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City, cops try to contain surging crime wave

Armed robberies reported all over the North Side

BY CWBCHICAGO

Smash and grab burglars rammed a car into the Chanel store on Oak St. July 17, but their door held fast. It is one of the few good things that has happened since a dramatic surge in armed robberies got underway a few weeks ago.

Smash-and-grab burglars tried, but failed, to ram a car through the front door of the Chanel store, and cops responded to calls of a car plowing into the pricey boutique's front entrance just after 5 a.m. The store's burglar alarm was activated, too.

The front door proved to be more than the Nissan sedan could handle. It was damaged, but there did not appear to be anything stolen from inside the store. The would-be burglars were gone

when the police arrived.

An officer in the Loop radioed that he saw a small black car with heavy front-end damage barreling through all the red lights along Michigan Ave. after the burglary call came out. It was last seen heading west on Roosevelt Rd. Maybe City Hall will mail them some red light or speeding tickets from Red Light cameras... or maybe not. A group of accomplices seemed to trail the Nissan in another vehicle, which had stolen plates.

The burglary attempt came two weeks after thieves successfully broke into the DIOR Chicago store, 931 N. Rush, on July 3. It's all part of a frightening increase of robberies in Chicago.

Other victims include an off-

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Circumventing State Statute, City to convert Leavitt St. into obstacle course to slow down traffic

BY PETER VON BUOL

A nearly three-and-a-half mile stretch of Leavitt St., from Diversey Pkwy. to Bowmanville Ave., will soon become a highway for bicyclists seeking to avoid automobile and truck traffic on Damen and Western avenues, according to Brad Huff, city planner with the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT].

Speaking during a virtual meeting July 10 hosted by Josh Mark, chief of staff of Ald. Matt Martin [47th], Huff revealed his department's plan to "calm traffic" through the use of many speed bumps and adding a reverse traffic flow bike lane at points along the route where Leavitt is a one-way street.

"People walking and biking are disproportionately harmed in crashes," said Huff. "While people walking and biking make up just three percent of all automobile crashes in the neighborhood, they make up 42% of fatal and serious injury crashes. Speed is the number one contributing factor in the severity of crashes, we know that as the speed of cars go up, so does the risk of death and serious injury."

Speed bumps, reverse traffic flow bike lanes and curb extensions are all ways CDOT is able to circumvent an Illinois State Statute which requires city streets to have a speed limit of no less than 20 miles an hour.

"We're nearly doubling the number of speed humps on the street and installing what we call smooth speed humps, or bike-friendly speed humps. These are not your traditional Chicago speed humps, which is like a lump of asphalt on the street. These are very smooth and they're designed for a target speed of about 15 miles per hour," said Huff.

In addition to speed humps, CDOT will add numerous pavement markings (many not even found in the state's Rules of the Road booklet) and will narrow the street at certain intersections with what are known as curb extensions.

"We'll be using a number of pavement markings and signage. Where the street is one way, we'll be formalizing two-way biking that we know already happens on Leavitt. We'll [also] be installing a number of curb extensions near the Lincoln Square area, including at Eastwood and Leland and Giddings and Ainslie to help better reinforce the stop signs at those intersections," said Huff.

During the question and answer portion of the meeting, one participant asked Huff why CDOT is turning Leavitt into a bicycle highway when nearby Damen Ave. is already a designated bicycle route with numerous improvements for bicycle riders.

According to Huff, CDOT research has found women eschew biking on busy streets and Leavitt

will give them an alternative.

"Through our own studies, where we've installed neighborhood greenways, even when they're adjacent to an existing bike lane, we've seen more women riding on greenways and more children riding on greenways than we've seen on the parallel bike lanes. So neighborhood

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greenways really are another option. For folks who aren't comfortable biking on a busy street, like Damen," said Huff.

No suggestion was made to remove the bike lanes from Damen in exchange for the new bike lanes for Leavitt.

In addition, Huff spoke about the city's continued use of what it describes as "traffic diverter" devices but which sometimes do not work as planned. In numerous instances, these "diverters"

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Lane Tech Memorial rededication

BY ERIK GODVIK

On June 3, the Lane Tech Alumni Assoc. hosted a rededication of the memorial plaque that honored those Laneites who gave the last full measure of their devotion to the service of their country in the far off country of Vietnam.

It was through the efforts of Tom Muraoka, president of the class of 1962 and all the members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, that this event took place. The Memorial Garden was last rededicated in 2010.

The rededication was held in the Memorial Garden which is an open area in the middle of the school surrounded by the four stories of the huge building itself. (This reporter doesn't believe he was ever allowed in the Garden when he was a student there.)

The Memorial Garden is dedicated to the Lane students who made the ultimate sacrifice in all wars and conflicts. The sculpture, "Shooting the Stars" is located at the east end of the Garden while at the west end of the Memorial Garden is the Ramo I. Zenklich



The Lane Tech "Shooting the Stars" statue, that honors students from Lane Tech who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, is located at the east end of the high school's central courtyard garden. (Inset) Albert Grannis Lane.

Memorial, consisting of a flag pole and granite monument inscribed with the names of the students from Lane Tech who lost their lives in the Vietnam conflict.

At the center of the Memorial Garden is the large rectangular-shaped pond with two Works Project Administration [WPA]-funded statues by the sculptor, Charles Umlauf. These two cast-

stone fountain figures, called "Boys with Sea Forms" were completed in 1941 and complement the Memorial Garden's aesthetics.

During the school's 90th anniversary celebration in 1998, a commemorative plaque was placed near the "Shooting the Stars" statue. It explains the significance of the Memorial Garden to Lane Tech and its students. In

Who is Albert Grannis Lane?

Born in a small, modest home in 1841 on what is now the corner of State and Van Buren streets, Albert Grannis Lane made a permanent impression on Chicago and its people. Imbued with a strong work ethic, Lane took his first job at the age of seven.

Through his initiative and hard work, Lane earned an appointment as the principal of the Franklin School just after his graduation from high school. Thus, at the age of 17, he became the youngest principal in the history of the Chicago Public Schools system.

In 1869, Lane became Superintendent of the Cook County schools where he made many innovations to improve the quality of the public schools. During his long career, Lane also served as Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools and President of the National Education Assoc.

Lane's most cherished dream was the creation of a large high school dedicated to providing students with hands-on experiences in technical education while developing and enhancing their academic skills. Lane Technical High School is the realization of that dream.

the summer of 2009, the Memorial Garden underwent a complete renovation and was made more accessible for all people to enjoy. The Memorial Garden was rededicated in May 2010 to reflect the contributions made by supporters of the renovation.

Lane Tech, at 607,500 sq. feet, is the 6th largest school in the United States. Construction was finished in Sept. 1934 when the

WPA provided a grant to finish the construction.

Because it was finished during the height of the Depression, it has 77 works of art from three separate collections including the largest single WPA art collection in the country. Also included are the 40 "States" murals from the General Motors Pavilion unveiled at the Century Of Progress World's Fair in 1933-34.

Where our thirty-nine presidents have been buried, entombed, enshrined



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"I've been through Herbert and J. Edgar Hoover, gee that was fun and a half." Sondheim, Follies

Summer seems to be the balmy, supportive season perfect for trying to understand the questions that surround us.

Just why do we wear underpants? Or wash our hands before we eat, disappear when swear words ring the air? Why do alarm clocks fail to wake us in time for early Mass and who's buried in Grant's tomb?

Such has recently been my summer preoccupations.

I'm cross-eyed trying to understand the geography of our everyday living. Not just the obvious facts of where we live, shop or gossip while having a drink.

But rather, how the details of our everyday locations and loyalties affect the strategic pattern of our regular living.

Or at least where we wind up.

I'm driven by a project about where former presidents of the United States wind up. Or more accurately are buried. Entombed. Enshrined.

Since 1789, 45 U.S. presidents have been elected, and 39 have died. Eight of them while in office. As soon as I realized that four out of the first five U.S. presidents were all buried in Virginia, I knew there was more to the story of the blue

blood aristocrats.

I didn't need to read thousands of pages about George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe. They shared something intimate and unique. Like being a lifelong Cubs fan or true Sox diehard from Bridgeport.

Their final geography also announced significant suspicions about their relationship to second president John Adams of Massachusetts.

Each founding father was buried on their Virginia estates at Mount Vernon, Monticello, Montpelier and Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery. Monroe resting now in Albert Lybrock's "Birdcage" monument.

Adams and his son, sixth U.S. President John Quincy Adams, are buried together in a subterranean chapel in the United First Parish Church in Quincy, MA. A fact that current geography says is not quite as grand as the lads from Virginia.

Virginia appears to hold the muscular record for the largest number of U.S. presidents buried within its borders. Eight. These four founding fathers plus 10th president John Tyler in Richmond. He remains the only president to be buried with a Confederate flag; or father 15 children.

The 27th president (and 10th Supreme Court Chief Justice) William Howard Taft and 35th president John Fitzgerald Kennedy are both entombed in historic Arlington National Cemetery.

America's steadfast World War I leader, 28th president Woodrow Wilson, rests quietly in a chapel at the National Cathedral.

Five U.S. presidents rest in Ohio. With William Henry Harrison, our ninth president who, after just 31 days, became the first president to die in office with burial in North Bend, OH, in 1841. Half a century later, his grandson, Benjamin Harrison, our 23rd president, was buried in Indianapolis.

Our 21st president, Rutherford B. Hayes, had the tightest presidential race in U.S. history. But is remembered for ending Civil War reconstruction while president. He also started the tradition of the White House Easter Egg Hunt. He's buried in Fremont, OH.

James Garfield, our 20th presi-



Calvin Coolidge

dent, was assassinated in 1881, and buried in Lakeview, OH. And 20 years later, in Sept. 1901, 25th President William McKinley was assassinated at the World's Fair in Buffalo, NY, and buried in a magnificent memorial in Canton, OH. The 29th U.S. president, Warren G. Harding, would die in office in 1923 with burial in the Harding Tomb in Marion, OH. The last of the elaborate presidential tombs.

