840 N. Michigan Ave., an Acadia-owned building that the tenant has occupied for almost two decades, Crain's Chicago reported.

If the apparel company goes through with the downsizing and relocation, the city's most famous shopping strip will add more empty storefronts to a retail vacancy rate that stands at almost a quarter of its total space. H&M is seeking about half the square footage it rents from Acadia.

The landlord's trouble on the



H&M doesn't plan to leave Michigan Ave., altogether — as Gap and Macy's did during the pandemic. They would like to relocate to a smaller space, as the apparel company goes through a downsizing.

Mag Mile extends beyond H&M's potential exit from the 87,100-square-foot property in which Acadia bought an 88% stake for \$144 million in 2014. Last year, Acadia faced a completely empty building after the departure of the Disney Store from a 61,600-square-foot building at 717 N. Michigan Ave. for which Acadia paid \$104 million in 2017.

Acadia isn't the only Mag Mile

property facing distress. Water Tower Place was handed back to its lender by Brookfield. Macerich sold its 50% stake in The Shops at North Bridge building this year for \$21 million, a fraction of the \$515 million that it and partner Alaska Permanent Fund paid in 2008. Another landlord, Irish investment firm ECA Capital, is working to avoid default on a \$55.5 million mortgage against two adjacent storefronts after Gap left one last year and their combined vacancy rate spiked to 74%.

Aside from the pandemic cutting downtown foot traffic, a string of brazen smash-and-grab robberies of luxury retail businesses and a rise in crimes visible from sidewalks and storefronts in Chicago has contributed to the softening market.

Signs of a bounceback on the Mag Mile have started to emerge.

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Jorge Marins' artwork, "Wings over Mexico" has arrived in Chicago. The Wings have traveled around the world and serve as a symbol for an immigrant's journey.

These giant gold wings have been designed and placed to interact with their viewers and have proven to be extremely popular. Now everyone can be an Angel for 20 seconds. Who could resist?

But make haste, they will be flying off on October 5th. You can find them at the Plaza of the Americas" next to The Wrigley Building.

By Jim Matusik

Police take 40 minutes to respond to information about Loop bank robber, six minutes after they arrived, he robbed another bank



The FBI said this man robbed Citibank, 222 W. Adams, on June 8.

BY CWBCHICAGO

How shorthanded are Chicago's local police districts?

It took a dispatcher 20 minutes to find an available officer when a Loop bank worker called 911 on June 16 to report that the man who recently robbed their branch was standing outside.

The wanted man was gone when police eventually arrived. But he didn't go far — he was up the street, robbing a different bank.

It's an incredible story — police needing 40 minutes to arrive at the scene of a wanted bank robber — that demonstrates just how badly depleted the city's police

districts have become.

The Central 1st Police District, which includes the Loop, South Loop, and Grant and Millennium Parks, is staffed by just 246 cops this month, according to the Chicago Office of the Inspector General. That's down from 313 cops during the same month last year and 330 cops in June 2020.

Around 9:56 a.m. June 16, an employee of Citibank, 222 W. Adams, called 911 and reported that the man who robbed their branch on June 8 was standing outside a nearby Walgreens. The bank worker described the man: Black, wearing a blue baseball

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Enmity and incompetence make intelligent authority impossible



By Thomas J. O’Gorman

“I’m struggling to find any redeeming features in these people. They’re not sophisticated, or cultural, or elegant or anything close to an ideal,” said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to her husband, Dennis, in “The Crown,” while staying as a guest of the Queen at Balmoral, the Royal residence in Scotland. What a mess. I refer to the sad goings on within the House of Windsor. The British Royals. Some who speak to one another. Some who are silent as the grave. A house filled with grief. Heartbreak. Betrayal. If you can trust the British press. I don’t as far as I can throw them. But these royal emotions were clearly visible, not hard to figure out, as Britain’s gracious and love-

ly monarch reached the late autumn of seventy years on the historic throne.

Don’t get me wrong. I have had great respect for the person and sacrifice of H.M. Elizabeth II. I’ve spent a great deal of life living and learning in Britain over the years. Enjoying every moment. And I’ve viewed Helen Mirren’s The Queen, too often to count. I’ve watched the Crown, fully, twice. A phenomenon that sought to be fair in its storytelling. Though impossible to achieve from the beginning.

But this family isn’t the savvy, naughty, high-tuned Kennedys. But rather they are the clumsy, stuttering, stumbling Windsors.

The great, great, great grandchildren of the folk we insisted we must be free of in 1776, when Americans had real muscle and leverage and muskets. When we’d cross a frozen river on Christmas night, just to kill you in your sleep, as the Redcoats were working for a tyrant. George III was officially stark, raving mad. Our republican democracy marked a lane change.

It would be a mistake to merely consign my current criticisms as the anti-British polemics of the grandson of an IRA military leader in Ireland’s struggle for independence. We can all presume that concerns for reason, quality of life and the resolution of centuries of abuse have created a willingness for dialogue and intelligence on both sides of the Irish border. In the issue of the monarchy, that’s the least of any reasons for conflict. But the government is another issue for another day. No. It’s something else.

We watched the buildup to and the unfolding of the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. Beyond all the pageantry, the Archbishop of Canterbury came down with COVID. And was absent. And the national hootenanny sparked with an American super star, Di-



The House of Windsor.

Where was Mick Jagger? Expressions of national unity couldn’t even prevent a tube strike.

And global gratitude for this singular head of state for seven decades couldn’t prevent favorite son, Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, from hallucinating and catching COVID as well, preventing his embarrassing public presence at jubilee events.

We should only feel sadness and misery for the horror of this dysfunctional family, and saddened for the endless manner in which their lives are daily critiqued and criticized. For the manner in which Britain’s national press creates drama and mayhem of questionable truthfulness, over their royal daily lives. Doing so in order to comment and evaluate countless make-believe scenarios in invented royal everyday life. That’s supposed to show the world the British press are in the know.

Now the family has always done a superb job making their own mess for themselves. They didn’t get those weak chins and big ears from nowhere. That was due to carefully staged inbreeding for generations. What should you expect when you intermarry with your cousins for centuries? Biology still matters.

Many of them are merely walking illustrations of any basic abnormal psych textbook.

I’ve been reading the Daily Mail for decades. A British tabloid with a vast army of reporters, snitches, tattletales as well as hot and cold running servants. No story they print ever has the legit engagement of a real royal. No one ever clears up the confusion after adding some clarifying details of a complex situation. No one ever reports they have been set straight by an actual royal.

No. It’s all the two-cents added by people who have written a biography of a royal. Or some columnist whose beat was some peripheral member of the royal family. Or someone who eavesdropped in a restaurant.

These questionable writers basically invent a best case scenario of how they believe a royal is feeling about something. Or emotionally judging someone. And they can be as far fetched as they want.

So this all leads us to the non-stop fisticuffs that appears to be at the bottom of Californians, Price Harry and Meghan Markel. Whenever their name is used in the British press, the reader is reminded how much their Califor-

nia residence is worth. No matter the rhyme nor reason of what they do, the British press is gunning for Harry and Meghan.

Always second guessing their motives. Always proposing some self-serving ideal. Always speculating at their reason and intelligence.

All spotlights now on the sad silence between Diana’s children, William and Harry. Cambridge and Sussex. Brothers who no longer speak. Frozen in a sibling Shakespearean silence. Eternal winter. With nothing to say.

A heartache their mother would never believe.

Once again the British press blame Harry. While Prince Charming Wills gets off the hook. Pointing to the chatterbox Harry for speaking the unspeakable.

But if the Sussex royals choose to live with their children thousands of sunny miles away from creeping backstair spies and nosey servants trading secrets and stories for crumpets and Rolexes, then why not just leave them alone. They appear to no longer want to open a dog show. A new cinema. Tea tent. Tube station. Crumpet factory. Or cricket park. Well, then, just leave them alone. Isn’t that what Megxit was all about? The couples’ withdrawal from hand waving mediocrity and vapid personal appearances for prayer in Westminster Abbey or Windsor?

All the British press could talk about for months was would Harry and Meghan show up for the jubilee and steal the limelight. So when they did journey from California for the event, they were criticized for the amount of fuel they used to get there. And for avoiding the public, hiding in the shadows, not exhibiting their children, not mugging for the cameras and cozing up to Prince Charles and Camilla, or the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Dysfunction isn’t contagious in the same ways as COVID. It’s more quiet in its takeover of families. Oozing its way between life’s moments of fear and anxiety. Loss and loneliness. Dashed dreams and inbred resentments.

I’d say when your father sets the stage for family life as a cheater on your mother, it’s done. When you have to live with the tempers, screams, shouts and curses of marriage fatigue, the garden of your dysfunction is well-watered.

When your pop marries the object of your dead mother’s rage, you’re well on your way to a lifetime of disappointments and rejections, even if your father and

bro were born to be kings. Kind of makes Oprah’s American backyard look inviting. And the strength of the woman you love ever more important.

