

National presidential conventions are a Chicago political legacy



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Chicago is gearing up for yet another national presidential convention, Aug. 19-22.

The Democratic Party hosted incumbents Bill Clinton back in 1996, and this summer Joe Biden.

But first, the Democratic National Committee [DNC] is planning to first virtually nominate Biden as the party's presidential nominee ahead of their convention in August, in order to ensure that Biden appears on the ballot in all 50 states. America's first Zoom nomination. Welcome to the 21st Century.

In many ways national presidential conventions have been a Chicago political legacy since our very first one in May 16-18, 1860. That's when the relatively new Republican Party came to town in the months preceding the Civil War.

American history was made at the Wigwam, the freshly constructed wooden convention center built along the Chicago River near Lake St. and Wacker Dr. Historically this was the site of Marc Beaubien's Sauganash Hotel before Chicago was ever a city.

In those days it was vital to have a proper place for delegates to assemble. There was only one thing more important. Namely a politically strong and bold local mayor in the host city who could think on his feet. Chicago had him in Mayor "Long John" Wentworth. All 6-foot 7-inches of him, and well over 300 lbs.

It was "Long John" who worked overtime among his fellow Republicans to ensure that they would venture to America's rail center for a taste of modern city life. Promising a fresh, new, convention center really sweetened the pie in those months before the Southern states left the Union over slavery.

Wentworth projected the classic image of new Americanism that the nation needed, and politics was desperate to embrace.

Chicago politics were vibrant and well-organized in 1860. Especially because of Wentworth and other local politicians who had the skills to make things work. Illinois' Abraham Lincoln was a favorite son and himself, a symbol of America's last best hope to keep the Union intact. And also dedicated to bring the ignominy of slavery to an end.

Lincoln was a well-known, squeaky-clean Springfield lawyer who came to Chicago frequently for cases before the U.S. District Court.



The 1860 Republican National Convention was held at The Wigwam, a large, two-story, pine-plank convention hall. The building was destroyed by fire on November 13, 1869.

He served for a short time in the U.S. Congress. But his heart was given to the lively practice of the law. And he was well-known as being strong-willed against slavery.

No real politician was kidding themselves that the task of getting Lincoln nominated for the presidency would be easy. But that task was wrapped in classic Chicago energy and style.

The nomination would prove to be an uphill battle. Lincoln was a strange bird. He would need the skills of Chicago's boldest members of the Republican Party to fashion a winning strategy.

Getting everyone to Chicago was a monumental first step, and Wentworth was a strategy genius.

When the delegates entered the Wigwam, New York's Sen. William H. Seward seemed to be the front runner. But Illinois' Lincoln, Ohio Gov. Salmon P. Chase, former Missouri Cong. Edward Bates and Pennsylvania Sen. Simon Cameron all had strong support among the delegates.

Though Seward led on the first ballot, he fell short of a majority. Lincoln, however, did well and took second place among the delegates. Cameron's delegates went over to Lincoln on the second ballot, to tie Seward. Approaching the third ballot became Chicago's moment to shine.

The history books and historians say that Lincoln consolidated things at that point. But what really occurred was pure Chicago.

Wentworth's political insiders had secretly counterfeited credentials made for Chicagoans to use to take the seats of delegates not voting for Lincoln.

When the convention assembled for the third ballot, countless legitimate delegates were refused entry to the Wigwam. In their place marched Wentworth's supporters, with the full blessing of national Republican leadership, to cast their votes for Lincoln. With,

of course, an eye to saving the Union.

Lincoln won the presidential nomination that spring of 1860. And Sen. Hannibal Hamlin of Maine was nominated as vice-president, heading a Republican sense of political idealism that terrified the slave-owning Southern states.

Lincoln and Hamlin were a prominent team on the ballot when elected in the last months of President James Buchanan's term. Lincoln would not take office until March of 1861, during which time the Confederate States of America would shatter the nation's peace and unity.

But in the unfolding Civil War, which suffered the loss of 600,000 American lives, slavery was ended forever. And the American nation rethought its national identity.

We can only hope that in this freakish assembly of the 2024 DNC that the turmoil and internal unrest within the soul of America will find fresh ways to resolve issues of complexity and hope. With no tinkering with credentials, virtual or otherwise.

ARCHITECTURE: Did you know that the former Santa Fe Building on S. Michigan Ave. has been owned by the Univ. of Notre Dame since 2012? Originally known as the Railway Exchange Building, it was designed by Frederick P. Dinkelberg of D.H. Burnham & Co. in the Chicago style. Dinkelberg was also the associate designer to **Daniel Burnham** for the Flatiron Building in New York City. Notre Dame removed the large letters formerly atop the venerated architectural wonder that once spelled S-A-N-T-A-F-E.

PINK: Streeterville's Seneca Park/ Eli M. Schulman Playground and Lake Shore Park will be the first public park to host a free public showing of "Barbie," the movie, on Saturday, June 15, starting with their Barbie look-alike contest at 7:30 p.m., show-time is 8:30 p.m. Get your pink on and go to the show.

DWINDLING: Sadly, Chicago's Columbia College is cratering, it's student body is currently down 46% in first-year entries and down 36% in transfer students compared to the same time last year. Finances are a mess, reports **Derek Brinkley**, Assistant Vice President of Undergraduate Admissions. Things may yet get even worse for this formerly

beloved, well-attended South Loop school.

FOOD: The Division St. Farmers Market is back on Saturdays.

CIVICS: Last week a sharp-eyed, civically-aware Gold Coast reader sent us a photo of the American flag being disrespected while on display at the Driehaus Museum. The display of the flag was wrong because the flag should be on the viewers left or when in the center of a row, it should be forward. "I went into the museum to complain, [but] no one knew anything about the proper method to display the US flag," said **Tom Murphy**, in a letter he sent to **Janet L. McWilliams** at the museum. "I then went to your office, same thing. Perhaps you should go out of your way to employ veterans, or at least people who have some idea of civics lessons. Trusting that job of displaying the flag, should not be entrusted to just anybody, but to someone who understands what it stands for."

LACROSSE CHAMPS: Finally, they can boast not only being very smart, but also being Boys Lacrosse Sectional Champs for the first time in St. Ignatius College Prep history. Captain **Marty Jenkins** embraced the celebrated trophy, with proud pop, **Matt Junkins**, nearby. AMDG.

MUSIC: **Rick Kogan** reports that **Bonnie Koloc** is coming back to Chicago. Some memories of her go waaaaaay back, says Kogan. Koloc came here by train from her native Iowa in 1968 and quickly became one of Chicago's most beloved singers, at the Quiet Knight and Earl of Old Town. By 1971 she was headlining at Mister Kelly's with **John Lennon** and **Yoko Ono** in the audience. She has long lived back in Iowa with her husband **Robert Wolf**, and does not get to Chicago

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Here's what your tax bill tells you about government debt and pensions

BY MARIA PAPPAS

Our office does not determine your property taxes. Our job as the county treasurer's office is to bill, collect and distribute that money to pay for local government services.

Local governments typically rely on property taxes to fund payrolls and other day-to-day expenses. However, taxing bodies typically borrow money to pay for major projects like replacing a school roof or building a new rec center.

Chances are your school board and municipal officials have issued bonds to borrow millions of dollars to be repaid over time. Virtually every unit of government has debt, including unfunded pension liabilities.

At my urging, the Cook County Board in 2009 adopted the Debt Disclosure Ordinance to promote transparency and better inform taxpayers. There are 547 local units of government in the county that set 2,200 different taxing district levies each year. The Debt Disclosure Ordinance requires those agencies provide my office with their most recent audited financial statements and related reports.