The five presidents buried in Ohio soil provide an essential clue in the geographic political power shift from the old, original 13 colonies with the nation's westward growth.

Early American yankee political families faced a recalibrate political power as the nation was settled and spread out across the continent. But late 19th century America still felt the heavy influence of New York State politics nationally.

Political cohesion became the glue of everyday survival. Especially for the six presidents buried in New York. Martin Van Buren, our eighth president, greatly reflects the powerful settlement by the Dutch in Hudson River communities of New Amsterdam. His burial in Kinderhook, NY, demonstrates that political and economic influence of the old Dutch.

So too were the careers and pedigrees of families like the Roosevelts. Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th president, made America a muscular international power, following the death of McKinley. His rough rider youth is poignantly demonstrated in his "Big Stick" policy for the nation. His Oyster-ville, NY, burial is a lasting social bow to his Harvard education and elite sense of inherited power. His mother's family, the Bulloch's, were plantation elite from Georgia, the model for Scarlett O'Hara's "Gone with the Wind" family by Margaret Mitchell.

Theodore's historic ties to 32nd

president, and cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, his niece, Eleanor's, husband, spreads not only family elitism, but a fresh sophistication of political power.

FDR's Hyde Park estate burial during the final days of World War II established FDR's significance as a critical war time leader. His enclave on the eastern banks of the Hudson River frame his life and death in a remarkable America harmony. Longest serving president from 1933 to 1945.

Much like another New Yorker, 18th president Ulysses S. Grant, (a native of Galena, IL), a Union savior in the Civil War. He rests in his tomb on the edge of New York City's Harlem.

The last member of the Whig Party to make it to the White House, 13th president Millard Fillmore, succeeded Zachary Taylor in 1850 following the president's death. Fillmore now rests in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, NY.

Chester A. Arthur, 21st president, succeeded James Garfield assassinated in office. When president he established the U.S. Civil Service, dying shortly after leaving the presidency. He was buried in Albany Rural Cemetery in New York's capital. Lifting the total NY presidential count to six, just behind Virginia's record number of eight.

America reflected new loyalties, revealing a more eclectic array of burial sites for U.S. Chief Executives.

Tennessee can brag three, James Knox Polk, our 11th president, a Cholera victim, lies in the lawn of the state capital in Nashville. At the nearby Hermitage estate, seventh president, Andrew Jackson, a true self-made American, centers his colorful patriotic life in familiar soil. And tragic Andrew Johnson, number 17, Lincoln's successor, rests in the National Cemetery at Greeneville, TN.

Lifelong military leader, Zachary Taylor, our 12th president, died just 16 months after inauguration. The second president to die in office, shocking the nation. Dead after consuming cherries and ice milk on the 4th of July. Burial was at the Taylor family estate in Louisville, KY. Today a full cemetery, he rests near Colonel Sanders.

The Yankee earth of Vermont holds just one Chief Executive, the frugal teetotaling preacher's son, and 30th president, Calvin Coolidge, in Plymouth, VT.

The nation's 15th president, James Buchanan, our only bachelor, was our last pre-Civil War chief executive. Only president ever elected

from Pennsylvania. Lincoln's predecessor, he was no Lincoln, criticized for passively causing the War. He's buried in Lancaster, PA.

Grover Cleveland gets counted twice, as both the 22nd and 24th presidents due to his split terms of office. He's buried in Ivy League Princeton, NJ.

The mysterious Franklin Pierce, a lifelong military man, 14th chief executive, tried every compromise to avert conflict over slavery. Didn't work. Buried in Concord, NH.

Gerald Ford, 38th president, long career Congressman, is buried in Grand Rapids, MI. The man he pardoned, Richard Nixon, number 37, rests in his Yorba Linda, CA, library. Ronald Reagan, 40th president, brought the Cold War to its end. Buried at the presidential library in Simi Valley, CA.

Harry S. Truman, FDR's successor, 33rd president, brought World War II to its atomic conclusion. He lies in his beloved Independence, MO. His top war-time general, Dwight David Eisenhower, number 34, is at his library in Abilene, KS.

Texas Republican George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st president, oldest of that elite group, died at 94, and is entombed in College Station, TX, at his library. Texas Democratic alternative, Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th president, JFK's successor, lies at the family ranch in Austin, TX.

Herbert Hoover, 31st president, roughed it as the nation's economy collapsed in the crash of 1929. But remained beloved by Americans who knew his struggle. He's buried in West Branch, IA, on a hillside.

The nation's 16th president, the first to be murdered in office, is honored with his own holiday, repetitive postage stamps and presence on the five dollar bill and the one cent penny. He's in everyone's pocket.

And for saving our Union when lesser men would have let her

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City budget 2024 meeting July 22 at Truman College

They're spending your money

The City of Chicago is hosting a 2024 budget round table 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Harry S. Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave. The event will include representatives from City departments and sister agencies to answer questions and receive feedback on how to spend Chicago taxpayer's money.

For more information, visit Chicago.gov/2024budget. Pre-registration is requested but not required.

The city has just released a plan they hope to deploy to extract more money from Chicago taxpayers.

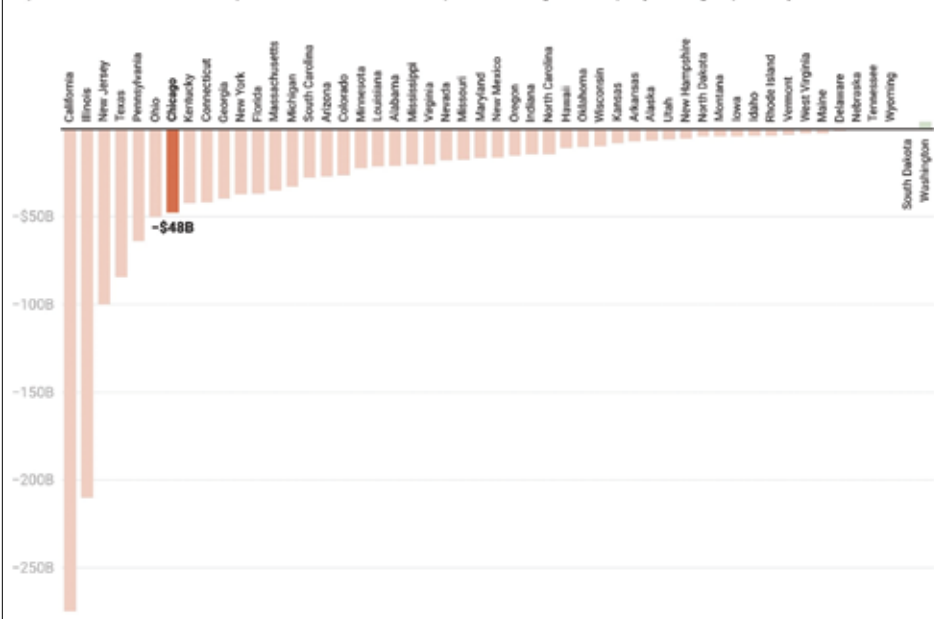
The centerpiece of the proposal is a plan to slap households making \$100,000 or more with a new citywide income tax of 3.5%. Mayor Brandon Johnson and his transition team appointed think a household earning \$100,000 in Chicago is "wealthy." But according to a recent report from financial technology company SmartAsset, \$100,000 in Chicago is worth about \$59,000 after taxes and adjusted for cost of living.

Another tax increase on the table is a "mansion tax." The Bring Chicago Home ordinance, which would increase the real estate transactions tax on sales worth more than \$1 million by 1% points, bringing the total real estate transfer tax rate to 3.1%. City Hall claims this would create \$163 million in new revenues for the city.

An increase in the real property transfer tax rate would apply to commercial and industrial real estate as well. The tax would add millions to many commercial

Chicago's primary pension systems owe more debt than 44 states

Equable Institute estimate of pension debt for statewide plans and large municipally managed plans by state



The reason Chicago is constantly scrambling to collect more taxes is because the city is sitting on a sinkhole of \$48 billion in guaranteed government pension debt. Chicago's four city-sponsored pension systems – municipal, laborers, police and fire – plus the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund hold more unfunded debt than that of 44 states.

property sales in the city, which real estate specialists expect will be passed on to tenants in the form of higher rent prices, at a time when office vacancy downtown is at a record high.

For our readers, this new tax is clearly targeted at North Side residential properties, where the most million dollar properties are located.

The tax could lead to reduced home prices as buyers must account for the increased

cost of the transfer tax at the time of sale. According to Illinois Realtors data, home sales and prices in Chicago are already in decline due to high interest rates. The data suggests the high-end real estate market is cooling in Chicago. Because the tax would also affect multi-family real estate, it would likely drive up rent prices too – which are already at all-time highs for many.

Mayor Johnson's plan also calls to restart the city's head tax "to make large corporations pay what they owe for benefitting from the city's public infrastructure." It claims the head tax should be \$33 per employee annually and it would generate an additional \$106 million in tax revenue.

But revenues from a head tax are overstated. To get to \$106 million, employers would need to pay \$33 per employee each month – not each year – for a total of \$396 a year per worker.

Chicago has already conducted a head-tax experiment. The city had a \$4-per-month head tax until former Mayor Rahm Emanuel dismantled it in 2014. It consistently underperformed revenue expectations and Emanuel dubbed it a disaster for economic growth. Aldermen at the time called the tax a "job killer" and Emanuel said, "Eliminating the head tax is the right thing to do for businesses big and small, and it's the right thing to do to secure Chicago's future."

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To generate the revenue proponents are promising, the tax would need to be more than 8 times larger than Chicago's old \$4-per-month "job killer."

The real reason the city is constantly scrambling for more taxes is because Chicago is sitting on a sinkhole of \$48 billion in government pension debt. Chicago's four city-sponsored pension systems – municipal, laborers, police and fire – plus the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund hold more debt than 44 states.