The perversion of human and familial dysfunction is a significant distortion in anyone’s life. But further tragic when you are supposed to rule a nation or lead it by example and grace. Just look at the way it flourishes in a city, like Chicago, among political officials and community leaders whose enmity or incompetence make intelligent authority impossible.

Solutions are complex. Often gut-wrenching. So I’m continuing on my pathway with fresh cappuccinos, tasty French rosé wines, more Asian cooking and strawberry buttermilk ice cream.

Avoiding members of the House of Windsor and the House of Lightfingers for my own good.

KEEP HOLY THE SAB-BATH: Four young men stole a car and crashed it into another at 9 a.m. June 19 at State Pkwy. and Banks St. They fled the scene. You have the slapper (State’s Attorney **Kim Foxx**) to thank for this. And Presiding Judge **Tim Evans**. You folks in the Gold Coast fed up yet?

COOK COUNTY BOARD: No one knows who **Sean Morrison** is. Besides being a white Republican of secret privilege from suburban Palos no less. And now we discover he is receiving special local police protection because of the celebrity of his position. He should just hide behind his anonymity. He’d be perfectly

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(L-R) Chicagoans came out in full force to voice their outrage at the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v Wade. Friday and Saturday at Wrigley Field saw the band Dead and Company perform emotional and powerful set lists, including songs of protest, in support of women's rights.

Turning back the hands of time 50 years

Plus, some enchanted evening at the Rhapsody Theater



Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

Raise your hand if you're ready to adopt an unwanted child. Really. Because there's bound to be an influx of them after last week's ultra-distressing and unbelievably disturbing reversal of Roe v Wade.

It's time to add term limits to the Supreme Court. They're dinosaurs.

We usually stay out of hot button, national issues in this column. We're a community newspaper, so it's my job to stick to things related to the neighborhoods. But this not only affects our neighborhoods, it affects our souls.

At least it does mine.

What would you rather have happen, an abortion, or that they find a toddler's head floating in the Garfield Park Lagoon? An abortion, or a five-year-old like innocent little AJ Freund, who was tortured and killed at the hands of his parents?

Honestly, which is it? Which would you rather see?

Women do not like being told what we can do with our bodies. That is not anyone's business but ours. The ability to do what we want, when we want is not even my issue with this reversal. My problem is that there are already enough unwanted children in this world. Kids who are tortured, beaten, and are never really wanted to begin with.

Why bring more of them into the world?

Who will raise them, the anti-abortion people? I think not.

Women everywhere are outraged.

I know I am.

Yet there are women out there celebrating -- but just wait until their teenage daughter gets pregnant or God forbid raped and needs an abortion.

The protests last week are just the beginning. Women everywhere are gearing up in protest. You know the old saying, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

How much fury we have and what it will accomplish remains to be seen.

Some enchanted evening... it was both an enchanted and enchanting evening last week at the official ribbon cutting and opening for the Rhapsody Theater, 1328 W. Morse Ave.

It's so great to see the circa-1912, historic building that was built as the Morse Theater being used and turned into something truly magical in more ways than one. And the opening show, "Lucy Darling: Indulgence," and its star, Carisa Hendrix, are the perfect way to kick things off.

An award-winning magician, Hendrix's first full-theatrical show, which runs through July 17, is filled with amusing, spot-on improv and mind-boggling magic tricks. She dives right in to getting the audience involved, and for the next 80 or so minutes, she bewitches, beguiles, and bewilders with her cocktails-themed magic.

Hendrix, Stage Magician of the Year and the mind behind the quick-witted Lucy Darling, said she's "honored and delighted to participate in the Rhapsody Theater's inaugural season!"

"It is this really lovely combination of joy and pride and also overwhelming stress," said Hendrix. "Because not only is it the birth of a brand new beautiful venue that has this wonderful potential to be something that we can look back on in 10, 15 years and be very proud of, but also the show is very new. So a bunch of new things are happening simultaneously, and like any birth of anything, it's exciting and nervous-making."



(L-R) Dr. Ricardo Rosenkranz (right) and his Rhapsody Theater partner at last week's ribbon cutting. Lucy Darling's show, "Indulgence," is the perfect opener for the theater.

"[I am] very grateful, but also, a little scared," added Hendrix. "But luckily, Chicago has embraced both the venue and the show with open arms so it's all working out."

Hendrix then transformed into Lucy, and put her two cents in about our city's audiences, saying: "Chicago audiences? Well I like them drunk and I like them well-dressed, and the ones that come to the theater are both."

As you can see, she's a fun gal.

And the 200-seat venue that she's working will offer a diverse lineup of star-studded talent like Hendrix, including internationally-renowned magicians, highly-acclaimed chamber music, as well as unique world music, cabaret, and dance performances. There'll also be a 110-seat restaurant, three distinct bars, an upstairs lounge for after-performance socializing, and a close-up magic space.

And I cannot wait to see legendary Chicago-based mind reader and psychic entertainer Ross Johnson, in a weekly, open-ended run every Wednesday night, titled "Ross Johnson: A funny thing happened to me tomorrow." Johnson was unanimously voted as the world's top entertainer in the areas

of the psychic and arcane by the International Psychic Entertainers Assoc.

"Top entertainer," who knew?

Well they knew, they're psychics!

Then, later this summer, catch the US Premiere of renowned Spanish superstar Jandro's stage show. He fooled Penn and Teller on their hit show "Fool Us," not once, not twice, not three times, but four times with his incredible magic.

You can also catch two-time Magic Castle Stage Magician of the Year, Zabrecky, for a series of performances.

As someone who lives nearby, I can't begin to tell you how much this is a welcome addition to our neighborhood. Here's wishing the Rhapsody Theater and its physician magician owner, Ricardo Rosenkranz, MD, the very best. (We also send congrats to Mark Kozy, recently named Rhapsody general manager. Kozy brings two decades of theatrical experience including leadership roles at Goodman Theater and League of Chicago Theatres).

"My main hope and aspiration is that this theater becomes a go-to place, a home, a well-known place in Chicago, known for

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Fond memories of 1649 N. Halsted St. still linger



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

“Where have all the flowers gone, long-time passing? Where have all the graveyards gone? Gone to flowers every one,” says the 1955 Pete Seeger folk song.

For this writer, the graveyard of flowers still exists in my mind under tons of concrete at the Royal George Theatre parking garage at 1649 N. Halsted St. At that address once stood the DeBat family home—and a magical place that hosted one of the finest Southern gardens in Old Town.

In the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s, my father, Chester Louis DeBat—a Chicago cab driver—planted and nurtured an amazing perennial flower garden at the rear of his 25-by-140-foot lot.

Recently, major Chicago real estate developers Draper and Kramer announced plans for a high-density eight-story residential building to replace the closed Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St., on the western edge of Old Town. The name of the project is “1649 N. Halsted.”

Plans call for construction of 133 rental apartments—including 20 affordable units—on the site following the demolition of the theatre. The plans also include ground-floor retail space and parking for 35 cars. The developer needs a zoning change before construction can start.

Since 1986, The Royal George served as a prime venue on Chicago’s theatre scene. It’s four stages could host up to 450 theatre patrons. However, it never reopened after the government-imposed pandemic lockdown closed it in 2020. Formerly owned by New York-based Liberty Theatres, the property was sold to Draper and Kramer last July for \$7.08 million.

Let’s take a trip like in the movie—“The Time Machine”—and see how the sands have trickled through the hourglass on the 1600 block of N. Halsted St.

Long before the Royal George was developed, this stretch of Halsted St. was pock-marked with vacant urban renewal lots that sold for as little as \$6,000.

Here are this writer’s youthful reminiscences, and the harsh realities of inner-city life that collided on Halsted St.—in Old Town in the late 1940s, 1950s and early 1960s.

The dingy grey clapboard sided three-flat at 1649 N. Halsted rose from noisy Halsted St., looking



Long before the Royal George Theater was developed, this stretch of Halsted St. was pock-marked with vacant urban renewal lots that sold for as little as \$6,000. This writer’s youthful reminiscences of inner-city life collided on Halsted St.—in the late 1940s, 1950s and early 1960s.



more like a haunted house than a home.

It was a post-Chicago Fire 1880s apartment house with a balloon frame supported with wooden telephone poles. The building sat on a sunken lot with a dirt crawl space and no basement. In 1948, my father paid \$4,800 for this humble property.

Rickety stairways led up to the tiny four-room, one-bedroom apartments. Inside, there were no bathtubs, just a tiny 4-by-4-foot “powder room” with a toilet and a tiny wash bowl. Kitchen walls and ceilings were black with soot from the burning of pot-belly coal stoves that renters relied on to keep warm in winter.

The backyard was filled with 3-foot-tall weeds and a plank fence made of charred wood that survived a fire when a rear coach house burned years earlier.

On hot summer nights, the aroma of animal processing from the Chicago Stock Yards would waft north from 43rd St. and hang over Halsted like a cloud.

In the late 1940s, only poor people lived in this section of the blue-collar neighborhood that later would become posh Old Town and Lincoln Park. Rent on a one-bedroom apartment was \$20 a month, not the \$2,300-a-month landlords now charge.

