

I am grateful for what I am and have.
My thanksgiving is perpetual.
— Henry David Thoreau

Skating ribbon opens in Grant Park

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King Rat City

Chicago is America's rat capitol

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

After decades of being dubbed America's "Second City," Chicago has now ascended to the official first-place title of "Rat Capitol of America."

Chicago's red-hot 311 phone line received more than 60,000 rat complaints between Jan. 1 and Nov. 10 this year, according to a study released by RentHop, a national apartment-hunting website and marketing data source.

Ironically, that's more than double the 26,000 rat complaint calls received by the City of New York, which boasts a population of 8.42 million people. Chicago's population was 2.71 million in 2019.

A Windy City artist, who visits Manhattan on an annual basis, reported that indifferent New Yorkers seem to tolerate their ro-

dent population better than weak-kneed Chicagoans.

"On a walk to an Asian restaurant near our AirBnB apartment in Brooklyn, I saw rats bigger than cats running in the street, and no one said a word," the artist confessed.

"There are no alleys in New York. They just put the garbage on the curb. Every garbage bag is in motion at night. It really creeped me out."

In the words of the immortal Dan Akroyd: "New Yorkers are oblivious."

King Rat City

The Windy City, which may soon be dubbed "King Rat City," has been the national rodent king since 2016. We soon may have to rename the Chicago Bears as the Chicago Rats. (We're also number #1 in bed bugs too.) Ewww!

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Joy of Toys donation event Dec. 4

The North Dearborn Assoc. [NDA] is hosting the Joy of Toys toy drive to benefit children ages 3-11. Donations and toys will benefit students in need at the George Manierre School and the Sarah Ferguson Parent Center.

There are two ways to donate this year, by dropping off toys at Mario's Table, 21

W. Goethe St., from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., or donate directly to the NDA by visiting www.northdearbornassociation.com. A \$20 value is suggested for each toy. Wrapped or unwrapped toys are accepted, if you wrap the toy please write on the wrapping paper if the toy is for a boy or a girl.

Gold Coast businessman indicted for swindling customers and investors out of \$350,000

A Gold Coast businessman who claimed to earn substantial profits from buying and selling heavy industrial equipment has been indicted on federal fraud charges for allegedly swindling customers and investors out of at least \$350,000.

Brian Black, 37, is charged in an indictment returned Nov. 18 in U.S. District Court in Chicago with nine counts of wire

fraud. Arraignment has not yet been scheduled.

The indictment was announced by John R. Lausch, Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and William Hedrick, Inspector-in-Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Chicago.

According to the indictment, Blacklock operated three Chicago-based businesses – PWC Hold-

ings LLC, Brian Blacklock LLC, and Parkwood Companies LLC – through which he purported to buy and sell trucks, trailers, road construction machines, oil field equipment, and generators.

Blacklock allegedly solicited and obtained money from individual victims by falsely representing that he could either directly sell

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Homeless hero rescues victim shot during Streeterville robbery attempt

BY CWBCHICAGO

A man was shot and seriously wounded during an apparent robbery in Streeterville Nov. 20, and a quick-thinking homeless person may have helped save his life.

Shortly after 3 a.m., an Uber passenger reported seeing three men fighting and hearing shots fired as he rode near Columbus Dr. and Illinois St. in Streeterville.

Investigators did not find any immediate signs of trouble. But that changed about 10 minutes

later when a 34-year-old man with multiple gunshot wounds arrived at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in a minivan.

Police say the victim was on the 100 block of E. Illinois when another man shot him repeatedly and fled the scene. Passersby told police they thought the victim was shot during a struggle with an armed robber, according to a CPD statement. The victim suffered two gunshot wounds to the back of his head and three to his left forearm, according to a police report.

A homeless man loaded the victim into the victim's nearby minivan and drove him to the hospital.

Investigators recovered several shell casings near a service entrance to the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel. Area Three detectives are handling the case.

Police are looking for a gunman who's described as a Black male in his early- to mid-20s wearing a black hoodie and coat. He was last seen heading west on Lower Illinois St.

Shoreline Sightseeing targeted by class action lawsuit over worker fingerprint scans

BY JONATAN BILYK
Cook County Record

The company that operates many of Chicago's famed architecture river tours, and other popular sightseeing excursions, has become one of the latest employers targeted by a class action lawsuit under Illinois' biometrics privacy law.

On Nov. 12, attorney James X. Bormes filed a lawsuit in Cook County Court against the company that operates Shoreline Charters and Shoreline Sightseeing Cruises.

The complaint was filed on behalf of named plaintiff James Nieto, identified as an Illinois resident who worked for Shoreline from 2016-2017.

According to its website, Shoreline operates Chicago's largest fleet of sightseeing boats and water taxis. The company boasts that its Chicago architecture tours were voted the "Most Popular Tour in America" on Tripadvisor from 2017-2020.

Nieto's complaint accuses Shoreline of violating the Illinois Biometric Information Protection Act during the time Nieto worked there, in the way Shoreline required its workers to scan their

fingerprints to verify their identity when punching in and out of work shifts.

According to the complaint, Shoreline allegedly failed to secure written consent from workers before requiring the fingerprint scans, and also did not provide workers with notices the plaintiffs claim is required by the BIPA law, concerning how the scanned fingerprint data would be stored, shared, used and ultimately destroyed.

The complaint further accuses Shoreline of sharing the fingerprint data with its payroll processor vendor, which the plaintiffs claim also violated the BIPA law.

The BIPA law has been used by a growing cadre of trial lawyers in Illinois to launch class action suits against thousands of companies doing business in Illinois. Cook County's courts have been particularly popular destinations for such lawsuits.

While the suits have targeted tech giants like Facebook and Google, they have mostly been aimed, so far, at Illinois employers who have required workers to scan their fingerprints on so-called biometric punch clocks, to accurately track their work hours and prevent so-called "punch

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There's no culturing allowed in the Cultural Center, 'get out!'



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

"The Chicago Cultural Center no longer has a space to display newspapers." That was the message this newspaper received Nov. 17 from Jennifer Brown, the Volunteer Coordinator at the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, who requested we stop delivering the Skyline Newspaper to the landmark building at Randolph and Michigan Ave.

Chicago, apparently, had chosen a news blackout instead of free distribution of a real community newspaper.

Did the folks at the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events happen to notice that their own gig - the Magnificent Mile Light Festival - was on page one, above the fold, of last week's Skyline? Yes, we even consider your office a part of our neighborhood. But no rule says you have to like all your neighbors, or have them over to your house, right?

How's your memory? Does Ms. Brown's quote sound like something President Merkin Muffley - played by Peter Sellers - said in "Dr. Strangelove or: How I



The Chicago Cultural Center at 78 E. Washington St.

Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," about no fighting being allowed in the War Room?

Is Chicago's past one big blur, or do you actually have some memory about what unfolded here in our shared history? Can you remember when the Cultural Center was actually the main library in the city?

Remember those huge reading rooms where nerdy little kids used to come to find books unavailable in the branch libraries in their neighborhoods?

The Chicago Public Library then was a nest of hallways and a warren of bibliographic stacks. Long before the age of computers. When the only way to locate a book was to search out the call numbers and head off to the location thought to house the book.

Searching out a book could be a laborious process. Not for the faint of heart. Hands on experience. A sweat of your brow enterprise. Not for the goof-off, or the anti-intellectual student.

You had to have fire in the belly to go after the volumes of great books that were contained on the library's shelves. The war stories of searching and discovery were just the thing to bring back to your neighborhood school.

As the grandeur of the old Main Library on Michigan Ave. became more and more obsolete, strange locations were introduced for the main library's home that further compounded the library's location. For years many Chicagoans didn't have a clue where the books were kept.

Then in an explosive moment of rescue and advancement, architect Thomas Beebe fashioned a monumental library named to honor the best read mayor in Chicago history, Harold Washington. His library at State and Van Buren signaled the arrival of the modern age of books and intellect. Space age systems of retrieval and research. The biggest library in America.

Through the diligence of Mrs. Eleanor Daley, the widow of the late longtime Mayor, Richard J. Daley, the former main library was rescued, through her personal intervention, so that it could be reborn as the city's Cultural Center.

Finally a place where the bright minds of Chicago could gather. Celebrate their giftedness, and unfold the bright panache of Chicago culture. In art, music, literature, architecture and civic display.

The Cultural Center would be marked as the art hub of the city. A gathering place from which wide-eyed investigations could unfold about what made Chicago unique in American culture.

However just this past week, the Cultural Center became the site from which the City of Chicago, itself, would launch its ongoing attack on American culture.

Here at the architecturally elegant Cultural Center, designed by Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge in 1892, the lopsided heresy espoused by history-distorting woke culture thrives and is nourished. Friends of this cancel culture phenomenon could easily celebrate the dark, misguided racialization that woke culture spreads like a bad case of long-haul COVID-19.

For over 40 years, Skyline, yes, our Skyline, has been delivered in bulk to the site so that free copies of our publication could be on hand for local readers. Skyline [formerly the Lerner family of community newspapers] always enjoyed a friendly rapport with the powers that be. And why not, the Lerner Newspapers have been published nonstop in Chicago since 1905 - everybody grew up with them.

Chicago folk who gathered there always relished Skyline's availability, especially the seniors citizens who make up a high percentage of the sweet folk who use the Cultural Center as a base of operations.

Those who attend the programs and exhibitions that seem to always be underway, many of which are actually covered and promot-



Wild turkeys.

Photo courtesy Greenfield/Audubon Photography

ed in the Skyline newspaper.

Skyline was placed on a periodicals shelf inside the building from which Chicagoans and tourists alike could grab a copy. Something to read with their morning tea or flavorful lattes.

That is until Nov. 17. That's when the last shipment of Skyline was delivered. For the first time in 40 years, it won't be there on Nov. 24. The editor was told no more newspapers would be accepted there.

Four decades of welcoming interest no longer possible. No more newspaper. No more discussion. No announced policy changes, and no more elaboration on the rhyme or reason behind such a policy shift.

Presumably that policy is in effect for The New York Times too, and the Washington Post, Corriere della Serra, Pravda and Agent France-Press. 'Trust but verify' indeed. We'll go see for ourselves in the coming weeks.