So while you may be screaming into the wind at Truman College on July 22, it is everyone's civic duty to press government officials to limit future tax increases and slow their profligate spending plans.

PAWS Run Sept. 9

Registration is now underway for the PAWS Chicago's annual 5K Walk/Run For Their Lives will be held starting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, stepping off at Montrose Harbor.

It is the largest dog-friendly charity event in the city, bringing together thousands of animal lovers to raise funds and awareness for homeless pets.

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North Side home market squeezed by 7% interest rates



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Squeezed by sharply higher mortgage interest rates and a shortage of home listings, Chicago's North Side residential real estate market continues to spin its wheels at mid-year 2023.

Experts say the market environment is characterized by more cautious consumer attitudes shaped by a shortage of homes for sale and significantly higher mortgage rates.

On July 13 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that the benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage average hit 6.96% nationwide, up from 6.81% a week earlier. A year ago, 30-year loans averaged 5.51%.

"Mortgage rates increased to their highest level since Nov. 10, 2022, when they hit 7.08% percent," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. Fifteen-year fixed home loans rose to 6.30% on July 13, up from 6.24% a week earlier. A year ago, 15-year loans were 4.67%.

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

"Incoming data suggest that inflation is softening, falling to its lowest annual rate in more than two years," Khater noted. "However, increases in housing costs, which account for a large share

of inflation, remain stubbornly high, mainly due to low inventory relative to demand."

Baird & Warner's July 2023 Market Analysis for the North Side reported that June was the 16th consecutive month of year-over-year home sales declines in Lincoln Park, Lakeview, North Center and the Gold Coast and Near North Side.

"June represented the third consecutive month of median home price increases on the North Side," said Realtor John Irwin, co-author of the Baird & Warner Market Analysis with broker Jackie Lafferty.

"Traditionally, low inventory markets and multiple offers can inflate home prices to dangerous levels for home buyers," Irwin said.

Core Logic's monthly Home Price Insights reported that Chicago home prices increased 3.8% on an annual basis in May, the second highest jump among the nation's metro areas.

According to another North Side Market Report prepared by Mary Jo Nathan of Baird & Warner's North Center office at 4037 N. Damen, second-quarter 2023 combined sales of detached and attached homes totaled 2,727 units.

That was -33.4% less than the second quarter of 2022, after which the Federal Reserve Board initiated its policy of boosting interest rates, Nathan noted.

The North Side Market Report tracks home sales in nine neighborhoods: Edgewater, Lakeview, Lincoln Park, Lincoln Square, Near North Side, North Center, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Ridge.

Once the mortgage-rate increases began, sales activity shrank markedly, declining -32.5% in the first quarter of this year. Sales activity fell -34.2% in the fourth quarter of 2022, and -26.3% in the third quarter last year.

"The increased mortgage rates are proving to be a double whammy. First, they drive up the cost of ownership for most folks, and

that especially hurts first-time buyers," Nathan said. "They also discourage current homeowners who have low-rate mortgages from selling because a new mortgage on their next home would come with a less appealing rate."

According to Nathan, the hesitance of existing homeowners to sell their properties is a major reason the inventory of homes for sale is so low. At the end of the second quarter, the number of North Side listings was 1,902, down -29.9% less than a year ago.

Listing inventory in the attached home market, which is primarily condo apartments, has dwindled dramatically across most of the North Side. "Excluding the condo-rich Near North Side, where there is ample inventory, we're experiencing a real shortage of listings," noted Nathan.

Attached sales during the second quarter averaged 576 units a month in the other eight neighborhoods that are part of the North Side Market, but only 582 attached units were listed for sale in those areas at the end of July, barely a one-month supply.

Overall, second-quarter attached sales on the North Side totaled 2,504 units, down -32.8% compared with that quarter last year. At the same time, the median sales price slipped -0.3% to \$378,825.

"Even that minimal decline in the median price is a bit misleading because it is due largely to the softness in the Near North market," said Nathan.

"The median rose in seven of the eight neighborhoods, and gains were especially strong in Lincoln Square, Uptown and North Center," she said.

Single-family sales during the quarter totaled 223 homes, a decrease of -39.1%, but prices remained firm. The median sales price for those homes was \$1,306,000, an increase of 2.2%, and their average market time was a still brisk 59 days, up from 45 days a year ago.

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Letters to the Editor

More transparency needed on Diplomat Hotel deal

Regarding plans for the Diplomat Hotel, 5230 N. Lincoln Ave., up for endorsement in City Council... [the] overall lack of transparency is meaningful.

The hotel the city used as an example of success with their housing of people in need during the lockdown was a downtown COVID-19 hotel. But that hotel was actually a struggling hotel in dire need of fresh money, and after that pandemic housing experience their website reads "permanently closed." That is not a success.

The purchase cost for the Diplomat Hotel is \$2.9 million, but does that include renovation costs? Does that include the annual operating costs for some 40 sick, addicted or mentally ill residents? That's likely to be \$3-4 million, well over \$100,000 per resident.

That is far beyond the average family home housing a mental illness or drug issue.

Where's the money going to come from? The transfer tax when homes are sold for \$1 million or more? The Airline Ops/fuel tax and the Financial Transaction Tax - that our mayor campaigned on?

He promised to use that income to avoid any general real estate tax and/or city income tax or business head tax. Were those all DOA within two weeks after the election? Was it a sincere campaign promise naively made or was it all planned by the mayor and his campaign staff?

The Diplomat Hotel should be renovated but it should be done so efficiently and with excellent management ... and only after all the costs are proven up showing who is getting how much of taxpayer monies. Now, before it gets out of hand.

Mike Pavilon
Lincoln Square

Trees on the median and fire trucks do not play well together

I read the changes planned for Clark St. just north of Devon. I haven't had time yet to study it in detail, but saw one item which I have to object to, the "planted median." The people in charge of modifying streets 'for beauty and safety' have been obsessed with planted medians for decades.

I love trees too, but planted medians should never be put in existing streets. They're not good for the trees because there's not enough area around the trunks for the roots to spread out naturally to breathe through the soil. They're not good for street cleaning, because nearly all their shed leaves fall on the pavement and must be cleaned up by people to prevent their blocking storm drains, and causing puddles and slippery pavement which contributes to accidents.

They're not good for local budgets, because both the landscaping work and leaf pick-up costs a lot more money than maintaining painted lines on the median.

Most of all, they're very harm-

ful to First Responders, especially fire trucks. Planted medians restrict the free movement of fire trucks racing to a scene. Fire trucks must be free to drive wherever they have to, to get past other street traffic. I knew this would cause problems when I saw the planted medians go in on Peterson. I recently witnessed this problem when watching fire trucks go north on Clark St., continuing north of Devon on Clark. Despite the planted median south of Devon, they managed to snake around the traffic, though not fast enough. North of Devon, they had to deal with fewer traffic lanes, and were able to use the "wrong" side of the street to get around traffic.

Clark was not widened north of Devon, and there isn't enough room for a planted median. The existing buildings to the north aren't going to be demolished to make more street width. Continuing north, there are other old buildings close to the street which now nix street widening. I also strongly object to the widening of Clark at the expense of parking outside of Clark-Devon Hardware. This business is an essential part of the neighborhood and it needs enough parking.

First Responders, especially fire trucks, must be able to reach their destinations very quickly, and must not have their maneuvering obstructed by planted medians. The people in charge don't seem to understand this.

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Political drama over the patio drags on

BY RON ROENIGK

In June this newspaper reported on a small business owner who was having trouble getting a patio license, and speculated as to whether that was due to bureaucratic foot-dragging or worse, political retribution.

Well it now appears it isn't the bureaucrats holding things up. Those city staffers have actually done a pretty good job moving the process along, and the three city departments that regulate the licensing process stand ready to issue an Extended Outdoor Dining [EOD] patio license to the The Irish Nobleman, 1365 W. Erie St., just as soon as the alderman gives his OK.

Easy peasy lemon squeezy, one would think.

On July 11, Bryan Gallardo, an Assistant Commissioner with the Chicago Dept. of Transportation [CDOT], had assured co-owners Candace and Declan Morgan that he's ready, willing - and yet unable - to issue their license until 1st Ward Ald. Daniel LaSpata gives the OK.

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Effective Jan. 1, CDOT has been overseeing the EOD program, which most of the Chicago hospitality industry now operates under.

The EOD policy, and license, were re-established June 1, allowing expanded patio service from May 1 through Oct. 31. The June 1 change was considered a big win for the restaurant and hospitality industry, who said they needed the extra outdoor space to recoup the revenue lost during the government-imposed lockdown. And indeed, the move has been lauded by many hospitality industry business groups, chambers of commerce and community associations. The pandemic lockdown had shifted dining culture nationwide and City Hall was responding appropriately to those changes in customer behavior.

According to the National Res-

taurant Assoc., 72% of restaurant operators say they now offer on-premises outdoor dining, and that 40% of consumers say they're more likely to choose a restaurant with outdoor seating. An Open Table survey shows that restaurants report that outdoor seating now accounts for between 40% and 70% of gross revenue.

But under the 2023 agreement, incoming Mayor Brandon Johnson gave local aldermen the right to block any application in their wards.

On July 13, the Morgans, four of the restaurant staff, two neighbors - and this reporter - went to visit Ald. LaSpata. At the meeting the alderman assured the Morgans that they were not going to get his approval for perhaps as long as another 60 days. He said that the bar was "out of compliance" because it had two extra tables and two benches on their patio. Those two benches and tables are why the alderman said he will not approve the license, and why he planned to penalize the young couple with another \$100,000 in lost sales.

"We're waiting for your place to be in compliance," said LaSpata. "You write us and we respond every two weeks. You said [this is] political, you talked to the press, so I'm going to wait 30 days to see that [the patio] is in compliance, and then, once you prove you can stay in compliance, we'll approve the license a month later."

That timeline means the application would be considered sometime in mid-September, about 6-weeks before the license would expire on Oct. 31.