Following World War II, the Cabrini Green public housing development was rising on Division

St., about a half mile south. The ethnic mix at North Ave. and Halsted was mostly white Italian and German working-class families.

When Alfred Louis DeBat, my 17-year-old brother—who later earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in journalism at Northwestern Univ.—first saw 1649 N. Halsted in 1948, he cried.

Between the early 1960s and 1977, the city’s Dept. of Urban Renewal demolished 606 buildings in the area. Ogden Ave., a wide boulevard, was vacated and Oz Park was created. Hundreds of old German and Italian residents were displaced.

“How could a kid who grew up in the 3900 block of N. Pine Grove Ave. in Lakeview and befriended young schoolmates who resided on Lake Shore Dr. live here?” asked Alfred, with great embarrassment.

But with the screech of Ravenswood elevated trains and the clanking “Red Devil” streetcars in our ears, Halsted St. was to be our home for the next 15 years.

By the mid-1950s, my father’s Southern flower garden was taking shape. It was patterned af-

ter gardens in New Orleans, his hometown.

The old fence was removed and replaced with new white pickets, and urban renewal bricks edged organized flower beds. A variety of flowers were represented—Zinnias, Petunias, Marigolds, Peonies, giant Sun Flowers, Rose bushes and Morning Glory vines climbed up the back porches on trellises in this urban oasis. Mulberry trees produced fruit for my breakfast cereal.

In 1949, long before quiche and pinot grigio became gourmet delights in Lincoln Park, Sieben’s Brewery on Larrabee St. was selling what the neighborhood made best—cool steins of German beer.

A kid could hop on a clanking streetcar and rumble down Halsted to Fullerton and catch a movie at the Biograph Theatre, or stroll to the barbershop at North Ave. where you could sit in big, black leather barber chairs and ogle the sparkling nickel-plated pot-bellied stove. Nick, the Italian barber, gave old-fashioned, 75¢ haircuts, sans sideburns.

The bustling corner of North and Halsted supported such neighborhood business establishments as the United Cigar Store, Schneider’s Meat Market, Newman’s Shoes, Sam’s Cut-Rate Liquors, and the Greek’s Soda Fountain, where 5¢ Coke and penny candy were sold.

Television still was a luxury, so most neighborhood kids saved pop bottle deposits to pay 12¢ movie-house admissions.

A German language movie house, the Kino Theater, was on North Ave. and Orchard. But most neighborhood kids flocked to the Plaza Theater at North and North Park avenues to view “shoot-em-up” Westerns like “Red River,” starring John Wayne. Later, The Plaza was razed to make way for new affordable high-rise apartments.

The factory neighborhood of Lincoln Park was launched on the long road to trendiness and affluence in 1956, when the Community Conservation Board designated virtually the entire area for urban renewal.

A proposed \$36-million plan, which did not get underway until the 1960s, envisioned a 1,000-acre

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Murder victim's estate sues Cook County because her killer was on electronic monitoring

BY CWBCHICAGO

The estate of a Chicago murder victim is suing Cook County's sheriff and chief judge for wrongful death because the man who allegedly killed her was on electronic monitoring [EM] at the time of the slaying.

Dominiko Johnson killed his girlfriend, Shanate Guy, and then killed himself one year ago, CPD Supt. David Brown said last year. Johnson had two felony gun cases pending in Cook County, according to court records.

On April 9, 2020, Judge David Navarro let Johnson go home on a recognizance bond after prosecutors charged him with felony unlawful use of a weapon, records show.

Then, in Jan. 2021, Chicago police allegedly saw a gun under

Johnson's feet when they pulled him over for a traffic violation. Navarro set his bail at \$50,000 and ordered Johnson held without bail for violating the bond terms in the other gun case. Johnson eventually posted a \$15,000 bail deposit last March and went home on EM, according to court records.

Now, Guy's estate is suing.

In the suit, lawyers claim that the Cook County Sheriff's Office EM program had 3,500 participants and received about 850 violation alerts every day at the time of Guy's death, but the department only had 110 staff members assigned to the EM program.

"The county ...knew [it] had insufficient personnel to adequately and safely monitor the individuals placed on the electronic monitoring program," the suit claims.



Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans (L) and Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart (R).

The filing does not provide any evidence that the county had such knowledge.

County authorities "took no action when it knew Dominiko Johnson was away from his pre-

scribed location for a substantial length of time in violation of the Cook County Electronic Monitoring Program," the suit alleges.

It claims the county "allowed" Johnson to be out of his house

"for an inordinate period of time" while on EM and alleges Chief Judge Timothy Evans and Sheriff Tom Dart knew about the program's shortcomings.

The county's failures resulted in Guy's death, the suit alleges.

In addition to claiming the county knew its EM program was deficient, the suit points to frequent public warnings by CPD's superintendent that the program was being misused for people ac-

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Complaints mount on Park District cameras

Investigation into the unfair placement of Park District security cameras has sparked renewed criticism from park neighborhoods and city council members about the quality and ineffectiveness of the expensive program

BY SIDNEE KING

Better Government Association

The Chicago Park District's [CPD] security camera program is under fire by park advocates and some city council members who call it a worthless — yet costly — deterrent to crime in neighborhood parks.

Some city officials say the cameras, rarely monitored by CPD employees, are below the standard of quality to be looped into OEMC systems, according to interviews and records obtained by the Better Government Asso-

ciation [BGA].

The BGA heard similar complaints at five parks equipped with CPD cameras, including two parks where residents were encouraged by the Park officials to raise thousands of dollars to buy the surveillance equipment yet cannot get answers as to why they are not working.

"We really wish the park district had explained to our neighbors what the limitations of the cameras were," said Ald. Michele Smith [43rd], who said she tried for weeks to get footage from the \$5,800 camera system at Oz Park. "They certainly would not have gotten it under those circumstances."

The BGA received similar accounts from advocates of Fosco Park, Clark Park, Wicker Park and Haas Park.

"We're only a half step above not having them," said Anthony

Porfirio, president of the Haas Park advisory council where eight cameras were installed in the park's \$4 million field house in 2011.

The criticism follows a BGA report in April that revealed how most of the nearly 90 Park District cameras are installed in more affluent neighborhoods with the least amount of crime, like Oz Park.

But park experts who study the community benefits of green space say even one violent crime incident is enough to scar safety perceptions among parents and other parkgoers, a stigma that can last years.

"If we improve the park[s], then we feel we improve the community that loves and cares for them," said Willa Lang, executive director of the Chicago Parks Foundation, a park advocacy group traditionally supportive of CPD

security initiatives.

In addition, many crimes in parks are never reported to police and therefore never show up in statistics. "A lot of times there may be gang efforts on every corner," Lang said.

The Park District has spent at least \$117,000 to a private security company — Active Alarms — for the installation and maintenance of cameras, according to invoice records. Most were installed beginning in 2018, records show.

In the two instances where neighborhood fundraisers were held to reimburse the CPD for surveillance equipment recommended by their top vendor, some local residents say they were promised more.

CPD Supt. Rosa Escareño declined to be interviewed for this report, and her spokeswoman

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Police Beat...

Man shot in the face at North Avenue Beach; three cops hurt as brawls erupt nearby

A suspect is in custody after a man was shot in the face near the North Avenue Beach House on June 21. Chicago police said three officers suffered minor injuries as they tried to break up fights among young people who streamed into the nearby Old Town neighborhood after being swept from the lakefront following the shooting.

Police officers at the beach reported shots fired around 9:50 p.m. between the landmark boat-shaped beach house and the pedestrian bridge crossing Lake Shore Dr. A police statement said the victim is an adult male, but did not provide his age.

A source said the man was shot in the face, but he was talking to first responders at the scene. EMS took the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in critical condition.

Other cops quickly apprehended a suspect and recovered a handgun, according to the CPD media statement.

Officers reported that fights broke out at the beach before and after the shooting. Police moved people off the lakefront after the shooting, and more fights erupted as the crowd made its way inland.

Several brawls were reported near North Ave. and Wells St. in the heart of Old Town. There, officers were injured while trying to stop a fight around 10:50 p.m., according to a second CPD statement. Police arrested a 16-year-old boy at the scene.

The police statement said one officer sustained scrapes and cuts to their arms while another received swelling to their right eye. Both were treated at the scene. A third officer was truck in the back of the head with an object, police said. He was treated and released at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

CTA temporarily rerouted North Ave. buses to avoid the area, but service was later restored.

Last month, the same Old Town streets were overrun by mostly young people as police closed North Avenue Beach following a social media-fueled “takeover.”

Robbers pistol-whip man in Lincoln Park

A group of five men pistol-whipped a man who was walking in the Lincoln Park neighborhood on June 20, police said. There are indications that the crime may be linked to two other armed robberies over the weekend.

Police said a 33-year-old man was walking on the 1200 block of W. Webster when a dark blue car, possibly a Subaru, pulled up and the five robbers stepped from the vehicle around 10:40 p.m.