Chicago, apparently, had chosen a news blackout instead of a free distribution of news on local issues of importance. Otherwise known as "the truth."

From where did this policy shift originate? Whose fingerprints are all over this tactical change so reflective of past endeavors by the National Socialists in Germany, Soviets in Russia or the little darlings of China's Cultural Revolution?

Have Skyline's cautious warnings over widespread urban downtown crime so angered Mayor Lori Lightfoot that she has ordered the news blackout?

Has publication of the details of Chicago's rise as the looting capital of America rubbed Lightfoot the wrong way? Has the failure of the mayor's efforts to manage the daily operations of America's once beautiful urban star finally taken on true dystopian realism? Have the shambles at the Art Institute of Chicago and our coverage of their false and phony actions caused this edict to banish Skyline from our friendly distribution on City property?

What's next you might ask? (Yo, Comandante Lori, we're in many of your public libraries too. Send us a note if those too are now verboten?) Would it help if we started calling Highway 41 from Hollywood on down to 67th St. along our lakefront "DuSable Lake Shore Drive" instead of just "Lake Shore Drive"? We all saw your photo with the new street

sign, it's lovely.

A quick look at the totalitarian playbook tells us that after you squelch the free press, it's usually necessary to arrest the publishers and editors of truth-telling publications.

And of course, once you create the necessary system of political prison camps, then you can start making reporters who tell the truth disappear, for the good of the Reich, I mean City.

Who knew City Hall had such thin skin? Who would have thought such a champion of woke culture would have such similar DNA as so many self-important leaders before her?

Apparently the road map to such tactics is only as far off as a Netflix afternoon. Strange thing, however. Make sure you watch Judgment at Nuremberg. I don't want to give away the ending to the Mayor and her people. But it's not Spencer Tracy's finest hour for nothing. Just ask Rudolf Hess.

Our past, thank God, is not one big blur. For Chicagoans of reason and intelligence its crystal clear. As bright and breezy as they come.

T H A N K S GIVING: Just when you thought the cynicism of the world, or the Mayor of Chicago, had stripped the universe of real meaning, along comes Thanksgiving pulling us together around the table

with family, friends, enemies, aunts, uncles, cousins, downstairs neighbors, college friends, and strangers. Hungry eaters who can open their hearts to a roasted

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(L) Elsa's famous icy blue, glittery dress was as gorgeous as ever in Frozen. (C) Evan Tomlinson Weintraub shows off his moves in "Twas the Night Before," by Cirque du Soleil. (R) Kevin Dennis, Matt Bogart, Joaquina Kalukango, Chilina Kennedy, Nathaniel Stampley, and cast in Paradise Square. Photo courtesy of Kevin Berne

"Welcome back to the theater"



Heart of the 'Hood by Felicia Dechter

After being dark for nearly a year-and-a-half, our theaters are open and it's show time! It's great that we have so many fabulous productions to choose from.

It's so good to be back to what is a much-needed escape from reality. I've missed the theater more than I ever imagined. You really don't know what you've got 'til it's gone.

Last week, I was lucky enough to see two outstanding musicals, "Paradise Square," and "Frozen." At each theater, we were enthusiastically welcomed back and thanked numerous times for being there. From the

patrons to the ushers to the performers, it seems everyone, including me, is ecstatic to be back live and in action again.

"It's really exciting having everything come back to life," said Evan Tomlinson Weintraub, a Chinese Hoop Diving and Acrobatics specialist performing in, "Twas the Night Before"...by Cirque du Soleil, which opens Friday night at the Chicago Theatre.

"It has been a long road for artists."

He and I both agree: Art is needed to survive.

"It's confirmation that this is so needed for the soul and the community and people mentally," said Weintraub.

Truer words... The theater is my emotional rescue. Please support the theaters/shows, no matter how big or small. Treat yourself and go. Here are a few suggestions:

- There weren't paradise-like tropical breezes nor swaying palm trees, but inside

the Nederlander Theatre it was definitely Utopia once the singing and dancing got underway in the fabulous, pre-Broadway "Paradise Square," running through Dec. 5 at the Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St. The show is sure to garner a well-deserved Tony buzz. The insanely-incredible performances brought down the house, and rightly so, at the opening last week.

Set during a raging Civil War, "Paradise Square," is the story of the folks living on the perilous streets and in the tenement houses of Five Points, a notorious, 19th-century Lower Manhattan slum where Irish immigrants and free-born Black Americans, as well as escaped slaves, co-existed, intermarried, raised families and shared their cultures.

The story is an intertwining of several lives and I can't begin to describe the breadth of the talent. Each and every performer gave their all, and the fantastic

dancing and incredible singing both have the WOW factor. Mix in love and resilience, and you have the recipe for a hit show.

Get yourself two tickets to "Paradise" if possible.

- Sheer wonderment and amazement is what you'll find in, "Twas the Night Before," by Cirque du Soleil, which runs through Dec. 5 at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. I saw this show in 2019 with my adult daughter and we were both wishing we had the kids with us. This time, they're going. All four grandchildren!

The aforementioned performer Evan Weintraub, said holiday Cirque is a great way to turn younger audiences on to the Cirque du Soleil shows. He also agreed it's a perfect holiday event.

"I think it's really a show about family and coming together and celebrating Christmas or any other sort of holiday

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Finding Moments of Joy During the Holidays

Presented by Amy Matthews, Dementia Coach

Holidays can be stressful enough on their own, however, caring for someone with dementia can add a whole new element of stress. This program will provide tools for engaging the individual and discuss ways in which you can adapt holiday traditions to include the individual with dementia both at home and in a community.

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Property tax appeal webinar Nov. 30

The 2nd Ward Alderman's office will be co-hosting a webinar to learn about the property tax appeal process 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The meeting will be co-hosted by Cmsr. Mike Cabonargi of the Cook County Board of Review, along with co-hosts, Cmsr. Bridget Degnen and State Rep. Jawaharial Omar Williams.

Those who wish to attend must register for the webinar ahead of time, sign-ups are allowed up to one hour prior to the start time. For more information call 312-603-5562.

Solving for Chicago collaborative will focus on solutions to persistent pandemic problems

Over the coming year, the Solving for Chicago news collaborative will turn its attention to how Chicago's COVID-19 recovery can help solve long-standing equity issues in the city.

Through "The Path Forward," the collaboration's growing roster of more than 20 newsrooms - including this newspaper - will build on its coverage of essential workers to tackle how COVID-19 has prompted communities to rethink solutions to problems of housing, education and public safety, as well as employment and public health.

"Collaboration and editorial partnerships are critical to Chicago at this mo-

ment," said Tracy Brown, chief content officer at WBEZ. "We're getting more stories to more people whose lives are impacted by the work we do. And that's great news for WBEZ and Chicago Public Media, particularly as we work to reach younger or more diverse audiences."

This newspaper, along with WBEZ, WTTW, Block Club Chicago, the Chicago Reader and other partners are building on the solutions-focused reporting on essential workers, which led to more than \$10 million in community impact and policy changes in Chicago.

"Throughout the pandemic, publications and institutions in Chicago realized, if they

hadn't before, that sectors of our city and county were underserved, lacked safety nets, and were highly prone to the direct and indirect consequences of the virus — from fatalities to homelessness to abusive workplaces," said Jackie Serrato, editor in chief of the South Side Weekly. "As journalists who have increased access to data and to people's stories, it is on us to expose the conditions that existed before COVID and that are set to remain even if COVID-19 was eradicated. Working together as newsrooms to seek accountability, transparency, and solutions to the system's shortcomings seems like the only logical and responsible next step."

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An annual survey by Orkin, the national pest control company, ranks the "50 rattiest cities" in the U.S. Its figures, based on the number of rat treatments it provides, has ranked Chicago as the most rodent-infested city for seven consecutive years.

Homeowners, apartment managers, restaurateurs, retail shop owners, hotel and office personnel, proprietors of small and large businesses, even hospital staff—and, of course, the city of Chicago—have been battling the sharp-toothed, furry devils since the 1800s when the first waves of creatures came from Europe to the docks of Chicago on cargo ships.



The "Cats at Work" program launched by Tree House Humane Society allows feral cats to roam free and kill rats.

What is the rodent population's favorite neighborhood? According to a 2021 CBS Channel 2 investigation West Town led the pack with 1,202 rat complaints through June 2021, on top of 3,064 complaints in 2020, and 2,099 in 2019. That's 6,365 rat sightings in a mere three years.

Through early November, 2021, West Town's rat complaints peaked at 3,312 sightings, RentHop reported. The West Town community includes the neighborhoods of Wicker Park, Ukrainian Village, East Villages, Noble Square, River West and parts of Bucktown.

Other North Side neighborhoods with a large rodent invasion are Lakeview with 2,182 complaints, and Logan Square with 2,199 complaints through November 10th. Lincoln Park and Old Town neighborhoods are not far behind.

Breeding faster than rabbits

Apparently, Chicago rats are breeding faster than rabbits. A female rat can give birth to as many as six litters a year, with each litter containing up to nine pups. It only takes two or three months for a female rat to become old enough to breed, so in a year a single rat could have hundreds of off-spring.

In an earlier attempt towards rat-abatement, Chicago city crews put dry ice—frozen carbon dioxide—into rat burrows and sealed the holes with dirt and newspaper. As the dry ice melted into a gas, it suffocated the trapped rats, leaving them to decompose in the burrow. Unfortunately, dry ice has not been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In 2017, under orders from former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, City Hall turned to a poison designed to make rats infertile. No report has been scoped on the success of this plan. Maybe we should get Planned Parenthood involved in the program.

Cats to the rescue

This year, up to 2,000 neutered feral cats were released to battle the rodent problem. Under the "Cats at Work" program launched in 2012 by Tree House Humane Society. Stray cats are vaccinated against rabies, provided with food, water, and shelter and organized into feline colonies managed by a registered caretaker. Better for the cats to roam free and kill rats than face euthanasia. Another bonus—cat pheromones scare rats away.

The one big downside to all those wild cats? They kill a lot of birds too. Nice, innocent, sweet birds. Nothing is perfect.

