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Burned for \$562K after fraudulent deal fails

Former lead member of class action lawsuit stiffed after failed high-rise fraud

BY PETER VON BUOL

A Chinese investor in a failed 42-story high-rise tower that was to be built at Superior and Wabash, but which never received approval from City Hall, may have learned a difficult but very expensive lesson.

The investor, Ying Yao, who once had been the lead class member of a class-action suit brought against New York-based Symmetry Property Development,

had in Jan. 2019 agreed to settle separately with the company in a deal in which she was supposed to have received \$562,500.

Now, more than three years later, Yao, who also uses the first name of Annabelle, seems to have come to the realization Symmetry will not be able to return her money, after all.

A \$50 million loan from a group of Bahraini-based investors, which had been cited as collateral by the developer, was most

likely non-existent and an act of fraud, according to a federal court official appointed by U.S. District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras.

Attorneys for the New York-based investor, Jeffrey Laytin, had claimed the Bahraini money would be used to pay back Yao and the group of Chinese investors who had not settled.

This newspaper has made numerous attempts to contact Lay-

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City approves new \$40M commercial Mars-Wrigley R&D hub on Goose Island

June groundbreaking will grow candymaker's riverfront footprint

BY IAN ACHONG
ChicagoYIMBY.com

The Chicago Plan Commission has approved a new commercial facility at 1132 W. Blackhawk St. on Goose Island.

Located on the northernmost end of the island, the new building will be replacing an existing parking lot west of the intersection with N. Cherry Ave. The project will be for the Mars-Wrigley Corp., one of the largest confectionery manufacturers in the

world, as they commit to growing their presence in the Chicago region after the closure of one of their suburban plants.

The new research and development hub will become the company's largest at their global headquarters. The company is best known for producing candies such as Snickers, Twix, M&Ms, Life Savers and Skittles.

The Wrigley Company was purchased by the Mars Company in 2008 for \$23 billion in cash, in a deal making the combined

companies the world's largest confection maker. Now located on Goose Island with its own Water Taxi stop, the existing campus contains a global innovation center and a pilot plant, which are normally pre-commercial production testing facilities to develop and try out cutting-edge technologies at a smaller scale. The new two-story, 45,000-square-foot building will host a newer and larger pilot plant.

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Second explosion in LSD viaduct

Uptown residents fed up, voice their concerns over ongoing lawlessness under Lake Shore Dr.

On April 13 there was another explosion within a homelessness encampment on Chicago Park District property between Wilson and Lawrence avenues in Lincoln Park. No injuries were reported.

The fire occurred at a tent that belonged to someone who had died in early April.

It is the second explosion in two months in the tent camps occupying the viaducts under N. Lake Shore Dr. [LSD]. The first was on March 22. A similar explosion, fire and fatality occurred in 2021.

The Chicago Fire Dept. [CFD] said that two exploding propane tanks exacerbated the fire. CFD said they removed an additional 12 propane tanks from the immediate area.

Dept. of Family and Support Services case workers and support staff were dispatched to the scene after the explosion.

The damage caused by exploding propane tanks and the issue

of homeless people living in Lincoln Park has perplexed the city for years.

Anyone who has passed through the viaducts have seen propane tanks on both sides of Wilson and Lawrence avenues

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and in the parks, and this is not the first propane fire.

Propane gas is heavier than air, and will settle into low areas rather than dispersing, making it quite dangerous in a confined space such as a viaduct.

Storing tanks of highly explosive fuels in the midst of people living in flammable tents, directly underneath a heavily traveled U.S. highway and on a pub-

lic sidewalk, is a very dangerous situation.

The popular community blog site Uptown Update recently opined of the growing menace. That statement follows:

"The residents who contribute to Uptown Update think the time has come to say something more than just report. We hear consistent concerns about the viaducts and park encampments and demands for change daily, in comments to the blog, messages to our inbox, photos, and in discussions with fellow residents. The sentiment is both popular and clear: please someone do something about the situation."

"From our review of many years of emails and messages, here are some uncontroverted facts about the situation: What is happening under the viaducts and in Lincoln Park is illegal, has been illegal, and will remain illegal."

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**Police detain at least 16
during 'large group' incident
in Millennium Park, Loop, see page 11**

Louis Vuitton's Mag Mile landlord to sell retail portion of building

The sale could fetch around \$150 million, even as Magnificent Mile retail struggles

BY THEREALDEAL.COM

Uniqlo.

The owner of the Palmolive Building — home to the Louis Vuitton store on Magnificent Mile — has listed the retail portion of the property, even as the famed shopping district faces post-COVID challenges.

Nuveen Real Estate, the owner of the four-story base of 919 N. Michigan Ave., has listed the building, according to Crain's Chicago.

The 51,800-square-foot space is 70% occupied and includes the Vuitton store, Breitling and high-end jewelry store David Yurman.

Louis Vuitton, the largest tenant, is locked into a long lease, giving buyers some assurance despite what's happened to other Mag Mile properties. The luxury French retailer leases 20,000 square feet, and that lease doesn't expire until 2033.

Nuveen hired CBRE to market the building, and Real Estate Alert, a trade publication, speculated the sale could fetch roughly \$150 million.

"This irreplaceable corner, anchored by the world's largest luxury goods conglomerate, offers a generational opportunity to own some of the most coveted real estate in the entire country," an email from CBRE marketing the property said.

The listing comes at a difficult time for stores on the Magnificent Mile, the city's most well-known shopping area. The pandemic hit the area hard, and about a quarter of the storefront space on Mag Mile is vacant after major retailers left, according to Crain's. That includes Macy's, Gap and

Two major malls in the area — Water Tower Place and The Shops of North Bridge — lost so much of their value during the pandemic that they're now worth less than their debt.

The 37-story building is a national historic landmark that once served as the home of the Playboy offices. Built in 1929, it was originally home to the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet corporation.

About 16,000 square feet on the third and fourth floors is vacant, Real Estate Alert reported.

A sale price of \$150 million for the property would be about \$2,900 per square foot. That would be a substantial increase in value from when TIAA bought the building for \$89.9 million in 2012, according to Crain's. TIAA is now a part of Nuveen Real Estate.

CBRE did not respond to requests for comment from Crain's. Nuveen Real Estate declined to comment.

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The building was redeveloped in 2002, with the first four floors reserved for high end office and retail and the rest of the building was sold as condominiums, though the residential address is 159 E. Walton Place.

Has the city's once most fashionable address gone belly up?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

In 1969 the bulk of my college Political Science classes were all at Loyola U's Water Tower Campus. The erudite, brightest professors all seemed to be downtown. So I signed up ASAP.

I'd come down from the Lake Shore Campus most days, early, on the 'L.' Coffee-shopping it until time for class, usually at the famed Charmet's, at the corner of Chicago and Michigan avenues. Today, ironically, the home of Polo Ralph Lauren.

What a menagerie of colorful characters back then, sitting along the huge counter or in the booths.

Boul Mich in those days was truly elite, a steady procession of Gold Coasters would be coming in for Charmet's superb coffee and donuts. Grandparents bring-

ing in grandkids for a giant sundae. Imagine an era before the imposition of Starbucks.

Many of the customers were elegant and well-dressed. Chic, but quirky.

There always seemed to be a beat cop having a cup of joe, flirting with a waitress.

The clientele had regular attendees, like church-goers. Some actually were Holy Name Cathedral morning Mass folk. Also attorneys. Accountants. And a sprinkle of local "swingles," habitués of Butch McGuire's.

Outside there was no John Hancock Building yet. No super high skyscrapers, either. Everything was scaled to fit. Neighborhood folk were out and about. Trust fund socialites. Long-legged models as well.

Down the street on the 600 N. Michigan block was the neighborhood's true anchor, Saks Fifth Avenue. For some locals, there was nothing south of Saks. There the civilized world ended.

O'Connell's, the fabulous old-fashioned burger restaurant was nearby. So was Stuart Brent, a wonderful curmudgeon of a man. Pure old school intellectual. Chicago's most erudite book seller. He had a select list of customers. I had a charge account there.

Shops along the way were really boutiques meant strictly for the neighborhood elites. Li'l Bramson's for stylish, expensive children's clothing. Lane Bryant for the plus size lady. Brittany Ltd. for the fashion conscious gent.



N. Michigan Ave. circa 1950.

I spent so much time in this part of town, I decided that I should try and find a job there.

It didn't take long before I was hired by Saks Fifth Avenue, no less, and began a curious adventure and education no university could provide. This was my first real job.

My work assignment was the fur department on the third floor, sharing a portion of the elite Regency Room. That's where high-priced couture was sold. I actually worked for Revillon Fur, the quasi-independent furrier that was a huge part of Saks fashion enterprise. Revillon's headquarters actually were in Paris. Julius Wagner was the boss. Peggy Woods, the octogenarian second in command. Sally Gates was chief sales woman. And in charge of making sure sources of "shpilkes" were under control. While I was no fur expert, I did speak reasonable French. That was more than most people there. I came into work when I didn't have class. So I was a daily worker, just with odd hours.

Chiefly I worked on correspondence, but also shipped expensive furs to the many other Saks locations around the country. Sent customer's furs out for cleaning. Took many furs into storage, and oversaw the goings-on in the fur storage vault located in the basement.

When you needed your sable coat in hurry, I would gather it up and get it to you.

Everyone was treated as a celebrity.

Some folk actually were Chicago celebs, like Bonnie Swearingen and Ann Landers. Others just thought they were.

I liked the quiet harmony which was the most important order of business. Mr. Hal Cline, the store potentate, was a grand, elegant man. I liked him. He would speak to all the employees each morning over a loud speaker. He would bring up little odds and ends. He really was a booster, and his posh voice was always reassuring and noble.

The great Nena Ivon was a young woman responsible for the famed windows along Michigan Ave., as well as the displays of merchandise throughout the store back then. Fashion and special events director Nena was classic. Very professional. I love that after all these years we are still chums.

Often, famous designers would be in the Regency Room with

their collections. Most were very personable.

Looking back I cannot believe I knew these fashion giants. People like Oscar de la Renta. A grand man. The petite Adolfo, the sweetest and kindest of them all. Anne Klein. Bill Blass, a big colorful man with a deep tan.

Norman Norell, the dean of American fashion, who I considered the most refined and glamorous of them all.

Yves St. Laurent, a young colorful swashbuckling creator of very French-looking designs. And the great modernist, Pierre Cardin. We would chit-chat. I'd get them china cups of coffee that were always freshly brewed in a dressing room. I saw so much beauty at a time when America was learning to understand fashion in a new way.

Ralph Lauren was still a window decorator at Brooks Brothers then.

I bring all these memories up because N. Michigan Ave. was such a different piece of geography back then. So elite. Manicured. Measured in its quietude to the rest of the city.

The Drake Hotel was an anchor of civility back then. The Cape Cod Room was its great pride, as too was the Coq D'Or.