The group surrounded the man and displayed a firearm while demanding his property, according to a CPD spokesperson. One of the robbers then struck the victim in the back of his head with the gun.

Police said the victim ran from the scene and contacted CPD. He declined medical attention.

The robbery occurred just two blocks from where Dakotah Early was shot during an armed robbery in May. While prosecutors have

charged a man in connection with Earley’s shooting, other members of the robbery crew remain at large.

A law enforcement source expressed concern that the group, which has been active in weeks-long sprees since at least November, may be coming out of hibernation. They are known for becoming violent during hold-ups, often pistol-whipping victims, and robbing more than one person at a time.

On June 20, a man and woman were taken to a hospital after armed robbers confronted them as they walked on the 600 block of W. Cornelia in Boystown, police said.

The victims, a 58-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman, were on the sidewalk near Broadway when a white Mercedes sedan pulled up around 12:23 a.m. Three men stepped out of the car and one of them displayed a handgun while demanding the victims’ property, according to a CPD spokesperson.

The spokesperson said that when the male victim refused to comply, the gunman hit him in the head several times with the weapon. One of the other robbers confronted the woman and demanded her property. She complied.

The group then escaped in the Mercedes with property belonging to both victims. A dark sedan followed them from the area.

Both victims were taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment. Police said the man received treatment for lacerations to his head. The woman was admitted for observation.

On June 19, three masked offenders robbed a 23-year-old man at gunpoint on the 2400 block of N. Orchard around 2:15 a.m. They escaped in a gray Hyundai that had been stolen an hour earlier near Belmont and Clark in Lakeview.

Bicyclist attacked, three people robbed in Streeterville

A bicyclist is among four people who were attacked or robbed in under an hour June 20 in the Streeterville neighborhood, police said. A fourth person was robbed that night near the local Chicago police station.

In Streeterville, a 23-year-old man was riding his bike eastbound on Illinois St. when a group of at least four men and “multiple” females began yelling at him in Spanish around 10:20 p.m., a CPD spokesperson said.

One of the men punched him in the face, causing him to fall on the 500 block of N. Columbus. One of the women then pepper-sprayed him, and the group fled. Police said none of the man’s belongings were taken.

EMS transported him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition.

Then, around 11 p.m., a car pulled up on the 300 block of E. Lower North Water St., where a 36-year-old man and 32-year-old woman were standing. Three men stepped out of the car, displayed a gun, and ordered the victims to hand over their property, a CPD spokesperson said.

The victims described two robbers as Black males in their teens or 20s wearing ski masks who stood about 5’-8 tall. One of them wore a white shirt or sweatshirt that may have gold sleeves.

About 15 minutes later, a 53-year-old woman was robbed on the 200 block of E. Illinois.

She was walking toward her hotel when a gray car pulled up and three men stepped out. Two of them had handguns, according to police.

The group took her bag, returned to the car, and headed east on Illinois St.

Another woman was robbed on the Near North Side around 1:53 a.m.


She told police she was standing

next to her car on the 400 block of W. Elm when a man walked up, punched her in the face, and took her purse, the police spokesperson said. He escaped in a white sedan, which may be a Nissan.

The woman got into her car and drove a couple of blocks to the 18th Near North Police District station to file a report.

Robbery reports in the 18th District are up 50% compared to last year and 2% compared to 2020. They are down, though, compared to 2019 and 2018.

After 100 MPH chase, man charged with carjacking woman in the Loop



Devonte Ladd

Prosecutors say two men carjacked a woman at gunpoint in the Loop while she was on break from work. But they only charged one of the men with the hijacking.

Devonte Ladd, 18, and Deshun McGee, 20, were arrested when they ran from the hijacked car following a traffic crash as state police and Chicago cops followed them, according to the allegations. A woman who ran from the vehicle escaped.

The victim, 20, was taking a break in her Chrysler 200 on the corner of Clark St. and Marble Plc. June 21 when McGee and Ladd allegedly walked past her car, then turned around and approached her driver’s door.

Prosecutors said that McGee displayed a gun as Ladd ordered her out of the vehicle.

“It’s not worth your life,” McGee allegedly advised when the woman initially refused to comply. He then pulled her out of the car, took her phone, and climbed behind the wheel as Ladd slid into the passenger seat, according to prosecutors.

A surveillance camera recorded the hijacking, but prosecutors said the quality was not good enough to identify the carjackers.

About four hours later, Illinois State Police troopers intercepted the hijacked car on the Dan Ryan Expy. near 75th Street. They pursued the vehicle at speeds that sometimes exceeded 100 MPH until it crashed near 45th and Western, prosecutors said.

Ladd ran from the driver’s seat as McGee and the woman bailed from the passenger side, according to a CPD report.

Police found a loaded handgun next to a fence that McGee jumped just moments before cops caught him, prosecutors said.

During an interview with detectives, Ladd allegedly admitted to taking a train downtown, where he bumped into McGee, and they decided to carjack the woman. The victim, however, could not identify Ladd and McGee as the hijackers.

Prosecutors charged Ladd with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, armed robbery with a firearm, aggravated possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and aggravated fleeing.

Judge Barbara Dawkins held him without bail at the state’s request.

McGee is only charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.

“That’s what the state’s attorney’s office has decided to charge him with,” Dawkins said, noting that she can only consider charges that are filed when setting bail. She held him in lieu of \$250,00 and said he must go on electronic monitoring if he posts a

10% deposit bond.

McGee is on parole for a 2020 robbery in which he allegedly displayed the handle of a firearm in his waistband while mugging a man on the Northwest Side. A police report said he got \$4 from the man.

After pleading guilty in January, he received a four-year sentence from Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer. By law, the sentence was cut in half for good behavior. He then received credit for 712 days spent in custody, mostly on electronic monitoring, before sentencing. In the end, he arrived at and departed Stateville Correctional Center on the same day, Jan. 28.


State officials are reviewing his parole status in light of the new allegations.

According to court records, prosecutors charged him with escaping from electronic monitoring while he was on bail for the 2020 robbery case, but they dropped the charge after he pleaded guilty to the robbery.

In February, police arrested McGee when he ran from the driver’s seat of a stolen car during a traffic stop, according to a CPD report. Those charges were dropped in March.

Former employee robbed an Edgewater CVS twice

A Chicago man who allegedly burglarized an Edgewater CVS last year while he was an employee of the store returned to the same location twice in the past month to rob it, prosecutors said on June 25.



Myles Webb

Myles Webb, 28, is charged with two counts of robbery and one count of burglary in connection with the alleged crimes at the pharmacy chain’s 6150 N. Broadway location.

On Nov. 5, 2021, Webb used his key to enter the store before business hours, prosecutors said. He allegedly turned off the alarm, took a large amount of cash, and left.

Then, on May 21, a female CVS employee was preparing to open the store when she saw Webb walking toward her with merchandise, according to prosecutors. When she told him the store was closed, Webb pushed a cart rack into her and announced a robbery.

“Gimme all your money,” he allegedly demanded. “I’m not here to hurt you. Gimme all your money.”

The woman took Webb to the safe, and he took the cash from inside, along with the woman’s phone and keys, prosecutors said.

On June 19, he allegedly committed a nearly-identical robbery of the store when the same employee was preparing to open for business.

Police arrested Webb this week.

His public defender said he works full-time at the Chicago Tribune and a hotel. He lives with his girlfriend and children.

Judge Susana Ortiz set bail at \$50,000 with electronic monitoring, meaning Webb must post \$5,000 to get out of jail on house arrest.

‘They’re going crazy, we need cars!’ - two cops injured as large fight overwhelms Boystown

Two Chicago police officers were injured June 20 when a large fight broke out on the Halsted St. bar strip in Boystown. Officers at the scene repeatedly called for more help as dispatchers tried to secure resources from other police districts during a 20-minute melee that one cop said involved about 75 people.

The fights broke out hours after the annual Pride Fest street party

wrapped up. Similar altercations have been reported following previous Pride Fests and the Chicago Pride Parade.

Officers from the Lakeview-based Town Hall 19th District sounded overwhelmed and understaffed as they called for more cars and twice declared “10-1” police emergencies on the 3300 block of N. Halsted between 2:45 a.m. and 3 a.m.

“Huge fight on Halsted and Roscoe,” an officer said as the fights began. “We need help over here... We need some cars now! We got about 75 people going crazy out here. Ask other districts to send cars here. This is absolutely wild.”

More than two minutes later, an update: “They’re going crazy, squad. We need cars!”

A sergeant eventually told responding cars to slow down as officers thought they were getting a handle on the situation. That didn’t last long.

Police declared a second “10-1” shortly before 3 a.m. at the intersection of Halsted and Buckingham streets.

“We need more [police officers] here,” one cop says. A dispatcher assures him that they are trying to find help from other districts. “Keep sending ‘em squad. Keep sending ‘em.”

A supervisor at the scene slowed down the police response shortly after 3 a.m, saying the situation was better but there were “still pockets of fighting.”