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TAXING DISTRICT DEBT AND FINANCIAL DATA				
Your Taxing Districts	Money Owed by Your Taxing Districts	Pension and Healthcare Amounts Promised by Your Taxing Districts	Amount of Pension and Healthcare Shortage	% of Pension and Healthcare Costs Taxing Districts Can Pay
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Metro Water Reclamation Dist of Chicago	\$4,169,629,820	\$3,082,006,000	\$1,046,664,000	66.04%
Skokie Park District	\$19,596,002	\$38,835,817	\$2,156,041	94.45%
Oakton College Dist Skokie Des Plaines	\$95,586,008	\$15,651,951	\$0	100.00%
Niles Township HS District 219 (Skokie)	\$23,268,725	\$198,846,850	\$27,074,412	86.38%
School District 69 (Skokie/Morton Grove)	\$60,631,781	\$11,047,469	-\$45,635	100.41%
Village of Skokie	\$88,595,048	\$455,001,528	\$161,179,791	64.58%
Town of Niles	\$437,848	\$2,707,389	-\$348,344	112.87%
Cook County Forest Preserve District	\$214,441,242	\$617,834,550	\$382,643,760	38.07%
County of Cook	\$8,693,862,550	\$27,096,852,844	\$12,815,325,282	52.71%
Total	\$13,366,054,147	\$31,522,013,271	\$14,434,713,935	

On the left side of your property tax bill, taxpayers will see a list of taxing bodies. Reading left to right of that you'll see the debt, healthcare and pension amounts owed by those taxing bodies from the printed First Installment bills.

They also must report all outstanding debts, such as bond issues, as well as pension and other benefit obligations. You can find this information on your First Installment property tax bill. The First Installment bills for the 2023 tax year were mailed at the end of January and were due March 1.

These bills tell you the amount of money owed by your taxing districts, the amounts of pension and healthcare costs promised by your taxing districts, the amount of each tax district's pension and healthcare shortage, and the percentage of pension and healthcare costs that each taxing district can pay.

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about taxing districts to help you understand where your tax dollars go. Click on the purple box that says, "Your Property Tax Overview." Search using your address or enter your 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN). You'll see the total debt attributed to your property.

On the left side of the page you'll see a list of options. If you select, "Taxing Districts' Financials," you'll see the debt and pension amounts from your printed First Installment bills. You can take a deeper dive into financial statements provided by your taxing districts. You can learn annual gross budget revenues for your municipality and school districts, the annual rate of salary increases

for public sector employees and a wealth of other information.

Under Pappas Studies you can read debt reports for various fiscal years and explore data for hundreds of schools districts, municipalities, townships and other units of government. Our debt report issued in April 2023 includes a chart that shows total government debt in Cook County grew by 16.5% between 2016 and 2021, while the Consumer Price Index increased just 6.4%.

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In order for the city to take back metered parking spots, in this case, for the new bus lanes, LAZ and Chicago Parking Meters, LLC must be compensated. That compensation comes as either an outright buyout, or by taking metered parking spaces the city wants back in exchange for new metered parking spaces of equal value.

The process of the city taking back those parking space leases requires establishing a business value for each spot for the remainder of the lease. The value is established by factoring in the utilization rate for each spot. That is, knowing how much of the day the spaces are actually being used by paying customers, and what revenue is generated over time.

The fee for metered parking on Chicago Ave. is \$4.50 per hour, as it is located within the downtown area bounded roughly by Roosevelt Rd. on the south, Ashland Ave. and Halsted St. to the west, Lake Michigan on the east, and north to North Ave.

At \$4.50 per hour, or \$108 per day, the utilization rate shows the actual amount of time the spot is filled and generating revenue.

A utilization rate of 30% on a metered spot, means its daily income would be \$32.40. Over a year, under this scenario, that spot would earn \$11,826 per year. Over the balance of the 59 years left on the lease, the enterprise value of that parking spot would be \$697,734. That does not mean that is what the city would have to pay to take that spot away from Chicago Parking Meters, LLC and LAZ Parking. But it is a factor in determining the cost of buying out the lease.

But as the new bus lanes stretch for nearly eight miles, the math does not end there. The CTA says that 40% of the #66 Chicago Ave.

route will include a bus lane. The lost use to those metered spaces by Chicago Parking Meters, LLC and LAZ Parking will have to be paid for.

We made multiple calls and emails to the CTA, CDOT and LAZ to determine how many metered parking spots were taken as part of this deal. At deadline, we had only heard back from CTA Media Relations, who said they did not know how many metered parking spaces were being taken.

The CTA spokesperson also said that they were not the party who would be paying to buy out Chicago Parking Meters LLC and LAZ for those spaces.

An average city block is 1/8 of a mile, and commercial blocks can hold up to 18 metered spots per block, or 144 spots per mile. The 7.8-miles the new bus lanes consumed means that on the high end, there is the potential that over 1,000 metered spots may be affected by this deal.

At \$697,734 per spot, the total enterprise value for those 7.8 miles over 59-years could be over \$697 million. If the true number of spaces affected is half that, or if we over-estimated the utilization rate on Chicago Ave., then the enterprise value could be nearly \$349 million. What fraction of those numbers must be paid to Chicago Parking Meters, LLC and LAZ Parking to compensate them for their loss of parking spots is presently unknown.

When the deal was sealed in 2008, William Blain and Co. estimated that city-wide, the system sale was comprised of approximately 36,000 parking meters with an average acquisition cost of \$11,250 per meter. The city ended up selling the system to Chicago Parking Meters LLC for \$1.156 billion.

A 2022 study by the IIT Chicago-Kent's Center for Open Government Law Clinic, shows that

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deal now appears to have been a wildly successful investment for Chicago Parking Meters, LLC, and a disaster for Chicago taxpayers. And that deal continues to grow worse for taxpayers by the year.

The study shows that in 2022, with 61 years left on the original 75-year lease, Chicago Parking

Chicago Ave. is about to gain a massive new level of density with the proposed addition of the new Bally's casino. That added new density also includes a cluster of new high-rises coming to Goose Island and in the periphery of the casino site.

By providing a designated space for buses, the new lanes may help

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Meters LLC has recouped its entire \$1.16 billion initial investment and \$502.5 million more.

Yes, these are all a lot of big numbers, and readers should be aware that the 30% utilization rate in this scenario is based on an educated guess by this newspaper, and that the actual loss of access to individual metered spots during the average day by Chicago Parking Meters, LLC and LAZ Parking resulting from the new bus-only lane configurations is also unknown.

Utilization rates are produced by differing assumptions and factors regarding the elasticity of demand for street parking. That is, each parking space earns its own rate based on actual usage.

The actual utilization rate for each metered parking spot city-wide is a closely guarded secret, and as Chicago Parking Meters, LLC and LAZ Parking are private companies, that means those numbers are not required to be made public. The utilization rate may be adversely impacted by a variety of factors, such as parking demand, no parking during rush hours, or bus-only sections. In selling off the parking in 2008, the City of Chicago shifted all of these utilization risks to LAZ.

The new bus-only lanes between Sangamon and Larrabee will complement CDOT's upcoming project to replace the existing temporary Chicago Ave. Bridge over the river and the Chicago-Halsted viaduct. CDOT is finalizing design work, which includes upgrades to the Chicago-Halsted intersection to make it safer for all road users and enhance bus efficiency on Chicago Ave.

The area around Halsted and

buses avoid getting stuck in traffic congestion that is sure to plague the area once it is fully built out... and help keep other vehicles clear of bus areas.

The #66 Chicago Ave. route is one of the most frequent, and heavily utilized routes, providing roughly 17,000 rides on an average weekday. The CTA's ability to efficiently move riders along that corridor is critical to connecting communities on the east and west sides of Halsted and Chicago. Cumulatively the new bus lanes may speed up average travel times by several minutes.

Chicago Ave. is part of a network of corridors identified for proposed bus-only lanes. City officials are also now proposing bus-only lanes for Western Ave. which would be yet another street where taxpayers will be compensating Chicago Parking Meters LLC, and LAZ for the loss of their parking revenue, as metered commercial street parking will be exchanged for dedicated bus lanes.

In time the cost of the city seizing back the metered parking spaces on Chicago Ave. will be made known. And if bus lanes are installed on Western Ave., that cost too will be discovered. Past history has shown how expensive the process is, and taxpayers should not be surprised if these two CTA bus lane projects alone end up costing city taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars over the next 59 years.

Is Western Ave. next?

Last week two North Side aldermen - Andre Vasquez [40th] and Matt Martin [47th] - sent a letter to Mayor Brandon John-

son requesting that "CDOT and the CTA take the necessary steps to implement Bus Rapid Transit [BRT] on Western Ave."