Jacques was across the street at 900 N. Michigan. A favorite French restaurant that seemed to be every discerning Chicagoan's favorite.

Everything appeared so scaled and well-ordered then.

The nearby Bon-Ton pastry shop was everyone's creamy delight.

The N. Michigan Ave. streetscape seemed to fit the neighborhood then. It flowed with the easy contour of the Boul Mich. There really weren't a lot of outsiders around. But all that harmony and old-fashioned elegance was about to change.

Not sure we understood that.

Once the scale changed, things slipped away. As buildings rose to unheard of heights, visions changed. The quietude altered into wide-scale commotion, competition, life on the grand scale.

Lots of new money. Condos on one street and down another.

But lots of new restaurants. Good vittles. Juicy steaks. But also an evolution with little control. From Lord & Taylor filling up the Water Tower Place to today's Target awash in proposed tenancy there. It's not even a second place finish. But it is the usu-

al tragedy of dreams too greedy, government too inept. And crime too rampant for small thinkers to resolve.

Michigan Ave. is in crisis. Magnificent no more.

Streetscapes of empty shops, boutiques and now an anchor shopping mall.

Let's be honest. Four years, almost, of Mayor Lightfingers, and her gaggle of incompetents, Kim Foxx, socialist aldermen and a coterie of elected soon-to-be felons, have left the door wide open for the looters, rampagers and thieves who now call Michigan Ave. home.

Recently the owners of Water Tower Place have simply given up, dropped the keys on their bankers' desk and returned the high-rise shopping mall to its lenders.

The lenders, by the way, have several buildings on the West side of Michigan Ave. as well. Empty. Unrentable. Shuttered.

The owners no longer want to be there. It's emptying out.

The city's once most fashionable address is going belly up.

You can only imagine what we can expect this summer when the looting season opens. Remember this. The sidewalks will disappear if that cabal are re-elected.

We need someone tough. Intolerant of crime and mayhem. And someone to get the Cook County Courts to be responsible, actually putting criminals behind bars.

I'm not sure what Hal Cline would have to say about that were he delivering his morning homily at Saks Fifth Ave. Or what Mayor Richard J. Daley might opine, having died on Boul Mich, upstairs of Jacques at his doctor's office in 1976. But I think

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New documentary showcases South Streeterville

Plus, check out the Lakeview soprano!



Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

The Streeterville neighborhood has a rich, storied history, and a new documentary showcasing just that, "The History of South Streeterville," premiered late last month at the AMC Theaters, 322 E. Illinois St.

About 400 lucky attendees got a sneak peek at the 39-minute masterpiece, which I'm definitely looking forward to seeing.

"It was great!" exclaimed Gail Spreen, a longtime resident of the area who's the executive producer of the film along with her husband, Dennis Downes.

Tonight, the very cool-sounding documentary will be shown for a second viewing at 7 p.m., again at Streeterville's AMC Theaters. The doc tells of the history of the development of South Streeterville, and its tales are told by those who created it, said Spreen.

"From Charlie Gardner, to Dirk Lohan, Lee Golub, Dan McLean, Ald. Brian Hopkins, as well as several others, the story is told by them," said Spreen, also a past president of the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents.

Spreen said after the installation of the Cap Streeter statue at Grand Ave. and McClurg Ct. (which was commissioned by Golub & Co. in 2010), there has been even more interest in the history of Streeterville.

"In the past 20 years, we have seen many events celebrating the neighborhood, from several plays on Cap Streeter, a cancellation stamp at the post office on June 6, 2011 to celebrate our zip code of 60611, to architectural tours telling the history of Streeterville," Spreen said. "What better way to tell our history of Streeterville than from some of the men and women who were significant contributors to making it what it is today?"

Learn about when William B. Ogden started Chicago Dock and Canal, Cap Streeter, and having the area go from the



(L) Historical photo of what South Streeterville looked like in 1970. (R) Left to right: Dennis Downes, Janet Davies, 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins and Gail Spreen at the March 30 premiere of "The History of South Streeterville."



busiest shipping port in the whole world in the late 1800s to what it is today.

"The area has had several lives," said executive producer Downes. "It went from a dumping ground, to factories and warehouses, to vacant lots and then to what it has become today.

"One of the very interesting stories discovered through this project was by Dirk Lohan, who is Mies van der Rohe's grandson," added Downes. "He tells the planning and thought process of creating Nicholas J. Melas Centennial Fountain and the water cannon at the south end of McClurg at the river. Such a treasure to have this great story of design told by the man who did it and have it recorded!"

Interviewees that are "amazing" and showcased in the documentary, including the aforementioned, are: Charlie Gardner, president of Chicago Dock and Canal, owner of the area for 140 years; Dirk Lohan, architect and Mies van der Rohe's grandson, who designed the Nicholas J. Melas Centennial Fountain, the water cannon as well as the Riverwalk and created the design guidelines for the area; Dan McLean, president of MCL Companies, who developed many of the area's buildings and kicked-off development in 1997; Lee Golub, president of Golub & Co., which developed many of the residential towers and is now doing the Chicago Tribune Condo development; Ald. Brian Hopkins, who speaks of going from community activist to alderman; Kevin Augustyn, development team for MCL Companies has the history of the thorium issue in the area; Charles Collopy, owner of Shoreline Cruises, and longtime resident of Streeterville;

Then there's Phil Levin, former planning director of the Mag Mile Assoc. who

worked in the Chicago Dept. of Planning in the 1980s when the area was being designed; Curt Bailey, president of Related Midwest, developer of several buildings in the area; Marilyn Gardner, president and CEO of Navy Pier talks about Navy Pier's history; Carmine Mattozzi, construction project manager for MCL Companies, found historical anchor; and Spreen and Downes, who are working with the Chicago History Museum for future viewings and other organizations as well. (They will be at some point offering DVDs too and the documentary be also be shared on YouTube in the future.)

Yes, I just dropped a lot of heavy-hitting Streeterville names. So many of these folks have helped shape the area into the thriving downtown community it is today. These are their tales, straight from the horse's mouth.

"This will keep these important stories and history alive by the men who did it," Spreen said. "It is not someone else telling

their story. They get to explain their thinking and planning of each of their contributions to the development of Streeterville.

"History of our area is very important in creating a sense of place and appreciation for what was here before us," said Spreen. "Definitely a much deeper understanding of how our Streeterville neighborhood became what it is today."

Keeping up with the Jones... This weekend is the last opportunity to catch Chicago Opera Theater's World Premiere of "Quamino's Map," which premiered with three performances only with the last being held this Friday and Sunday at the Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave.

In the production, the theater company sheds light on an oft-forgotten moment in Revolutionary War history -- post-war years when London was the unlikely ref-

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Sales of million-dollar North Side homes remains strong



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Homeowners in rapidly appreciating neighborhoods such as the Near North, Lincoln Square and North Center must think their million-dollar residences are made of gold bricks.

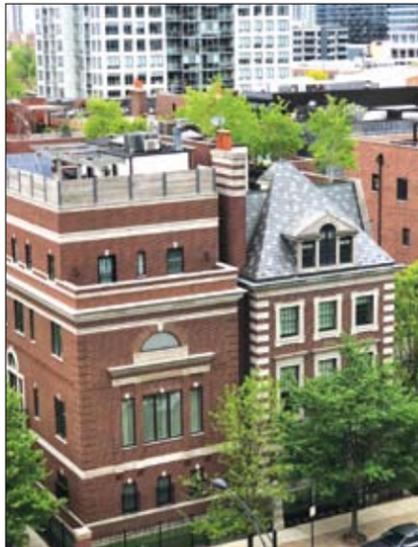
The quarterly Chicago North Side Market Report tracks resale home sales in nine neighborhoods—and six of the booming areas now showcase median detached single-family home prices of \$1-million or more.

The Gold Coast/Near North market led the pack in the 1st quarter of 2022 with a median home price of \$2.375 million. Lincoln Park was second with \$1.59 million, followed by Lake View with \$1.4 million.

North Center was fourth in median home price at \$1.35 million, followed by Lincoln Square at \$1,06,875 and Uptown at \$1,085,500. The report also studied Edgewater (\$975,000), Rogers Park (\$630,000) and West Ridge (\$425,000).

After posting record sales volume in 2021, North Side home sales set a new mark during the first quarter of 2022, aided by a strong rebound in the Near North market.

A total of 2,492 units sold across the North Side, up 7.6% from the same period last year. Those results were achieved even as the overall inventory of homes for sale shrank by 37.1% from its



Results on the North Side were somewhat stronger than those of the broader city market. A total of 2,492 units sold across the North Side, up 7.6% from the same period last year. Those results were achieved even as the overall inventory of homes for sale shrank by 37.1% from its level 12 months earlier. First-quarter sales in Chicago as a whole rose 5.5% to 6,587 units, and the median sales price fell -1.2% to \$325,000.

level 12 months earlier.

At the same time, the median home sales price in the nine community areas that make up the North Side rose only 1.8% for the quarter to \$384,250, while the average time that those homes took to find buyers was unchanged at 102 days, according to the report prepared by Mary Jo Nathan of the Charese Team at Compass Roscoe Village, based at 2044 W. Roscoe St.

North Side market strong

The North Side results were somewhat stronger than those of the broader city market. First-quarter sales in Chicago as a whole rose 5.5% to 6,587 units, and the median sales price fell -1.2% to \$325,000.

“Our sales data go back 15 years, and this year—for the first time—North-Side sales topped the 2,370-unit first-quarter sales completed in 2007,” noted Nathan. “The spring market is exceptionally competitive, and the most successful buyers have been extremely aggressive in bidding for homes.”

The quarterly increase in sales volume was achieved even though only two of the nine community areas—Lincoln Square and Near North—reported higher total sales for the period. The 44.8% increase in Near North sales, representing a gain of 213 transactions, more than compensated for the small decreases seen in most other areas.

Single-family homes accounted for just 9.2% of all North Side home sales during the quarter but those million-dollar digs were in high demand. Sales rose 10.1% to 229 homes, and the median sales price of \$1.2 million represented a 14.6% increase over the same quarter last year.

Average market time for these homes was 86 days, 17 days less than a year ago. The inventory of homes for sale fell by 44.7% to 130 units at the end of March.

Despite the shortage of single-family home listings, sales volume rose in six of the nine North Side community areas, led by Near North, where 15 luxury sales represented a 400% increase in volume over the 1st quarter of 2021.

Other areas recording higher sales volume were: Edgewater, up 63.6%; Lincoln Square, up 31%; Lake View, up 21.4%; Rogers Park, up 33.3% and West Ridge, up 16%.