In essence, should the alderman continue to drag out the licensing process, the Morgans and The Irish Nobleman would



At a heated meeting July 13 in the 1st Ward office of Ald. Daniel LaSpata, a small business operator was informed that the alderman and his staff plan to drag out his application process until almost the end of the outdoor dining season.

lose about five of the six months of their EOD patio season. The Morgans report that the lack of EOD space is costing the business about \$50,000 per month in lost sales.

The Morgans have been going back and forth with their alderman for over seven months now, and say that the July 13 meeting was the first time the two tables and benches were ever mentioned. "This was the first we've heard about there being a problem with two tables and two benches," said Candace.

She told LaSpata, "We've had 27 city inspections over the last year and not one inspector mentioned [the tables and benches] or wrote us any tickets." [CDOT staff] "Told us if you'd sign off on our application we'd have [the EOD] license today... I have copies of the email exchange with me. CDOT said we could have had our license weeks ago."

LaSpata said, "That is not true, it did not happen, and thank you for letting us know, I will call the Commissioner about this." He said that CDOT was "giving her false information."

At this point, the meeting sud-

denly got heated, with everyone talking over each other. The Morgans and their supporters asked why the alderman hated them, if they were anti-immigrant, and why they were treating them unfairly. Then Declan left the room,

retaliation and bullying from the 1st Ward office, as has been well documented spanning several years."

The Morgans say they just want to be treated fairly. Email exchanges show the couple have been working with various city officials and the 1st Ward office on their 2023 patio licenses since Dec. 2022.

A cursory look around the 1st Ward by this reporter later on July 13 showed that many restaurants and bars are currently operating under the EOD regulations, with patio seating spilling out into sidewalks and streets. This reporter counted tables at several 1st Ward restaurants - that will go unnamed - and found some that also had more tables and seats on the sidewalk than what their permits allowed for. City regulations

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and office, fearing he was going to lose his temper, saying "This is going to put us out of business," as he left.

Despite the tension, Candace, the restaurant staff and neighbors remained behind to press their case.

Later Candace told this reporter, "Our experience with CDOT has always been pleasant and we've found great help and professionalism from the CDOT team with whom we've interacted. Every city department has approved this EOD. This is further

require the EOD permit be publicly posted within sight, so comparing the permits' limits with an establishment's practices is as easy as one, two, three.

The Morgans say LaSpata and the alderman's office are bullying them by dragging their feet on approval for political reasons. They think they're suffering from political retribution, in that Declan supported the opposition in the last aldermanic election.

In March, Ald. LaSpata

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Police Beat...

Driver carjacked on Andersonville, Uptown border as hijacking cases uptick in July

A man was carjacked at gunpoint as he parked on the border of Uptown and Andersonville July 15, according to Chicago police. The hijacking comes as carjacking reports are, for the first time in several months, increasing from levels seen last year.

The driver, 30, told police he was carjacked while parking in the 1300 block of W. Foster around 1:15 a.m.

A stolen Hyundai Elantra pulled up near his car, and several people got out, including two armed with handguns, a CPD spokesperson said. They robbed the man and drove away with his 2019 Volkswagen Jetta, last seen heading east down an alley.

The CPD spokesperson said the Hyundai was reported stolen on October 28 from the 700 block of E. 82nd Street. Cops found it abandoned in the 1200 block of W. Winemac shortly after the carjacking, according to a CPD report.

An officer who responded to the scene said the hijackers were a group of three to six Black males, possibly juveniles, who wore masks.

Year-to-date, carjacking reports are down 25% compared to this point last year. But incidents are still far higher than in 2019, with 628 cases reported this year as of July 9 compared to 262.

But reports are ticking higher in July, a departure from the consistent year-over-year declines the city has seen through much of this year. CPD recorded 45 hijackings during the first eight days of July, compared to 36 during the same period last year. There were eleven cases in the first eight days of 2019. That's all according to the city's crime data portal.

Vehicular hijacking cases began to fade last summer as the "Kia Boy" phenomenon arrived in Chicago.

Using a simple technique shared widely on social media, thieves can steal many Kia and Hyundai models with little more than a USB plug.

Auto theft reports skyrocketed immediately, and there are no signs that the problem will end soon. Car theft reports are up 129% this year compared to the same time last year and up 234% compared to 2019.

Man shot while riding bike after 'at least' 50 rounds are fired on Near North Side

A man was shot while riding his bicycle on the Near North Side overnight, in the same spot where people were shot in each of the past two summers. No arrests have been made.

Chicago police said the 29-year-old was biking in the 600 block of W. Scott around 12:14 a.m. July 16 when he heard gunfire and realized he had been shot. He suffered two gunshot wounds to his thigh and was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition.

Cops who were outside the nearby 18th District police station heard the gunfire and saw a Dodge Charger speed away from the scene. They said a large group was gathered in the parking lot at Skinner North Classical School at the time of the shooting.

One officer said they found "at least" 50 shell casings and blood in the school's parking lot.

In Aug. 2021, two men were shot after more than 40 rounds were fired in essentially the same location. A 24-year-old woman was shot in the same place while standing outside

her car on July 10, 2022.

But the number of shootings reported on the Near North Side is down sharply this year. Sunday's victim is the 12th person shot in the community area in 2023. That includes an off-duty cop from Michigan who accidentally shot himself and a companion while handling a firearm in a River North hotel room.

By comparison, 44 people had been shot on the Near North Side at this point last year. That total included four people injured in a mass shooting in the 400 block of N. State and nine people shot in a single incident outside the Chicago-State Red Line station.

The area had 18 shooting victims at this point in 2021 and 17 as of this date in 2020, including four injured in a single incident in the 300 block of W. Chicago Ave.

There were 23 shooting victims as of this date in 2019, including four shot during one event in the 300 block of W. Chicago Ave. and three shot in Stanton Park, just steps from where the July 16 shooting occurred.

Stabbing leaves man very critically injured in Uptown

A man was stabbed and very critically injured on a busy Uptown street corner July 15, Chicago police said. The assailant remains on the loose, and officers at the scene suggested the victim may not pull through.

Passersby said the offender started beating up the victim on the northwest corner of Sheridan Rd. and Wilson Ave. around 7:40 p.m., on a sidewalk adjacent to the McDonald's parking lot.

A CPD surveillance camera recorded the assault, and an officer who reviewed the footage said the attacker pulled a knife from a book bag or backpack and stabbed the victim.

Police have not identified the injured man, who suffered stab wounds to his chest and abdomen. He is in critical condition at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

An officer who saw the surveillance footage said the assailant was a Black man who wore a black hat, a black t-shirt with white writing, dark pants, and white shoes. One witness said he may have worn a White Sox hat. He headed west on Wilson Ave. after the attack.

The stabbing unfolded just one day after a man was found stabbed to death on a baseball diamond about a half-mile away. There is no evidence at this point that the cases are related.

A passerby found the 64-year-old with wounds to his neck and head on the baseball field at 4400 N. Marine Dr. around 5:30 a.m. Friday, according to Chicago police.

Police did not receive any calls about a fight or other incident at the location before the man's body was discovered, according to CPD dispatch records. The Cook County medical examiner's office ruled the death a homicide on Saturday.

Woman charged with North Side burglary wave

A woman is responsible for carrying out a rash of residential burglaries on the North Side, prosecutors said on July 11, linking her to a host of break-ins from Uptown to Lincoln Square.

All of the burglaries were caught on camera, solidifying the evidence against the accused woman, 46-year-old Tracy Ratliff, prosecutors say.

Starting in late March and continuing until June 10, Ratliff used everything from a blowtorch to bolt cutters as she stole bikes, a scooter, and countless other items, according to allegations made in her bail hearing.

Early on March 31, Ratliff and an accomplice entered condo building garages in the 4200 and 4300 blocks of N. Sheridan. They torched and cut locks from three bikes and hauled them away, Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt said.

Around 1:50 a.m. June 13, she alleg-

edly stole two electric bicycles from a garage in the 4700 block of N. Winchester. Later that day, about a block from the burglary scene, cops saw a man riding one of the electric bikes while holding onto the other one.

The man allegedly told the officers that his girlfriend told him to pick up the bikes at the intersection of Wolcott and Leland.

On July 10, Chicago police officers saw Ratliff struggling to get a \$2,000 electric bicycle to work in the 5300 block of N. Ravenswood. According to Dale-Schmidt, she told the officers that her boyfriend gave her the bike, then changed her story and said she found it.



Tracy Ratliff

But police learned from the manufacturer that the bike belonged to a man who lives about a half-block away. The cops arrested Ratliff, who was allegedly carrying six Allen wrenches, two pliers, several screwdrivers, and a package of drill bits.

Dale-Schmidt said Ratliff is also responsible for burglaries in the 4800 block of N. Bell on June 3 and June 16; the 4800 block of N. Claremont on June 3 and June 16; and the 2200 block of W. Lawrence on June 16. Some of the burglaries involved mail theft, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

She has one previous felony conviction: a burglary case from 2018.

Judge Kelly McCarthy set bail at \$150,000, meaning Ratliff must post \$15,000 to get out on an ankle monitor. She's charged with eight counts of burglary, four counts of theft, and possession of burglary tools.

Man sentenced to 15 years over Missouri-to-Chicago firearms pipeline

Derrick Claiborne, 47, trafficked fentanyl-laced heroin and illegally possessed three handguns in 2018. Law enforcement searched Claiborne's residence on Michigan Ave. in the South Loop and discovered the three guns and the drugs. U.S. District Judge Robert M. Dow, Jr. imposed the sentence after a hearing July 7, in federal court in Chicago.

Claiborne was one of four defendants convicted as part of an investigation led by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The probe revealed that Claiborne purchased three additional firearms from James Saunders after the guns had been transported from Missouri to Saunders's residence in Woodlawn. In addition to the three guns he sold to Claiborne, Saunders also sold multiple firearms to confidential informants who were cooperating with law enforcement.

Saunders pleaded guilty to federal firearm charges and was sentenced in 2019 to five years in federal prison.