That May 22 letter was co-signed by 17 out of 18 Aldermen with Wards intersecting Western Ave.

The letter proposes a nearly 20-mile long BRT that runs from Chicago Lawn north to West Ridge. Including the north and south legs of the proposed Western Ave. BRT means 40-miles of roadway - and metered street parking - would be affected.

The Aldermen claim a Western Ave. BRT would "help improve access to housing, jobs, and education for thousands of Chicagoans and is supported by five recently released studies and recommendations published by Mayor Johnson's Transition Committee, the CTA, CDOT, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Regional Transportation Authority, and the Dept. of Planning and Development."

What the letter did not include was any estimate on how much Chicago taxpayers would have to pay to Chicago Parking, LLC and LAZ to remove the commercial parking along Western Ave. to create the new BRT lanes.

The Aldermen are asking the mayor to "rapidly apply for federal funds to execute on this project." Ironically, it was 'rapid action' by a former mayor and City Council in 2008 that got Chicago involved in the rotten, money-losing, 75-year lease with Chicago Parking, LLC. Shamefully, that 2008 deal was moved swiftly through City Council - and voted on - before most aldermen had even read the contract.

One of the reasons why Aldermen may now be calling for rapid action is to get a deal done before taxpayers discover just how much they're on the hook for in buying out parking spot leases over those 40-miles.

A more sensible approach now in 2024 might be to slow down the legislative process so Chicago taxpayers can fully digest the data and costs involved with creating a new Western Ave. BRT. Western Ave. is Chicago's longest street, and depending on the parameters of a new Western Ave. BRT, the cost of removing those metered spots in favor of bus-only lanes could be massive.

The CTA has identified Western Ave. as one of their targeted bus corridors, due to the high number of riders who transfer from Western Ave. buses to five different CTA 'L' stations, and to various Metra stations. As with the bus lanes now on Chicago Ave., it's not the CTA who will have to foot the bill to pay off Chicago Parking, LLC, and LAZ. That bill will be handed off to Chicago taxpayers.

The Aldermen's letter claims that BRT advocates "recognize that implementing BRT on Western may involve conducting a feasibility study, completing a corridor design, and applying for federal funding." Chicago taxpayers should pay close attention to that study and demand to know the true cost of the plan, including how much Chicago Parking, LLC, and LAZ will be compensated for turning over large sections of those 40-miles of their commercial parking spots for any new BRT.




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First time home-buyers stuck in apartment jail



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

This spring Chicago's would-be first-time home buyers are in a vice grip between ever higher apartment rents and mortgage interest-rate creep.

Rents in Chicago continue to rise because of soaring real estate taxes and higher operating expenses that must be passed on by landlords. However, many apartment dwellers say they are tired of collecting rent receipts while stuck in apartment jail, and desperately want to buy that first home or condominium.

Meanwhile, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates once again have inched north of 7%, more than double the level of two years ago. On May 30, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that 30-year loans averaged 7.03% nationwide, up from 6.94% a week earlier. A year ago, 30-year fixed loans averaged 6.79%.

"Following several weeks of decline, mortgage rates changed course last week," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "More hawkish commentary about inflation and tepid demand for longer-dated Treasury auctions caused market yields to rise across the board."

Khater said this reality, as well as economic signals that have moved sideways over the last few weeks, "have resulted in mortgage rates drifting higher as markets continue to dial back expectations of interest rate cuts."

On May 30, the Freddie Mac survey also reported that 15-year fixed mortgages averaged 6.36%, up from 6.24% a week earlier. A year ago, the 15-year fixed loan averaged 6.18%.

The survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home purchase loans for borrowers who place a 20% down payment and have excellent credit.

Rents on an upward elevator

Downtown and Near North Side Chicago's luxury apartment rents are on an upward elevator ride. Rents for top-tier apartments rose 3% year-over-year, pushing the average monthly rent for a downtown Class-A apartment above \$3,100 for the first time ever, reported Luxury Living Chicago, a high-end rental apartment-leasing firm.

The posh Streeterville neighborhood posted the highest average rents at \$3,454, trailed closely by Gold Coast/Old Town at \$3,445 and River North at \$3,426, according to the report.

West Town Reassessment

On May 20, Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi released the initial assessments on residential and commercial properties in West Chicago Township, showing a 27% jump in total assessed value over the past three years.

Median multi-family apart-

ment values have soared 20% in the township since 2021, the assessor reported. West Chicago Township has 7,168 commercial multi-family properties containing more than four units.

In Chicago and Cook County, commercial properties are assessed at a whopping 25% of market value, while single-family homes and small apartment buildings are assessed at 10% of market value.

The boundaries of West Chicago Township are west of the Chicago River on the east, North Ave. on the north, Pershing Rd. (39th St.) on the south, and Harlem Ave. on the west.

Experts say apartment dwellers in the hot West Town neighborhoods of Bucktown, Wicker Park, along with the Near West Side, Humboldt Park, Austin, East and West Garfield Park and North and South Lawndale should expect hefty rent increases this year.

"I strongly encourage property owners to review their reassessment notice to ensure their prop-

erty characteristics and market value reflect their home," Kaegi said.

Rogers Park Reassessment

In early April, the Home Front column reported that apartment renters in the Rogers Park neighborhood should brace themselves

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for hefty spring and summer 2024 rent increases as a result of the lofty property-tax reassessment numbers released by the Cook County Assessor.

The 2024 assessed values of large multifamily apartment properties grew to \$213.04 million (before appeals), up an exorbitant 46% from \$145.63 million

in 2023, reported Assessor Kaegi. In Rogers Park, large multifamily apartments drove a significant increase in assessed value in the township, Kaegi said.

Rogers Park Township is bounded roughly by Lake Michigan on the east, Howard St. on the north, Ridge Ave. on the west, and Devon Ave. on the south. It includes about 800 commercial apartment buildings containing more than four units.

Experts say financially squeezed owners of both walk-ups and large mid-rise and high-rise apartment buildings in Rogers Park and other North Side neighborhoods likely will receive substantial property tax increases if they do not appeal the assessment hikes.

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Police Beat...

Not smiling any more: Tipster helps cops identify at least one CTA robbery suspect featured in community alert



Police said these happy fellows mugged a CTA passenger in River North. Image courtesy Chicago Police Dept.

Chicago police are crediting an observant community member for helping them bring charges against a 15-year-old boy who robbed a woman at the Grand Red Line CTA station last week.

CPD said a 28-year-old woman was on a train when two people mugged her around 6:55 p.m. Saturday, May 25. Detectives released CTA surveillance images of the suspects to the media the next day. Someone saw the pictures in news coverage, recognized at least one of the robbers, and contacted the police.

Charges were filed against the boy May 29. The second boy was expected to be arrested soon, according to an individual familiar with the case.

"This is a great example of community assistance in solving crimes," the police department said in a May 29 tweet. "Thanks to a community alert sent out by Area Detectives, a 15-year-old robbery offender was taken into custody by the Public Transportation Section three days after the crime occurred."

Man gets six years for sexually assaulting girl he dragged into lakefront bird sanctuary

The Edgewater man who sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl after dragging her into a lakefront bird sanctuary two summers ago has been sentenced to six years in prison.

Juan Roldon, 77, had been married for 30 years and had no criminal history, "not even the proverbial parking ticket," his lawyer said as charges were filed after the August 13, 2022, attack.

Around 2 p.m., the girl was walking from a family picnic toward the public restrooms when Roldon lured her into the Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, prosecutors said. Once inside the sanctuary, he allegedly grabbed the girl's breasts and private area and dragged her into some bushes.

Roldon noticed they were still within view of passersby, so he dragged the girl to a more secluded set of bushes and then sexually assaulted her, officials said.

When he finished, Roldon allegedly took a napkin from his pants

pocket and wiped his genetic material from the girl's body. The girl ran back to the party, crying, and immediately told her father what had happened.

He found Roldon in less than five minutes. Roldon initially denied any involvement, but when the girl pointed to the napkins Roldon was carrying, the father started punching Roldon until bystanders intervened and broke up the fight. The bystanders then helped the father detain Roldon until Chicago police arrived.