Single-family sales volume fell most sharply in North Center, where they were down 32.6% to only 31 units, a result due in good part to the lack of listings. There

North Side Median Prices 1Q 2022

| | Median Price | % Change |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|
| Edgewater | | |
| Detached | \$975,000 | +5.4% |
| Attached | \$245,000 | -2.8% |
| Lake View | | |
| Detached | \$1,400,000 | -7.4% |
| Attached | \$372,500 | -5.2% |
| Lincoln Park | | |
| Detached | \$1,590,000 | -10.9% |
| Attached | \$530,000 | +1.0% |
| Lincoln Square | | |
| Detached | \$1,016,875 | +22.5% |
| Attached | \$296,000 | +4.6% |
| Near North | | |
| Detached | \$2,375,000 | +103% |
| Attached | \$453,000 | +14.7% |
| North Center | | |
| Detached | \$1,350,000 | +23.6% |
| Attached | \$493,000 | +14.0% |
| Rogers Park | | |
| Detached | \$630,000 | +40.8% |
| Attached | \$192,000 | -7.0% |
| Uptown | | |
| Detached | \$1,085,500 | +8.5% |
| Attached | \$288,500 | -0.5% |
| West Ridge | | |
| Detached | \$425,000 | +1.8% |
| Attached | \$155,000 | +4.0% |

seven areas, led by gains of 103% in Near North, 40.8% in Rogers Park and 23.6% in North Center. Lake View and Lincoln Park recorded resale price declines of -7.4% and -10.9% respectively.

Condo market recovering

The attached-home segment of the North Side market also faced headwinds from declining inventory, but they were not as severe. While single-family homes on the market on March 31 represented no more than 1.7-month supply, there was nearly a three-month supply of attached homes available.

Attached sales, which includes condominiums, co-ops and townhomes, for the quarter climbed 7.4% to 2,263 properties. Their median sales price gained 2.9% to \$345,000, and average market time increased by 2 days to 104 days.

The first quarter confirmed the fact that the Near North condominium market is in full recovery mode after a sharp pandemic-related slowdown. Sales there rose 42.6% to 673 units, the most since 2007, and the median sales price gained 14.7% to \$453,000, the highest quarterly median recorded in that market area since at least 2007.

Attached sales volume declined in five community areas, again reflecting a lack of inventory. For example, sales fell -3.4% in Lake View while inventory dropped -40%, and sales in North Center were down -12% although inventory declined -53.7%. Only Lincoln Square, up 11%, and Uptown, up 0.5%, joined Near North as sales-volume gainers.

Median sales prices for attached homes showed mixed results, gaining in five areas and falling in four. Gainers, in addition to Near North, were North Center, up 14%, Lincoln Square, up 4.6%; West Ridge, up 4%; and Lincoln Park, up 1.0%.

Median price declines were 7% in Rogers Park, 5.2% in Lake View, 2.8% in Edgewater and 0.5% in Uptown.

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The Run to Remember is the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's annual 5K run/walk that raises funds to support families of fallen and catastrophically injured Chicago Police Officers. This year members of River North Residents Assoc. and the 18th District Police District are

seeking supporters to run with them on "Team Blue for Bauer" in honor of Commander Paul Bauer who lost his life tragically in the line of duty on Feb. 13, 2018.

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Royko subject of library presentation

Mike Royko was widely regarded as Chicago's best newspaper columnist. He will be the subject of a presentation at the Edgewater Branch, Chicago Public Library 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

Prickly and curmudgeonly, he was a close observer and brilliant commentator on Chicago politics and American life. Were he alive today, he'd be having a field day with the current events and those now in leadership.

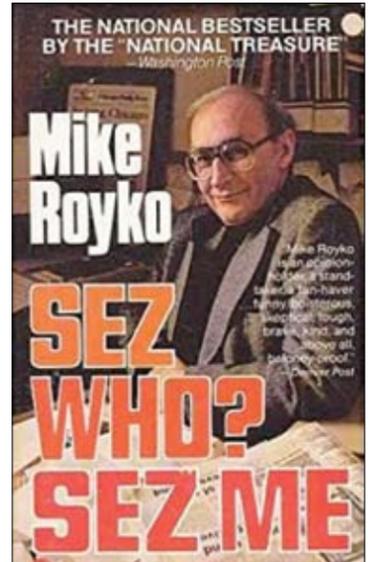
Royko wrote over 7,500 columns over the course of his career that netted him a Pulitzer Prize, and penned the international best-seller *Boss*, about Mayor Richard J. Daley.

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of Royko's death, the library at 6000 N. Broadway will host a panel discussion of his legacy, led by another Chicago newsman, Rick Kogan.

The discussion will be about Royko: *A Life in Print*, and *Sez Who? Sez Me*. Attendees will also hear first-hand from Royko's friends and work colleagues about the Chicago legend.

Books will be available at the Edgewater Branch Circulation Desk. This program is a partnership with the Chicago Public Library.

The event will also be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/edgewaterhistory. For more information call 312-742-1945.



Sez Who? Sez Me by Mike Royko.

EXPLOSION from p. 1

"The viaducts at Montrose, Wilson and Lawrence are under the jurisdiction of the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois owing to the presence of LSD [US Highway 41] directly above."

"Lincoln Park is under the jurisdiction of the City and the Chicago Park District. As we understand it, there are up to 12 different laws being broken every day the homeless encampments stay in place (the Americans With Disabilities Act, Illinois statutes, City ordinances and Park District Code)."

"The blockage of all or part of the pedestrian and bike lanes under the viaducts is an ongoing violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. The City and the State have chosen not to enforce the law as written. Every person under the viaducts has been offered shelter or housing, but has refused."

"The City of Chicago rented an entire hotel on Michigan Ave. to house homeless persons in 2021 through last month. Every person who remained under the Uptown viaducts this winter refused repeated offers of sheltering in the Hotel Julian."

"The citizens of Uptown are asked to comply with the law every day. The vast majority of us do. But the residents of the encampments, a group numbering less than 50 people, have mostly refused help, do not follow the law, and more importantly, are not being asked to."

"For more than 10 years, we have received messages and complaints reporting open air drug use, open air sexual activity, garbage, objects and rotten food strewn across the ground in the viaducts and the park encampments. Of course, all of these activities are both in violation of the law and a threat to public health and safety, particularly during COVID. It's become routine to see bicyclists and pedestrians using the traffic lanes under the viaducts to avoid the chaos of the encampments, and we have been lucky to have no injuries so far."

"But the recent fires and explosions have taken an already bad situation to an entirely new level. What the recent explosions have made clear to us is that the con-



The blockage of all or part of the pedestrian and bike lanes under the viaducts is an ongoing violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act, but the City, State and Park District have chosen not to enforce those laws.

Photo by Jim Vondruska/ChicagoHealthOnline

tinued existence of the encampments is, simply put, a public safety menace. To illustrate, after our initial concerns about injuries during the March explosion were met with good news that no one had been hurt, our thoughts turned to the 'what ifs.'"

"But remember as you read the comments that these are accusations intended to attack the messenger in an attempt to distract from the message. In the end, we're fed up, the community is fed up, and we are going to speak our minds and give a voice to our readers, regardless of the response."

"There are now actual wooden structures in the pedestrian and bike lanes (ersatz "tiny homes") under LSD, replacing tents. We don't want to imagine what would happen if those caught fire. And there are new double-wide tents on wood pallets. It's obvious that the entirety of the current situation is unsafe for everyone -- multiple flammable objects stored under a federal highway coupled with propane tanks."

"We discussed what a certain group of commenters are going to say in response to this post. Expect to see terms like "privileged," "rich," and "insensitive" thrown around. There will be broad appeals to social justice and accusations that we, or anyone opposed to the continued homeless encampments, are "Republicans" or "Trump supporters.""

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we're fed up, the community is fed up, and we are going to speak our minds and give a voice to our readers, regardless of the response."

Our aldermen (Ald. Cappelman [46th] and Ald. Osterman [48th]) have told us repeatedly that they have little control over the situation, as it is the City's choice to ignore the laws on the books. We are not politicians. We can't effect change directly, and all we have is this soapbox to work with."

"But with the situation clearly out of hand and dangerous, we call on the City and State to apply the laws on the books equally and fairly and remove all

people camped on public land. While this will necessarily lead to the end of the homeless encampments, it is the right thing to do for the community at large and for the people who are living in extremely dangerous conditions.

We have questions, too: What does the CFD think about all of this? And should the City Inspector General weigh in on how they feel about having laws routinely ignored and selectively enforced?"

"It would behoove all of us to have those answers, and we encourage our readers to ask."

"The residents of Uptown are entitled to free, safe, and unencumbered access to and use of the viaducts, the parks, and LSD each and every day. It's well beyond time to put a stop to the practice of subjugating the interests of the overwhelming majority of citizens and visitors to a small minority who refuse help and refuse housing."

Fed court can look into state's hiring of unqualified COVID lab techs

Pritzker administration allegedly ignored requests for a more detailed explanation on testing staff qualifications

BY DAN CHURNEY
Cook County Record

On April 19, the Justice Department released a statement reporting on raids at dozens of COVID testing facilities from New York, to Florida to California, and many stops in-between.

Dozens of schemers were charged by indictment with conspiracy to commit health care fraud, conspiracy to pay and payment of illegal kickbacks and bribes, false statements to Medicare, and money laundering.

The raids were caused by their roles in an alleged scheme to defraud Medicare through fraudulent claims during the COVID-19 health emergency for COVID-19 and respiratory pathogen tests that were submitted without regard to medical necessity.

Others were charged with alleged schemes to offer fake cures for COVID-19 and distribute fake COVID-19 vaccination record cards.

Some even facilitated in the potential international spread of the virus.

Linda Tufui Toli, 28, of Salt Lake City, a former employee of the pre-flight COVID testing service "XpresCheck" in the Salt Lake City International Airport terminal, was charged by criminal information with

wire fraud for providing counterfeit negative test results to travelers. Toli allegedly intercepted calls from travelers who were seeking COVID testing services from XpresCheck prior to traveling to destinations such as Hawaii, Israel, and other locations which required travelers to provide negative COVID test results prior to departure.

Toli allegedly canceled the travelers COVID tests through XpresCheck and arranged for travelers to purchase counterfeit negative COVID tests directly from her, and accepted payment for the counterfeit test results using electronic mobile payment services.

Then there is Robert Van Camp, 53, of Parker, CO, who was charged by criminal complaint with conspiracy to defraud the US and trafficking in counterfeit goods in connection with an alleged scheme to produce and sell fake COVID-19 vaccination record cards. Van Camp allegedly obtained and then used a blank COVID-19 vaccination record card to forge hundreds of fake vaccination record cards, which he sold to buyers and distributors in at least a dozen states.

Van Camp allegedly told an undercover agent that he had sold cards to "people that are going to the Olympics in Tokyo, three Olympians and their coach in Tokyo, Amsterdam, Hawaii, Costa Rica, Honduras. I've got a company, a veterinary company, has 30 people going to Canada every fu*king day, Canada back. Mexico is big. And like I said, I'm in 12 or 13 states, so

until I get caught and go to jail, fu*k it, I'm taking the money, (laughs)! I don't care."