However, city residents really can't appreciate the immensity of the rat problem like this writer did in a fang-to-face encounter in a dark Old Town gangway a few years ago, while rolling the garbage containers to the curb from the gangway of our land-locked 3-flat.

At least a half dozen obese, dark gray beasts with fangs glistening in the streetlights, came swarming out of the holes they had chewed in the top of one of the garbage cans. They leapt to freedom and scurried past my face and feet into the darkness.

Fear of rats overcame me. I pushed the garbage can forward and jumped back-

Make sure you and your neighbors pick up dog poop on a daily basis from yards, parkways and alleys. Experts say poop is an alternative food source for rats. "Some rats would rather eat dog poop than ribeye steak," quipped one exterminator.

wards at least three feet. The hair on the back of my neck stood up. It felt like I was in that torch-lit mountain mine shaft with Sylvester Stallone, covered with squealing rats in the 1982 movie, "Rambo—First Blood!"

Rose Pest Solutions, a professional pest abatement firm, was hired to install four baited "rat garages" on the property with tasty poison packets.

This year, we installed three rat garages at another North Side building where there never was problem. Residents reported they could hear the rats scratching inside the walls of the building.

Experts say the most important commonsense rat-control rules are to take away

what they need—protein-based foods and a harborage area. Some suggestions follow:

- If you cut off the food sources, the rats likely will eat the rodenticide in the rat garages.
- If rodents have chewed holes in your garbage containers call the city of Chicago and request replacement cans.



Use good old-fashioned Victor-brand rat traps. Load the traps with a spoonful of peanut butter.

- Make sure you clean your barbecue grill, especially the drippings tray underneath. One homeowner reported that rats burrowed through the metal bottom of his Weber grill cabinet to dine on those tasty steak drippings.
- Buy a 12-pack of old-fashioned Victor-brand rat traps. Load the traps with a spoonful of peanut butter. Set the traps and put them out along your deck and backyard fence. Reportedly, the next morning you will be shoveling up dead rat carcasses.
- Make sure you and your neighbors pick up dog poop on a daily basis from yards, parkways and alleys. Experts say poop is an alternative food source for rats. "Some rats would rather eat dog poop than ribeye steak," quipped one exterminator.

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Rigged deal for Lincoln Square parking lot suspiciously quiet

Boston-based developer hopes to receive tax credits for their taxpayer-funded hostile takeover

BY PETER VON BUOL

Officials from the Boston-based development company, The Community Builders [TCB], Lincoln Square area residents, businesses and cultural institutions are all anxiously anticipating an announcement from Chicago's Dept. of Housing about which housing development projects will receive highly coveted 2021 federally funded Low Income Housing Tax Credits [LIHTC].

The silence out of City Hall and the 47th Ward Office is deafening, even as Ald. Matt Martin fights to save another parking lot in his ward from being converted into housing.

Officials at TCB continue to hope their proposed 4715 N. Western Ave. redevelopment project will be among this year's recipients. City Hall and Ald. Martin claimed an announcement would be made early this fall, but that has not happened.

TCB will be given the city-owned surface parking lot, which may be worth \$3 to \$4 million dollars, for free. Nobody involved in the sweetheart, insider deal has ever tried to put a value on the gift.

And no other developer was ever even considered for this gift, just TCB. For some unknown reason, no official Request For Proposal was ever issued for the project. Neither Ald. Martin, nor any of his staff, or other City Hall officials have said why TCB is the only developer being considered for this lucrative deal, despite being asked that question dozens of times.

Based on emails obtained by this newspaper through Freedom Of Information Act requests, TCB are also lobbying City Hall for the rights to receive any and all parking revenue that may come from that site in the future, and are seeking Tax Increment Financing funds as well. That is - property taxes paid by neighboring properties - which they would use to finance their construction, thereby putting fewer of their own dollars at risk.

The project will be designated a Transit-Orient Development and will only contain a few parking spots for residents. TCB would like to see the balance of the funds for whatever public parking would be made available, flow to themselves.

In transferring those parking

spots to TCB, Ald. Martin and City Hall would have to create elsewhere new metered spots of equal value to compensate Chicago Parking Meters, LLC, who now own the rights to the current parking spots. Those new spots could go around Welles Park and Sulzer Library, near Winnemac Park, in North Center - or they may be the new metered spots the city added to Lincoln Park near Montrose Point. Again, neither Ald. Martin nor City Hall will answer media questions about that detail.

The taxpayer-funded LIHTCs are also necessary for the company to move forward on redeveloping it as well.

The tax credits are a way which will have others pay for the construction of TCB's planned multi-story mixed-use development. Upon completion, the building will be worth tens of millions of dollars. Afterwards, TCB will be able to sell the property to the highest bidder. The units billed as affordable units are only required to be affordable for a limited time period. There is nothing stopping TCB from selling the whole development, and cashing out, the day it opens.

It's quite a lucrative deal for

TCB, should it happen. They're in line to easily make \$10 million or more in profit on the deal if it goes through.

According to data from the 2020 US Census, residents of already-built TOD buildings may not have had a car when they moved into their building, but many eventually find changing circumstances which cause them to lease or purchase a car. TOD buildings also create a great deal of new traffic congestion with shared ride service vehicles visiting the building, food and grocery delivery vehicles, Amazon, UPS, FedEx and others.

The Lincoln, Leland, Western avenues intersection today is already horribly congested. City Hall allowing all those shared ride services and delivery trucks to double park in that intersection if this building is added, could recreate the kinds of traffic jams that the original 1975 reconstruc-

tion of the intersection - and the addition of public parking lots - was intended to alleviate.

Earlier this year, TCB had been notified their application had been received by the Dept. of Housing. A spokesperson for the department told this newspaper an announcement would be made in the fall about which applications would be moving on to Stage 2 of the 2021 City of Chicago LIHTC Round.

More than 40 applications were submitted and three of those were for TCB projects. The company's other projects are Southbridge Phase 1c at 5 E. 23rd St. and Oakwood Shores at 37th and Cottage Grove.

When the Mayor's Office on July 21 released its list of housing developments which had already qualified for support through tax incentives and other financial

PARKING LOT see p. 14

Outdoor dining program extended through 2022

The Chicago departments of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection [BACP], Transportation [CDOT] and Cultural Affairs and Special Events [DCASE] will introduce an ordinance to extend the Expanded Outdoor Dining Program through the 2022 calendar year.

The program was created to offer outdoor dining options and support the City's restaurant industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it has now become a new way to stimulate outdoor dining year-round.

The Program was created in June 2020 and is administered by BACP, CDOT and DCASE. This collaboration brings outdoor options quickly, responsibly and in a manner that adds to the character of a neighborhood.

The program was implemented during the ongoing pandemic after the government-imposed economic lockdown destroyed many of the small and independent service and entertainment businesses in Chicago. The program's goal is to ensure the continued operations of restaurants and bars while trying to keep workers and customers safe, while expanding dining spaces throughout the city's neighborhoods.

On the North Side, some of those areas included Rush and Division streets on the Gold Coast, Broadway in Lakeview East, and Balmoral in Andersonville.

"Chicago's restaurants and bars can operate through the winter and start the coming year with a solid option for their patrons," said Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

The Expanded Outdoor Din-

ing Permit allows establishments with valid Retail Food Establishment, Tavern or Consumption on Premises-Incidental Activity liquor licenses to temporarily expand operations into the public way or other private property (i.e., parking lots and open space). The permit is good for up to 180 days, as long as the restaurant follows all of the other rules and guidelines.

In 2021, 179 Expanded Outdoor Dining Permits were issued. "Outdoor dining became a lifeline

for so many of our neighborhoods during the COVID-19 pandemic," said CDOT Cmsr. Gia Biagi. "As we continue to recover, we can also transform public spaces and revitalize the public way to support local business districts and communities."

"This is an opportunity to build and cultivate inviting spaces," said DCASE Acting Cmsr. Erin Harkey. "Our small businesses are vital to our communities and we must evolve to meet their business needs."

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CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS



Letter to the Editor

Arlington Park closed,
so Mayor's Office the next big race

Although Arlington International Racetrack is closed and Hawthorne Park Racetrack is on life support without a casino, Chicagoland only has to wait 15 months for the granddaddy of all races, the Chicago Mayoral Election in Feb. 2023.

The winner will not get a halo of flowers and first place prize stakes. But he/she will get a budget of over \$14 billion per year to dole out to friends, family and assorted felons.

Remember, a candidate has to finish in the top two to make the April runoff if no one gets 50% plus one vote.

Who is in the running, what are their odds and who is behind them? Here's what the Evergreen Park odds-makers are saying.

5:1 Maria Pappas: Lakefront liberals, Emily's List and building owners who appreciate her spendthrift barebones budget at the County Treasurer's Office.

6:1 Kim Foxx: Defense attorneys, social justice warriors and the thousands of criminals she has refused to prosecute these last five years.

7:1 Arne Duncan: Barack Obama, Valerie Jarrett and Marty Nesbitt. He was a disaster as Chief of Chicago's public schools, but Chicago doesn't really care about public education, do they?

7:1 Jesus Garcia: The leading vote getter among Latinos will take another shot at the brass ring.

8:1 Stacy Davis Gates: The Chicago Teachers Union VP doesn't believe public school teachers who got paid to sit at

home, or on a beach during the pandemic for 15 months are properly compensated. Take that money Chicago spends on Police and Fire and give it to the nine-month-a-year employees.

10:1 Lori Lightfoot: She has no natural constituency. The unions who funded her first campaign are mad at her. Lakefront liberals who elected her can't get to the polls to vote if they're being shot at or carjacked.

12:1 Jonn Cantazara: The police union boss is the only candidate to appeal the white ethnics, law-and-order types and recent violent crime victims.

15:1 Bill Daley: The South Side Irish will put up a Daley and solicit funds from Downtown business interests, if only to keep the patronage contract spigot flowing and seize city assets.

20:1 Paul Vallas: Policy wonk finished in the bottom half last time and is getting elbowed out of the way by the FOP boss.

25:1 Ray Lopez: No chance if other Latinos are in the race. Nobody's first or second choice.

50:1 Anthony Beale: Black Chicago politics is matriarchal and he has no appeal outside the far South Side. Would be better off running against ailing Bobby Rush for congressman.