A grand jury returned a 63-count true bill against Roldon: seven counts of kidnapping and 56 sex crimes.

On May 23, Roldon pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault during the commission of a felony. Judge Nicholas Kantas handed him the six-year sentence. Roldon must serve 85% of the sentence and register as a sex offender upon his release.

He reported to the Stateville Correctional Center May 21. His anticipated parole date has not yet been published.

Car burglars fire shots after being confronted in the Gold Coast

Two men fired shots in the Gold Coast after being confronted as they burglarized a car on May 31. Chicago police said a 43-year-old man saw two people breaking into his Ford in the 1200 block of N. State St. around 2:15 p.m. The intruders pushed the man and fled in a black Nissan driven by a third person, according to CPD.

Witnesses said the thieves fired one or two rounds into the air before getting away. The victim also told police that he believed he stabbed one of the offenders in the shoulder with a screwdriver.

So far, no arrests have been announced. Police did not release descriptions of the suspects.

Serial thief who poses as an Uber driver gets prison time. Again

A man who has been convicted time and time again of stealing people's credit cards while posing as an Uber driver in Chicago's nightlife districts is back in prison for a while. Lance Baymon, 44, pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft in exchange for the 4-year sentence from Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer.



Lance Baymon

The case started early on Jan. 30, 2023, when he picked up a man outside a nightclub and drove him to the 6300 block of N. Oakley, prosecutors said. Following the same scam he has used for years, Baymon allegedly convinced the victim to hand over a credit card for payment, then returned a different card. Past victims of Baymon have told police he needed a credit card for payment because the Uber or Lyft app was malfunctioning.

Video captured Baymon using the victim's credit card for purchases about 45 minutes after he dropped him off. Chicago police detectives who are familiar with Baymon identified him from the footage.

Investigators flagged Baymon's license plate in the Chicago Police Department's license plate reader database. And around 2:45 a.m. May

24, the system got a hit on his car as it traveled in River North.

When cops pulled Baymon over near Ontario and Franklin, there was an intoxicated bar patron in his back seat—a man he had just picked up on Hubbard St., according to police records. The man told police that his friend had ordered the Uber for him, but his Uber app indicated that he should have been in a different car and that the real Uber driver had canceled his ride. While searching Baymon's car, police found four debit cards in the center console, each issued to a different man, prosecutors said.

Baymon was on parole at the time of his arrest last year for running a similar scam. He was convicted of identity theft in 2019, theft in 2017, identity theft in 2016, and misuse of a credit card twice in 2005, according to IDOC records. He's scheduled to be paroled next May.

Rideshare swindling is somewhat of a family business for Baymon. His brother, Marlon, is on parole for doing the same thing.

Judge releases man accused of attacking woman who wouldn't give him money



Mugshot Robert L. Cook (inset), and surveillance images of the suspect.

Chicago police believe they've caught the man who attacked a woman on a downtown CTA platform after she refused to give him money last week. But, even though he has a history of attacking women on the city's transit system, prosecutors didn't even ask a judge to keep him in custody. And the judge put him back on the streets without the inconvenience of an ankle monitor.

Back in Nov. 2017, prosecutors charged Robert L. Cook with attacking a 15-year-old girl and a 23-year-old woman on the Red Line in the Loop.

The CTA video showed he used his large body to confine the victims to their train seats, then he pressed against them, wrapping his legs around theirs and grinding his genitals on their legs and buttocks, a Chicago police report said.

Breathing heavily and moaning, Cook allegedly asked the victims if they liked it. The younger victim was a student at Whitney Young Magnet School, and Cook knew she was under 17, prosecutors claimed.

Records show that he escaped from electronic monitoring while that case was pending. But prosecutors dropped the escape charge in May 2021 when Cook pleaded guilty to two counts of kidnapping by secretly confining. That charge, a Class 2 felony, was reduced from Class X kidnapping causing bodily harm.

Judge Joseph Claps sentenced him to six years on each count, to be served concurrently. But the prison time was reduced by 50% by law and further offset by the time Cook had already spent in jail and on an ankle monitor.

Now, prosecutors are again accusing Cook of targeting a victim on the Red Line in the Loop. Chicago police issued a public bulletin about the crime May 24 as they tried to identify the assailant.

Two days later, Chicago police arrested Cook, 46, on the Jackson Red Line CTA platform to face charges in the case.

According to his arrest report, Cook asked a Streeterville woman for

money at the State-Lake CTA platform on May 22. He kicked her when she ignored his request and then walked away.

But Cook returned moments later and punched the woman in the face, the report said, causing her to suffer a bloody lip and bruised face.

During a court hearing on May 26, prosecutors did not ask Judge David Kelly to keep Cook in custody, records show. Kelly cut Cook loose without even requiring him to wear an ankle monitor.

Man in violent robbery crew that swept through downtown Chicago was on felony pretrial release

A 19-year-old man was part of a robbery crew that swept through downtown last month, officials said, as they charged him with robbing three people outside the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel.



Tayveon Wood

Police issued a community alert and surveillance video of the crew within hours, saying the armed men committed five separate holdups in about 30 minutes and fired shots in Streeterville during one of the crimes.

Prosecutors have now charged one man with participating in one of those robberies, a violent crime that involved three victims and left one injured outside the flagship Hyatt hotel, 151 E. Wacker, around 12:44 a.m. April 25.

Tayveon Wood, 19, and an accomplice confronted the three people with firearms and demanded their valuables, a CPD report said. The robbers struck a 28-year-old woman twice in the back of the head with a gun, according to the report. The report said they took a wallet from a 25-year-old man and a phone from another 28-year-old.

The woman suffered a cut and bruises to the back of her head. Police said she was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Wood is charged with two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, attempted armed robbery with a firearm, and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Judge William Fahy detained Wood as a safety risk.

Wood was on pretrial release for a felony gun charge at the time of the holdup. But just four days after the robbery, he pleaded guilty in the gun case and received a sentence of two years of first-time weapon offender probation, according to court records. If he completes probation successfully, the gun case would conclude without a conviction, and he could have it expunged.

In community alerts, CPD said the robbery on Wacker Dr. was the fifth and final holdup committed by a crew traveling in a sedan with a passenger door with mismatched paint. Wood is only charged with robbing the victims outside the Hyatt.

Police said the spree began about 30 minutes earlier near the corner of Racine and Harrison. Two men wearing hoodies displayed guns and took the phones and other valuables from three men who were walking on the sidewalk, according to police.

That was followed by a robbery in the 700 block of S. Clark. Two robbers displayed guns and demanded money from a man, police said, but a 46-year-old woman intervened. The robbers struck her in the head with a firearm and escaped in the silver sedan without getting anything from the victims.

Minutes later, around 12:30 a.m., the group was in Streeterville. Two men targeted a 66-year-old woman as she stood in the 600 block of N. Fairbanks, according to Chicago police. One of the men fired shots while the other dragged the woman into the street until she let go of her property,

police said.

CPD released surveillance video showing parts of that robbery and the getaway car with a distinct passenger door.

No one was shot in Streeterville, but the woman was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment of other injuries.

Moments before the Wacker Dr. robbery, robbers targeted two more victims in the 200 block of E. Randolph, near Millennium Park. Once again, the men pistol-whipped one of the victims before fleeing in a gray sedan.

Two charged in connection with robberies involving bike-riding, rifle-wielding men in Rogers Park



David Hall, left, and Myles Martez.

One week ago, Chicago police issued a community alert about rifle-wielding bicyclists who had committed six armed robberies in Rogers Park. Now, charges have been filed against two men in connection with one of those holdups, but CPD detectives believe they may be linked to the other five crimes, too.

While most of the robberies occurred on streets or in residential garages, one holdup occurred at 7-Eleven, 1404 W. Pratt, around 9:30 a.m. on May 6. Unlike the other crimes, the 7-Eleven robbery was captured on clear video, which aided police in persuading prosecutors to press charges.

David Hall, 20, and Myles Martez, a 33-year-old on parole for two armed robberies, are now charged with the convenience store robbery. Prosecutors said Hall and Martez were "armed with an Uzi" when they took money and Newport cigarettes from the store's 48-year-old cashier.