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Last week a state hiring watchdog contended he has not conceded, as "misconstrued" by Gov. JB Pritzker, that two dozen allegedly unqualified temporary lab techs hired to help the state process COVID tests, are outside the watchdog's federal mandate just because they were hired off the street rather than promoted from within the state government.

Chicago lawyers Michael Shakman and Paul Lurie sued the Cook County Democratic Party in 1969 to fight patronage. That suit led to the 1972 Shakman Decree, which is a federal court order, still in place, barring politics from improperly controlling Illinois government jobs and allowing federal oversight of hiring. A Comprehen-

sive Employment Plan (CEP) for state government is in place, which the state is to follow to ensure compliance with the decree.

The federal court has appointed a "special master" to review certain state hiring decisions, to ensure they are in compliance with federal law and the court decrees.

These COVID testing pop-up labs appeared quickly across the greater Chicago area, perhaps too quickly to allow for appropriate regulation and inspection by government officials.

On March 24, The Washington Post reported on a company called O'Hare Clinical Lab Services, a small lab based out of a suburban strip mall that provided clinical tests for nursing homes and assisted-living centers near Chicago. O'Hare morphed into a testing juggernaut during the pandemic, setting up more than 100 pop-up coronavirus testing sites across the country, some little more than the shipping containers, records show.

In just 15 months, the company collected \$187 million in federal money, according to government records, as it shifted its business focus and emerged as one of the nation's largest test providers through a new program that reimbursed providers for the costs of testing the uninsured.

In February, federal regulators suspended O'Hare's license to operate a lab and cut off federal payments, previously

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Letters to the Editor

Hey, Dorval, focus on crimes and rules violations

After reading CTA President Dorval Carter's piece in the April 22 Chicago Tribune, I'd like him to know that infrastructure improvements are great, but what I want more are real-time monitoring of the surveillance cameras by people authorized and willing to dispatch live people to the scene of rule violations and crimes, for prompt enforcement (and arrest as needed).

I've also called for 'L' lines to be designated and patrolled police beats. Those who are regular CTA riders want the rules and laws to be enforced to the point of ejecting offenders physically from the system to outside the fare turnstiles, or buses.

Maybe CTA is no longer required to enforce mask violators on its vehicles, and it was safer to not try to enforce the mask mandate. But passenger violations of all the other rules continue day after day, and there's no attempt at enforcement.

And now the CTA wonders why ridership is still down?

Does Mayor Lightfoot care? Do the Chicago Police, Cook County prosecutors and courts care?



Why does the CTA refuse to monitor its surveillance cameras for rule violations and crimes? Sometimes the most obvious and visible problems are the real problems with the CTA.

Above is a photo I took [April 22] of a rule violation. This man was sleeping on the train. There were also several other men lying down across the seats. They treated the CTA vehicle as if it were their home lounge furniture.

I could have taken photos of more violators in the same car, but it would have been impossible to do it surreptitiously with my regular camera. Plus I was afraid. You read that right, afraid.

CTA rules expressly prohibit the behaviors I saw - and photo-

graphed. CTA has surveillance cameras in most 'L' cars. We passengers continue to ask: why aren't these surveillance cameras monitored at all times by people who can dispatch police to the scene to stop the violations, and eject them from the system or arrest them if necessary?

Why are video recordings always relied on after the fact, when enforcement could be done in real time?

Why does the CTA refuse to monitor its surveillance cameras

Shape up WFMT!

As a longtime reader of your papers (yes, plural!) since the 70s, I look forward to the neighborhood weekly news and articles.

In the April 6-April 12, 2022 issue, Thomas J. O'Gorman wrote about WFMT, Chicago's only FM classical music station. He didn't mince words when talking about WFMT's current downhill path. He described exactly how I feel about the changes that have tak-

en/are taking place there. It is a shame what is happening to our beloved station. I just wish that WFMT management would wake up and shape up.

My congratulations to O'Gorman for his excellent, precise observations.

Vera Tavares
Edgewater/Uptown

Hoping for a reawakening

While listening to three hours of a "Tribute to Steve Goodman" that I recorded from WFMT on Sept. 22, 1984, (the Midnight Special presented by Ray Nordstrand) while reading your comments about the change occurring at the station - I wanted to tell you that I totally agree with you. I am hoping like you that some reawakening occurs.

I emigrated from Italy in August 1950 at 18 and after accidentally discovering WFMT, I have been listening to it since its beginning in 1951 (I listen to only one station on my stereo).

Let's hope for the really good old times.

Harry Roccaforte

for rule violations and crimes?

Sometimes the most obvious and visible problems are the real problems with the CTA.

Jean SmilingCoyote
West Ridge

Have something on your mind about your community? Write a Letter To The Editor at insidepublicationschicago@gmail.com

STREETERVILLE

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uge for thousands of Black Americans who fought on the side of the British.

If you get a chance to catch the show, keep an eye out for Lakeview resident Kimberly Eileen Jones, who plays the character Grace Alumond. Jones is on the voice faculty at both Merit School of Music and Columbia College, and I hear her voice is truly something special.

She has been singing professionally since 1991, starting off at the East Coast-based Westminster Choir College many years ago. As

a very young singer, Jones belted out tunes at places like Carnegie Hall and the Philadelphia Academy of Music.

"For a young kid from Chicago it was a thrill and I feel lucky that I can sing anything from straight-toned early music to opera, to jazz," said Jones, who was around six-years-old when she first heard Barbra Streisand.

"I just reacted to her voice like no one else," Jones said of Streisand. "I still love her today and I've only seen her twice in concert.

Other performers she loved growing up -- besides her mother who is a pianist and her dad, who

is a Chicago police officer and used to sing in nightclubs -- are Janis Joplin, Dionne Warwick, Sheena Easton, Pat Benatar and Olivia Newton-John."

Since then, the award-winning Jones has performed locally, nationally and internationally, in places including Paris, Singapore, Milan, Florence, Leipzig, Germany; and Tokyo. She has had dreams come true, she said, by working with famous conductors such as Riccardo Muti and Leonard Bernstein.

Yet no matter where she has traveled, one of Jones' favorite past times is periodically singing the National Anthem for the Chicago Bulls. She was also chosen to perform the anthem opening night for the Chicago Sky WNBA team.

"Do you know every time I get nervous that I'm going to forget the words?" she confessed. "How many times in my life have I sung the national anthem? Each time is a thrill beyond words."

"To have your city supporting you and clapping for you, to open up for one of the greatest teams in the world is always exciting for me," continued Jones of the Bulls. "The halftime is awesome because you walk through the crowds and everyone gives you high-fives and treats you like you're Beyonce.



Kimberly Jones. Photo by T Powell Photography

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Porch fest seeking porches

PorchFest returns to Lakeview and Roscoe Village this summer. Lakeview's will be held on Sunday, June 5 from 1-5 p.m. and PorchFest Roscoe Village takes place on Sunday, Aug. 21 from 1-5 p.m. Organizers are now seeking porches to participate.

Those who are interested in being a porch host or performing at the event, can learn more or sign up at www.lakeviewroscoe-village.org/porchfest.

Metra Meeting tonight

Metra will be holding a public open house for the UP North rebuild project tonight, Wednesday, April 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Burley Elementary School, 1630 W. Barry Ave.

Petra will be rebuilding 11 bridges on the North Side from Fullerton to Cornelia.

The community may provide comments and ask questions via email at UPN-rebuild@metrarr.com.

Mobile DMV and resource fair

This Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Mobile DMV & Resource Fair to help connect residents with vital state and local services. The fair will be held at Swift Elementary School at 5900 N. Winthrop Ave.

Staff from the IL Secretary of State's Office will be on hand to offer a variety of DMV services such as:

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Police Beat...

Gun charge filed against man found driving hijacked car that struck a cop in the Loop

On April 17, Chicago police spotted the hijacked car that struck an officer in the South Loop as it moved through traffic in the Roseland neighborhood. The driver crashed into another car, drove onto the sidewalk, and then ran from the vehicle with a gun in his hand, prosecutors said April 18.

Cops arrested 18-year-old Dakari Arrington nearby. Prosecutors did not charge him with running over the 23-year-old officer, who suffered a broken leg. Assistant State's Attorney Loukas Kalliantasis said that investigation is still ongoing.



Dakari Arrington

Kalliantasis also said Arrington has never been arrested before.

But, as Cook County Judge John Lyke often said during his years overseeing bail hearings, "Sometimes when you enter the criminal justice system, you don't start with a single, you hit a grand slam."

On April 16, armed hijackers took a gray 2008 Saturn Vue from its owner on the 1100 block of W. 113th Place. Cops spotted it downtown a few hours later and tried to pull it over.

But its driver sped away from officers, drove onto the curb on the 100 block of E. Roosevelt, and struck a cop who was on foot, police said. The driver then sped away from the scene. Chicago Contrarian tweeted video of the incident.

Then, on April 17, dispatchers sent cops to intercept the stolen car when it popped up on the Far South Side, Kalliantasis said. Officers found it traveling south on Michigan Avenue near 107th St.

As cops moved in, its driver allegedly collided with the rear end of another car in traffic, then sideswiped the same car as he tried to drive onto the sidewalk. The car came to a stop on the sidewalk and Arrington jumped out of the driver's seat with a gun in his hand.

He tossed the weapon, which had an extended magazine attached, and a cop picked it up immediately. Officers caught Arrington and took him into custody.

Kalliantasis told Judge Charles Beach that authorities have not identified Arrington as the driver who struck the officer in the Loop "at this time." The investigation into that incident is ongoing. Arrington is also not charged with hijacking the stolen car.

But he is charged with felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and misdemeanor counts of criminal trespass to vehicle and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Assistant Public Defender Suzin Farber said he lives with his mother and works as a cook at White Castle.

Beach set bail at \$100,000, meaning Arrington must post \$10,000 to get out of jail. The judge said the gun's extended magazine and Arrington's alleged flight in a vehicle and on foot were factors in his bail decision.

People dance on car at Boystown intersection, then one smashes the windshield

A "large group" incident in the Loop on April 23 may grab the headlines, but there were plenty of antics to be had in Boystown over the weekend, too. Saturday's 80° weather, the warmest in months, drew plenty of people to the neighborhood's bar strip along Halsted St.

Sporadic fights broke out and police reported hundreds of people wandering the LGBTQ-centered nightlife haven. But the Boystown crowds are known for occasional unpleasanties, too, as one driver learned early Sunday.

Video posted on social media shows a handful of people dancing on the hood of a car that stopped for a red light on Roscoe St. at Halsted.

Crowds of onlookers take in the view as one particularly vibrant dancer goes to town on the car.

Then, it turned a little ugly.