Bottles were being thrown several minutes after that, an officer said.

Police units that came from other districts were sent back to their usual patrol areas around 3:20 a.m. CPD asked dispatchers to send the city’s Dept. of Streets and Sanitation to clean up the mess.

According to a CPD statement, a male officer suffered an injury to his back while trying to arrest someone during the fights. He was listed in fair condition, the statement said. Another officer suffered injuries to both knees and their lip. They were not hospitalized.

River North carjacking crew strikes again in Andersonville

An armed carjacking team took a man’s Cadillac at gunpoint in River North on June 23 and then hijacked a rideshare driver in Andersonville two hours later. Two members of the crew were arrested after they crashed the second vehicle in Edgewater. The rest of the group continued committing crimes, apparently unaware of their colleagues’ fate.

It all started when the crew hijacked a livery driver on the first block of West Grand, near Dearborn around 11:30 p.m.

Police said a carjacker ordered the driver out of his Cadillac XTS at gunpoint and then pistol-whipped him in the face as he exited the car. The victim said the gunman got into the driver’s seat and a second hijacker entered the passenger side before they drove away westbound. EMS treated the man for a laceration above his eye.

About three minutes later, two men approached the front doors of a 57-year-old woman’s Honda Civic as she sat in front of a steakhouse on the first block of W. Kinzie. The man on the driver’s side displayed a gun and ordered the woman to get out, but she stepped on the gas and got away, a CPD spokesperson said.

About 45 minutes after the Cadillac was taken, a 65-year-old rideshare driver was carjacked at gunpoint as he sat in his Hyundai Elantra on the 1400 block of West Foster in Andersonville, police said.

Three shot, three stabbed during Chicago Pride Parade afterparty

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three people were shot and three more were stabbed in two incidents as large crowds gathered in the Boystown neighborhood Sunday night, hours after the Chicago Pride Parade concluded.

The shooting occurred at 1:27 a.m. in the 3100 block of N. Clark, at the three-way intersection of Clark, Halsted, and Barry.

Officially, police said the three victims were outside when they were struck by gunfire. None of them could provide any information about what happened, according to a CPD statement.

However, officers at the scene said they found about 30 shell casings and live bullets in the parking lot of the Advocate Outpatient Center, 3134 N. Clark.

Crime scene tape draped across Clark St. and police examined the exterior of a Domino's Pizza restaurant while other cops interviewed witnesses nearby.

Police said a 46-year-old wom-



A man wearing a blood-stained shirt enters a car following a triple stabbing on the 1000 block of West Belmont on June 26

an is in critical condition with a gunshot wound to her abdomen. A 30-year-old man who received a gunshot wound to his knee was in good condition. Both were taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. A 37-year-old man was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with a gunshot wound to his leg in good condition.

Earlier, two women and a man suffered stab wounds when a woman began flailing a knife during an argument in the 1000 block of W. Belmont around 11:27 p.m.,

Chicago police said. Officers arrested a 24-year-old woman at the scene.

According to a CPD statement, she and the victims got into an argument that turned physical. She allegedly pulled out a knife during the fight and began swinging.

Police said a 28-year-old woman is in serious condition with stab wounds to her chest, arm, and back. A 20-year-old man suffered a stab wound to his back. He was in fair condition. And a 35-year-old woman was in good condition with a stab wound to

her buttocks. EMS took all of them to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Police said the alleged offender was also taken to Masonic for treatment of a laceration to her face. She was in fair condition.

The post-parade crowds have turned violent every year since this reporter began covering the event in 2013, with occasional shootings and stabbings.

At least 10 people were arrested in the hours following the parade. Police recovered a handgun and took a man into custody at Halsted and Roscoe streets around 10:30 p.m.

Earlier, a 21-year-old woman was arrested after she punched a Chicago police sergeant who was taking a man into custody on the 3300 block of N. Clark, CPD said. The arrests came as police were breaking up a crowd that was blocking traffic and dancing on cars around 8:30 p.m.

Ald. Tom Tunney [44th] publicly expressed his concern about CPD's post-parade plan earlier this week. Despite the alderman's concerns, the department's second-in-command, Eric Carter,

announced on June 24 that he was reinstating previously-canceled days off for some officers on Sunday.

According to Carter, the reinstated time off was "an effort to reduce the number of consecutive days worked."

The affected officers are regularly assigned to the detective division and other parts of the city. Some of them would have worked 24 days straight had Carter not given them Sunday off, according to the police union.

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Two men demanded the victim's car while displaying a handgun and then drove away. A witness followed the hijacked vehicle and police located the car moments later near a 7-Eleven at Foster and Western. Also with the freshly-hijacked Hyundai was the Cadillac taken in River North.

Police followed the Hyundai until it crashed into a fire hydrant on the 1600 block of W. Thorndale. Cops arrested two 18-year-old men and recovered a handgun, according to CPD. Charges are pending.

Meanwhile, still traveling in the hijacked Cadillac, the rest of the crew continued committing crimes.

On the 2100 block of W. Lawrence, a masked man with a silver gun jumped out of the Cadillac and tried to carjack a woman. She managed to evade the hijackers and called the police. A CPD spokesperson confirmed that police responded to the woman's call, but no report was filed.

Two more robberies were reported in the area, but it's unclear if they are linked to the hijackings.

Shortly before 2 a.m., three armed and masked men stepped out of a silver vehicle and pistol-whipped a 53-year-old man as he walked on the 1700 block of W. Farwell in Rogers Park.

They took the victim's property at gunpoint and then headed north in the silver car with the victim's wallet, phone, and keys.

Two more victims, a 34-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman, called 911 after being robbed at gunpoint on the 1400 block of West Balmoral in Andersonville around 2:05 a.m. They told police that two men stepped out of an alley, displayed a gun, and demanded their property, according to a CPD spokesperson. The men fled in a black SUV that headed north into the alley.

Friday marks the fourth consecutive night that waves of robberies have been reported across the city's downtown, North Side, and Near West Side neighborhoods. At least three incidents were reported June 22, in Lakeview and Rogers Park. Twelve people were robbed on June 22. Others were targeted in a string of crimes on June 21.

Armed robbers target at least 12 people in North Side crime spree

Another wave of armed robberies rolled across the city June 22-23, leaving at least 11 victims in its wake. Among the victims are a tourist visiting the Mag Mile, two people riding in a pedicab on Wacker Dr. in the Loop, a man walking in Boystown, and an employee leaving work at a popular West Town bar.

Police believe some of the robberies are linked to another string of hold-ups that unfolded June 21 in Streeterville.

These robberies began at 12:05 a.m. June 22 on the 300 block of N. Green in the West Loop. A 42-year-old man was walking when a white SUV with Florida plates pulled up, and three men stepped out of it with handguns, a CPD spokesperson said.

They took the victim's belongings and one of the robbers punched the man in his face. The three then returned to the SUV and headed north on Green. Two people who were leaving work at a nearby restaurant said the men pointed guns at them, but did not take anything.

Witnesses said the vehicle may have been a white Nissan SUV, possibly the same vehicle used in June 21's robberies.

Minutes later, four men who traveled in a white SUV robbed a victim of their phone, backpack, and wallet on Grand Ave., just west of Milwaukee.

Then, three people were reported in about 10 minutes downtown.

At 12:25 a.m., a white SUV pulled up next to a bike taxi on the 300 block of E. Wacker Dr. Three masked men in the SUV took the victims' property at gunpoint, then drove away. The victims, a 31-year-old woman and a 61-year-old man, were not injured, the CPD spokesperson said.

Ten minutes later, a 33-year-old tourist was robbed as she walked on Grand Ave. just east of State St. She told police that a robber jumped out of a dark SUV and pointed a black handgun at her head around 12:35 a.m., the spokesperson continued. After giving the man her valuables, the victim went to her nearby hotel to get help.

Then, a 27-year-old man told police that a white SUV pulled up next to him

on the 3200 block of N. Broadway in Boystown around 2:50 a.m. Two robbers stepped out of the vehicle and pointed guns at the man's head while demanding his property, the police spokesperson said.

Another string of robberies was reported between about 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m.

Three masked robbers targeted a man and his friend near Milwaukee and Armitage in Logan Square. The robbers escaped in a dark SUV that may have been taken in a carjacking on the 2100 block of W. Dickens in Bucktown over the weekend, according to a report.

Around the same time, two people were robbed as they sat in a car on the 1100 block of N. Western. A dark SUV pulled up and three men opened the victim's car door. They took the victims' backpacks, which contained a laptop, wallet, money, and keys to a nearby bar.

The last two robberies of the night unfolded a little further south.

A man told police he was carjacked at gunpoint and physically attacked as he headed to work on the 1600 block of W. 21st Street by four men who arrived in a dark SUV. They took his 2006 Lexus sedan.

Another man, age 35, was pistol-whipped and robbed by at least five men who arrived in two vehicles on the 2300 block of S. Halsted, a CPD report said. The offenders took his phone and other property, then fled the area.