They were identified through the store's video footage, and the victim picked them out of photo line-ups, officials said.

The police arrested both men, who are neighbors, near their homes in the 6800 block of N. Sheridan on charges of Class X armed robbery with a firearm.

Judge Antara Rivera denied the state's detention petition for Hall. She put him on an ankle monitor instead.

But she ordered Martez jailed as a safety threat, pointing to his significant criminal background, which includes a pair of 13-year prison sentences he received in 2017 for armed robberies in the suburbs. He is still on parole for those cases.

Martez was also convicted of armed robbery in 2008. He received prison sentences for being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2011 and possessing a controlled substance in 2014.

The other five robberies mentioned in CPD's community alert are listed as "associated cases" in both men's arrest reports. Those robberies, which neither Hall nor Martez are charged with, occurred in the 6500 block of N. Bosworth at 1 p.m. on May 3; in the 6900 block of N. Sheridan at 9:45 p.m. on May 6; in the 7000 block of N. Sheridan at 1:42 p.m. on May 9; in the 1200 block of W. Devon at 9:24 p.m. on May 12, and in the 1100 block of W. Farwell at 10:32 p.m. on May 15.

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Motorist clashes with bicycle procession near the Gold Coast

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Most Chicagoans have probably seen or participated in Critical Mass, the monthly bike ride that draws hundreds of participants on the last Friday of every month. Starting at Daley Plaza, the riders set off on a different route each month.

Friday's ride took them through the Gold Coast, Streeterville, and down Lake Shore Dr. to Chinatown and Pilsen before ending at Northerly Island.

The riding got a little rough for some participants when, according to witnesses, a driver got tired of waiting for the long bike procession to pass the intersection of Wabash and Delaware around 7:05 p.m. A participant in the ride shared video of the incident with this reporter.

On Twitter, Kyle Lucas said the altercation began when a driver tried to "ram through" the bike procession. Then another driver, a man wearing pink pants, got out of his vehicle.



A driver in pink pants tussles with a bicyclist at Delaware and Wabash during the Critical Mass bike ride on May 31.

"He came up and started getting in people's faces and screaming at them, telling the first driver to keep going," Lucas wrote.

Video shows the man encouraging other motorists to drive through the bicyclists to get vehicle traffic moving again. But the situation escalated. Two bicyclists brought out pepper spray, and bystanders jumped in as the altercation turned physical.

A Critical Mass rep told us they didn't hear about any injuries.

"Let's go! Let's go!" the man

yells, as he pushes what appears to be a bike-riding pizza delivery guy who's also waiting for the procession to pass. The man pushes another bicyclist, then continues to encourage a driver to pull forward into the bicyclists.

It escalates further about 90 seconds later as the man stands within a group of riders. Loud voices and a crashing sound are heard, but it's difficult to see what happened. At that moment, one of the riders pulled out their pepper spray and sprayed the man in the

pink pants.

For several seconds, the rider with the pepper spray follows the man, apparently trying to give him a good dose of liquid fire. As the rider returns to his bike, followed by the man, a second bicyclist sprays the man with pepper spray.

And that's when he really went hands-on. He takes the second bicyclist to the pavement and wails on him, apparently landing a few punches on or near the bike rider's head.

The first guy with pepper spray returns and douses the man again.

And that's when two bystanders jumped in to help the guy in the pink pants. They take swings at the long-haired bike rider who first brought out the pepper spray, apparently landing a couple of blows before he winds up on the pavement, too.

At that point, the man in the pink pants breaks away and runs down the line of cars waiting to pass the intersection, and the men

who jumped in to help him walk away in the opposite direction.

Traffic begins to pass through the intersection as the video ends.

Chicago police dispatch records show that officers were dispatched to the scene about 10 minutes after the altercation began. A spokesperson for the CPD stated that they were not aware of any arrests or reports filed about the incident.

"Most drivers are very supportive of the ride," the Critical Mass rep said on June 1. "Since the pandemic, there has been a change in drivers' behavior. As a biker and pedestrian, cars [are] definitely super aggressive."

CPD has provided escorts for the bike rides in the past, but the rep said they did not see any officers last night, adding that police escorts are hit-and-miss these days. The police spokesperson did not directly answer when asked if CPD escorted the event on Friday.

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human - exhale. Yet, how mosquitoes specifically recognize people isn't well understood. Female *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes strongly prefer human odor over the odors of other animals, but how they make this distinction is unknown.

Under normal summer temperatures, large numbers of these biting mosquitoes will emerge about two weeks after heavy rains to become a major nuisance for several weeks. These mosquitoes spend most of their lives within a few blocks from where they emerged.

While highly annoying, these *Aedes* mosquitoes are not considered to be a "significant disease threat" to humans, according to officials with the Illinois Dept. of Public Health [IDPH].

The other category are known as vector mosquitoes because they are capable of carrying dangerous diseases.

These species lay their eggs in permanent pools or stagnant ditches. These habitats can be natural habitats such as stagnant ponds or man-made environ-

ments, such as abandoned swimming pools, tires, clogged gutters and even aluminum cans. The eggs of these mosquitoes hatch within two to three days after they were laid.

Two of the most common types of vector mosquitos are House Mosquitos (*Culex pipiens*) and *Culex quinquefasciatus*) and the Tree Hole Mosquito (*Aedes triseriatus*). Neither of these is known to migrate. *Culex* mosquitoes also spread heart worm disease in dogs.

The *Culex pipiens* is known to carry the West Nile virus and therefore is considered to pose a significant threat to public health, according to Mark Clifton, Ph.D., the Executive Director of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District and its legislative and regulatory chairperson.

According to the IDPH, the most common human illness carried by mosquitoes is encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain caused by viruses and the disease can range from mild to serious. Severe symptoms include rapid onset of headaches, high fever, mental disturbances, such as confusion, irritability, tremors, stupor

or even coma.

Culex mosquitoes bite from dusk to dawn and are a known vector for St. Louis encephalitis and West Nile virus. These mosquitoes become infected after feeding on birds which carry disease.

The tree-hole mosquito, which bites in the daytime, is the primary source for California/LaCrosse encephalitis in Illinois.

The last major epidemic of mosquito-born encephalitis in the United States occurred in 1975. In Illinois, there were 578 cases of St. Louis encephalitis. That year, there were also 23 cases of California encephalitis.

West Nile was first identified in Sept., 2001 when laboratory tests confirmed two dead crows that had been found in the Chicago area had succumbed to the disease.

The state recorded its first human cases in 2002 and it continues to be actively monitored. West Nile is a serious problem,

if you're bitten and get it, it can dramatically change your life, for the worse.

Among the other types of vector mosquitoes found in Illinois are species of *Anopheles* mosquitoes, the types which are known to carry malaria. Once considered to have been eliminated in the United States, since 2000, there have been a few cases of malaria that are known to have been transmitted within the United States.

According to officials at the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. reports about 2,000 cases of malaria, annually. While most of these cases, so far, have occurred in people who contracted malaria while traveling abroad to an area where malaria is known to occur, there have been instances in which it was contracted within the United States. When people from the malaria zone come to Illinois, they may be carrying the disease. While

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often enough to suit her fans. Koloc takes to the stage at the Hideout on June 8, her first time at the club. The club's owner, public school teacher **Tim Tuten**, says he is wildly excited and proud to have her, telling Kogan, "I was too young to have gotten in the clubs to see her, and **Steve Goodman** and **John Prine**."

MS: Bethany Kitick and **Sherrill Bodine** brought about awareness to the Multiple Sclerosis Support Group at their recent Union League Club luncheon with **Sheree Schimmer**, **Denise Tomasello**, **Bethany Kitick**, **Paula Borg**, **Tina Gravel**, **Patricia Marx** and **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**.

PAX AETERNAM: Tim Egan and his boys have many thanks to give after an amazing memorial Mass at Holy Name Cathedral for Grandma **Josephine "Josie" Egan**. **Fr. Scott Donahue** from Mercy Home celebrated a beautiful liturgy. Many family members and the greatest friends in life were in attendance, including **Mr. Jesse White**.