As the man ended his dance, he lifted his left foot and smashed it into the car's windshield, shattering the glass. He immediately hopped off the car and scurried away — but the camera caught a good image of his face as he passed by.

Later, around 4:30 a.m. police responded to a large fight in the street at Roscoe and Halsted. An ambulance treated one officer for the effects of pepper gas.

Police announced no arrests.

Man found shot in Wicker Park, claims it happened in Streeterville

Police are investigating a sketchy story from a man found with a gunshot wound in Wicker Park who claimed the shooting happened in Streeterville.

Officers and EMS responded to the Shell gas station at 1600 N. Western around 1:35 a.m. April 25, and found the 26-year-old man with a gunshot wound to his ankle.

He initially told police he couldn't remember where the shooting happened. Later, he said it occurred on the 600 block of N. McClurg around 1 a.m., but he "does not recall hearing any gunshots and was uncooperative with officers," a CPD media statement said.

The McClurg address is five miles by car from the gas station, according to Google maps.

Police did not find any signs of a shooting in Streeterville. No one in the area, including overnight doormen and people at a 24-hour convenience store, remembered hearing or seeing anything unusual, an officer said. There were no calls of shots fired in the area.

CPD said the man is "known" to the police department. Area Five detectives are investigating.

North Side teacher accused of sexually assaulting student avoids prison with plea deal

A former Senn High School teacher who admitted to having a sexual relationship with one of his students has avoided prison by reaching a plea deal with prosecutors.

Joel Ewing, originally charged with criminal sexual assault by a person of authority or trust, pleaded guilty to a lesser count of aggravated battery in exchange for two years probation. The Sun-Times reported that the victim, now a 24-year-old woman, agreed to the plea deal.

Prosecutors said Ewing began texting "romantic" messages to the victim when she was a 15-year-old student at the Edgewater school, where Ewing was her teacher and theater director. He had sexual contact with the victim for at least two years beginning in 2016, according to the initial allegations.

In 2018, the woman told a therapist

about what happened. She later filed a report directly with Chicago police in July 2019 in part because he continued to work with children, prosecutors said.

Judge Steven Watkins sentenced Ewing this week and "noted to Ewing that he would not have given that



Joel Ewing

sentence without the victim's OK," the Sun-Times reported. Ewing is also required to perform 30 hours of community service. Ewing resigned from CPS after police began investigating the victim's complaint. Even though Senn's administrators knew about the ongoing investigation, they called his departure "bittersweet" and told the school's community he and his family were "leaving Chicago to pursue a new opportunity."

About two weeks later, after prosecutors announced charges, the school's principal said Ewing had been "removed" from the school two months earlier after administrators were told about the allegations against him.

CPD called the tone of the first email "inappropriate."

Armed robber fires shot during hold-up in Lincoln Park; another armed robbery reported in Lakeview

An armed robber fired a shot at a rideshare driver's feet during a hold-up in Lincoln Park April 23. The robbery occurred less than 15 minutes after another man was robbed at gunpoint in Lakeview.

In the Lincoln Park incident, robbers targeted a 33-year-old man after he pulled over to take a break from ridesharing on the 2700 block of N. Cannon Dr., according to a Chicago police spokesperson.

He was outside his car when two men arrived in a red sedan and the passenger stepped out with a handgun around 1:13 a.m. The gunman took the victim's phone, wallet, and jacket.

Police said the offender fired one round at the victim's feet and then fled in the red car. Officers found a shell casing at the scene. The CPD spokesperson said the victim was not injured.

Officers at the scene described the gunman as a Black male in his mid- to late 20s who stands about 5'-7" tall. He had light facial hair and wore a black jacket with black pants.

CPD is also investigating an armed robbery that unfolded on the 1100 block of W. Belmont around 1 a.m.

A 32-year-old man told police he was walking east on Belmont when a gunman confronted him with a black handgun, a police spokesperson said. The offender demanded the victim's property and fled eastbound in a gray Chrysler 300 that was waiting for him. Another offender acted as the getaway driver.

The primary offender in the Lakeview robbery was described as a male of unknown race between 20- and 30-years-old, who wore a gray hoodie.

Both of Saturday's robberies occurred in the Town Hall 19th Police District, where hold-ups are up 3% compared to this point in 2021. Robbery reports are flat compared to 2020 and up 33% compared to 2019, according to CPD data.

Police investigating Edgewater, Rogers Park robberies

Two armed robberies reported in Edgewater and Rogers Park April 22 appear to be the work of the same hold-up crew. Police have made no arrests.



Robert Skipper (inset)

No prison time for man who sexually attacked woman in Rookery Building elevator and admitted to 'groping all the girls'

The man who sexually attacked a woman in an elevator at the Rookery Building four years ago will not serve any time in prison under an agreement with prosecutors.

Around 2 p.m. on May 5, 2018, Robert Skipper followed a 28-year-old woman onto an elevator in the historic building at 209 S. LaSalle and then assaulted her. After putting his hand under her blouse, Skipper restrained the woman, forced her to the floor of the elevator and said, "Give me that *," prosecutors said.

After escaping from the elevator, the woman called 911 and described the offender. Police said two other women had reported being battered or sexually abused by a man with a similar description earlier in the day—one near Pritzker Park and the other in an unspecified Loop location.

Cops who stopped Skipper near State and Washington shortly after the attack asked other officers to bring the victim to their location to see if they had the right guy.

When the woman arrived, Skipper made eye contact and "excitedly" announced, "That's her! That's her! That's the one I got! I stalk my prey,"

The first robbery occurred near Kenmore and Ardmore in Edgewater around 12:45 a.m. The victims said three men wearing ski masks arrived in a black sedan and took their valuables at gunpoint.

About 15 minutes later, three men robbed a woman and struck her in the head near the intersection of Glenwood and Estes in Rogers Park. They escaped in a car that was driven by a fourth suspect, according to a CPD report.

The crimes are part of a 16% surge in robberies citywide this year. This year's robbery rate is also pacing 6% ahead of 2020 and 13% ahead of 2019, according to Chicago police data.

In the Rogers Park (24th) Police District, which generally includes the area north of Peterson Ave. and east of the North Shore Channel, robberies are flat compared to last year, but up 12% over 2020 and 55% over 2019.

The Lincoln 20th Police District, between Lawrence and Peterson avenues east of the channel, has seen a 28% decline in robberies compared to 2021, but they're up 33% compared to 2020 and 4% over 2019.

Man OK after being shot in Rogers Park alley

A 40-year-old man is in good condition after someone shot him in a Rogers Park alley on April 23.

He was on the 1300 block of W. Morse when someone fired shots, striking him in the right arm, according to a Chicago police media statement. Witnesses reported seeing a woman chasing after the man following the shooting. Police believe they have the woman's name and investigators reportedly considered her to be the primary suspect.

The victim ran to a nearby home after being shot. He is being treated at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston.

Seven people have been shot in

police said in an arrest report. Officers said Skipper's statement was captured on their body cameras.

He also allegedly admitted to "groping all the girls."

Prosecutors charged Skipper with felony attempted criminal sexual assault by force; felony criminal sexual abuse by force; and felony unlawful restraint. He is being held without bail.

But prosecutors dropped the criminal sexual assault charge and agreed to let Skipper plead guilty to a lesser crime of criminal sexual abuse by force for a three-year sentence.

The prison term was reduced by 50% under state law. Officials then applied credit for 1,377 days Skipper spent in custody before accepting the plea deal. State records show he arrived at Stateville Correctional Center on Valentine's Day. They paroled him the same day, according to the records.

Judge Joanne Rosado oversaw the case and sentenced Skipper. She also ordered him to register as a sex offender.

Rogers Park in five separate incidents so far this year. That's up from three victims in three incidents at this point last year, according to records maintained by this reporter.

Two shot during fight inside Edgewater apartment building

Two people were shot during a fight in Edgewater on April 24. The suspect remained at large.

Police said a physical fight between three men broke out on a sidewalk in the 6000 block of N. Winthrop around 10:53 p.m. One man then shot the others.

Officers at the scene, however, said shell casings were found in an apartment building's first-floor hallway. At least one victim and the suspected gunman live in the building.

Police said a 45-year-old man was shot in the chest. He is in critical condition at St. Francis Hospital. The other man, 34, was shot in the right leg. He was listed in good condition at St. Francis, police said.

Officers said the younger victim was "very uncooperative" with the investigation.

The victims are the fourth and fifth persons shot in Edgewater this year, according to records maintained by CWBChicago. By comparison, five people were shot in Edgewater during all of last year. There were six shooting victims in the neighborhood during all of 2020, according to the city's violence reduction dashboard.

Earlier this year in Edgewater an armed robber shot a 60-year-old man who intervened in hold-up on the 5900 block of N. Glenwood Jan. 13. Prosecutors charged a 17-year-old boy. Then on Feb. 21, police said a man of unknown age was walking in the 5200 block of N. Sheridan

Police detain at least 16 during 'large group' incident in Millennium Park, Loop

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police detained more than a dozen people, mostly juveniles, as a "large group" of young people converged on the Loop and Millennium Park the evening of April 23, according to initial information. EMS transported at least four juveniles to hospitals for various injuries during the hours-long incident.

A CPD spokesperson said the department did not have an official arrest count as of Sunday morning, but officers announced at least 16 detainee transports from the area on the downtown police radio frequency. An officer who worked in the area estimated the crowd at between 300 and 400 people.

The group formed near Cloud Gate, the sculpture commonly called "The Bean," around 7 p.m. Police began reporting fights throughout the area and people running into the streets a short time later.

Officers arrested two juveniles and recovered a handgun after cops monitoring surveillance cameras saw a teenager passing a gun to others near The Bean at 7:55

p.m. A 16-year-old is charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon as a juvenile.

Fights broke out sporadically throughout the evening. Some cops reported people threw bottles and fireworks at them. Groups of people jumped on cars in traffic, too. Bystanders captured some of those incidents on video.

Among the more seriously injured was a female of unknown age who was hit in the head and fell to the pavement near Michigan and Monroe around 10 p.m. A group also attacked a 14-year-old boy near Michigan and Madison at about the same time, according to CPD reports. EMS took them both to hospitals for treatment.

An officer radioed he was arresting one person for "setting balls of hair on fire under The Bean" around 10:30 p.m., but he said there was no damage. The fire department did not respond.

Most of the people taken into custody face misdemeanor charges or ordinance violations for things like mob action and curfew violations, according to an officer who is familiar with the details.

Saturday's "large group" was the first

such incident since police arrested 24 people in the same area on Dec. 4, 2021.

Chicago police handled six similar incidents in the Loop and Millennium Park last year, beginning on April 27. The city took a hands-off approach for months until police and political leaders approved a more robust response during a July 4 gathering.

Police arrested 60 people during the Independence Day bash. The word apparently got out because the groups didn't return for five months.