Two Missouri residents who transported firearms to Saunders in Chicago were also convicted and sentenced to three years as part of the investigation.

Person shot by Lincoln Park homeowner faces misdemeanor



Britney Moring

A misdemeanor charge has been filed against the person who was shot by a Lincoln Park homeowner last week. Britney Moring, 28, is charged with criminal trespass to a residence, according to Chicago police records.

At about 11 p.m. July 6, police responding to a call of a person shot in the 2200 block of N. Janssen found a person with gunshot wounds to the wrist and chest, CPD said in a media

Driver claimed five pounds of pot in his car was for 'personal use'

A man who's accused of having five pounds of pot in his car during a traffic stop told Chicago police that he had all of the weed for his personal use, according to prosecutors.

Chicago cops pulled Taurean Wilson over for a traffic matter in the 800 block of N. State on July 10. But the officers said they smelled the odor of cannabis coming from Wilson's car, so they asked him to step out so they could search the vehicle for narcotics, according to Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Dale-Schmidt.

She said Wilson, 33, freely admitted that he had pot in the car and pointed



Taurean Wilson

statement.

Police said a man who lives in a home on the block fired at the person to prevent them from entering his home. The man is licensed to carry a concealed weapon, according to the media statement.

EMS transported Moring to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in good condition, police said. Moring was released from police custody on a recognizance bond without appearing in court.

Last week we reported that the city received several 911 calls about a suspicious person on rooftops in the area starting around 10:28 p.m. But no CPD units were assigned for nearly 30 minutes, even though one homeowner called 911 three times about the situation, according to dispatch records.

Moments after the call was finally assigned to a patrol car, the "person shot" calls started arriving at the 911 center.

Court records show Moring was charged with trespassing at Soldier Field on the afternoon of July 3, three days before the shooting. A recognizance bond was issued in that matter, too.

Four daylight robberies reported in Uptown, North Center, Bucktown

The hits just keep on coming. Chicago police are investigating at least four daytime armed robberies that unfolded July 10 in Uptown, North Center, and Bucktown.

The robbers traveled in an Acura SUV that was carjacked July 9 when dozens of people were robbed in an all-night crime wave that stretched from downtown to the North and Near West sides.

The July 9 robberies began around 6:10 a.m. when the black Acura MDX pulled onto the 4400 block of N. Sheridan. A witness said three men emerged from a black SUV with guns and robbed a man waiting for a bus.

About ten minutes later, the crew struck again at Winchester and Montrose. A man was walking home from Starbucks when the Acura pulled up next to him. Two men stepped out of the car, put a gun to his head, and robbed him, a CPD report said.

Minutes later, a woman was robbed in the 3900 block of N. Lincoln. Witnesses reported seeing another woman robbed as she got into a car near Paulina and School streets. It was not immediately clear if both women filed reports.

Finally, a woman was robbed at gunpoint for her purse near Damen and Dickens in Bucktown around 6:30 a.m. by men who escaped in a black Acura SUV.

The car was taken at gunpoint from a man in the 3600 block of N. California around 12:12 a.m. July 9, according to CPD records.

In a community alert, police linked that carjacking to four other robber-

ies: A group of men robbed a victim in the 3200 block of W. Montrose at 1:58 a.m. July 9; at 3:17 a.m., three gunmen robbed a man in the 4500 block of N. Keokuk; In the 2300 block of N. California, at 5 a.m., a group of men battered and robbed a woman. And another victim was robbed by three armed men in the 3100 block of W. North Ave. at 5:10 a.m.

The alert said that the robbery crew consisted of three Black males between 18 and 25 years old who wore black ski masks.

At least 15 other armed robberies were reported during the early morning hours on July 9. A law enforcement source said police believe at least three groups of robbers were working the streets at essentially the same time.

Prosecutors have charged a 16-year-old boy with participating in a string of armed robberies at North Side businesses over the past month. Chicago police arrested the teen around 10:45 p.m. July 9, shortly after he allegedly robbed a West Ridge Walgreens at gunpoint. Two masked and armed robbers went behind the counter at the 6140 N. Western Ave. location and took cash and bottles of Patrón tequila, a CPD report said. Both offenders fled the scene on bikes, the same method of escape used by robbers in most of the other crimes.

Over an hour later, cops in Rogers Park spotted the boy, who matched the description of the robbers. He ran from them, but the police caught up with him in a yard behind the 7500 block of N. Wolcott. Officers said he had a bottle of Patrón in his backpack, and they found a firearm on the side of a nearby house.

He is also charged with robbing Devon Shell, 1500 W. Devon, around 10:55 p.m. June 26. During that crime, armed robbers tried to get into the cashier's secure area to rob the clerk. But the room was locked, so they gave up, and one of them fired a gun into the ballistic partition "to intimidate" the victim, according to police.

Police said the boy is charged with discharge of a firearm during an armed robbery, armed robbery with a firearm, attempted armed robbery with a firearm, and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon younger than 21.

Police linked several other crimes to the robbers, including Wingstop, 7003 N. Clark, on June 26; Walgreens, 3019 West Peterson, on June 14; an unidentified business in the 6600 block of N. Western Ave. on June 29; and 7-Eleven, 5562 N.

Dog laws say your pup needs to be restrained

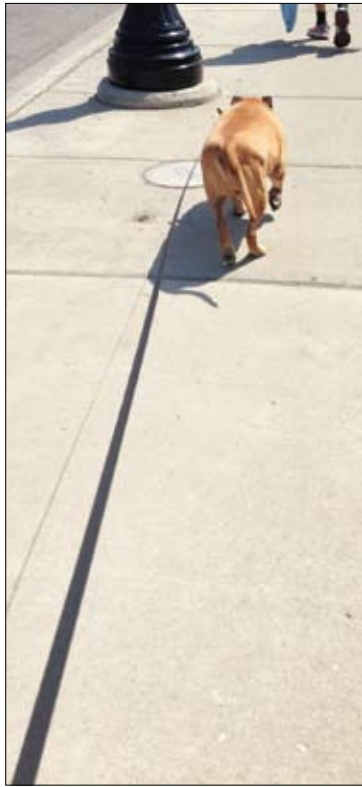
Man's best friend is not a bureaucrat's best friend, and they've created leash laws that mean your pup needs to be restrained or you'll face a fine.

Illinois has the second-highest number of dog bites in the country and the highest dog bite payouts in the nation, and Chicago ranks third for cities nationwide where the most postal workers have been attacked by dogs.

Any pet owner who violates any provision of section 7-12-030 of the City Ordinances shall be subject to a fine of \$300, if the violation does not result in severe injury or death to any person or damage to another person's property.

If the violation results in severe injury or death to any person, the owner shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000.

In addition to a fine, the owner may be required to submit full restitution to the victim or may be incarcerated for a period not to exceed six months, or may be required to perform up to 100 hours of community service, or



any combination thereof.

If the violation results in damage to another person's property, the owner shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$300 and not

more than \$1,000. In addition to a fine, the owner may be required to submit full restitution to the victim.

The law also requires one keep their dog(s) leashed when utilizing public spaces outdoors. Unfortunately, some pups just don't play well together and dogs off-leash will attack other smaller dogs, young children, and adults. It's a pack mentality and real risk.

Why do dogs bite? The American Veterinary Medical Assoc. identified several reasons why dogs may become aggressive and dangerous. Those reasons include stress – if a dog senses that a person is invading its space or territory, the dog's stress level may quickly escalate. The dog may react by biting the person.

A dog can also lash out if it becomes scared, frightened or startled. For instance, a dog may attack if it senses that its bed, toy, food, puppies, or owner are being threatened.

Like humans, dogs have days when they simply are not feeling well. A dog may react by biting a person who won't leave the dog

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- Noethling Playlot Dog Friendly area: 2645 N. Sheffield Ave.
- Hamlin Dog Friendly area: 3035 N. Hoyne Ave.
- Puptown: 4900 N. Marine Dr.
- Norner Park Dog Park: 2770 W. Irving Park Rd.
- Pottawattomie Dog Friendly area: 7340 N. Rogers Ave.
- River Park Dog Friendly area: 5100 N. Francisco Ave.
- Ward Dog Friendly area: 630 N. Kingsbury St.
- Larrabee Dog Park: 652 N. Larrabee St.
- Lake Shore East Dog Friendly area: 450 E. Benton Plc.
- Bennett Park: 514 Peshtigo Ct.

alone. "Let sleeping dogs lie," a truism today as it was 1,000 years ago.

Playful over exuberance also may lead to biting from a happy dog. Have you ever seen two dogs playing with each other? They may roll around on the ground and nip at each other's ears. If a person tries to play with a dog, in the same way, the risk of being

bitten certainly goes up.

If you really want to play with your pup, take them to a dog park. The Montrose dog beach is the largest dog beach and dog friendly area in the city and is undoubtedly the most popular as well. Sprawling over three-acres, there is plenty of space for your dog to run and play with friends from all over the city.

Prosecutors detail allegations against second man in Divvy-riding robbery spree

BY CWBCHICAGO

A judge set bail at \$175,000 for a man accused of being part of a Divvy-riding robbery crew in downtown Chicago. He is the third person charged so far with crimes related to the month-long crime pattern.



Servontis Hodge

Servontis Hodge, 19, participated in two robberies about 45 minutes apart on July 7, Assistant State's Attorney Sarah

Dale-Schmidt said during his bail hearing yesterday.

The group first targeted a 45-year-old man as he walked to his car in the 100 block of N. State around 1 a.m. Hodge was among "multiple" robbers who surrounded the victim on Divvy bikes, according to Dale-Schmidt. She said Hodge pointed a silver revolver at the victim as everyone in the crew demanded the man's money.

The victim handed his wallet toward Hodge, and another robber grabbed it from his hand, she said. Then, the group Divvied away.

About 45 minutes later, a 34-year-old man saw a group of people riding Divvy bikes in circles in the middle of the street near

the Daley Center as he walked home from the gym. They surrounded him.