250:1 Bob Fioretti: The Spanky the Clown of Chicago Politics. Forget him.

25:2 Rod Blagojevich: Late dark horse entry perhaps, since technically, the only office he could run for is a municipal office. Wouldn't it be fun to watch "the Hairdo" run and upset the apple cart? He is Chicago's own Jesse Ventura/ Donald Trump/ carnival barker.

Michael Sullivan, Avondale

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Bollocks to these Clark St. bollards



If the Auto Zone rig drivers stopped just short of the row of recently installed bollards, the truck would completely block the store's driveway and a CTA bus stop. Instead they now double park in the middle of Clark St., and that is not acceptable.

A two-fer in stupidity for City Hall

BY JEAN SMILINGCOYOTE

I'm troubled with some new bollards which physically interfere with deliveries to the AutoZone location at 6215 N. Clark St.

The bollards were installed to benefit the 10 or 20 bikers who may peddle by every hour.

These bollards - the plastic breakway kind - were put in the roadway between the bike lane and the driving lanes, between the AutoZone driveway emptying on northbound Clark St., and Thome.

Every so often, a big rig parks for a while immediately outside the AutoZone store on Clark St. [see photo]. The driver has to use a lift gate and pallet jack to transfer pallets of merchandise from the truck into the store. Truck deliveries are a critical part of world sustenance, and failures of the system, large and small, are evident nationwide now.

Obviously the person who decided to install these bollards has never seen this delivery. I've used this bus stop often enough to watch.

Not only does the driver have to use the lift gate and pallet jack - he also needs to roll the pallet up and down the driveway, because it won't work being taken up and down a curb.

When I got off the northbound bus recently [stop #17218], I immediately noticed this line of bollards.

I was aghast.

I mentioned this to the bus driver, and he agreed: the bollards aren't far enough from the curb to let the big rig pull up to both park at the curb, and far enough forward so that the lift gate, opened, will not block any part of the AutoZone driveway. Customers' vehicles using this driveway need it

to be unobstructed from one side to the other. Since the row of bollards slants at an angle away from the curb, the ones at the north end are far enough away. But the bollards at the south end are too close for the truck. That blows the whole thing.

Commentary

If the rig driver stopped just short of the row of bollards, the truck would completely block the driveway - that is not acceptable.

It gets worse. If a CTA bus comes upon a parked truck, it can't hug the curb without its rear end hanging out onto Granville.

If the bus stopped far enough north so that its rear end wasn't hanging out into Granville, it would both block the driving lane it stopped in - and force passengers to have to snake around the lift gate and rear end of the big rig, to access the front door. If a passenger needed the wheelchair ramp, the bus would have to stop far enough back so that its rear end would extend onto Granville - regardless of whether it stopped in the driving lane, or was able to lay the ramp across the parkway, so that the disabled passenger could get onto or off of the bus directly with the sidewalk.

And there's more!

Normally, the big rig delivering merchandise to AutoZone pulls forward into its curbside spot; when it's done, it pulls forward and safely gets back into the traffic lane.

Even if none of these bollards were close enough to the curb to prevent the truck from pulling into its curbside parking space and deliver it's goods - the bollards would greatly interfere with the truck's maneuver to gradually

return to the driving lane. The driver wouldn't be able to begin the move for a block, where the intersection presents many more traffic hazards including a newly narrowed traffic lane and cement bumpouts. The trucker would still have trouble, because the bollards would interfere with the gradual movement of the rear end of the rig.

Northbound emergency vehicles now face this same massive blockage when traffic backs up - at busy times - all the way south to Catalpa.

One wonders how city snowplows will get up this stretch of Clark St. this winter.

AutoZone has a second driveway heading south onto Granville just east of Clark. Imagine our trucker taking his pallet from his truck, which is blocking the driveway onto Clark, all the way around the corner onto Granville, just so he can roll it up that driveway to make his delivery? All while his truck is blocking CTA buses trying to serve passengers at that stop - especially those requiring the disabled ramp?

If these bollards aren't all removed before the next big rig pulls up to deliver merchandise to AutoZone, they will materially, physically, interfere with both the safe and efficient operation of that truck, which serves an important element in local commerce, and the safe and efficient operation of CTA buses at this stop and emergency vehicles on their calls.

We've seen the City of Chicago make a number of very ill-advised decisions over the decades. This one takes the prize in the minor leagues: it's a two-fer in stupidity.

The fabulous Lakefront Bike Trail is a mere two blocks east of this site on Glenwood. Why did we have to mess up Clark St. to favor a few bikers? Is it too much to ask the bikers to peddle two blocks east and use the Lakefront Trail, and leave Clark St. as the transportation and commercial thoroughfare it has always been since the Native American's first cut a trail here centuries ago, long before Chicago was a city and the bike was even invented?

Before I headed home, I went inside the AutoZone and told the clerk about the new bollards, and how they prevent their big rig's from using its normal curbside parking spot, and pulling forward enough for the lift gate to clear the driveway. I told him to tell management to complain to the City about this. The clerk understood this because he sees many of these big-rig deliveries wrestle with this bad bout of stupidity.

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Chicago homelessness services gear up for winter



The Lincoln Park Community Services building is located off the Sedgwick stop on the Brown and Purple lines. Photo by Nadia Hernandez

BY ERIK UEBELACKER
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With winter quickly approaching, homeless Chicagoans will once again be subjected to the city's infamous cold weather. The looming presence of COVID-19 only complicates this, as the health and economic woes of the pandemic continue to affect society's most vulnerable.

It doesn't help that Chicago has such limited resources when it comes to assisting the homeless. Marisa Novara, commissioner of Chicago's Dept. of Housing, told the Chicago Tribune that the city is approximately 120,000 units short of affordable housing than it needs.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's 2022 budget included record funding to provide housing assistance to those in the city experiencing homelessness. The plan will be the largest investment addressing homelessness in Chicago's history and will receive federal funding from the American Rescue Plan.

"In response to the pandemic, there is unprecedented federal funding available to address homelessness," said Molly Brown. Brown is a professor of

clinical-community psychology at DePaul Univ., and director of the Homeless Advocacy, Research, and Collaboration Lab.

But this money won't last forever. As federal COVID-19 stimulus programs like the American Rescue Plan expire, cities like Chicago will soon be back to tackling issues like homelessness mostly on their own.

This means that homeless Chicagoans will rely even more on local organizations for solutions.

One of those organizations is the Lincoln Park Community Services [LPCS]. LPCS provides food, internet, counseling, clothing and interim and permanent housing to individuals experiencing homelessness throughout Chicago's North Side. Their CEO, Cheryl Hamilton-Hill, explained how difficult the city's extreme weather can be for those without shelter.

"Even though it's a critical traumatic experience for [the homeless] every single day, when you think about extreme heat or blistering cold, those are tough times for anyone," Hamilton-Hill said. "We just try to get their basic needs met."

Hamilton-Hill explained that, because of the pandemic's eco-

nomie strain and social distancing requirements, COVID-19 made services like those offered by LPCS more necessary than ever.

"The challenge came when we had to not only figure out how to serve more individuals, but do it in a safe, socially-distanced manner," Hamilton-Hill said. "Because of the support of the community, we were able to expand our services, help more individuals, but still keep them safe ... Through the end of the summer, we had not one of our guests contract COVID-19."

Shelter services like LPCS are critical in the local effort to assist Chicago's homeless population. Providing material goods and services to those experiencing homelessness is immensely beneficial to the community, particularly with the cold winter months rapidly approaching.

But the homeless face more challenges than just the weather, explained Lydia Stazen, executive director of the Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness [IGH].

"People who are experiencing homelessness in Chicago face challenges all year round," Stazen said. "Those challenges are really centered around ease of access: knowing where to go for help, and knowing what services are available for them."

The IGH is an organization housed at and partnered with DePaul Univ. The IGH tackles the issue of homelessness from a policy perspective, advocating for programs to end homelessness and helping to improve existing services through education.

"COVID has really impacted our ability, particularly here in Chicago, to provide some of the normal training and support that we usually would," Stazen said.

Despite this, the IGH has continued its advocacy by work-

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Award-winning holiday decorations are up at Club Lucky



Enjoy the holiday season at Club Lucky at 1824 W. Wabansia Ave.

Chicagoans eagerly anticipate the unveiling of Club Lucky's 31st annual Christmas decorations. The outdoor decorations complete with blinking electronic snowflakes, are just the beginning of their holiday traditions.

The decorations are up now at 1824 W. Wabansia Ave. and will stay up through Jan. 10, 2022.

Step inside and be wowed by the award-winning "must see" holiday decorations with hundreds of dazzling handmade snowflakes dangling from the

ceiling, garland galore, thousands of Italian lights, over-sized wreaths, and ornaments that can be seen throughout the restaurant and cocktail lounge. Enjoy this holiday extravaganza as you sip a special holiday martinis - like a Sleigh Ride (martini style) or Santa's Fireside Elixir - and seasonally inspired craft cocktails.

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Police Beat...

Dept. of Veterans Affairs employees charged with pocketing cash from vendors

Two employees of the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs pocketed cash from vendors in exchange for steering them orders for medical equipment, according to indictments returned in federal court in Chicago.

Andrew Lee and Kimberly Dyson worked as Prosthetic Clerks in the Veterans Health Administration Prosthetics Service in Chicago. As part of their duties, Lee and Dyson selected vendors from which to order medical equipment for VA patients, and then paid the vendors using government purchase cards. In exchange for their efforts with certain vendors, Lee and Dyson allegedly received cash payments from individuals at the vendor companies.

Lee, 66, is charged with one count of wire fraud. Dyson, 49, is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit bribery and four counts of bribery.

"Schemes to fraudulently corrupt the procurement process cheat the government and deserving bidders," said U.S. Attorney John R. Lausch, Jr.. "We will work aggressively with our law enforcement partners to safeguard our nation. The corruption of VA employees cannot be tolerated."

Lee and Dyson were charged in separate indictments returned Nov. 16 in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

West Loop shooting

Four people were wounded in a Nov. 17 drive-by shooting outside a restaurant in the West Loop.