The victims generally described the robbers as groups of Black males between 15- and 25-years-old who wore masks and hoodies.

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Plan Commission approves renovations for Shedd Aquarium

Changes are on their way for the Shedd Aquarium now that the Chicago Plan Commission last week approved some dramatic changes to the physical property and surroundings.

The Shedd, 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr., which is part of the larger Chicago Museum Campus, will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2030, so in honor of their centennial, they are planning some \$500 million in improvements.

The biggest changes may be the addition of a new entry and ticketing pavilion surrounding the Man with Fish sculpture outside of the entryway. They claim the current entry is unable to meet demand, and that the new design will ac-

commodate more visitors by utilizing separated ticketing and entry pavilions.

The two pavilions will be added in front of the current entrance with a circular trellis connecting the two to create a sense of arrival for visitors.

On the north side of the museum, the terrace will be extended 10'. This extension will offer needed support spaces for four upcoming habitats in the north gallery. Two of the habitats will be rather large, while the remaining are expected to be more standard.

An overhead service stack will be built for staff to aid in the service of habitats. The roof over this section will be lower than the ex-

isting parapet and a cooling tower will be removed. A newly rebuilt mechanical penthouse and elevator overrun will stand slightly higher than the parapet.

The crab apple trees on the northwest side of the Shedd will be removed and replaced with native tree species to offer shade cover and frame views of the city skyline. An existing picnic grove at the northeast corner will also get shade trees and a prairie footpath along the east side.

Around the new ticketing and entry pavilion, the landscape will be enhanced with native pollinator gardens and rain gardens. Larger trees will break down the scale of the space.



Formerly the Royal George Theater had significant off-street parking available to visitors. Now the new residential development will only provide 35 parking spaces for its 133 units.

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The current pilot program is set to sunset on July 31, and now the new option allows residents to purchase City Stickers for four months, instead of one or two years, at a lower cost.

Upon expiration, residents who have chosen the Reduced Term option can continue to buy a Reduced Term City Sticker or renew

at the yearly or two-year periods.

This was designed to be an affordable tax option for all those forced to buy a city sticker. The City Sticker essentially gives a resident of Chicago the right to pay an additional tax to park a car in the city.

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redevelopment of the area generally bounded by Lincoln Park on the east, the Milwaukee Road tracks and Clybourn Ave. on the west and southwest, North Ave. on the south and Wrightwood and Diversey on the north.

Between the early 1960s and 1977, the city's Dept. of Urban Renewal demolished 606 buildings in the area. Ogden Ave., a wide boulevard, was vacated and Oz Park was created. Hundreds of old German and Italian residents were displaced.

By 1977, some \$270 million was spent by the government and private investors to revitalize eastern portions of the community, called Project I, and Lincoln Park was on its way to "revitalization."

As part of the urban renewal

plan, the Royal George Theatre was built and my father's three-flat lot was the end-piece of the project to create a ramp for a future parking garage. As a result—following an appraisal by Mid-America Appraisal and Baird & Warner—the theatre developers paid \$40,000 for that 25-by-140-foot lot.

So, this writer wishes Draper and Kramer well on its development plan. The only question I have is: Why only 35 parking spaces? The Royal George Theatre parking garage must have more spots than that.

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of "Escaping Condo Jail," the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

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creative and special and different types of performances," said Dr. Rosenkranz, who, besides being an astonishing magician is an award-winning physician and assistant professor in Clinical Pediatrics at Northwestern Univ. Feinberg School of Medicine. "That it becomes a home for Chamber music, where people know that here, they can get Chamber music in a beautiful, intimate way. That it becomes a local and internationally-known venue for magic -- it is really truthfully a very, very, very original space for magic and doing original, magical things."

"That people just want to come here, this is their go-to place on a Saturday night or Friday night or a Sunday, people may wake up on a Sunday, and say what's playing at the Rhapsody today?" continued Dr. Rosenkranz. "That is my hope and dream. That we make an impact in the artistic space and in the cultural space in this lovely community, not just for the

people in Rogers Park but for everybody around."

"And of course a bigger, loftier goal is that this particular theater sparks a little bit of a renaissance on this beautiful Morse Ave., a street that has seen a lot of wonderful arts," he added. "That others are encouraged to open up -- nothing would make me happier than if there was another theater just across the street and that we do really become a magnet for people to come to this beautiful neighborhood."

Must be some sort of magical ESP, because I'm really hoping for the same thing. Once upon a time, Morse Ave. was a bustling business district, filled with places like Ashkenaz deli, Charles Variety store, Davidson's Bakery and restaurants like Poolgogi and K-Mar's, which had the best zucchini parm in town.

I'm dreaming too, Dr. Rosenkranz, so we share a wonderful vision for the outstanding community that I've been a lifelong resident of. Hopefully our dreams can and will come true.

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cused of violent crimes.

"Sheriff Dart has been adamant that electronic monitoring does not prevent violent offenders from continuing to engage in acts of violence," the sheriff's office said in a statement. "Despite these dire warnings violent offenders continue to be placed on electronic monitoring. Regardless, sheriff's personnel work tirelessly to monitor those ordered to the program and to prevent them

from fleeing their charges or engaging in new crimes. Despite the tragedy, this lawsuit is without merit. The Sheriff's Office will vigorously defend against what we believe are the complaint's baseless allegations."

Cook County Record first reported on the lawsuit.

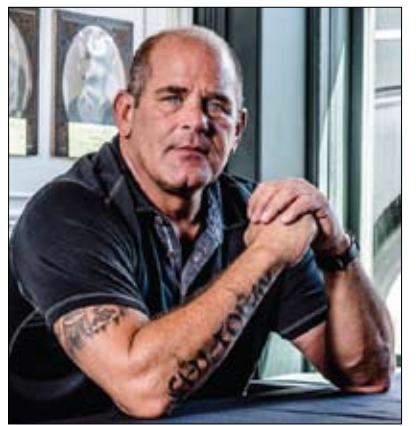
Dominiko Johnson was the 26th person accused of killing, shooting, or trying to kill or shoot someone in Chicago last year while on felony bail.



Stan Hollenbeck, Anne Hollenbeck, Don Guernsey and Cook County Clerk Karen Yarborough.



Lorenzo Collier, Daniela Garfias, Desmond Goto, Charlie Reyna-Demes, Elena Thomas, Alexx Torres, and Arman Zarei, Oscar Zarei, Olivia Shaw, and Leo Singer.



Frank Calabrese Jr.



Cary Frank and Wendy Eager with Maestro Stanley Paul.



Joe and Barb Mallon and family as son, Kevin Mallon.



Sarah Q. Crane and John M. Smyth.

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safe. President **Toni Preckwinkle**, were you aware of this while ascending the heights of "Der Furher?" All your years as the dorky boss doesn't seem to have sharpened your pencils.

TWIN ANCHORS RIBS: Congratulations Twin Anchors Class of 2022. Good luck in college this fall, you will be missed. Graduates **Lorenzo Collier, Daniela Garfias, Desmond Goto, Charlie Reyna-Demes, Elena Thomas, Alexx Torres, Arman Zarei, Oscar Zarei, Olivia Shaw, and Leo Singer**, you make us all proud.

UC DAVIS: Proud Chicago parents, Attorneys **Joe and Barb Mallon**, ask, is there a doctor in the house? Of course, son, **Kevin Mallon**, who just received his PhD in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering from Univ. of California-Davis.

ARTIFACTS: **Stuart Granen** has long been a star in Chicago's unique genre of modern genius. His Architectural Artifacts grounded Chicago's reputation as a leader in the use of reclaimed architecture for use in contemporary design. Up in that gigantic warehouse in Ravenswood until he shut the doors. Anyway, he is ready to set up shop in the Old St. Joseph School building on the 1000 block of N. Orleans. Bravo, Stuart, you've been missed.

PUBLICAN QUALITY: After eight years making extraordinary quality bread at Publican, not available to the public, baker **Greg Wade** has now opened a bakery in West Town on Grand Ave. for all in Chicago. Thank God for great bread.

WEDDING BELLS: **Laura Clark** was a popular favorite hostess at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill 10 years ago. Now she is recently wed to her new husband **Brian Wasserman**. **Grant Miller, Emily M. Clark and Jen Miller** in Akron, OH joined in the joyous day. She says she's absolutely on cloud 9, and feeling beyond blessed to have so much love and support from everyone.

OPERA NEWS: Friends of the Lyric Opera celebrating the arrival of Lyric Opera's new Maestro **Enrique Mazzola** and



Greg Wade

his lovely wife. Looking forward to a fabulous season.

SHHH, DON'T TELL: What noted North Side theater is outwardly demanding vaccine proof to enter but not bothering to check at the door? Somebody please tell the Lyric Opera about this trick before they lose more subscribers.

"BE GOOD OR BE GONE:" **Seamus McGuire**, famed Irish fiddler, visiting NYC and side tripping to the famous McSorley's Ale House whose historic motto is a legend.