Dale-Schmidt said Hodge demanded the man's backpack while a 17-year-old accomplice brandished a handgun. The accomplice was charged with the crime last week.

The victim handed the group his backpack containing his phone, wallet, and computer. They threatened him not to call the police because he knew what they looked like.

CTA surveillance cameras recorded the robbers boarding a CTA train at the State-Lake Red Line station about 15 minutes after the second robbery. They used the first victim's credit card at a gas station near the 79th Street Red Line station a short time later.

Both victims allegedly identified Hodge in photo line-ups, but Dale-Schmidt didn't say how police determined that Hodge was one of the robbers. He has no criminal background.

His defense attorney said he has been doing photography for two weeks in an After School Matters program. He's now charged with two counts of armed robbery with a firearm.

If he can post the \$17,500 bail deposit to get out of jail, he'll be put on an ankle monitor, Judge Kelly McCarthy said.

Crime pattern

Chicago police have been warning about bike-riding robbers in the Loop since mid-June. According to CPD alerts, incidents have also been reported on June 19 in the 100 block of S. State at 2:30 a.m.; on June 25 on the 400 block of S. LaSalle at 1:50 a.m.; first

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duty police officer who was targeted in River North, a woman carjacked in Lincoln Park, and a construction crew robbed at gunpoint in Logan Square.

In River North, the off-duty officer was with a friend, leaving a nightclub in the 200 block of W. Ontario, when three armed men confronted them around 2 a.m. Saturday, according to a law enforcement source. The robbers took the victims' property, then fled the scene in a Nissan Altima.

The cop, who we're told is not a Chicago police officer, got into his car and followed the pings from his stolen phone, which was found in the 1700 block of N. Western Ave.

Two incidents were reported in Lincoln Park around 9:10 p.m. July 15.

In the 1300 block of W. Belden, a 23-year-old woman and a 26-year-old man were sitting in a car when two gunmen walked up and ordered them out around 9:10 p.m., according to police.

The hijackers drove away with the couple's gray Mazda SUV. Police recovered the vehicle a short time later near the 2100 block of S. Trumbull, the spokesperson said.

Both carjackers were described as Black males wearing ski masks

and all black clothing. They both had guns.

Within moments of the carjacking, another woman reported that three or four men pulled a gun on her near Fullerton and Racine. The woman got away without losing anything to the crew. Police initially categorized the incident as an aggravated assault with a firearm.

Later Friday, two armed men robbed Tip Top Liquor, 2700 W. North Ave. The incident is particularly worrisome because a liquor store employee was shot by a group of men who robbed five people at Bucktown Food & Liquor on July 13.

The Tip Top Liquor robbers were described as two Black men wearing ski masks and black pants. They were last seen heading north on Washtenaw around 11:55 p.m.

Perhaps coincidentally, a group of construction workers were robbed in the 1700 block of N. Washtenaw around 2:40 p.m. July 14. A surveillance video showed three masked gunmen robbing a construction crew on the sidewalk. The offenders, at least one armed with a rifle, went through the workers' pockets, taking phones, credit cards, and other items. They escaped in a small black car.

At around 2 p.m., a group of

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four armed men traveling in a small black car robbed two people at a bank ATM in the 3200 block of W. Belmont, according to another CPD report.

Earlier in the day, four men armed with guns and at least one rifle got out of a white Audi and robbed a man in the 500 block of S. Plymouth in the Loop. They

males wearing gray hoodies. One is about 5'-10" tall and 180 lbs, while the other is a little shorter and a little lighter, an officer said. Their getaway car may have been a black Kia.

In River North, a man was robbed outside the Hyatt Place Chicago River North, 66 W. Illinois, around 4:10 a.m. The victim

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were described as Black males in their late teens or early 20s wearing dark hoodies and masks.

Perhaps the most lucrative robbery of the week occurred Tuesday night in the South Loop. An armed robbery crew followed a man as he drove his Maserati to the 1500 block of S. Prairie around 11:30 p.m. As the victim approached his building, they got out and put a gun to his head, battered him, robbed him, and drove away with his sports car, a police report said. No arrests have been announced in any of the crimes.

Police are also investigating three robberies reported July 12-14, in Bucktown, Wicker Park, and River North. Those cases will be added to a growing stack of open cases as Chicago police grapple with the dramatic rise in armed robberies.

In Wicker Park, four offenders robbed a 34-year-old man in the 1400 block of N. Wicker Park around 2:15 a.m. July 13, police said. One offender held a rifle to the victim while another punched him in the face. Then, they took his property and escaped in a maroon minivan, according to a CPD spokesperson. The victim declined medical attention.

The 7-Eleven at 2010 N. Damen in Bucktown was robbed just before 3 a.m. July 13. Police said two men walked into the store with a handgun and elbowed the 54-year-old cashier in the face. They pointed a firearm at a customer and a delivery driver while taking money from the store's register. Then they escaped in a dark sedan, police said. Once again, the victim did not need medical attention.

The robbers were both Black

was standing outside the hotel when the robbers took his valuables. They used his car keys to unlock and drive away with his silver BMW 4 Series Coupe.

No descriptions were available for those suspects.

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In each of these armed robbery incidents, the offenders arrived in a black SUV. The offenders subsequently exited vehicle and displayed multiple firearms. The offenders then proceeded to rob the victims of their personal belongings. In several of the incidents, victims were battered by one of the offenders with use of a handgun.

An officer at the scene said the suspects were two to five Black males who appeared to be juveniles, or 18-25 years old, all wearing dark-colored clothing and black ski masks.

Incidents include one on the 100 block of N. State St. on July 7, at 1:05 a.m.; 0-100 block of W. Washington St on July 7, at 1:45 a.m.; 0-100 block of E. Randolph St on July 9, at 2:45 a.m.; 0-100 block of W. Madison St on July 9, at 3:30 a.m.; 100 block of S. Dearborn St on July 9, at 3:35 a.m.; 600 block of W. Madison St. on July 9, 2023 at 2:30 a.m.; 400 block of N. Noble St. on Saturday July 8; 2800 block of W. Chicago Ave. on Sunday July 9; 4000 block

of N. Damen Ave. on Sunday July 9; 4500 block of N. Keokuk Ave. on July 9, at 3:17 a.m.; 4600 block of N. Ravenswood Ave. on Sunday July 9; 4000 block of N. Ravenswood Ave. on Sunday July 9; 1900 block of W. Norwood St. on July 9, at 3:30 a.m.; 2000 block of W. Peterson Ave. on July 9, at 4:02 a.m.; 6400 block of N. Oakley Ave. on July 9, at 4:19 a.m.; 6400 block of N. Claremont Ave. on July 9, at 4:22 a.m.; 2000 block of N. Damen Ave. on July 10, at 6:25 a.m.; 1900 block of W. Montrose Ave. on Monday July 10; 4400 block of N. Sheridan Rd. on Monday July 10; 3900 block of N. Lincoln Ave. on Monday July 10; 3300 block of N. Paulina St. on Monday July 10; 2100 block of W. Devon Ave on July 11, at 4:37 a.m.; 6000 block of N. Western Ave on July 11, at 4:40 a.m.; 6000 block of N. Paulina St on July 11, at 4:45 a.m.; 5000 block of N. Broadway on July 11, at 4:50 a.m.; 3800 block of W. Lawrence Ave. on July 11, at 4:55 a.m.; 3800 block of W. Lawrence Ave. on July 11, at 5:00 a.m.; 4900 of N. Elston Ave. on July 11, at 5:04, and on the 5300 block of N. Elston Ave. on July 11, at 5:19 a.m.

A male juvenile, 16, was arrested July 10 for an armed robbery and for a discharged firearm when he was arrested by the Chicago Police 10:46 p.m. July 9, in the 7500 block of N. Wolcott Ave. He was identified as one of the offenders who, moments earlier, entered a retail business and took property at gunpoint from a 21-year-old male victim in the 6100 block of N. Western Ave. The offender was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

City Records show 61 people were robbed in Chicago on July 9, compared to 23 robbery victims on the same day last year. On July 8, 30 people were robbed. Last year on that date? Eight.

Through July 11, 398 people had been robbed in Chicago this month—up 52% from 261 last year.

CPD detectives have recently issued a half-dozen community alerts about different robbery patterns. Police have successfully fought one group: a squad of Divvy bike-riding robbers who've targeted people in the Loop since June. A 17-year-old boy, a 23-year-old man and a 19-year-old man have been arrested and charged separately over the past few days.

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title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527

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630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-01566 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2022 CH 01759 T.J.S.C#: 43-2149 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 01759 **13224598** 191919 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff, vs. SANTA RUBINO; THE EUGENIE WELLS CONDOMINIUMS UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 6635 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 14, 2023 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. 14-33-422-072-1009. Commonly known as 205 West Eugenie Street Unit 1, Chicago, IL, 60614. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a con-

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dominium 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 Ms. MyXuan Koski at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. (312) 940-8580. 22-03811 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com **13224161** 121212 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BELTWAY CAPITAL, LLC Plaintiff, vs. GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS- CARDONA A/K/A GERARDO ALBERTO ROJAS, SUSUKI ARELLANO GONZALEZ, THE 680 SOUTH RESIDENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 18 CH 9088 680 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 515 CHICAGO, IL 60611 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 7, 2023, 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 de-

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scribed real estate: Commonly known as 680 N. LAKE SHORE DR., UNIT 515, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-202-062-1028 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$542,005.85. 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 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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VATICAN NEWS: Congrats to **Pope Francis** for inviting Chicago's Cardinal Blase Cupich and Washington D.C.'s **Cardinal Wilton Gregory** (a Chicagoan) to Rome for the significant gathering on "synodality," a critical look at the way larger mixed gatherings of bishops and laity could enhance church discipleship. Cupich recently concluded a two-week visit to Poland and war-torn Ukraine. Papa Francisco also surprised Vatican officials when he announced he'd be creating 21 new cardinals on Sept. 30, 2022. He continues to confound the old guard suggesting they get out from behind their desks and help the poor and homeless. Meanwhile he continues to gather round him suitable successors for when he vacates St. Peter's Chair. His list of new cardinals includes Chicago Southsider **Archbishop Robert Provost**, a St. Rita High School grad, who just took over the Holy Sees' Office of Bishops.