Police say that the group was standing outside Alhambra Palace in the 1200 block of W. Randolph St., when at about 12:35 a.m. a black Jeep Cherokee drove past and someone inside opened fire. The Jeep fled east on Randolph St.

A 41-year-old man was struck in the knee and taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in fair condition. A woman, believed to be in her early twenties, was also struck in the knee and taken to the same hospital in fair condition.

A 30-year-old man was struck in the left leg and taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in fair condition. Another 30-year-old man was struck in the thigh and taken to Stroger Hospital in serious condition.

Teen girl slashed woman's face on Loop train platform

A 17-year-old girl repeatedly slashed a woman's face during a fight on the Jackson Red Line platform Nov. 18, but her escape was cut short by Chicago cops who tracked her movements via the CTA's extensive camera network. The stabbing is the second of the week on the transit agency's downtown rail system.

Police responded to calls of a fight involving about eight people at the Jackson station around 9:20 p.m. and found a 30-year-old woman with multiple cuts to her face. Officers learned that she was cut by the younger female, who became aggressive and swung a sharp object several times during the altercation, police said. The attacker and other members of the group fled onto a northbound train which officers intercepted minutes later at Chicago State.

Field officers, with assistance from

cops who were monitoring CTA camera footage, arrested the teen there. Charges are pending.

The victim was listed in fair condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital with facial lacerations, according to CPD.

Last week, prosecutors filed attempted murder charges against a man who allegedly stabbed a CTA worker and injured a Chicago police officer at the Jackson Blue Line station Nov. 14.

Fatal Hit-and-Run in West Rogers Park, police seek ID



The Major Accident Investigation Unit of the Chicago police is seeking to identify the above driver of the above pictured vehicle in connection with a Hit and Run crash in West Rogers Park. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on Lunt Ave. at Western Ave. when it was by a motorcycle.

The Honda fled eastbound on Lunt Ave. A passenger on the motorcycle died due to his injuries.

The incident occurred at 7 p.m. The car in question is a four-door Blue Honda sedan, possibly a Honda Civic with orange license plate, possibly dealer plate.

If seen, police are asking residents to dial 911, give your location, direction of travel and a quick description (i.e. plate number, color of vehicle, occupants, etc.)

Do not approach the vehicle, and refer case number RD#: JE-362824 and JE-362824.

Armed robberies in Wicker Park

Police are reporting two recent armed robberies in Wicker Park. In these incidents, three offenders arrived in a gray/silver SUV, exited the vehicle and approached victims to rob them.

On Nov. 15, the offenders, armed with a handgun, robbed the victims of personal belongings and fled the scene. Incidents include one on the 1600 block of N. Claremont Ave. 3:24 p.m., and the second was on the 1600 block of N. Marshfield Ave., 8:45 p.m.

The robbers are described as Black males, 18-21 years old. The first offender is described as 6' tall and 180-210 lbs. The second offender is 5'-10" tall and 180-200 lbs.

Men raid Mag Mile store and target another nearby

Chicago Police leadership activated the city's anti-looting plan to protect the Central Business District on the evening of Nov. 19 after a series of incidents downtown and in outlying neighborhoods. The incidents cropped up hours after a jury acquitted Kyle Rittenhouse of all charges in Kenosha.

"This is not a drill," a police dispatcher radioed as she instructed units from across the city to move into predesignated positions downtown.

A South Side alderman says looters struck her ward Friday evening and police confirm groups of men successfully raided a Mag Mile department store and tried to break into a Loop footwear shop around the same time. Also Friday evening, police say officers arrested at least two suspects and seized four guns from their stolen car as concertgoers arrived for a show at the Chicago Theatre.

"You can bet CPD stopped a mass shooting or extremely violent crime tonight," recently-retired Riverdale

Police Chief Tom Weitzel said a short time later in Twitter. "Great work!"

"Unfortunately, we have some looting going on in the ward," Ald. Michelle Harris said in a Facebook post at 7:45 p.m. Nov. 19. She even asked Jewel-Osco to close two stores in her South Side ward.

"I've asked the mayor's office for additional Police resources and to send equipment from the Dept. of Water to help block entrances at the Jewel/Osco locations and we are grateful for city's quick response to other location[s] around the ward," Harris continued. "Please be careful and if you don't need to go out stay inside tonight."

A CPD spokesperson said the department's media office was not officially notified of the incidents Harris wrote about.

Fox Chicago aired footage of a GameStop in Harris' ward that had broken glass and merchandise scattered on the ground.

"Chicago police would not confirm that it was looting," the outlet reported.

A series of incidents began unfolding in the downtown area as the city kicked off the holidays with its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Millennium Park.

At 6:44 p.m., a group of men jumped out of two or three vehicles and stole "large amounts of merchandise" from a store on the 700 block of N. Michigan, according to a CPD media statement. Witnesses said the offenders targeted Neiman Marcus, 737 N. Michigan. No arrests were made.

Then, around 9:07 p.m., a group of men got out of a car and broke the front windows of Foot Locker, 26 South State, according to a CPD report. Police said they did not know if the men took anything from the store.

Juvenile offender charged in Gold Coast knife attack

A 17-year-old girl has been charged with one felony count of Aggravated Battery / Great Bodily Harm after she was arrested at 9:35 p.m. Nov. 18, 2021, in the 800 block of N. State St.

She was arrested just 15 minutes after committing the crime, identified as the offender who used a knife to cut a 30-year-old female acquaintance's face in the 200 block of S. State St.

The victim sustained minor injuries. The offender was taken into custody and charged accordingly. As the offender is a juvenile, no additional information is available at this time.

Gunman shot driver near Roosevelt CTA station

A 36-year-old man is in custody as a suspected shooter, according to a source. Chicago police officers also seized a handgun from the man, who was allegedly captured on video as he shot toward the Roosevelt CTA station.

Charges are pending after a bullet grazed a passing motorist after someone opened fire outside a coffee shop near the Roosevelt CTA station Nov. 20, according to police and witnesses. It was the second shooting of the day downtown.

Police said a 36-year-old man was driving east on the first block of W. Roosevelt when he heard gunfire and realized he had been shot. The victim drove himself to Stroger Hospital, where he was listed in good condition with a graze wound to his back.

Officers reviewed CPD surveillance footage, which reportedly showed a man firing shots from outside a Starbucks at 31 E. Roosevelt Rd. Cops detained a man in the area, but a CPD media statement said no one was in custody for the shooting. Area Three detectives are handling the investigation.



Antione Jackson and four guns that police allegedly found in a stolen Jeep he was riding in.

"Anti-violence worker" among three adults found with cache of guns inside stolen Jeep

Prosecutors have filed felony gun charges against three men, including one who reportedly works as an anti-violence outreach worker, after they allegedly crashed a stolen Jeep into a CPD patrol car in the Loop Nov. 19.

Around 7:30 p.m., officers responding to calls of a man with a rifle near State and Lake were struck by a stolen SUV that they tried to pull over for having a broken windshield, according to CPD reports and prosecutors. The vehicle's occupants ran from the scene, but cops arrested them nearby, a police spokesperson said in a tweet that included a photo of four guns officers allegedly found in the SUV.

Officers saw Antione Jackson, 19, holding an AR-style firearm in the front passenger seat before the Jeep crashed into a police vehicle, prosecutors said during a bond hearing Nov. 21.

After the crash, Jackson allegedly jumped out of the front passenger seat and ran. Prosecutors said he had 16 rounds of ammunition and the Jeep's key fob in his pocket when cops arrested him.

He is charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, criminal trespass to vehicles, resisting police, and possessing ammunition.

But his defense attorney painted a different picture of Jackson, saying he lives with his girlfriend and their two children while working as an outreach worker for CeaseFire Chicago.

Judge Barbara Dawkins said Jack-

Ex-police sergeant deserved to be fired for signing off on false reports

An appellate panel has ruled the Chicago Police Board was correct to fire a sergeant for allegedly approving allegedly false reports about the killing of Laquan McDonald, quoting the board that the sergeant "abdicated his responsibility."

The Nov. 12 decision was penned by Justice Mary Rochford, with concurrence from Justices Bertina Lampkin and Aurelia Pucinski, of Illinois First District Appellate Court. The ruling favored the Police Board and Police Supt. David Brown in an action brought by former Sgt. Stephen Franko in Cook County Circuit Court.

On Oct. 20, 2014, Black teenager Laquan McDonald was armed with a knife and walking down a street in defiance of police, when a white officer, Jason Van Dyke, shot 16 times, killing him. McDonald's death caused an uproar that led to Van Dyke's convictions for second degree murder and aggravated battery. There were three other officers charged with trying to cover up the murder; they went to trial and were acquitted.

Supt. David Brown asked the board to terminate Franko for allegedly signing off on allegedly false reports about the shooting, which were prepared by Van Dyke and other subordinate officers. Brown also wanted Franko fired for allegedly failing to make sure officers under him used the audio component of their in-car

video recording systems. The board agreed with Brown and discharged Franko.

Franko tried to have his termination overturned in circuit court, but Cook County Circuit Judge Celia Gamrath affirmed the board's decision.

On appeal, Justice Rochford noted the reports approved by Franko said McDonald had threatened and attacked officers, but dashcam video showed no such attack, with McDonald instead walking away from police. Franko told the board he only watched "bits and pieces" of the video, which the board found "incredible," given the video was the "key" evidence, Rochford said.

Franko argued that even if the Police Board determined he did not live up to the requirements of his rank, it was not grounds to fire him. However, Rochford would have none of this argument, pointing out the board was right to boot Franko and while doing so, to say he "brought discredit upon the Chicago Police Department" and undermined its mission.

Franko did not appeal the board's ruling he did not ensure the officers used the audio.

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Loyola Athletics movin' on up; will join Atlantic 10 Conference in 2022

STORY BY BOB KITSOS

The Loyola Ramblers men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams will jump into a more competitive athletic conference for the 2022-2023 season. The teams will be leaving the Missouri Valley Conference [MVC] to join the Atlantic 10 [A-10] Conference. Loyola joined the MVC in 2013 following its tenure as a member of the competitive Horizon League.