Man shot, critically wounded in River North

A man is in critical condition after being shot during a confrontation in River North on April 23, police said. He is the sixth person shot in the neighborhood this year — a pace that is well ahead of other recent years.

The victim, age 33, was on the 100 block of W. Hubbard when he saw a man that was involved in an earlier incident, according to a CPD statement. He confronted the other man, who "retrieved a handgun" and shot him five times, police said.

Officers taped off a crime scene outside an office building at 116 W. Hubbard, next to the entrance of Joy District nightclub.

Police did not release a description of the gunman.

EMS took the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with gunshot wounds to his hip and arms.

Shootings in River North and the Near North Side are occurring at a much higher rate than in previous years.

Five other people have been shot in River North this year, compared to one at this point in 2021 and 2020, according to records maintained by this reporter. Four people were shot in a pair of double-shootings in the neighborhood at this point in 2019.

Police have announced no arrests in connection with this year's River North shootings.

The Near North Side, which includes all of River North, has seen nine people shot this year. That's up from three at this point last year, four at this time in 2020, and seven in 2019.

Man threatened to 'beat the whiteness off' a cop as CPD seized three guns at Old Town street party

BY CWBCHICAGO

Three men face felony charges after police found three guns in a car and one man threatened to "beat the whiteness off" a cop at the scene, prosecutors said. It happened during an impromptu street party April 21 in Old Town.

Around 10 p.m., officers watching Chicago police surveillance cameras on the 1300 block of N. Hudson noticed a large gathering with people drinking and cars double parked in the street, Assistant State's Attorney Molly Bruno said.

At one point, they allegedly saw Andre Pughsley, 28, making shooting gestures and grabbing his waistband. The camera operators, suspecting he had a gun, sent patrol units to the scene.

Arriving officers saw Pughsley in a white car and tried to pull it over, Bruno said. Pughsley allegedly reversed his car, parked in front of the gathering, and tossed his car keys into the crowd.

Officers tried to detain him, but a crowd of 30 or 40 people reportedly surrounded the cops. A man in the crowd, Darian Davis, punched one officer in the face but got away before police could arrest him,

Bruno alleged.

A second officer who was trying to control the growing crowd asked Terrell Esco, 26, to step out of the street and onto the sidewalk.

Instead, Esco allegedly approached the officer, clenched his fists, and said, "I'll beat the whiteness off you, you b*tch ass." The cop arrested him.

Back-up units arrived and took Pughsley into custody. Bruno said they found three guns in an open lockbox on the back seat of his car. She said one of the guns was loaded, equipped with an extended magazine, and had a defaced serial number. A second loaded gun was in the box along with an unloaded pistol, according to Bruno.

After police left the scene, Davis — the man who allegedly escaped after punching a cop in the face — walked into the 18th District Police Station and started asking about Pughsley, Bruno said. Officers arrested Davis at the station's front desk.

Prosecutors charged Pughsley with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, pos-



Left to right: Darian Davis, Terrell Esco, and Andre Pughsley.

sessing a defaced firearm, and resisting police. He has previous felony convictions for robbery, home invasion, identity theft, and narcotics, and he is currently on parole for burglary and unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, Bruno said.

His private defense attorney said he is expecting a baby, works at his family's boxing gym, and volunteers at charitable events hosted by mayoral candidate Willie Wilson.

Judge Kelly McCarthy set his bail at \$50,000, meaning he must post \$5,000 to

get out of jail on the charges. He will also be held without bail until the Illinois Department of Corrections reviews his parole status.

Prosecutors charged Esco with aggravated assault for his alleged threat to beat an officer's "whiteness" off. He has four felony convictions, including two for guns, Bruno said. His defense attorney

said he has two children and works in a warehouse.

McCarthy said he could go home by posting \$3,500 toward his \$35,000 bail.

Davis, 31, is charged with aggravated battery of a peace officer. He has two felony convictions. His lawyer said he is studying to become an electrician, works as a sous chef, and works with the "No Kids Die in Chicago" mentorship and community outreach program.

His bail was set at \$30,000. He needs to post 10% of that to go home.

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he'd have seen great cataclysm coming on the horizon, earlier, in the catch and release of looters, shoplifters, carjackers, shooters and thuggery perpetrators on the once great Boul Mich. I do know it would break his heart.

AHOY: Happy Birthday to my Hyannis Port sailing pal, **Ethel Kennedy**, widow of Senator **Robert F. Kennedy**, who brings the best fried chicken out to sea while remaining after all these decades the symbol of promise and courage in the face of life's traumas.

GO SOX: TV news' **Andy Shaw** saw his first Opening Day in 1960, when he played hooky from 6th grade to join his dad at the old Comiskey Park. Today, 62 years later, the ballpark name is gone but not the thrill.

CSO: Two recent performances marked spectacular Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducting debuts — for **Sir Georg Solti** conducting apprentice **Lina González-Granados** and veteran pianist **Leif Ove Andnes**. González-Granados made CSO history as the first Latina to lead the Orchestra from the podium, deftly conducting two fast-paced opera overtures: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*.

ART EXPO: Expo Chicago, the Navy Pier art extravaganza was a huge success. Chicagoans turned out in droves to take a gander at an almost exhaustive array of fine art, after the pain and isolation of the COVID pandemic. I am grateful to **Adrienne Squires** for her photos of the event. All the paintings by **Roger Brown** sold, one for \$400k. The heavy hitters were here.

THE UNDERSTUDY: A theater-themed bookstore and cafe is coming to Andersonville. Partners **Adam Todd Crawford** and **Danny Fender** will open a cafe and bookstore that will stock 3,000 books on theater, including scripts, manuals, biographies and novels.

CHICAGO STAR: Bravo to my pal and colleague **Candace**



Ethel Kennedy



Candace Jordan



Lina González-Granados at CSO.



Chuck Jordan



John T. O'Brien



Andy Shaw



Will Smith and Joey Majumdar.

Jordan whose Chicago Star column just celebrated its first birthday and is wildly cheered for the enormous boost her efforts bring to the Chicago scene, adding distinction to herself as associated publisher and to veteran **Elaine Hyde**, publisher/editor. Love our Candace.

FREEDOM: Word is that the Chicago Tribune's Freedom Center site on the Chicago River at Halsted and Chicago will be the site for the new Chicago Casino. And your daily Tribune will then be printed up in Milwaukee. You heard it here first.

TETE DU FEMME: The **Pablo Picasso** in Daley Plaza just received its annual cleaning. Looks better than ever.

THEATER IN CHICAGO: Rolling Stone gives "To Kill A Mockingbird" five stars, calling it "an emotionally shattering landmark production of an American classic." See it May 17-29 at the James M. Nederlander Theatre. Actor **Richard Thomas** (of the *Waltons* fame) has the role of Atticus Finch.

BAILEY ON STAGE: **Barb Bailey** is bringing her show to her hometown, Wheeling, WV. Sat April 30 at Towngate. Show 7 p.m. After-party 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For tickets call 304-242-7700 or online. Once upon a time a baby was found in a cardboard box - and that baby was Barb Bailey: 16 songs and 16 stories about being adopted by **Lu** and **George Bailey** and growing up in Wheeling - and how she ended up in Hollywood - with hilarious stories.

PRO/AM: Congratulations to **Richard Robin** who had a hole in one at Tamarisk Country Club on the 5th hole, 175 yards, using a 5 wood and celebrating at Willie's in Rancho Mirage, CA, with **Ricky** and **Lili Ann Zisook**, **Larry Mages**, **Patti Stone** and **Linda Robin**.

WHO'S WHERE: RL's **Christopher Yum** is back at the Kishauwau Cabins in Tonica, IL, the ultimate in social distancing... **Kelly Wolter Mondelli** at New Star Restaurant in Elmwood Park... Reporter **Jim Williams** at CBS says **Brad Edwards** is great talent, as well as a good friend and is proud of his work... **Ken Norgan** loved the gala evening post-concert buffet dinner on the Auditorium Theater stage with **Beth Silverman**, **Rich Regan**, **Helen Melchior**, **Louise Lane**, and friends... **Sean Eshaghy** is with **Lucas Stoioff** at Montage Los Cabos, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico great running into old friends... **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** at the friendly confines... **Karen Schmid** with **Tracy Mershon-Ades** at Sneaki Tiki Restaurant and Bar in Stuart, FL, listening to music with the best of Lake Forest friends... **Charles Jordan** getting the interview treatment from RTL Group's **Dominik Maur** for a segment that will air in Europe, but hopes to get a link to share here as well... **Harry Kempf** having somebody else cook his lunches in Lincoln Square, playing golf in Vegas and sitting at the \$100 table, still bragging to his buddies about retiring from his day job at BrauHaus Restaurant six months before COVID would have closed it down... **Pablo De La Cruz** brunching in NYC... **Jenny Sepulveda** with **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Marius Morkvenas** at the Thompson... Relator **Ken Dooley** and **Dana Librot Dooley** on a visit to the West of Ireland with a stop at Glenbeigh overlooking Dingle Bay in Kerry... **Chris Grimshaw** and son, **Lalo**, eyeing the Stars

and Stripes in Zion National Park in Springdale, UT... **BJ Murray** producing a photo for radioman **Robert Murphy** of the night in 1985, when *Limelight* opened in Chicago, replete with **Andy Warhol** and **Toni Bennett**... PBS Star **Whitney Reynolds** and husband, **David Heiner**, and the twins, have flown the coop for Florida... Breakfast Boys **Mark Olley** and **Jim Ellsworth** made the trek to Lake Forest for a Palm Sunday feast at the Deerpath Inn... **Nina Mariano** with **Julie Barrish** at Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club, Surfside FL... **Jolanta Ruege** at Palm Sunday Mass at Holy Name Cathedral with pastor, **Fr. Greg Sakowicz**... **Edmund Lester** already feeling Cubs will go all the way starting right now... **Tad Wilbur** with acquisition of the stately historic early American home in Maryland... **Joe** and **Tracey Tarantino DiBuono** and assorted grandchildren a whole new generation in the Palm Sunday morning sun in the procession of branches outside at Our Lady of Pompeii... on Sabbatical **Fr. Jeremiah Boland** just said arivaderci to Rome and off to Jerusalem, now spending the day in Tiberius and at the Sea of Galilee where Jesus fed the hungry, preached the Sermon on the Mount, calmed the troubled waters and called the disciples to follow... **Danny Lawlor** at the Blind Pig in Austin, TX... **Christie's Steven Zick** at Bar Avec, a gathering of Midwestern artists, curators, museum directors, patrons and trustees, all clearly thrilled to be back in person at Expo Chicago... Maestro **Stanley Paul's** wonderful friends in Palm Springs, neighbors surprised him with a fun send-off dinner party... **Chris Chelios**, **Petros'** nephew, pleasantly surprising him and the **Contessa Bottega** at the boutique, what a gentleman... **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** and **Bethany Florek** welcome the return of the traveller **Sherrill Bodine**... **Joey Majumdar** with **Oscar** and **Will Smith** at Holly-

wood post Oscar bash.