FAMILY BUSINESS: Last week **Frank Calabrese Jr.** told the crowd at Sulzer Library that his book "Family Secrets: How A Mobster's Son And The FBI Brought Down Chicago's Murderous Crime Family" - and his own family's story - are now in the hands of **Ben Affleck**. Frank says that working for Hollywood is harder than working for the Chicago Outfit.

THE SUMMER SOLSTICE: **Stan Hollenbeck** says he was happy to have attended his worthy adversary, Cook County Clerk **Karen Yarborough's** Summer Solstice event along with his wife, Art Helps Heal President/CEO **Anne Hollenbeck**, and saw many familiar faces including Hollenbeck Strategies very own **Don Guernsey**, of Onyx Electronics. It was truly the hottest event of the summer.

WHO'S WHERE: Lovely **Jolanta Ruege** lunching at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill on the patio celebrating her Saint's Day... **Karen Zupko** having both an Aperol Spritzer and a beautiful

summer's day in Lake Forest... Birthday lad **Jay Barksdale** celebrating with Honorary Old Town Mayor, guru **Shelley Howard**... Cousin **Tiernan Donsbach** turning 18 and traveling with mom and pop, visiting the place where Lego was invented, Billund Denmark... **Christopher Clinton Conway** boxing up a festive storm in Dublin's most historic neighborhood at the Pepper Canister Church, my old 'hood, and always with the right specs doing breakfast at the RDS (Dublin's WAC)... **Jane and Joe Yount** continue on their sibling visiting in Beaufort, SC, and Savannah, GA... Architect **Lucian Lagrange** at the Old Post Office for Economic Club's night touring, and getting ready for summer trip to France... **Desiree Glapion Rogers** living life one amazing Paris night after another... **Janet Owen** hosting a small luncheon at the Arts Club for **Anne and Bill Hamm**, in town for the Colonial Warriors weekend, with **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** and her husband, **Rodger Owen**... Artist **Adam Handler** in Taipei, Taiwan at the Chiang Kai-She Memorial, getting in some sights during his breakthrough Asian Art exhibition... **Trudy Hunter** with **Michael Ensweiler** at Firecakes Donuts in River North... Newly graduated from Northwestern U., **Beatrix Cress**, no one more proud than Grandma **Jane Justic**... **Reute Butler** at famed Sun Ranch where grandpa, old **F.O. Butler**, bred army remounts near Hot Springs, ND, where the first Butler Polo Ponies came from... **Holly Wortell** in Kaanapali, Hawaii, finally a honeymoon... The South Side **Barrett Boys** from Beverly at Wrigley... **Bethany Florek** at Hyatt Regency for Magnificent Mile Gala in costume as a flapper... **Richard Sanderson** and **Greg Pollack** at Diamondbacks game at Chase Field in Phoenix with friends **Melanie Smith** and **Lisa Pagel**... **Adam Umbach** on view in Greenwich, CT, at Cavalier Galleries... **Lynn** and **Michael Ciuchta** in Milan viewing **Leonardo DaVinci's** Last Supper... A Choate reunion with the Cubs for the Wallingford, CT, alum **Sarah Q. Crane** and **John E. Smyth** at Wrigley...

Whitney Reynolds carried off two Telly Awards for her show, recently, one Gold, The People's Choice, the other Bronze, for National Programming... **Cary Frank** and **Wendy Eager** dining at Le Sud, Roscoe Village's fab French Bistro with Maestro **Stanley Paul**... **Rhonda J Liesenfelt** at the Alfonso XIIIth Hotel in Seville, Spain... **Dr. Rose Gomez** and **Evelyn** in Gordes, South of France... **Anne Kavanagh** kicking off summer in the South Caribbean for cooler weather. Hanging out with **Ozzie**, the **Soto's** and friends... Chicago former Circuit Court judge and attorney, Holy Name Cathedral Deacon **Daniel Welter**, is retiring as archdiocesan chancellor after a job well

done... **Thad Wong** in San Tropez in the South of France.

ZBAR: **Sherry Lea Fox** with **Nancy Newman, Laura Schwartz** and **Jean Coatar Antoniou** at the amazing grand opening for Zbar. Congratulations **Greg Hyder** at the Peninsula Hotel.

HQ MOVE: Blue Cross Blue Shield Assoc. has announced that they are relocating their East Loop Headquarters site down the street to the AON Center off Millennium Park.

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COMPLAINTS from p. 5

declined to answer specific questions about the camera program, how it is monitored or the district’s apparent unwillingness to share footage with other city officials.

“As part of its comprehensive safety efforts, surveillance cameras are monitored to detect and address activity that might compromise park safety,” CPD Communications Director Michele Lemons wrote in an email response to BGA questions.

“I wish someone told us”

In all of 2021, one crime — a simple battery — was reported as having occurred on Oz Park’s grounds, police records show. But the neighborhood furor over security began after a June 1, 2021 shooting nearby. Following a well-publicized incident in which a 17-year-old boy fired into a group of teens standing on the

2000 block of N. Burling St., dozens of neighbors expressed safety concerns.

The shooting occurred just steps away from Oz, in the parking lot of Lincoln Park High School. Another 17-year-old boy was wounded in the arm. The shooter was arrested a block away and charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and two additional felony charges, records show.

Following the shooting, dozens of neighbors initiated “safety walks” and called on city officials and police to increase foot patrols around the park’s 21 acres.

“It scared a lot of the adults,” said Shannon Waterfield, a frequent visitor of Oz Park whose two children attended Lincoln Park High School. “They think twice about going there now.”

Ald. Smith said she began asking the CPD about the operations of the camera overlooking the Oz Park playground shortly after the incident. The two cameras were installed in 2019 after neighbors hosted a fundraiser, records show.

Smith said despite several failed attempts by phone and email to reach the Park District’s security office, she never got any of the camera surveillance footage.

“Having a park district camera was not worthwhile at Oz Park,” Smith said. “It was not easily accessible to look at events as they were occurring or even afterwards.”

Smith told the BGA the camera isn’t regularly monitored by Park District staff, nor is it of high enough resolution to be looped into the Office of Emergency Management’s [OEMC] cloud of security footage.

She and advisory council members told the BGA that 18th District police officials informed

them the camera system isn’t of sufficient quality to do any real surveillance. Smith said she is considering using discretionary funds from the city to purchase and install an OEMC camera that can be looped into the city’s cloud of surveillance footage.

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Oz Park advisory council president Judy Johanson, who initially championed the campaign to bring security cameras to Oz park, says she feels the community was duped.

Johanson says she was advised by the Park District’s camera vendor to purchase two Honeywell Ball Cameras. She said she didn’t ask any further questions because they were the CPD’s recommended vendor.

In hindsight, she said she would not have purchased them.

“I wish someone told us,” she said.

Fewer cameras in higher crime parks

Five miles away in the city’s Near West neighborhood, Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez [25th], said he faced a similar lack of communication from the Park District about cameras in Fosco Park.

“There is an extreme lack of coordination from the CPD on security measures,” Sigcho-Lopez told the BGA.

Lopez said getting the CPD’s attention on improving safety measures at parks like Fosco Park is a slow process that puts park-goers at risk.

Ahead of summer program-

ming, Sigcho-Lopez said he made attempts to coordinate security protocols with the Park District’s security team. But emails between 25th ward staff and CPD security show his attempts were unsuccessful because his requests were ignored.

The complaints from the council members came in the wake of a BGA investigation into how Park District cameras are primarily deployed in parks with more financial resources and less of a crime problem.

Public records and interviews exposed disparities in where the cameras are installed. Through interviews, the BGA found CPD officials repeatedly cited a lack of money to deny residents’ requests to install cameras in Black and brown neighborhoods with higher levels of reported crimes in 2021.

By comparison, the CPD has installed nearly 90 cameras in 16 parks since 2013, most located in more affluent white neighborhoods with far fewer reported crimes in 2021, including three parks with no crimes reported last year at all, like Fosco Park. Oz Park reported only one simple battery in 2021.

Advisory council members at least three other parks echoed the same concerns about the effectiveness of the CPD Cameras, and say camera surveillance remains essential as safety precaution.

“I’m a bit skeptical of how effective they are,” said Bill Donahue, advisory council president at Clark Park in the North Center neighborhood. “That being said, I think that every park should have cameras, especially in high-crime neighborhoods.”

And in 2015, when Wicker Park advisory council members installed a total of 11 indoor and outdoor cameras after several instances of vandalism, former Ald. Joe Moreno [1st], told neighbors that the purchase would “enable the officers of the 14th District to more easily and effectively police the park.”

Crime in the parks

In 2021 Chicago police reported 1,411 crimes on park properties. A third of those crimes — ranging from petty theft to aggravated assault — happened in the city’s five largest parks where tens of thousands of tourists gather each year: Millennium Park and Grant Park, and the miles-long beach parks that sprawl along Lake Michigan’s shore and include the Lincoln Park zoo.