"The A-10 is widely regarded as one of the top leagues in the country for its success in competition and in the classroom," said Loyola Univ. Chicago President Dr. Jo Ann Rooney.

She continued, "Starting with the NCAA national championships in men's volleyball in 2014 and 2015 and continuing on to the NCAA Final Four appearance in 2018 and a trip to the 2021 NCAA Sweet 16 in men's basketball, our Loyola Ramblers are making names for themselves and our program—and the move to the A-10 will allow them to get more of the national recognition they have earned."

Saint Joseph Univ. President



In 2018, Loyola's men's basketball team battled its way to the NCAA Final Four and made a trip to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2021.



Photos by Lukas Keapproth

Dr. Mark C. Reed, who serves as the chair of the A-10 Presidents Council, said, "Accepting Loyola Univ. Chicago was not a difficult decision for the Presidents Council due to its similarity with our member institutions."

Larry Watson, Loyola's director of athletics, said that this transition will enhance the experience for our world-class student-athletes. "They, along with our

coaching staff, are thrilled to be joining the Atlantic 10 Conference, which is one of the most prestigious leagues in college athletics," Watson said.

"We are extremely grateful for our time in the MVC, which has provided a wonderful home for Rambler Athletics for nearly a decade," Watson added. "We also look forward to renewing some rivalries as well as helping build

the Loyola brand as a member of the A-10."

Atlantic 10 members

The conference will have schools in three of the country's largest markets: Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.

This move will place Loyola in a league with three other Jesuit institutions: Fordham Univ., Saint Joseph's Univ. and Saint Louis Univ.

In joining the A-10, Loyola will renew rivalries with the Univ. of Dayton, Duquesne Univ., La-Salle Univ. and Saint Louis Univ., which were all conference foes of the Ramblers at one time in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

The Atlantic 10, which spans from Rhode Island to Missouri, will have 15 member institutions with the addition of Loyola. Other members of the Atlantic 10 Conference not previously mentioned are Davidson College, The Univ. of Dayton, Duquesne, George Mason Univ., The George Washington Univ., LaSalle Univ., Univ. of Massachusetts, University of Rhode Island, Univ. of Richmond, St. Bonaventure Univ., and Virginia Commonwealth University.

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Return of The Kathy Osterman Awards

City to recognize staff who went above and beyond during pandemic

On Monday the city announced the return of the Kathy Osterman Awards, which will recognize city employees across various departments who exceeded expectations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ten winners and 20 finalists will be selected and announced during the awards ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

The ceremony and luncheon, the first since 2014, will honor employees who demonstrated integrity, innovation, leadership, teamwork, mentorship, and compassion during the city's response to COVID-19.

North Sider Kathy Osterman was considered a dynamic 48th Ward Alderman who was fully invested in communities. After two years as an alderman, she retired and was subsequently appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley as the Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

A long-time community activist in Edgewater and Uptown, in 1981 Osterman joined the Cook County State's Attorney's office as supervisor of the Community Unit, which acted as a liaison between the prosecutor's staff and the public. She helped to develop victim and witness support programs, established new crime prevention programs and administered citizen task forces on the problems of domestic violence, child abuse, drugs, juvenile crime and other important issues. During her tenure, she helped to forge critical links between then State's Attorney Richard M. Daley and Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

She was elected a alderman in 1987 where she advocated for the passage of Chicago's Human

Rights Ordinance (in 1988).

In the role as Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, she administered an agency budget in the millions of dollars each year and had responsibility for the city's major music festivals, neighborhood festivals, and the Taste of Chicago.

"The City of Chicago is ready to move forward, but not without acknowledging all the work City employees have devoted to our communities and serving with respect and care, regardless of the pandemic," said Mayor Lori Lightfoot. "We are pleased to announce the return of the award luncheon to honor [those] who have demonstrated their hard work and compassion during COVID-19."

"As a community activist, alderman and director of Special Events, my mother was deeply committed to bringing people

together to help and support her fellow Chicagoans," said Ald. Harry Osterman [48th]. "The last 19 months have seen incredible sacrifice, dedication, and perseverance by City employees supporting Chicagoans during these challenging times. It is an important time to reinstate the Kathy Osterman Superior Public Service Awards to recognize those local government employees that have provided distinguished service during this time in our city's history. My family and I are grateful and honored to join with Mayor Lightfoot in recognizing Chicago's outstanding public servants."

An ebullient, optimistic, dynamic individual, Kathy Osterman died of cancer in 1992 but left a legacy of commitment to public service and human rights advocacy. The City's public service awards were renamed for her in honor of her legacy.

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turkey and the trimmings. **Julia Child** always approached the holiday with relaxed grace and a calm confidence. Wherever and whomever you do it with, do it with love and help with the dishes. Happy day. I am so thankful for you, our readers, neighbors and supporters.

WORLD CITIZEN: Chicago restaurateur and diplomat, **Billy Lawless**, a man of vision who gave Chicago so many dynamic eateries like Michigan Avenue's Gage Restaurant and Tavern, their sister restaurant next door, Acanto Restaurant + Wine Bar, Beacon Tavern, Coda di Volpe, and The Dawson, has been honored by the Irish government for his extraordinary service as a member of the Irish Senate and his efforts on behalf of Irish citizens living abroad, especially in the United States. The President of Ireland noted Lawless's career as an indispensable participant in securing and protecting the rights of its citizens around the world.

CHICAGO GAY MEN'S CHORUS: Celebrate the holiday spirit in-person with Chicago's most colorful chorus. Join CGMC as they ring in the festivities with a cappella favorites at "Unplugged." Featuring acoustic versions of grand hits and unplugged disco favorites. 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Harris Theater, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, Beverly Arts Center.

LONDON HOUSE: Things are about to get festive. Don't miss the Christmas rooftop at the London House. Experience the magic of the holiday season at

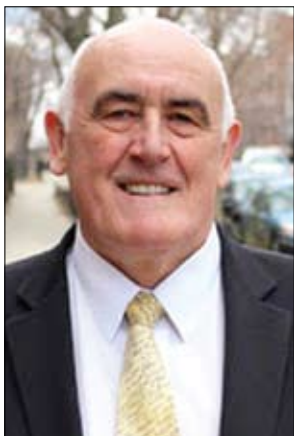


Kathy Wolter Mondelli, Julia Jacobs, April Schwartz, Sherry Abrahams and Libby McCarten Andrews.

Rudolph's Rooftop starting Nov. 26. Book your igloo now.

LIVE AT THE DRAKE:

Well-known Chicago Orchestra leader, **Michael Lerich**, recently retired after 47 years of musical events and over 40,000 engagements for himself and associate bands. For 15 of those years Michael was Director of Entertainment at the Drake Hotel. Now a new musical chapter begins. He has gathered a wonderful jazz ensemble. They



Billy Lawless

will be playing on Dec. 11 at the Saddle and Cycle Club. On Jan. 5, they will be at Winter's Jazz Club. And at Epiphany Center for the Performing Arts on Jan. 13.

SHAKEN OR STIRRED:

Could someone explain to members of the Chicago City Council that fruit does not make a saloon a restaurant. Chicago is already the nation's political laughing stock. We have some real problems. Aldermanic intelligence shouldn't get in the way. Could **Shelley Howard** give a class in remedial cocktails?

A PLAN: Don't forget that **Joanie Pallatto** will be at the Ve-



Michael Lerich

nus Cabaret at the Mercury Theater. The singer/composer will premier her new CD, "My Original Plan," 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 5.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Latin Grammy-winning quintet Quinteto Astor Piazzolla, made up of five of the world's finest nuevo tango musicians, brought folk to their feet on Nov. 19 at Symphony Center.

Αποχαιρετισμός: The music world and the cinema lost a creative genius when Greek composer **Mikis Theodorakis** died recently. A patriot who often challenged the powers that be in his native land, especially as a member of the Greek Parliament, he was also the composer of a thousand songs and symphonies, but none more thrilling and evocative of his heritage than "Zorba's Dance," from the film, Zorba, the Greek. Αναπαύσου εν ειρήνη (Rest in Peace).

WHO'S WHERE: The Golden Triangles' **Doug Van Tress** at the open market in Villeneuveles-Avignon... **Paul R Iacono** in New Orleans eating beignets and great coffee... **Janet and Rodger**

Owen getting their vitamin D in Naples, FL... not far away **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** in Sarasota, FL... IAN publisher **Cliff Carlson** visiting Northern Ireland with travel maven **Mary Pat Flanagan** at the Cliffs of Sliabh Laig... **Rhonda J Leisenfeldt** at the North American Imperial Star Ball in Oakbrook where she won multiple awards...



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Bobbi Panter, Myra Reilly, Sherrill Bodine, Paula Borg, Matt Arnoux, Genine Shafer and Lyza Risher Schenkler.

Maestro **Rich Daniels** and **Jeff Morrow** wrapped up five days of filming for the season finale of Fox's newest show, The Big Leap, with **Teri Polo**, **Ray Cham, Jr.**, **Jon Rudnitsky** and **Kevin Daniels** among the musicians and vocalists...