EASTERING: Easter Bunny catching up with pal **Shaun Rajah** at the Langham... **Michael Leric** at Saddle and Cycle Club with his wonderful jazz ensemble as background music. **Sherry Lea Fox** in Newport Beach, CA... **Ken** and **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** with **Kenny**, **Keely** and **Charlie Moll** for in LA for Pasqua... **Ken Norgan** sending greetings from **George Jewell's** elegant Michigan farm... **Col. Paul Malarik**, **Lynn Graham** and **Lyssa Piette** at the WAC... **Karen Schmid** and her boys celebrating in Boca Raton, FL... **John Dombrowski** and **Victoria dal Santo** in San Diego with **Colleen dal Santo Ryan** and family... **Edward Galvin** egg hunting in Palm Springs, CA... Lake Forest's **Dennis** and **Mary Kay Grant** at Lafayette Club in Minnesota with family... **Dan Balanoff** getting prayerful with **Shelly** and **Timothy Quilles** at Soul City Church... **Brian White**, **Jim Kinney** and **Tom Cooney** with **Bill** and **Peggy Quinn Cooney** at Zozo's in St. John's, in the Virgin Islands... Resauranteur **Ferdia Doherty** with the Art Institute's **Nora Gainer Doherty** with **Bebhinn**, **Aonghus** and **Maude** at Easter Sunday Afternoon Tea at the Drake Hotel, pinkies up... **Cliona Buckley** hosted friends to a feast then highailed it to Spain.

SECOND AMBULANCE: Polish Cardinal **Konrad Karjewski**, the Pope's personal pastor for the homeless delivered a second ambulance donated by **Pope Francis** to the cardiologic hospital in Kyiv. On Good Friday he presided at the Way of the Cross in areas there that have been destroyed by missile and bomb attacks. The ambulance is a gesture, a symbol, he told Vatican Radio, with which the Pope "kisses the feet of the Ukrainian people."

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Lincoln Park resident, and famous rock groupie, dead at 74

On April 21, Cynthia Albritton, one of the rock music industry's most well-known groupies, died at age 74.

Albritton earned herself the nickname, Cynthia "Plaster Caster" when she was young and a true groupie, and began latching onto one rockstar after another in hopes that they would fall in love with her.

The reason she received her odd nickname was due to her creating plaster casts of many musician's private areas. She says the idea to do the plaster castings came from her art teacher at the Univ. of Illinois Chicago.

Oddly enough, it was Frank Zappa who helped Cynthia pursue her interesting hobby. Albritton's first plaster cast subject was Jimi Hendrix, who she and a friend located in a Chicago hotel after a 1968 show at the Civic Opera House.

She was reportedly the subject of the Kiss song "Plaster Caster."

Albritton was a Lincoln Park resident for a number of years, living near Halsted and Wrightwood. Her last days were spent in a care facility - Symphony of Lincoln Park at Southport and Fullerton - after suffering a fall at home. Funeral arrangements are pending.

According to Babette Novak, one of Cynthia's friends, "Cynthia passed away, peacefully. Many thanks to her zillions of friends who love her so much. It's gratifying to see how many lives Cynthia touched. I'm sure she felt she was surrounded by love in the end - because she was. I know she would give a resounding, "Thank you, doll!" if she heard all the well wishing going on right now."

In her obituary, the Sun-Times Maureen O'Donnell quoted Novak - and others - saying, "She was the kind of person who, no matter where you were - in a crowded club or a restaurant - she would make you feel like you were the person she wanted to talk to. She was mischievous. She always had a twinkle."

"She was really fun, and she was really sweet, and she had so many stories," said another friend, musician and record collector Bruce Dinsmor. "She's one of the few people I know who was there for the '60s, she was there for the alternative era, for punk, the indie movement, you name it."

"A lot of us think she should be in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame," Dinsmor told O'Donnell.

"She was just the nicest woman," said record dealer Ric Addy, who used to operate the Shake Rattle & Read book and record store in Uptown. Usually, she was in the front row at shows. "She'd always find her way backstage."

Following below is an article produced by Far Out Magazine that explains what her life was like.

BY FAR OUT
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The rock industry has had its fair amount of groupies over the years, each nearly as unique and extravagant as the other. Howev-



When she was young and a true groupie, Cynthia Albritton, AKA Cynthia "Plaster Caster," began latching onto one rockstar after another in hopes that they would fall in love with her. Her plaster moulds became her trademark in the Rock N Roll world. Later her life was filled with more mundane tasks like grocery shopping at the Jewel store at Broadway and Addison St. Photos by @Linda Matlow/PIXINTL



er, some of them stood out from their peers big time. Cynthia Albritton—AKA Cynthia "Plaster Caster"—is one of them. Plaster moulds became her trademark,

In 1968, when he was in Chicago, Hendrix became the first artist to agree to her moulds. She'd been practising multiple times on her friends' private parts, so she

it to fruition as most rock stars who volunteered to get their penis moulded wanted to bring it back home instead of leaving it for everyone to gawp at—but that didn't mean Cynthia didn't achieve anything. On the contrary, with a total of 48 masterpieces, she made a name for herself in the rock music scene, and her male casts were even exhibited in the SoHo neighbourhood of New York City in 2000, as well as at the MoMA PS1 in Queens seven years later.

Later in life, Albritton also started casting women's breasts as she expanded her horizons. Her official website is also somewhat artistic in that domain. Indeed, if you "click on the dick," you can learn more about her various plaster casts, with some play on words that go perfectly with the subject.

With her imagination, Cynthia Plaster Caster has most definitely made history in the art of being a groupie—and only rock 'n' roll's finest groupies could make these sort of things happen. There's no way we'd see someone make a mould out of an international star's penis nowadays.

Those were the days, for better and for worse, and Cynthia Plaster Caster will, without doubt, stay in the minds of many rock icons.

not because it was an artistic way of showing her fondness for rock music, but because they were moulds of penises—and not just any old penis.

It all started back in Chicago when the groupie was attending an art school. One of her teachers asked her students to create a plaster cast of "something solid that could retain its shape." Being an immense fan of rock and roll from a very young age, Albritton wanted to make sure she created something creatively different—and what better way to do so than to make a mould out of a penis?

During her teenage years, she also found herself becoming more and more attracted to the "gorgeous men who made the awesome music" she listened to. Albritton started to go to after-parties and gigs to try and grab the attention of some of the big names out there.

However, other young women had already thought of doing that before her, and the competition was tough to win one of the rock stars over. After all, the stars of the day weren't mere musicians but bonafide pop culture overlords.

The assignment she had been given sparked some inspiration when she went to a Paul Revere and the Raiders show. At the afterparty, the young groupie went up to the lead singer asking if she could cast his "solid somethings." Just a basic question, you know. Albritton didn't get the answer she was hoping for, but it certainly had the effect she went for.

Soon, the rock stars heard of this girl with an art project in mind, and it intrigued more than one, including the great Jimi Hendrix. The rock stars of the world saw their chance to confirm their spot in infamy.

"She was really fun, and she was really sweet, and she had so many stories," said Bruce Dinsmor. "She's one of the few people I know who was there for the '60s, she was there for the alternative era, for punk, the indie movement, you name it. A lot of us think she should be in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame."

knew exactly what to do to get the perfect shape. Looking back at the different men who agreed to it, Albritton says Hendrix was one of her favourites, simply because he didn't make a big deal out of it, taking it all in his stride. Unlike Aynsley Dunbar from Journey, Hendrix was pretty laid back about it all.

Many music managers, as well as rock stars, started asking for her to make a mould of their own, after Jimi Hendrix had his done. Some of which were Dead Kennedy's Jello Biafra, Chris Connelly, Wayne Kramer and Jon Langford.

Funnily enough, Frank Zappa also got in touch with the artist to exhibit Cynthia's pieces. However, the exhibition never made

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unreported documents obtained by The Post show. The sanction capped a string of safety concerns that date to the lab's foray into coronavirus testing in late 2020 and, in some cases, allegedly put people at risk of serious injury or death.

O'Hare's rise illustrates the shortcomings of the federal government's approach to coronavirus testing and provides a portrait of a freewheeling segment of the testing industry that ballooned during the pandemic amid a massive infusion of government money.

Absent a robust public health testing infrastructure, the federal government directed billions of dollars to private health companies to provide coronavirus testing for the uninsured, creating lucrative opportunities for large, established firms as well as more obscure companies with spotty safety records, according to the Post.

In addition to collecting samples that were sent back to O'Hare's lab in Chicago for PCR testing, the remote sites offered free rapid antigen tests, tests that were not

authorized under O'Hare's license, records show. Patients complained repeatedly to attorneys general in multiple states that they never got their testing results from O'Hare, documents show.

O'Hare ranked eighth among more than 30,000 companies that have been reimbursed a total of \$11.3 billion for providing testing to the uninsured, according to a government database. Most of the other top 10 companies are well-established, publicly traded commercial labs, such as Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp.

But O'Hare's work is not alone in drawing attention from regulators and other authorities. On Feb. 23, the FBI and other federal agencies raided another Chicago-based COVID-19 testing company, LabElite, 5824 N. Northwest Hwy.

The Illinois Attorney General's Office said they had received at least 16 complaints from consumers about LabElite, who operated one of their facilities at 2046 W. Devon Ave.

LabElite — which has received more than \$77 million from the federal government for COVID-19 testing — has been the

subject of more than a dozen complaints to the Illinois' Attorney General's Office.

The FBI executed search warrants at the locations of two other Chicago coronavirus testing companies that also set up pop-up sites and collected tens of millions of dollars for carrying out coronavirus testing of the uninsured

Earlier this year, the Illinois Executive Inspector General's office reported the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, under Pritzker's leadership, hired 29 temporary lab technicians in the spring of 2020 to process COVID-19 tests at the IDPH's Chicago facility.

Of those techs, 23 did not have relevant experience or education. Some had only ever worked retail jobs, and one listed their experience as a "Laser Tag Marshall."

Others were related to other state workers, according to the Inspector General's report.

Out of 316 applicants, there were 64 who met or exceeded the minimum qualifications, but were not tapped for the jobs, the Inspector General said.

After the Pritzker administration allegedly ignored requests for a more detailed explanation about those hires, special master Noelle C. Brennan asked a federal judge to order the Pritzker administration to provide the information to her team for review.

Pritzker responded by moving to block such an investigation, arguing in April 1 court papers the Shakman Decree does not cover external hirings, only promotions and transfers from within, and does not cover temporary posts.

Pritzker also claimed the Shakman plaintiffs had acknowledged in oral arguments on a different matter before the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, that this was the case.