WHO'S WHERE: Freshly retired as a professor at Indiana Univ., Andersonville's **Danny James** and his wife, **Lynn DiPietro**, are heading off to Argentina to launch his new book and dance the Tango... **Whitney Reynolds** and her posse all saddled-up for a day of galloping in the sunshine through the dappled forest... Broadway producer **Richard Robin** and wife, **Linda**, at Bravelette with the family during the final week's run of "A Sign of the Times" in New York... Ralph Lauren's Bar and Grill's **Molly Ranger Costellos** celebrating **Duke**, her pooch, Happy Birthday #8... **Billy Gainer** at the Sox's game with his kid-



Julia Jacobs with son, Draedyn.



Sir Anthony O'Reilly



Billy Gainer (center) with Ella and Will Gainer.

dos, **Ella** and **Will Gainer**, with their second foul ball... **Eamonn Cummins** hanging at the Cubs game with Univ. of Chicago Basketball Coach **Mike McGrath**, a super funny great motivator... **Paula Borg** celebrated son, **Benjamin's**, graduation from St. Ignatius College Prep... **Todd S. Davis** in the Gold Coast hopping the dappled sidewalk... **Paul R Iacono**, **Sherry Lea Fox**, **Frank N. Jeffreys** and **Todd Hatoff** celebrated their Sardinian adventure at Pasiga Restaurant... **Julia Jacobs** celebrates her son, **Draedyn**, graduating from high school, having received two awards at the Senior Banquet... **Danny Lawlor** at Canon Beach, OR... **Maura Farrell**, leading the family in celebrating son, **Jeremiah Devine**, recent Loyola Academy grad.

BARB IS BACK: Back from her West Coast tour, **Barb Bailey** will share the stage with her longtime colleague - the uber-talented **Josie Falbo**. Now you're invited to "The Ups & Downs of Love!" Thursday, June 13 at Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m., cover \$45.

ROCK & ROLL: Barrister **Bernard Dunleavy** was front and center for **Bruce Springsteen** in Ireland.

ITEMISSA EST: Sir Anthony O'Reilly has died at 88. Ireland's most cherished young rugby star, once, in his youth, the toast of his Dublin Jesuit alma mater, Belvedere College, where my very grand **Duffy** cousins matriculated and learned Latin and Irish poetry. O'Reilly rose to be the nation's most complex and robust business adventurer who left shoe prints in the Irish sands few could ever fill. He created the brand Kerry Gold Butter when he was 30, changing the economy of dairy farmers in Ireland. He would go on to run H.J. Heinz Corp. in Philadelphia for decades, bought up most Irish newspapers in the 1980s, knighted by the Queen in the 1990s, owned Ashford Castle and many of the nation's grandest hotels. Through the decades he stood firm against the turmoil and IRA terror in Northern Ireland, winding up on the top of the IRA hit list, while creating new avenues for peace and economic advancement for Ireland. The Ireland Funds raised billions for Ireland and the pursuit of peace, much of which came from Sir Tony's support. He was influential in giving birth to "The Celtic Tiger," Ireland's miraculous economic success in the 1990s. But alas only to run head-on into personal economic disaster ending in vast bankruptcy. He survived the crisis barely and spent his final years mainly in the South of France. But he will remain a historic figure in finance, in politics and on the rugby field. A bronze-age-like figure of a bril-



Larry and Libby Lamb Lucas, Jack O'Neill Klein, mom, Nora Lucas Klein and John Klein and Conor Lucas.



Sheree Schimmer, Denise Tomasello, Bethany Kitick, Paula Borg, Tina Gravel, Patricia Marx and Lauren Lein Cavanaugh.



Lyndsey White, Peggy Snorf, Karen Zupko and Mr. Mike, Jim Kinney, Janet and Rodger Owen and Brian White.

liant, ancient Celt. Rest in peace, dear Sir Tony.

AHOY: Beautiful day for the opening of the boating season at Chicago Yacht Club, "Review of the Fleet Parade" and fun brunch with good friends gathered, **Janet** and **Rodger Owen**, **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White**, mamma **Lyndsey White**, **Peggy Snorf**, **Mr. Mike** and **Karen Zupko**.

NEW ARRIVAL: **Larry** and **Libby Lamb Lucas** thrilled for their grandbaby **Jack O'Neill Klein's** baptism at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview, with **Nora Lucas Klein**, **John Klein** and uncle **Conor Lucas** present

for the Sacrament. Great Auntie **Rosie O'Neill** is delighted.

MAMIE'S BASH: Britain's loveliest export, **Mamie Walton**, (who could forget "Walton Carpets"?) celebrating 96 years at a fabulous birthday lunch at Neiman Marcus surrounded by loved ones. Later, at another party with charming host **Sean Eshaghy** and **Cynthia Olson**.

MANY THANKS: For a birthday luncheon, for this writer, hosted by **Barb Bailey** and **Paul Hansen** at Gibson's Steakhouse followed by a wondrous motor tour along the lake shore with plenty of sugary Amaretto butter cookies baked by the incomparable **Sheri Lynn Smith**. My sister, **Mary Regina**, and bro-in law, **Steve Rigik**, tossed a super birthday lunch at Piccolo Sogno where we ordered everything and lavished the focaccia with olive oil and balsamic and finished with the home-kitchen-made strawberry gelato.

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The Mandala Makers Festival is back, featuring numerous artists representing the South Asian diaspora. North Side neighbors are invited to join in a free musical celebration in the Republic Bank parking lot, 2720 W. Devon Ave., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 9. Reservations are suggested, visit www.eventcombo.com/e/Mandala-Makers-Music-Festival-70487.

This year the Devon Ave. free festival

culminates with the finale of music at Harris Theatre on June 27 led by Ambi Subramaniam.

Events take place throughout the Devon Ave. neighborhood. Experience art at community spaces such as parks, shops, street corners, and social service centers. Learn more at www.mandalaarts.org/mandalamakersfestival.

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Anopheles mosquitoes are rare in Illinois, they may bite a person and transmit it to another, locally. Once a world leader in the fight against malaria, Venezuela, today is among the worst suffering nations in the Western Hemisphere. According to a recent article in the medical journal Lancet, Venezuela had 403 death from malaria in 2019 and accounted for 73% of the total deaths from malaria deaths in South America.

Within this past year, Chicago has experienced a huge influx of immigrants from Venezuela, some of who may have been exposed to malaria. When people from the malaria zone come to Illinois, they may be carrying the disease. While Anopheles mosquitoes are rare in Illinois, they may bite a person and transmit it to another, locally.

While Anopheles mosquitoes were once abundant in the Chicago area, their numbers have been greatly reduced.

“As Illinois was settled and much of it was drained for agriculture and urbanization, much of the burden of malaria subsided. After mosquito abatement districts (a government body which levies its own taxes) were formed in the 1920s, a systematic tackling of the remaining malaria threat was undertaken. The Skokie Lagoons are a perfect example of habitat modification and flood prevention efforts that were undertaken and which eliminated habitat for this mosquito as well as reduced its abundance,” said Clifton.

In addition to the local efforts of the mosquito abatement districts, private pest control companies such as Orkin also reduce the threat. Pest control professionals take active measures to eliminate suitable habitats for mosquito-breeding and to remove threats.

“Orkin’s mosquito management programs actively reduce Anopheles, Aedes and Culex mosquitoes around homes and businesses. Anopheles eggs and larvae inhabit the bodies of water that Orkin’s residential and commercial mosquito programs address, and our misting treatments include the adult mosquito nesting sites appealing to Anopheles, Culex, and Aedes,” said John Kane, quality manager at Orkin and a board-certified entomologist.

According to Clifton, the population of Anopheles mosquitoes in the Chicago area pales in comparison to the Culex.

“In 2023, we captured over 64,000 Culex and only around 160 Anopheles,” said Clifton.

According to Kane, while his company’s professionals do encounter Anopheles, not many are found to actually carry the parasite Plasmodium falciparum, which causes malaria.

“Within the U.S., the potential exists for the infection cycle to begin and amplify but it has not taken off, yet. [These] reasons [include] the low numbers of traveler’s cases being introduced, air-conditioning and modern comforts (such as window and door screens), mosquito management programs (government and commercial) and



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the greater abundance of non-transmitting species of mosquito,” said Kane.