Cynthia Olson and neighbor, **Rose O'Neill**, joined this columnist for dinner at Le Petite Paris... South African playwright and novelist **Damon Galgut** has won the Booker Prize for 'The Promise'... Attorney **John Dombrowski** and Chase banker **Victoria Dal Santo** caught the Wisconsin

football game against Northwestern with daughter **Christina** after a fabulous tail gate with the university sailing team... **Kathy Wolter Mondelli** and **Julia Jacobs** at Le Colonial with **April Schwartz**, birthday girl **Sherry Abrahams** and **Libby McCarten Andrews**... Bravo, that's **Whitney Reynolds** on the cover of Felix Magazine looking fab... **Curt Rose** at the Genesis **Phil Collins** concert with high school friends he had not seen in 40 years... **Bobbi Panter** joined in Naples, FL at Chez Boet by **Myra Reilly**, **Sherrill Bodine**, **Paula Borg**, **Matt Arnoux**, **Genine Shafer** and **Lyza Risher Schenkler**... CPS's **Lindy Fleming McGuire** and daughter, **Eleanor**, joined fabulous mom, **Sandy Berge Fleming**, in the Twin Cities with sisters, **MarMar Fleming**, **Whitney Fleming Hoogland**... **Bonnie Spurlock** taking a break from the pooches at PAWS for a nostalgia filled evening singing to the oldies along with Genesis concert at the United Center... Irish Consul General **Kevin Byrne** and husband, **Aristotle Bryne**, are new members of the Union League Club, enjoying welcome aboard cocktails with **Mark O'Malley** and **Patricia Tracey**... Birthday girl **Heather Bushong** was feted at Volaré, by **Barb Bailey**, **Irene Michaels**, **Lori Mertz**, **Karen Williams** and **Joyce Selander**... Bravo **Laurie Baker Lawlor**, long a fine watercolorist, now a student at the Scottsdale Artist School in AZ... **Jolanta Ruege** doing Bubbles and Brunch at the Chicago Yacht Club with **Lily Liu**... **Christopher Clinton Conway** at the annual King Abdulaziz Falconry Festival in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, now that's exotic... **Chadwick Godfrey** at Hideaway Lake Club House in Hideaway, TX... **Toni Di Meola** with her beautiful girls gathered round her... Radio veteran **Robert Murphy** catching up in Palm

Beach, FL, with **Dave McBride**, the man behind his 10-year Q101 success... **Joann Gazarek Bloom**, attorney/historian, reminding us the great White Sox **Minnie Minoso** still needs to be in the Baseball Hall of Fame...

Artist **Terrence Leech's** portrait of **Nina Simone** is off the charts... Maestro **Stanley Paul** has left the building, for Palm Springs, cozy and warm now... **Cynthia Olson** joined **Brian White**, **Jim Kinney** and friends at Theatre Zinzanni for a zany night... Famed Irish violinist **Patricia Tracey**

lunched at the Washington DC embassy with Irish Ambassador **Daniel Mullhall**... Welby Beck, Jay Barksdale and Shelley Howard at Gibson's Steakhouse on Wildcard Wednesday with the crew.

A WELL-LIVED LIFE: **Clarissa Eden**, Countess of Avon, has died at 101, more than four decades after her husband. She was **Winston Churchill's** niece and Prime Minister **Anthony Eden's** widow, who counted **Greta Garbo** and **Orson Welles** among friends and dismissed politicians as 'frightful bores.' At 97, Lady Eden said: 'My uncle didn't have a good eye. He did painting; they were quite nice. But he wasn't an aesthete.' Her death marks the end of an era.

OO-LA-BLEU: President **Emmanuel Macron** of France has changed the color blue on the Trois Couleurs, the French flag, from medium blue to dark navy blue. It's supposed to be more authentic, historically. Very controversial as the new flag is introduced.

THE SOAPS: Love **Rick Winsor** sharing that his father, **Roy Winsor**, was the creator of "Love of Life," "Search for Tomorrow," and "Secret Storm." A "Harvard Man," he brought soap operas from radio to television and wrote solid stories driven by character. "Character is destiny" he used to say.

HOLY SEASONS: Both Advent and Hanukkah begin on Sunday, Nov. 28. Hanukkah will conclude on Monday, Dec. 6. Advent will conclude on Dec. 24. Please, pass the latkes.

DARE: **Sherrill Bodine** and **Debi Catenacci** are kicking off Dare to be Curious on their YouTube channel. Check it out.

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and the feeling of being with the people you love,” said Weintraub. “And I’ve never seen so much glitter in my life!”

If you go, while there, raise your glass to the Chicago Theatre, which celebrated its 100th birthday last month!

Known as “The Wonder Theatre of the World” when it opened as a lavish movie palace on Oct. 26, 1921, the Balaban & Katz theater is a Chicago Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its French Baroque exterior features a miniature replica of Paris’ Arc de Triomphe, sculpted above its State Street marquee. The grand lobby is modeled after the Royal Chapel at Versailles and is surrounded by gallery promenades at the mezzanine and balcony levels. The grand staircase is patterned after the Paris Opera House and ascends to the Great Balcony.

The venue’s vertical, nearly six-story-high “C-H-I-C-A-G-O” sign has welcomed visitors for a century, including some of the world’s biggest stars such as Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Duke Ellington, Robin Williams, Prince, Dolly Parton, the Allman Bros. and so many others.

It’s tradition at the theater for every performer to sign the backstage wall, said Robert Castronovo, SVP and general manager of MSG Entertainment theatre operations. “It’s amazing to see all these incredible artists’ signatures – from Frank Sinatra to Sebastian Maniscalco to Eddie Vedder,” said Castronovo. “It’s really a reminder of how historic the venue is, and how important it is to the artists who perform at this remarkable theatre in this great city.”

The theater holds so many memories for generations of fans and it’s been amazing to see people share their stories on social media, he said. “We encourage everyone to share their favorite memories and wish The Chicago Theatre a happy birthday using #ChicagoTheatre100.”

Like venues around the world, the theater shut down in March 2020 and reopened in August after a 17-month pause. “We’re so glad to be back and doing what we do best – providing Chicagoans with unparalleled entertainment in an iconic setting,” said Castronovo. “We’ve been welcoming audiences through our doors for 100 years, and look forward to many more.”

• It may be named, “Frozen,” but this is one hot show. It also warmed the cockles of my heart. “Frozen,” runs through Jan. 22 at the Cadillac Palace, 151 W. Randolph St.

“The whole thing!” is what my nearly seven-year-old granddaughter, Shannon, excitedly exclaimed when I asked what her favorite part was after the show. She and her eight-year-old sister, Jordan, had both donned authentic “Frozen” dresses and it pulled at my heartstrings to see their reactions when, throughout the night, they were totally adorable after being referred to as Elsa and Anna by several show attendees.

The girls loved the magical



Jordan (Anna) left, and Shannon (Elsa), at the “Frozen” opening night.

sets, which were brought to life in a spectacular manner. The singing was powerful. Elsa’s famous icy blue, glittery dress was as gorgeous as ever and her power was transferred to live theater astonishingly. Sven and Kristoff were hilarious. Anna is adorable. And Olaf nearly stole the show.

It may be cold outside, but whether you’re a big kid or little one, you’ll be warm and cozy seeing “Frozen.”

Shop ‘til you drop... Many business owners are reporting they’ve not recovered to their pre-pandemic level. Shopping mom and pops this holiday season is crucial for them to survive as they struggle to compete with big box retailers.

Small businesses are integral parts of the local economies on many different levels, said Caroline Juarez, business district manager at the nonprofit Rogers Park Business Alliance [RPBA].

“When you spend money at a local small business, that money goes to pay a worker in your neighborhood, who, in turn, is likely to spend money at another neighborhood business,” she said. “The more that small businesses leverage their potential to support each other, the greater their capacity to create a thriving local business community.”

INSIDE PUBLICATIONS

This week, leading up to Small Business Saturday on Nov. 27, a video will be released on the RPBA’s Instagram (@rogersparkba), highlighting products from various Rogers Park businesses. And from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, A Live Love Shop Rogers Park holiday kickoff will be held at a Welcome Station in front of the 400 Theaters, 6746 N. Sheridan Rd.

Have a crepe and/or refreshments, and listen to live music by bluegrass musician Colby Maddox from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Pick up a list of specials offered by local businesses, a shopping bag filled with giveaways, and a complimentary coffee or pastry (for the first 75 visitors).

The area will feature a temporary, interactive holiday-themed 3D photo wall created by artist Nate Baranowski, whose 3D artwork will also be featured throughout the season at Walk Chalk Howard St. A walking tour map will become available at howardstreetchicago.com.

I’ve received money back from Live Love Shop Rogers Park, which offers rebates to shoppers of independently-owned businesses from Nov. 27 through Dec. 31. It’s nice when that rebate check comes in the mail. And recently, a ribbon-cutting extravaganza was held for 15 businesses that were newly-opened during the pandemic, so please be sure to check those brave folks out! (For more information and official rebate rules, visit rpba.org/live-love-shop.)

Give and get too! ... Clean out your closet and donate a new or like new pair of socks, gloves or mittens, hat or scarf and get a free small Jet Pizza with up to one topping through Dec. 30 at, locally: 207 W. Superior St.; 2811 N. Ashland Ave.; 3951 N. Kimball Ave. Call in advance and get one pizza per person per item.

May you all have a happy, safe and blessed Thanksgiving, filled with good cheer and lifelong memories. And to those who celebrate, a very Happy Hanukkah!



Music Box Theatre will host its 38th annual Christmas Show with double-features, sing-a-longs, Santa and more.

Music Box Theatre’s 38th Christmas Show: Vintage films, sing-a-long and Santa

BY
CANDID CANDACE JORDAN

Who could have predicted that on a snowy Christmas Eve in 1983, when the operator of a vintage movie theater in Chicago decided to show two old holiday movies and sing a few Christmas carols during the intermission, that nearly 40 years later the Music Box Christmas Show would become a 9-day extravaganza that grows more popular with each passing year? People from all around Chicagoland have made this joyous, old-fashioned event part of their family’s holiday tradition, this year beginning Dec. 10 through Dec. 23.

Each year, holiday revelers are greeted by none other than Santa Claus—live and in person. Accompanied by Music Box organizer Dennis Scott, Santa leads audiences in the singing of the most cherished Christmas carols of all time. The lyrics are projected onto the theater’s screen, so no one misses a chance to sing their hearts out. Then the audience sits back and enjoys Christmas movie classics.

Some folks like to keep the music going and opt to see 1954’s *White Christmas* so they can sing the timeless Irving Berlin lyrics, along with Bing Crosby, Danny



Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney. Others prefer to cheer for Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey and hiss at Mr. Potter during a showing of Frank Capra’s heartwarming 1946 feature *It’s A Wonderful Life*. And those truly filled with holiday spirit can watch both films.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
1900 CAPITAL TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE
Plaintiff,

-v.-
JOHN C. TURI, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AND DESIGNATED THE JOHN C. TURI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012, JOHN C. TURI, GRAN-OAK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendants
18 CH 12532
2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3
CHICAGO, IL 60659
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 21, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60659
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The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$268,757.11.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, TMTS SERIES 2006-5
Plaintiff,

-v.-
MARIA REMEDIOS TELLO AKA REMEDIOS VEGA AKA MARIA TELLO, SALVADOR VEGA AKA SALVADOR VEGA GUTIERREZ
Defendants
18 CH 7167
2224 WEST BERWYN AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60625
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For information, the sales department, Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com.. Please refer to file number F18040175.