SECOND CITY COP: Second City Cop has returned to the airwaves of unbridled snooping and tattling. It's been gone for ages and now reappears when we need them most. With City Hall again in the hands of the cop-hating woke crowd, expect some exciting reporting from our favorite cop blog. <https://secondcitycop.blogspot.com/?m=1>

LEND A HAND: Three cheers for Luther Memorial Church, near Wilson and Western. The church took in 16 migrant refugees from Argentina that were housed in a police station. Now they're preparing native food from home for other Argentinians refugees still living in the police station. Love the immigrant as yourself.

HELLENIC MUSEUM: July 21, new exhibition, Hellenic Heads, by **George Petrides**, exhibit of 2500 year old Greek heads at 333 S. Halsted St. A touring sculpture exhibition.

HATS OFF: Mark your calendars hat designers, **Bill Cunningham** will be the subject of this year's HatParty Masterclass. **Deborah Karabin**, hat historian and fashion commentator, will appear at the Center for Life and Learning at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26. The public is invited too. Cunningham, an eccentric/artistic fashion icon, will be remembered in a lively presentation of his award-winning photography and interesting lifestyle in New York City. His famous friends, big-name bosses, and renowned projects will be showcased. Tickets are \$150-\$20, call 312-981-3391 or write to yourhatparty@gmail.com. HatParty is a historical fashion commentary that traces the lives and styles of famous women and men hat designers and wearers.

LYRICAL PRIZE: Polish countertenor **Jakub Józef Orliński** won the Opus Klassik Award, Germany's most prestigious classical music prize, in the Male Singer of the Year category. His extraordinary voice of high counter tenor brings the mystical 18th century to life.

IRISH ARCHEOLOGY: Thousand-year-old skeletons discovered off Capel St. in Dublin. More than 100 skeletons have been excavated from the site of Bullitt Hotel development in Dublin city centre. One of the most meritorious discoveries in generations

UNITED NATIONS: After he served as UN secretary-general, **Kofi Annan** and wife, **Nane Lagergren**, took up residence in Geneva and worked in a leading capacity on various international humanitarian endeavors. **Rose O'Neill**, and this columnist often met the lovely couple at luncheon at dear **Desmond Guinness'** Liexlip Castle near Dublin with neighbor **Marianne Faithful**. Rose always brought the vintage wines.

WHO'S WHERE: Condolences to **Christopher Clinton Conway** on the loss

of his dear friend and hero **Dr. Susan Love**, long a leading physician in the research battle with breast cancer... Happy Birthday to **Patrick Daley Thompson** and Broadway producer **Richard "Hole in One" Robin**, a star on the Great White Way and the small cup on the green... **Whitney Reynolds** and **Julia Jacobs** with **Jean Coatar Antonious**, The Service Club of Chicago president who just had a birthday... **Jay Barksdale** and **Nigel Rowe** at Guaranteed Rate Field happy as clams... **Kim Duda** and **Carey Lacey** at The Dock at Montrose Beach lookin' thirsty... **Greg** and **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** represented A Silver Lining Foundation in the Darien parade thanks to the Darien Lions Club... **Joyce Selander** and **Kim Duda** spotted noshing at Gibson's Steakhouse listening intently to **Bob Solone**... **Fr. Bill Corcoran** in London with cousins traveling on to Ireland for more family celebrations... **Rodger** and **Janet Owen** just returned from Spain, the Mediterranean, Morocco and Portugal with only carry-on luggage... Chef **Bill Kim** is gathering shellfish at Bar Island, Bar Harbor, ME... **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** feasted with special pals for her birthday, including

Candace Jordan, **Carol Gipson**, **Jennifer Sutton Brieva**, **Nikki Friar**... **Ken** and **Mary Claire Scorsone Moll** back in romantic Italy for their 20th anniversary... **Nikki Friar** at LeColonial for cocktails... **Marius Morkvenus** and **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** in Alberobello, Italy... John Deere attorney **Michael Harring** test-drives their latest model... Ralph Lauren jumping for lunch with former Senator **Bill Marovitz** presiding at a banquet, and nearby **Mamie Walton**, **Susan Regenstein**, **Beebe Roche** and **Linda Heister** in the Kupcinet booth and **Rose O'Neill** lunched with grandnephew **Conor Lucas**... **Nina Mariano** opens shop... Congrats to **Kipper Lance** and **Bud Hendricks** on five years of great love.

THE MUSICAL STAGE: Thanks **Bonnie Spurlock** for your triple AAA review of "Tommy, the Musical," by the WHO, at the Goodman. "Pure Broadway. Go see it." And she's right. People are raving about the musical. It's a winner.

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emerged victorious in a tight race, pulling in just enough votes (50.11%) to avoid a runoff with challenger Sam Royko.

When this newspaper questioned LaSpata's staff about potential political harassment, they denied the charge, and then refused to speak on the record with this newspaper. On July 14, this reporter called Nicholas Zettel,

LaSpata's chief of staff, three times at the ward office, during city business hours, to verify details of the June 13 meeting. The calls went directly to voice mail, and were not returned. As of deadline Zettel also had not responded to an email request either.

Another attendee at the meeting, a restaurant employee, asked the alderman, "We can go remove those two tables and benches right now, if we did that would

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that work?" "That's not how it works," said LaSpata. "Once you've proven you can stay in compliance for a month then we'll review the license application again."

With a shaky voice, the restaurant employee responded, "There are three of us here who combined have nine children. [Pointing to a colleague] She has a sick mother at home, she's taking care of. The loss of the patio is cost-

ing us salary, making it harder for us to support our families. And you're not willing to help us find a middle ground."

The 5:30 p.m. meeting ended abruptly at about 5:45 p.m., when the alderman announced "his 5:45 appointment was here." It was a quick dispatching of his constituents and their concerns.

While standing on the sidewalk outside the alderman's office, the Morgan's saw that the woman

who was there to meet with LaSpata departed at 5:51 p.m. Those standing on the sidewalk were not asked to return to continue the conversation. Meanwhile, a block north, armed robbers shot a man during a holdup inside Bucktown Food and Liquors. Five other people inside the store were also robbed but not injured. Indeed, one of Chicago's greatest locally manufactured products today seems to be victims.

Rogers Park Township Real Estate For Sale

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee for LB-Cabana Series IV Trust, Plaintiff, vs. Josefina B. Jimenez AKA Josefina Jimenez; Pratt-Artesian Condominium Association; CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc., successor by merger to Atlantic Mortgage & Investment Corp Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, Defendants, 19 CH 10385 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 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. 10-36-407-037-1012. Commonly known as 2425 West Pratt Boulevard., Unit 13, Chicago, IL 60645. 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 Ms. Mary E. Spitz at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1512. ILF2112037 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **I3224633**

191919 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC;

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Plaintiff, vs. ANA COLIN; THE GROVE AT GREENLEAF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 11105 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 14, 2023 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. 11-32-106-033-1028 (new); 11-32-106-007-0000 (old). Commonly known as 1358 W. Greenleaf Ave., Unit 1N, Chicago, IL 60626. 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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1396-183648 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **I3224154**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF GREENE STREET FUNDING TRUST II Plaintiff, vs. BINYOMIN CHESNY. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2022 CH 06513 2547 W. FARWELL AVE CHICAGO, IL 60645

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121212 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS COLLATERAL TRUST TRUSTEE OF FIRST-KEY MASTER FUNDING 2021-A COLLATERAL TRUST Plaintiff, vs. JILLIAN R. LESNIEWSKI, SHERIDAN FARGO BY THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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Defendants 2021 CH 03025 7423 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, APT. 3E 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 May 2, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 4, 2023, 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 7423 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, APT. 3E, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-29-312-019-1003 The real estate is improved with a townhouse. The judgment amount was \$193,393.56. 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. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POS-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIBANK NA NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-5; Plaintiff, vs. GRANVILLE TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ERNESTINE HARVEY, DECEASED; KEVIN HOWARD; RICHARD EDWARD HOWARD; JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ERNESTINE HARVEY, DECEASED TEVO HOWARD Defendants, 21 CH 89 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 21, 2023 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. 14-05-210-024-1060. Commonly known as 6166 North Sheridan Road, Apartment 12E, Chicago, IL 60660. 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 Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 21-015125 ADC F2 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **I3224622**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION AMOS FINANCIAL, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN ALEXANDER SORGATZ, NORA RITA AMBROZAITIS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 22 CH 10858 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 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

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real estate: P.I.N. 14-17-301-007. Commonly known as 4339 N. Greenview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g)-1 of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection For information call Mr. Noah Weinger at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Weinger Law Firm LLC, 161 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 796-8850. Sorgatz INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **I3224639**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO NORTH STAR TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO PARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/D DATED 3/5/1999 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 10238; BARBARA B. VON LANGE; MALIBU CONDOMINIUM; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO NORTH STAR TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO PARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/D DATED 3/5/1999 A/K/A TRUST NUMBER 10238; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANT Defendants, 22 CH 9504 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 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. 14-05-215-015-1057. Commonly known as 6007 N. Sheridan Road, Unit 10A, Chicago, IL 60660. 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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 6722-187667 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **I3224658**

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FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANTONETTE BEATRIZ AGUAYO, SHORELINE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, OFFICE OF THE STATE GUARDIAN AS PLENIARY GUARDIAN FOR THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF DAVID AGUAYO AKA DAVID AGUAYO, SR., DAMON RITENHOUSE AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 22 CH 9455 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 14, 2023 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. 14-08-412-040-1227 AND 14-08-412-040-1620. Commonly known as 4960 N. MARINE DR., UNIT 712, 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. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. 22-02459 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **I3224164**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MATTHEW A. TOMALEWICZ; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. HAWTHORNE POINT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 22 CH 4249 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, August 14, 2023 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. 14-17-303-036-1016 (new); 14-17-303-001-0000 (underlying). Commonly known as 1511 W. Cullom Ave. Unit G, 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 The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6925. 1396-184427 ADC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. SHARON VOLKOVITZ, ZIPORAH LEAH HERBST, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, PAULINA COURTYARD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2022 CH 08445 4611 NORTH PAULINA STREET, APARTMENT 1B CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 10, 2023, 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 4611 NORTH PAULINA STREET, APARTMENT 1B, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-18-211-033-1013 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$167,145.89. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certifi-

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fied 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. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 22-027101. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250 Chicago, IL, 60601 312-651-6700 E-Mail: AMPs@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 22-027101 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 2022 CH 08445 TJSC#: 43-2044 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 08445 **I3223861**

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Lincoln, on June 30.