According to the NSMAD’s Clifton, an accurate assessment for the total population for Anopheles in the Great Lakes region remains unknown.

“It is hard to know how common this mosquito is in the Great Lakes region. I would suggest they are less common than they once were due to the draining of ditches and swamps. It is likely that rural locations, or those undisturbed by urbanization or agriculture would have higher populations and a higher risk. Areas without a sustained and organized mosquito management services would also be at a higher risk for malaria to occur,” said Clifton.

Another disease-carrying mosquito now found to be breeding in Illinois is the invasive Asian tiger mosquito (Aedes albopictus) which arrived in the United States in 1985. An aggressive day-biting mosquito, it breeds in large numbers in water-filled artificial containers and is also possible of carrying the West Nile virus.

Letters to the Editor

Don't trivialize the opposition

The writer from Ravenswood [May 29 letters] trivializes the opposition to the Fern Hill development. I live in one of those high-rises he mentions and my concerns, as well as my neighbors, have multiple aspects.

Stand at the corner of LaSalle and North and watch cars using two lanes to turn right onto North Ave. blocking those trying to turn left. Tell me adding 500 new apartments will not have a negative affect due to the congestion.

Walk the streets of Old Town and Lincoln Park and tell me where all these new people will park. I also commiserate

with the homeowners in Old Town that have invested large sums to create one of Chicago’s most beautiful neighborhoods. Years past the residents lobbied for and passed zoning changes to protect their neighborhood. Everyone invested in this neighborhood is against some developer destroying everything they have built. It doesn’t take much to look around west of here to see plenty of open land to build something this big.

Steve Hoffmann
Old Town

Applauding Ald. Leni

After the public meeting relative to the Granville/Broadway proposed liquor store, I found a hateful message plastered on numerous light posts throughout the area. Once again a block group, consisting of a relative handful of people, claiming to represent 1000’s of residents in the area, is attempting to stifle any positive movement toward economic growth in this area by characterizing a liquor store as a mortal threat. And if one doesn’t go along with their anti-business agenda, they are labeled, as the post says, as betraying so called progressive ideas and worse, supporting outside business interests, as if somehow that should be considered a negative when related to economic development.

Block groups have a sorry track record in this area, having rejected a Trader Joe’s

(liquor license once again), and numerous prospective restaurants because they wanted liquor licenses as well. One can only speculate what a vibrant business district we would have here if it weren’t for the narrow-minded activism of these block groups.

It is high time unrepresentative small groups are put in their place. I applaud Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth for independently reviewing this application even though she is being characterized as a sell-out. A sellout in favor of a vibrant business community in the Broadway/Granville area? Shame on the block groups.

Philip Bernstein
Edgewater

Can Ald. Martin do math?

I don’t think Ald. Matt Martin knows math. If he does, he is really, really bad at it.

Ald. Martin swiped the taxpayer-paid-for Lincoln Square parking lot and gifted this \$6 million piece of property to his “friends” at The Community Builders for \$1 per lot, for a total of \$6.

He also gave the connected developers \$30 million in assorted subsidies, TIF monies and tax credits. And taxpayers will be on the hook to reimburse LAZ Parking up to \$24 million for its lost parking spaces and revenue for the next 59 years.

So taxpayers are paying around \$600,000 per unit for 56 apartments.

Now it has been reported in this newspaper [May 29] that City Haul is giving lobbyist and developer Carmen Rossi (who threw fundraisers for the ever delightful Lori Lightfoot) only \$28 million to convert a LaSalle St. high-rise to residential units. One hundred and seventeen apartments,

with at least 41 units reserved for low income tenants.

That comes out to about \$230,000 per unit. One wonders what exactly the developers in Lincoln Square are buying for the extra \$370,000 per unit?

Why did Matt Martin agree to put taxpayers on the hook for that inflated amount?

Is Martin that bad at math? A bad negotiator? Or is he learning the “Chicago Way”?

Mike Sullivan
Avondale

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IN THE COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION
CitiMortgage, Inc.,
Plaintiff,
-v-
Tina Louise Carney; Illinois Housing Development Authority; 1513 W. Fargo Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Veronica Hackney; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jeremy Hackney a/k/a Jeremy C. Hackney; John Lydon, as Special Representative for Jeremy Hackney a/k/a Jeremy C. Hackney (deceased), Defendants. 2023CH03151
1513 W Fargo Ave, 3S, Chicago, IL 60626

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Commonly known as 1513 W Fargo Ave, 3S, Chicago, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-29-310-018-1008
The real estate is improved with a Condominium Property.

The judgment amount was \$199,411.30
Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC, No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) 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

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Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) 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.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis and Associates, P.C. (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-23-02394.
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Attorney File No. 14-23-02394

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR INDIAMAC IMSC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-HOAI, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HOAI Plaintiff,
-v-
KRISTI BROWN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MORRIS LANDA, KATIE LANDA, MIRELLA DEMMA, DAMON RITENHOUSE, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORRIS LANDA (DECEASED) Defendants
2017 CH 14739
6725 N ROCKWELL ST
CHICAGO, IL 60645

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 27, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on July 1, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL,

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60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6725 N ROCKWELL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60645
Property Index No. 10-36-404-008-0000
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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis and Associates, P.C. (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-23-02926.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
SAMUEL ONYEISE, ANNE ONYEISE, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, CITY OF CHICAGO, CROWN ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC Defendants
2020 CH 02684
6122 N WINTHROP AVE UNIT B
CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 25, 2024, 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 6122 N WINTHROP AVE UNIT B, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-208-051-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.
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Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2017 CH 14739
TJSC#: 44-969

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v-
JOE DEVUONO A/K/A JOSEPH DEVUONO Defendants
23 CH 03219
1844 W. ESTES AVE.
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 March 20, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 21, 2024, 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:
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Commonly known as 1844 W ESTES AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60626
Property Index No. 11-31-201-022-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$94,468.96.
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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC (312) 346-9088 please refer to file number 22-104101L.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2017-FRE2; Plaintiff,
vs.
SHARON A. RINALDI; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF FOR BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
22 CH 2221

NOTICE OF SALE
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UNITS 4601 AND B-200, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0011020878, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY TY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 14-21-101-054-1681; 14-21-101-047-2503.
Commonly known as 655 W. Irving Park Rd., Unit 4601 and B-200, Chicago, IL 60613.
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, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077.
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vs.
GAST MONUMENTS, INC; JAMES F. GAST; KATHERINE GAST CROOK; THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; FLANAGAN BILTON LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
23 CH 4931

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 8, 2024 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-06-224-008-0000 and 14-06-224-009-0000.
Commonly known as 1900 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60660.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a commercial building.
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 Ms. Meagan E. Russell at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robbins DiMonte, Ltd., 216 West Higgins Road, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-5736. (847) 698-9600. Gast INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
JOANNE ORR, PARK PLACE TOWER I CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DENNIS W. JOHN, THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DENNIS W. JOHN (DECEASED) Defendants
2023 CH 04988
655 W. IRVING PARK ROAD UNIT #1705
CHICAGO, IL 60613

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 26, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 28, 2024, 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 655 W. IRVING PARK ROAD UNIT #1705, CHICAGO, IL 60613
Property Index No. 14-21-101-054-1243
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.
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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).

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IN THE COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC., Plaintiff,
-v-
Daniel Cavanaugh; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Catalpa Gardens Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants. 2023CH04543
1122 W. Catalpa Unit 805, CHICAGO, IL 60640

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Property Index No. 14-08-200-042-1036 14-08-200-042-1264
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The judgment amount was \$169,946.71
Sale Terms: 20% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to Auction.com LLC, No third party checks will be accepted. All registered bidders need to provide a photo ID in order to bid. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. (relief fee not required) 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
SAMUEL ONYEISE, ANNE ONYEISE, STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, CITY OF CHICAGO, CROWN ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC Defendants
2020 CH 02684
6122 N WINTHROP AVE UNIT B
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Case # 2020 CH 02684
13244744

IN THE COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,
-v-
MICHAEL A. STONE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
23 CH 08465
6240 North Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
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Property Index No. 14-05-113-019-0000
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TJSC#: 44-1294

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-v- CHANG H. KIM, MI HUI KIM, 1400 STATE PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 22 CH 4269 1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F CHICAGO, IL 60610

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 17, 2024, 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 1400 N. STATE PARKWAY, UNIT 10F, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-211-035-1089 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$398,997.99.