Crimes reported at neighborhood and community parks accounted for less than 2% of all crimes throughout the city in 2020, according to the most recent Chicago Police analysis of annual crime data. The BGA found 74% of all city parks reported fewer than five crimes last year.

More than 360 neighborhood parks reported no crime at all in 2021.

Minutes from advisory council meetings going back seven years reveal how Park District officials have avoided answering questions about camera footage and how to obtain it.

“The communication between the CPD Security and the City Police to pull footage and share it needed a lot of work,” wrote Doug Wood, Wicker Park advisory council treasurer, in an email to the BGA.

In 2020, Wood says he was attacked by two people attempting to rob him of his cell phone and wallet. He says the incident was within view of several park cameras, but when he brought the issue to CPD security to file a police report, no surveillance footage was pulled.

Wood said complaints have led to improved communication with CPD officials, but there’s still room for improvement.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE3 Plaintiff, -v- UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF ELAINE MOULTON, PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, GARNET BLUE, ALVIN BLUE, JR., DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ELAINE MOULTON, DECEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2021 CH 00672 5415 N. SHERIDAN RD, UNIT 5009 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 12, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 14, 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 5415 N. SHERIDAN RD, UNIT 5009, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-203-017-1653 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$173,668.61. 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

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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 JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 8281. 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.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #125 Chicago IL, 60606 312-541-9710 E-Mail: ipleadings@johnsonblumberg.com Attorney File No. IL 20 8281 Attorney Code. 40342 Case Number: 2021 CH 00672 TJSC#: 42-1917 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.

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Case # 2021 CH 00672 **13196635**
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-7 Plaintiff, -v- DIANE GOTTILIEB, IMPERIAL TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants 2021 CH 04293 4250 N Marine Dr #425 CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 12, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 13, 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 4250 N Marine Dr #425, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-16-301-041-1540 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$101,517.06. 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 en-

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substantial portion of their life’s savings.

Earlier this year, U.S. District Chief Judge Charles Kocoras had appointed Bahraini-based attorney Karim Mahmoud to serve as a federal special master. As special master, Mahmoud has investigatory powers which has enabled him to sort through the many claims made by New York-based developers Jeffrey Laytin and Jason Ding. The pair had failed in their attempt to build a 42-story tower after Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] had refused to support their effort.

Construction of the tower would have resulted in the demolition of a group of three historic buildings which are now part of the Near North Side Multiple Property Landmark District. This district covers an area in River North and Streeterville bounded by Chicago Ave., Fairbanks Ct., Grand Ave., and LaSalle Dr.

The buildings within the dis-

trict were built in the 19th century as fashionable homes for some of Chicago’s most affluent families. The buildings are a time capsule of architectural styles popular in the 19th century, including Italianate, Romanesque Revival, Second [French] Empire, and Queen Anne. Nearly half of these were built in the first decade after the Chicago Fire of 1871.

For more than a year, Laytin and Ding have told federal judges they would be returning their investors’ money, but they never did.

They had claimed they had secured funding through a loan from Bahrain, but that loan was just a mirage, and Litowitz’s clients are still awaiting the return of their money to this day.

Mahmoud uncovered not simply messy paperwork but rather an elaborate fraud, adds Litowitz.

“The special master has said that the supposed loan from the Middle East to pay off the Chinese investors was made up, fake, and that the lawyers were giving

forged documents to the court,” Litowitz said.

The website of the supposed Bahraini lender, Awalco Investment Awalco Investment Company WLL, seems to have last been updated in 2016 and has a 2018 copyright.

According to Litowitz, the actions of Laytin and Ding were not simply bad money management but outright fraud. He wants the developers and their attorneys to face consequences for their actions.

“My goal is to see the defendants in jail and their lawyers sanctioned and disbarred, if possible,” said Litowitz

Although he is now based in Bahrain, Mahmoud spent years practicing law with a multinational firm in New York. He is currently a partner with Dubai-based Hadeef and Partners.

This newspaper has made numerous attempts to contact Laytin and Ding. So far, they have not responded to any questions.

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Brown said tossed a fanny pack that contained a handgun with an extended ammunition magazine, got away.

The video, released by CPD on June 22, shows the man running north on the lakefront trail and tossing an object over a fence.

Anyone with information about the suspect can call Area Three detectives at 312-744-8261 regarding case #JF-289151.

Brown said three juveniles, a 15-year-old boy and a boy and girl who are both 16, were arrested during street fights in the nearby Old Town neighborhood as beachgoers made their way inland after the shooting. Three police officers received minor injuries during the brawls, which were centered near the intersection of North Ave. and Wells St.

Brown blamed “personal conflicts being resolved with gun-play” for recent high-profile

shootings like the June 21 one, and an earlier shooting near The Bean in Millennium Park.

He once again claimed that lax prosecution is a missing link as Chicago tries to get a handle on violence.

“The consequences when we make arrests to those offenders in our courts by our judges is — the officers are doing their job — [but] the consequences haven’t caught up with the work Chicago police officers are doing.”

“The least the courts can do, the judges can do, is hold people accountable that are in custody to the fullest extent of the law,” Brown continued. “That’s what needs to be different.”

‘Similar to inciting a riot’

Meanwhile, Ald. Smith, the local alderman, called on the city to install metal detectors or deploy metal detecting wands to secure North Avenue Beach. And she urged prosecutors to bring charg-

es against beach party promoters under anti-rioting laws.

“Police are seeking support from the State’s Attorney to pursue charges against the person who initiated the social media post that drew the people to the beach,” Smith wrote in an email to constituents on Wednesday night.

While penalties for inviting people to lawfully assemble may seem like a stretch, Smith said inviting people to the beach “is similar to inciting a riot, and can be prohibited ... as inciting ‘imminent lawless action.’”

Under the heading “Our Demands,” Smith’s email also included a checklist of changes that she wants to see:

- A tightened perimeter around North Avenue Beach
- Private security to supplement Chicago police at entrances to the beach
- Metal detectors or metal detecting wands at all entrances

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The space vacated by the Disney Store has been filed by a 11,400-square-foot lease to candy store chain It’Sugar. And the fact that H&M doesn’t plan to leave the Mag Mile altogether — as Gap and Macy’s did during the pandemic — is a consolation.

There’s still demand to own property on the strip, as evidenced by last month’s Silvestri Investments purchase of the flagship Neiman Marcus store for \$94 million, a deal that retail broker Greg Kirsch of Cushman and

Wakefield said showed the market where stability lies as landlords face disparate debt situations with their buildings.

That’s been cited as an obstacle to implementing a cohesive strategy on the Mag Mile by a panel of experts convened by the Urban Land Institute. They’ve suggested that boutique-type stores and brands unique to Chicago could become tenants beside small-scale luxury stores between the Drake Hotel and 875 N. Michigan Ave., formerly the John Hancock Center, which is across the street from Acadia’s H&M building.

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hat, a blue suit, carrying a black suitcase, and wearing white and blue Nike shoes.

“Anybody nearby to take a ride?” a police dispatcher asked, garnering no response.

Two minutes later, the dispatcher again asked for any available units near Adams and Wells.

“He’s the same guy that robbed Citibank,” she reminded officers. Again, no CPD units were available.

Five minutes later: “And, once again, we’re still looking for a unit in the area of 222 west on Adams,” the dispatcher said. She described the man again. “Robbed Citibank and standing in front of Walgreens.”

There were no takers.

Finally, at 10:16 a.m., the dispatcher assigned the call to a squad car.

And, at 10:44 a.m., the responding officer radioed a “flash” mes-

sage and noted that the Citibank worker last saw the bank robber an hour earlier — you know, when they called 911 about him.

Just six minutes after the flash message, Chicago police received a silent hold-up alarm from Amalgamated Bank, 30 N. LaSalle. That’s about four blocks from the Citibank.

According to the FBI, these pictures show the man who robbed Amalgamated Bank one hour after the Citibank employee reported that a bank robber wearing a blue baseball hat with a blue suit and blue and white Nike shoes was outside their branch carrying a black suitcase. The man strongly resembles the man who robbed the Citibank on June 8.

On June 21, the FBI announced that they’re offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads directly to the man’s arrest and conviction. Tips can be shared with the FBI’s Chicago Field Office at 312-421-6700.

- Maintenance of the promised manpower at the beach as long as necessary
 - A designated rideshare area for pickup with better organization of people leaving the park
- We asked Smith’s chief of staff how police could reasonably operate checkpoints to secure the beach when thousands of people run, bike, and walk through the area every day around the clock.

He did not reply.

Ald. Smith’s attitude toward the large groups has taken a sharp and sudden turn. During a community meeting that followed a “large group” incident at North Avenue Beach in May, Smith told audience members that the crowds that flooded Old Town streets after cops closed the beach were simply kids having fun. The audience booed her.

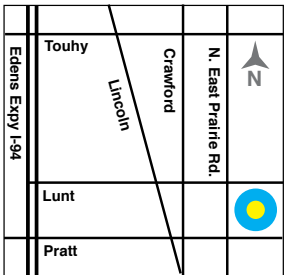
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