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Armed men shoot man, rob five others inside liquor store

Armed robbers shot a man during a holdup inside a Bucktown liquor store on July 13, Chicago police said. Five other people inside the store were robbed but not injured.

Three robbers, all masked and each armed with a handgun, entered Bucktown Food and Liquor, 1950 N. Milwaukee, around 9:23 p.m. and ordered everyone inside to surrender their wallets, according to initial information from the scene.

During the holdup, they shot a 26-year-old man in the abdomen, leaving him critically injured, according to CPD. They took property from the other five victims and fled the scene in a black Kia waiting outside.

The Kia was reported stolen from the 2600 block of W. Haddon in Humboldt Park on July 13, according to Chicago police records.

The police did not release descriptions of the robbers.

The victim is the third person shot in Wicker Park and Bucktown this year. That's down from five shooting victims at this point last year and on pace with 2021, which also had three shooting victims as of this date.

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block of N. Michigan at 2:04 a.m.; first block of W. Congress at 2:16 a.m.; 100 block of N. Dearborn at 2:40 a.m.; the first block of E. Madison at 3:00 a.m., and the first block of S. Wells at 4:22 a.m.

On June 26 incidents were reported on the 600 block of S. Plymouth at 5:20 a.m.; on the 600 block of S. State at 5:30 a.m.; first block of S. Michigan at 5:35 a.m.; 1100 block of S. Michigan at 5:50 a.m.; 1100 block of S. Michigan at 6 a.m., and on the 1100 block of S. Wabash at 6:50 a.m.

Police said two to four offenders commit each robbery. They said the group consists of Black and Hispanic males between 15 and 25 years old who wear dark hoodies and ski masks.

Prosecutors have charged one man in connection with the June 25 crimes.

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"The most promising component in the North Side market is that there is a strong supply of buyers," said Irwin. "While there are no statistics to give us true numbers, open-house attendance and low market times indicate that buyers are getting more comfortable with higher interest rates."

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CPS 'brazenly' refusing to comply with court order to keep Urban Prep open

BY JONATHAN BILYK
Cook County Record

The leadership of Urban Prep Academies, a widely-lauded network of high-achieving all-male Chicago charter high schools, has asked a Cook County judge to hold the Chicago Public Schools [CPS] in contempt of court, for allegedly "brazenly" defying an appeals court order that Urban Prep claims should force CPS to keep Urban Prep open this fall.

On July 6, Urban Prep's leaders filed a petition in Cook County Circuit Court before Judge Anna Loftus, seeking an order forcing CPS to justify its actions since the Illinois First District Appellate Court on June 23 overrode Loftus and entered a temporary restraining order in favor of Urban Prep and against CPS, appearing to bar CPS from continuing with its plans to defund Urban Prep and "disenroll" students from Urban Prep and enroll them in a new high school, administered by CPS in the Urban Prep school buildings.

The filing comes as the latest move in a court fight to determine the fate of Urban Prep.

Administrators at Urban Prep filed suit in April, accusing CPS of violating state law by seeking to effectively seize control of the charter schools.

In that complaint, Urban Prep's leaders assert Illinois state law does not allow the Chicago Board of Education to simply evict the leadership of the charter schools

and then essentially make it just another CPS school.

In Oct. 2022, under former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the Chicago Board of Education voted not to renew Urban Prep's charter. In justifying that decision, the CPS board accused Urban Prep's leadership of mismanaging the charter schools' finances and of failing to properly respond to accusations of sexual misconduct against Urban Prep's former CEO and founder, Timothy King.

King resigned in Aug. 2021, after the CPS Inspector General issued a report purportedly corroborating accusations against King by a former Urban Prep student and employee. King also sued CPS, asserting the investigation was a sham, conducted purely to railroad him out of his position and justify the eventual CPS takeover of the Urban Prep schools. That lawsuit remains pending.

King founded Urban Prep in 2003, growing the network of charter high schools to three campuses. The Urban Prep curriculum and programs have been nationally recognized for success in helping young males, predominantly from the Black communities on Chicago's South Side, to succeed academically. Urban Prep has been consistently recognized for sending 100% of its students to college.

As of 2022, Urban Prep had about 1,500 students. Its high schools in Englewood and Bronzeville were chartered through CPS.

CPS indicated it would combine those two campuses into a single school under

direct CPS control.

Urban Prep has appealed all of the decisions related to the change of leadership at Urban Prep, asserting the decision would close a longstanding route to academic success for hundreds of young Black males in Chicago.

However, all such appeals directed to state and city education officials were ignored. Urban Prep then turned to the courts.

On June 16, Loftus denied Urban Prep's request for TRO, blocking CPS from proceeding with its plans to yank Urban Prep's charter, strip it of funding, and reenroll all of its students in a new Bronzeville and Englewood high school.

Urban Prep appealed Loftus' decision to the First District Appellate Court in Chicago.

And in an order delivered June 23, a panel of three of the court's justices reversed and vacated Loftus' decision, granting Urban Prep's request for a TRO.

Further, the appeals court directly ordered "that the Oct. 26, 2022, decision of the CPS Board of Education non-renewing and effectively closing the Urban Prep Academies' charter schools be stayed until this lawsuit is fully adjudicated."

After that order was issued, Urban Prep's attorneys contacted CPS, asking school officials to confirm CPS intended to cease with its plans to transfer control of Urban Prep to CPS, and intended to pay Urban Prep the quarterly payment they claimed was due by July 21.

In response, however, CPS officials informed Urban Prep that Chicago school officials disagreed over how to "interpret" the appeals court's order. In a response to Urban Prep's demands, CPS said it believed "nothing in [the Appellate Court's] order creates a new charter for Urban Prep" for the 2023-2024 school year.

So, CPS said, it believed the TRO did not in any way force it to abandon its plans to shut down Urban Prep and open the new CPS run high school in its place.

Urban Prep asserts CPS' refusal to reverse course amounts to a violation of the TRO, and contempt of court.

"The CPS Board's actions have the intended and practical effect of impeding Urban Prep's operations to the point that they can no longer operate - i.e., a closure," Urban Prep wrote in its contempt petition. "Furthermore, the CPS Board brazenly stands by its improper actions - alleging that it will not permit Urban Prep to continue operating in the City of Chicago, notwithstanding the TRO.

"... If the CPS Board is permitted to disenroll all of Urban Prep's students, Urban Prep will close, plain and simple," Urban Prep wrote. "Without students, there are no Charter Schools. The TRO specifically prohibits the CPS Board from closing Urban Prep while this litigation is pending."

Judge Loftus has not yet ruled on that petition. The case has been set on the trial call for July 19.

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cause traffic to go through alleys and has increased congestion, while also blocking egress and making it difficult for emergency vehicles to quickly move down streets.

"That's something that we as a city are, you know, starting to be more comfortable with, you know, the Leland Greenway, which will be crossing this corridor, [and] is incorporating traffic diversion at Leland and Western. And that's going to be a huge change and a huge impact," said Huff.

According to Huff, CDOT is planning to add traffic diverters all over the city.

"And, we really want to see how successful that is, and then take what we learned from that and potentially apply it elsewhere," said Huff.

During the question and answer session, another participant asked if the streets being designated as bicycle greenways will

be repaired ahead of other streets and how the repairs will be funded. Unlike potholes on other streets which often are paid for through Menu Money from an alderman's office, CDOT will be funding the road repairs on the city's greenways.

"We're doing this on a number of streets where we've got planned greenways. We're going in and we're surveying the pavement condition... doing the work necessary to make sure we're addressing potholes and other pavement conditions, in doing that outside of aldermanic menu funding, as well. So, we are using our own Chicago Works Capital Improvement Funding to make that happen," said Huff.

Earlier in the meeting, Huff said the city's Complete Streets program is part of the city's overall Climate Action Plan through which the city has pledged to comply with the United Nations 2030 mandate.

Through that mandate, the UN is de-

During the question and answer portion of the meeting, one participant asked Huff why CDOT is turning Leavitt into a bicycle highway when nearby Damen Ave. is already a designated bicycle route with numerous improvements for bicycle riders.

manding carbon emissions be curbed by the United States, Europe, Japan and Australia. The mandate does not apply to China or India.

Huff told the virtual audience CDOT has learned a lot from bicycle use in the Netherlands. Ironically, the Netherlands recently had its national government's ruling coalition toppled due to its drastic

implementation of UN's policies.

"But, if you look at a country like the Netherlands, the vast majority of their bike facilities are on these residential streets. And there, the goal is not separation, but mixing traffic together, biking, walking, driving at very slow appropriate speeds, and doing what you can to limit kind of cut through traffic. So, you're really cutting down on the number of vehicles to those who need to be on the street, and when cars are on the street, making sure they're doing so at appropriate speeds," Huff said.

According to data from the US Census from 2021 (the most recent data available), 18,872 Chicago bicyclists commuted to work, in a city that employs 1.36 million people. Bicycle commuting peaked in 2018, when 23,788 bicyclists commuted to work.

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