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, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BMO BANK N.A. Plaintiff,

-v- SEAN T. BURNS, KATHLEEN M. BURNS, WOODLAND WINDOWS & DOORS, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CITY OF CHICAGO, WRIGHTWOOD COMMONS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2023 CH 06784

632 W. WRIGHTWOOD AVENUE, #3E, P-22 AND

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P-40 CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 17, 2024, 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:

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The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$95,734.38. 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, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

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'Someone in Chicago needs to step up,' management says after Lakeview bike shop gets burglarized again

BY CWB CHICAGO

Burglars have targeted Heritage Bikes & Coffee on Lincoln Ave. before. On May 31, the Lakeview shop got burglarized again.

"Sad, but not surprised," store management said in a Facebook post. "We've been broken into so many times, and it just keeps getting worse."

Chicago police received a call about the break-in at 2959 N. Lincoln around 6:24 a.m. The burglar smashed a front window. Management said a couple of bikes were taken from inside.

"We need change. Someone in Chicago needs to step up," the store's post continued. "Small businesses are struggling with rising taxes, food costs, and labor expenses. We keep seeing our taxes go up, but where does that money really go?"

"There's barely anything left to squeeze. But it's okay; we'll get the window fixed and we'll get through today. I'll keep opening every morning, doing my best for my community and family," the post read. "In the meantime, please support your local mom-and-pop shops. This kind of thing happens way too often in Chicago, and your support means everything to us."

Shortly after the shop was burglarized in May 2019, Chicago police arrested a man named Ronald Hartley in connection with the case. Hartley went AWOL from Oct. 2019 to March 2020 and again from March 2021 until Dec. 2023. He finally pleaded guilty on Feb. 13 in exchange for a three-year sentence. (He received another two years for escaping electronic monitoring.)

Hartley will be in prison until Nov. 2025, so you can rule him out as the most recent culprit.

The shop got hit again three weeks after Hartley's break-in. Surveillance video showed two men carrying out that burglary.

"Running a business ain't easy...But stuff like this just kills you," Heritage said on its Facebook page at the time.

Management spoke out on Facebook after burglars broke into the store in Dec. 2021, too.

"We love you, Chicago, but something has to change," the store's 2021 post said.

They added a prediction: "Unfortunately, this isn't the first time and won't be the last."

Roscoe Village robbery spree is linked to violent crew that has robbed dozens and shot a bystander

A robbery spree in Roscoe Village on May 26 is part of a crime pattern involving armed men who've committed at least 15 robberies in the past two weeks, according to Chicago police. The robberies were committed by the same crew that shot a man who intervened in a robbery in Wicker Park on May 17.

Three robberies occurred in Roscoe Village on Sunday between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., police said. All of the holdups involved three or four offenders who displayed guns, wore masks, and traveled in a stolen car, a CPD community alert said.

Sunday's robberies occurred in the 2300 block of W. School, the 2300 block of W. Roscoe, and the 3200 block of N. Western, according to the alert.

The gunmen take property from their victims and typically force the victims to reveal their phone passcode, police said.

But one of the crew's robberies turned especially violent in Wicker Park on May 17. Two gunmen jumped out of a car and demanded property from two women in the 2000 block of W. North Ave. around 3:49 a.m. The offenders shot a 31-year-old man who tried to stop the robbery, police said.

Police described the group as Black males wearing all black or dark-colored clothing with black ski masks. Tips can be shared with investigators by calling 312-742-0231 and referring to crime pattern 24-CWP-028A.

Other robberies that CPD linked to the crew:

May 14: 2200 block of N. Clybourn around 12:05 a.m., and 2100 block of N. Clybourn around 12:30 a.m.

May 15: 1200 block of N. Clybourn at 5:39 a.m., and 1900 block of N. Hermitage at 5:48 a.m.

May 16: 1100 block of N. Marshfield at 5:04 a.m.; 1000 block of N. Marshfield at 5:05 a.m., and 1600 block of W. Division at 5:09 a.m.

May 18: 600 block of W. Fulton around 4:45 a.m., 300 block of N. Clinton at 5 a.m.

May 24: 2700 block of N. Lockwood at 5 a.m., and 4200 block of W. School at 5:15 a.m.

It's Grant Park closure season again

NASCAR Street Race closures begin June 10

Grant Park closure season is again underway, when the general public loses free and open access to Grant Park, after the signature lakefront park is captured behind miles-long fence lines, as private money-making events take over much of the park, leaving it off limits to those who do not buy tickets.

Shutdown season started last month with the Suenos Festival, that ended on May 26.

Next up is the NASCAR Chicago Street Race which takes place July 6 - July 7. NASCAR will begin building the race track and event space in early June, which will require sidewalk and roadway closures as the course and viewing structures are as-

sembled and disassembled. Street and sidewalk closures will start June 10 and run through July 9.

Right after NASCAR is the Grant Park shutdown for Lollapalooza, which runs from Aug. 1 through Aug. 4, but requires pre-and post event set up and break down periods.

The following sidewalk and street closures will go into effect on June 10: Full closure on Ida B. Wells Dr. from Michigan Ave. to Columbus Dr. including sidewalks; Westbound between Congress Circle and Michigan Ave. will remain open, but eastbound between Michigan and Congress Circle will be closed. There will be no parking on southbound Columbus Dr., between Jackson Dr. and Balbo Dr.

TimeLine Theatre bids farewell to old theater building with "Black Sunday"

BY SAMANTHA SWITALL

TimeLine Theatre is running its final performance at their 615 W. Wellington Ave. location with Black Sunday by Chicago playwright Dolores Díaz. This play takes the audience back to the 1930s, focusing on a family in the days leading up to a massive dust storm - 200 miles wide, a mile high, traveling 65 miles per hour - that strafed across the Great Plains.

Despite its historical setting, the story tackles timeless themes such as family dynamics, environmental disasters, and the enduring need for hope and resilience. Aligning with TimeLine Theatre's mission to connect historical events to contemporary social and political issues, the play draws many parallels to today's challenges.

On view at the theater is an interactive media installation that allows audiences

to familiarize themselves with the play's themes while having the opportunity for reflection. Panels featuring maps, photos, weather reports, climate refugees and the unequal impact of environmental changes on various communities are on display.

As TimeLine Theatre concludes its 25-year run on Wellington Ave., Black Sunday serves as a fitting final production, emphasizing themes that resonate deeply in today's context of change. The theater is now transitioning to a new temporary location in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood, as the theater company builds toward a new chapter when its new permanent home at 5035 N. Broadway Ave. is completed.

Black Sunday runs through June 29, and tickets are priced at \$35-\$67. For tickets and information, visit timelinetheatre.com or call the TimeLine Box Office at (773) 281-8463 x6.

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ny's website. According to TheRealDeal, he has a history of investing in hotels. In December Nediakalayil reportedly paid \$29 million for a 190-room hotel in Miami. In 2019, he also developed a 99-room Hyatt Place hotel on North and Ashland in Wicker Park. NexGen has reportedly placed the Hotel Versey under the management of Genuine Hospitality Group, based in St. Louis.

"The Hotel Versey has been on our radar for a long time, as it is steeped in rich hospitality tradition that dates back to the

1920s," Chris Patel, president of NexGen Hotels, told Hotel Online. "We hope to continue on with this tradition with this completely one-of-a-kind hotel."

Before it was rebranded, the hotel was known as the "Rock and Roll Days Inn," due to its origins as the home of former jazz musician Bix Beiderbecke. The hotel has hosted many rock star guests including Nirvana, Radiohead and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. The hotel was rebranded in 2017, naming it for the building's historic V-shape and prominent location at the junction of Diversey, Broadway and Clark St.

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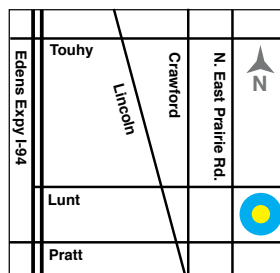


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