"Plaintiffs (Shakman) clearly stated to the Seventh Circuit that external hiring is not covered by the decree, and all of the hires at issue are external hires. And these hires were made outside of the CEP and through the Covid-19 emergency hiring plan," Scott Lerner, one of Pritzker's lawyers, said in a March email, which is included in court documents.

In an April 14 filing, Shakman himself weighed in on the controversy, saying Pritzker "misconstrued" their statements to the appellate panel, and denied ever holding forth that the decree is restricted to internal job movements.

"The 1972 Decree covers filling any position that is open to internal candidates, even if external candidates are also allowed to apply for the position. That has been Plaintiffs' position consistently, including during oral argument in the Court of Appeals," Shakman asserted.

To back up this assertion, Shakman included, in his filing, emails exchanged in March between Shakman's attorneys and Pritzker's attorneys and state officials. According to Shakman, the emails lay out what has always been his view of the decree's scope.

Shakman also noted, "The State chose to adopt the same procedures for positions that are open to external candidates as it did for positions also open to current employees. Accordingly, evaluating the State's success in implementing the CEP logically extends to both jobs for which only external candidates apply and those for which both external and internal candidate[s] apply."

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. JOHN W. LUSK; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; 1107 W. LAWRENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 20 CH 711 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 6, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-17-201-019-1015. Commonly known as 1107 West Lawrence Avenue #307, Chicago, IL 60640. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluwe Law Group, 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 236-0077. SPS000224-20FC2 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13193246

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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 27, 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 455 W. ST. JAMES PLACE UNITS 203 & 204, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-320-033-1004 (PARCEL 1) & 14-28-320-033-1005 (PARCEL 2) The real estate is improved with a single family condominium. The judgment amount was \$237,094.55. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the

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272727 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A Plaintiff, vs. ANA MARIA DOWNS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, SHERWIN ON THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MICHAEL THOMAS DOWNS, SEAN DOWNS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOHN MICHAEL DOWNS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, CARY ROSENTHAL, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JOHN MICHAEL DOWNS (DECEASED) Defendants 2020 CH 01618 1205 WEST SHERWIN AVE UNIT 202 CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 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 1205 WEST SHERWIN AVE UNIT 202, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-29-318-014-1014 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. 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. 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North Township Real Estate For Sale

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272727 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST SERIES MLCC 2006-2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Plaintiff, vs. LAWRENCE D. RYAN, ELIZABETH D. RYAN, HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 20 CH 07019 1930 N. HOWE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 14, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 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 1930 N. HOWE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-302-065-0000 & 14-33-302-066-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$1,732,128.06. 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

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when he was shot around 4:23 p.m. EMS took him to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in fair condition with a gunshot wound to his left arm.

On March 4, a 35-year-old man was shot during an attempted robbery while walking his dog on the 5200 block of N. Winthrop.

Kids OK after carjackers pull adults from vehicle in Lincoln Park; hijackings up 100% in the neighborhood

Two young children are safe after carjackers pulled the adults from their car in Lincoln Park April 20, police said. It is the second carjacking in the immediate area in two days. Carjackings in the neighborhood are pacing 100% ahead of last year.

Just after 8 p.m. a man and woman were delivering a package on the 2100 block of N. Lincoln Park West when another car pulled up and two hijack-

ers emerged, according to CPD.

The offenders pulled the 24-year-old woman and 26-year-old man from their silver Nissan Rogue and drove away with two children in the back seat. Police found the SUV abandoned on the 2000 block of N. Stockton with the 1-year-old girl and 5-year-old boy inside. Neither the kids nor the adults were injured, police said.

Officers at the scene said a white sedan may have been involved. They said one carjacker was a Black male in his late 20s who stood about 5'-6" tall and wore a black checkered shirt.

Another carjacking was reported just a couple of blocks away April 19.

Around 12:45 a.m., a carjacker displayed a handgun and took a driver's black 2014 Toyota Camry on the northeast corner of Clark and Fullerton, according to a CPD report.

Police have recorded 10 hijackings in Lincoln Park so far this year, twice the number seen at this point last year. There was only one carjacking as

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of April 21, 2020, and there were four during the period in 2019, according to the city's data portal.

Carjacking reports are also up city-wide, with 482 cases reported through April 12, up from 463 last year, 229 in 2020, and 128 in 2019.

Woman critically injured in Lincoln Square shooting

A woman is in critical condition after someone shot her in the backyard of a Lincoln Square home April 20, according to Chicago police. CPD has announced no arrests.

In a media statement, police said an unknown offender shot the 24-year-old woman in the chest on the 2400 block of W. Eastwood around 2:42 p.m.

A man drove the woman to Swedish Hospital in a white SUV that witnesses reportedly saw leaving the shooting scene, according to a CPD report. The driver did not stay at the hospital and he reportedly refused to

talk with the police after he called 911 to report the shooting.

Witnesses said they believe shooters fired at least two guns in the incident. Police found one weapon discarded in a gangway next to the shooting scene with bloody clothing. Investigators were checking area hospitals for gunshot victims in case a suspect was also injured. They found none as of early evening, according to a source.

CPD also searched the area for suspects, described by witnesses as three men who left the shooting scene on foot with a baby Pitbull, according to multiple witnesses.

Police located shell casings in an alley behind the home along with a bullet-riddled car that is registered to the victim, the report said.

Area Three detectives are investigating the shooting.

—Compiled by CWBChicago.com

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Chicago Symphony Hall is hosting free concerts in May feature the Civic Orchestra of Chicago with its Principal Conductor Ken-David Masur during a May 2 program titled "Nature's Realm." The one hour 40 minute show includes Mead Composer-in-Residence Jessie Montgomery's Caught by the Wind, Dvořák's In Nature's Realm and Strauss' An Alpine Symphony, as well as a May 11 concert featuring Civic Fellows performing music of George Lewis with musicians from the International Contemporary Ensemble.

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Correction

In the March 23 edition of Skyline Newspaper we ran an article about Dublin's Bar and Grill that misidentified the alderman who serves that area.

In a page 20 story we quoted a resident of Newberry Plaza who said: "The meeting showed the NPCA leadership, and the property management employees we pay for, are party to the harassment of Dublin's for the last several months, supported by the [42nd Ward] alderman's office."

While it was a direct quote, it was this newspaper who had mistakenly identified 42nd Ward Ald. Brendan Reilly as that alderman. Dublin's Bar and Grill is actually located in the 2nd Ward.

And according to the bar's owner, 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins was a big help to him in getting his facility up and operating again after struggles over the location of electrical lines.

Ald. Reilly had nothing to do with the issue as it did not occur in his ward. We apologize for the mix up.

but rather an elaborate fraud. Fraud built around the shady world of EB-5 Visa sales, a special Visa that allows wealthy people to jump to the front of the line for Green Cards and entry into America.

"The special master 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," said Douglas Eliot Litowitz, who along with attorney Glenn J. Dunn, is representing the Chinese investors.

The clients of Litowitz and Dunn were participating in EB-5, a federal program which provides foreign investors with a fast-track to permanent U.S. residency status, in exchange for them investing money in the USA. Individually, they had invested up to \$550,000 for a total of nearly \$50 million to fund construction of what would have been a condominium and hotel tower at the northeast corner of Wabash Ave. and Superior St.

Had it been built, the project known as Carillon Tower would have replaced three Orange-rated 19th Century Superior St. rowhouses. Citing neighborhood opposition, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] blocked the project from moving forward.

After spending years battling Laytin to have his clients' money returned, Litowitz says he is especially disappointed by the conduct of Laytin's attorneys.

"The Greenberg Traurig law firm submitted forged and fake documents to a federal court, and they did it knowingly and recklessly to create the false impression that their clients would return some of the \$50 million they stole from my clients, who are the investors in the never-built project."

"We are talking about criminal behavior, lying to a federal judge, interacting with persons on scam watches and using

offshore accounts with fake identities, and asserting the truth of documents that any idiot could see were phony," Litowitz said in March.

Attempts have been made to contact the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, but they have not responded.

On March 21, 2019, the remaining plaintiffs had filed an amended complaint alleging that Laytin and other defendants had committed fraud and violated federal and state securities laws in connection with the project. According to the amended complaint, the plaintiffs had invested a combined \$49.5 million the project. Plaintiffs also alleged that despite their investment, defendants had never completed the project or even started it—that "no shovel was ever put into the ground."

Three years later, the plaintiffs are still seeking the return of their investment along with accumulated interest, penalties, and fees.

Alarming, Litowitz added, neither federal nor state law enforcement authorities seem to be interested in doing their own investigations into Laytin's elaborate financial skullduggery.

"Where is the US Attorney, where is the FBI, where is the Illinois State Police? There are no consequences for massive theft when the same judges throw you in jail for stealing a \$6 frozen pizza? I am mystified why judges tolerate this [rotten behavior]. But when you tell them the truth, they excoriate you with sanctimonious platitudes about professionalism so corny they would disgust even Pope Francis, himself."

"To summarize, it's a [clown show] that the courts seem incapable of handling," said a frustrated Litowitz.

Symmetry's problems are not limited to Chicago. The company has also been in-

involved in a failed 330-unit timeshare development on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. According to The Garden Island newspaper, SPD II Makaiwa Resort Development LLC, a company registered to Symmetry principal Laytin, has defaulted on a \$10 million loan and is being sued by the project's financier, architect, landscape designer, two construction contractors, and a public relations firm hired to promote the development.

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The 37-foot-tall building will be made up of a 24-foot-tall main floor with a mezzanine level at 12 feet of height, this will be capped by a 13-foot-tall mechanical penthouse with a final height that matches the surrounding buildings. The ground floor will be split up into seven functional areas which are; a break area, a receiving area adjacent to one for ingredient processing, a test kitchen, a set of storage and mechanical rooms, with half of the building being a large tech development and barline/mock-manufacturing line areas.

Plans for the plant also include the expansion of the existing parking lots to accommodate 398 vehicles in total along with the planting of 85 new trees. The precast and metal panel-clad structure will cost roughly \$40 million and create 30 permanent new jobs bringing Mars-Wrigley Corporation to roughly 1,000 employees on the site. Groundbreaking for the new plant is expected for June of this year for a roughly 12-month construction timeline with completion expected for June 2023.

Long ago the swampy wetlands area on Goose Island was nicknamed "Little Hell" because of the smoke produced by a power plant on its banks, and for the criminal element that used to hide out in the mostly barren area.

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tin. So far, he has not responded to any questions.

More than a year ago, this newspaper first learned about the alleged Bahraini-investors. At the time, a quick visit to the website of the investment company had a dummy website which cast suspicion on the company itself.

More than a year ago, Kocoras had appointed a court official, designated as a special master, to sort through all the paperwork submitted by Symmetry's Laytin and his attorneys. According to one of the attorneys representing a group of Chinese investors, what the special master uncovered was not simply messy paperwork



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