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Attorney ARDC No. 3126232
Attorney Code: 64727
Case Number: 18 CH 7167
TJSC#: 41-2810

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Case # 18 CH 7167

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

-v.-
PRAFUL T. BHATT, PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, BYLINE BANK F/K/A NORTH COMMUNITY BANK
Defendants

19 CH 4335
5415 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 3205
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 August 30, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 10, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5415 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, UNIT 3205, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-203-017-1397
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$121,910.38.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgage, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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For information, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-090265.

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Attorney File No. 19-090265
Attorney Code. 42168
Case Number: 19 CH 4335
TJSC#: 41-2601

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**Case # 19 CH 4335
I3180849**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v.-
LEE M BERENBAUM, KAREN BERENBAUM, HAWTHORNE COURT TOWNHOME CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 01241

1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155
CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 30, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1155 WEST ROSCOE, UNIT 1155, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-20-414-019-1067
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

The judgment amount was \$115,513.54.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgage, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 351264.

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Attorney File No. 351264
Attorney Code. 40387
Case Number: 19 CH 01241
TJSC#: 41-2664

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Case # 19 CH 01241

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v.-
BRENDAN CAREY AKA BRENDAN P. CAREY, WINONA TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION
Defendants
19 CH 03593
1043 W. WINONA ST.
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 January 22, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 9, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL,

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60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1043 W. WINONA ST., CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-045-024-0000
The real estate is improved with a townhome. The judgment amount was \$339,232.66.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgage, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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Attorney File No. 370044
Attorney Code. 40387
**Case Number: 19 CH 03593
TJSC#: 41-1721**

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For information, LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-1125 Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 19-05687.

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Attorney File No. 19-05687
Attorney Code. 18837
Case Number: 20 CH 908
TJSC#: 41-1976

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Deadline nears for new ‘Night Out’ proposals

Night Out in the Parks activities take place in local parks across the city offering a variety of cultural events and entertainment. The Chicago Park District partners with over 100 local artists and organizations to present events and performances in every neighborhood. The Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events is now seeking all Chicago-based organizations, collectives, and individual artists who would like to participate in the 10th year of Night Out in the Parks. The 2022 Call for Propos-

als is now open and accepting cultural project ideas. For details and information on how to apply, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/night-out-in-the-parks?. Proposals are due midnight Wednesday, Dec. 8, for 2022 season consideration. Upcoming events include Astronomy in the Parks, Friday Dec. 17, at Bloomingdale Trail, 1600 W. Bloomingdale; and the Do-It-Yourself Nutcracker at Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W. Lunt Ave., 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18.



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schemes, some observers noted Mayor Lori Lightfoot seemed to be sending a message to developers. Projects which had received her support were affordable housing units built on the city’s South and West sides where they can benefit communities of color.

The City’s own data shows that TOD’s built on the wealthy North Side, so far, do not benefit Black and Hispanic communities, but rather mostly attracted white tenants. In fact that city data shows that Black and Hispanic populations actually fall after construction of TOD’s on the North Side.

Of the over 50 units TCB hopes to build on the parking lot, only 10 units would be considered affordable housing.

Back in July, some neighborhood business owners privately told this newspaper they felt a sense of relief and hoped they would be spared from TCB’s redevelopment.

Supporters of the LIHTC program say it enables private developers to build housing for low-income tenants. After a developer is awarded LIHTCs by a government entity, they are monetized through an auction to wealthy

outside investors, including multinational banks and hedge funds.

After two years of covering this story, this newspaper has found few residents of the 47th Ward

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who openly support this project. Ald. Martin’s only clear support comes from TCB and a political organization posing as a community group that was co-founded by Ald. Martin, called Heart of Lincoln Square. That group’s other co-founder has since resigned.

The city-owned surface parking lot provides parking for those who shop, dine, and use the services of the Lincoln Square Mall. It also provides parking for nearby cultural institutions such as the DANKHaus, the Davis Theater and the Old Town School of Folk Music. The parking lot also has served as festival grounds and logistics space for Lincoln Square’s annual festivals, includ-

ing German Day, Maifest and AppleFest. This critical commercial infrastructure also serves as the primary parking spaces for customers who attend the weekly Lincoln Square Farmer’s Market, which annually ranks among the city’s best-attended. Losing that lot would badly damage the Farmer’s Market.

According to information posted on the Dept. of Housing’s website, the application process has two stages. Information submitted in stage one provides the department with information necessary to compare the projects’ responsiveness to the mayor’s policy priorities and neighborhood goals; evaluate the capacity of the development team; and to select projects to fund. Applicants selected for funding in the first round, or through other processes, will be asked to submit a stage two application for their project. Stage two requires more in-depth information such as detailed architectural plans and environmental audits.

This newspaper has been checking every week in anticipation of an announcement. While that decision seems now to have been delayed, we will stay on the case.

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ing closely with groups such as the United Nations to promote policies on behalf of the world’s homeless population.

Groups such as the IGH and LPCS may approach assisting the homeless in vastly different ways, but their overarching goal remains the same: to end homelessness in Chicago and abroad. While this may sound like wishful thinking, Brown explained that there is more than enough space and resources to do it effectively.

“Homelessness is a complex, but not impossible, social problem that has gone unsolved due to a lack of political will,” Brown wrote. “The City of Chicago can prevent and address homelessness by directing resources and policies to ensure low-or no-income individuals have permanent access to affordable housing.”

In fact, this was precisely what was recommended by both Stazen and Hamilton-Hill when asked how to best reduce homelessness in Chicago.

“It is also important to recog-

nize that we don’t have enough affordable housing, particularly here in Chicago,” Hamilton-Hill said. “It’s very important to make sure that there are opportunities to find affordable housing.”

Stazen agrees, citing Chicago’s massive shortage of affordable housing.

“There’s lots of apartments that you can rent in the free market side of the housing spectrum,” Stazen said. “But there are not enough units set aside for affordable housing. There are not enough units set aside for subsidized housing.”

North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale	Real Estate For Sale	Real Estate For Sale	Real Estate For Sale	Real Estate For Sale	Real Estate For Sale	Real Estate For Sale
<p>242424 -----</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC. MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QA3 Plaintiff, -v.- SANJAY K. SUKHRAMANI, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS, FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC), RIVER EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 2020CH03907 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201 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 13, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 14, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 512 N. MCCLURG COURT, UNIT 4201, CHICAGO, IL 60611 Property Index No. 17-10-223-033-1427 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$234,671.73. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. 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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.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. POTESITVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610 Chicago IL, 60606 312-263-0003 E-Mail: ipleadings@potestivolaw.com Attorney File No. 312792 Attorney Code. 43932 Case Number: 2020CH03907 TJSC#: 41-1666 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 # 2020CH03907 13181260</p> <p>171717 -----</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- DOMINIC BRUNETTI, 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST PRIVATE RESIDENCES, A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS</p>	<p>Defendants 19 CH 10928 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST, UNIT 1005 CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 9, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2000 NORTH LINCOLN PARK WEST, UNIT 1005, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-209-010-1102 The real estate is improved with a beige concrete hi-rise condo with attached parking garage. 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. 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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200 Chicago IL, 60602 312-346-9088 E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com Attorney File No. 20-04549IL_613131 Attorney ARDC No. 61256 Case Number: 19 CH 10928 TJSC#: 41-2272 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 # 19 CH 10928 13180692</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL E. DOCKENDORF; DEBORAH A. DOCKENDORF; ONE MAGNIFICENT MILE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 16 CH 15254 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, December 13, 2021 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. 17-03-207-068-1010. Commonly known as 950 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, UNIT 31A AKA UNIT 3106, CHICAGO, IL 60611. 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)</p>	<p>(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. 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UNIT # 4002 CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 18, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 20, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2650 N LAKEVIEW AVE. UNIT # 4002, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-28-318-077-1371 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. 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Cops find credit cards belonging to 32 people in fake Uber driver's car

BY CWBCHICAGO

Chicago police detectives found 32 credit cards belonging to 32 different people in the car of a man who's accused of allegedly operating a fake rideshare vehicle in the city's nightlife districts.

Gabriel Jackson, 53, was arrested earlier this month, just days after completing parole for running a similar ruse in 2017.

According to prosecutors and a CPD report, Jackson double-parked in front of Spy Bar, 226 W. Ontario, around closing time on Nov. 13. The report said that a man and woman who list out-of-state addresses got into his vehicle thinking it was their Uber.

Jackson allegedly told the couple that they were in the wrong car but offered to let them pay him directly for a ride to their destination in Lincoln Park. When they arrived, Jackson scanned a credit card from each victim on his phone and had them enter their PINs, Assistant State's Attorney Sergio Gomez said. He told them their banks declined the transactions and the al-

leged victims then paid Jackson \$15 cash for the ride. They later realized that someone was conducting transactions on the cards they gave to Jackson, Gomez said.

The victims notified police and CPD's financial crimes investigators quickly identified Jackson as a suspect based on their knowledge of his rideshare scam history. Cops arrested Jackson during a traffic stop less than six hours after the couple was allegedly scammed, according to court and police records.

Police found a bag containing 32 credit cards inside Jackson's Chevy Impala, a CPD report said. A card belonging to the man he picked up at Spy Bar was in his pants pocket. On the front seat of Jackson's car, police found a credit card swiper attached to a cellphone that was opened to an app that records PINs, according to the report.



Gabriel Jackson

Among the 32 cards police found in the bag was one that belongs to a man who identified Jackson as the person who posed as a rideshare driver as the victim left a Wrigleyville bar on Sept. 16, police reported. That victim said a phony Uber driver swiped his card on a phone and told him to enter the PIN. The driver returned a similar-looking credit card and then used the victim's card and PIN to withdraw \$1,000 from his account at an ATM near Wrigley Field.

Prosecutors have now charged Jackson with two counts of facilitating identity theft, theft, and possessing three or more stolen credit cards.

Judge Barbara Dawkins allowed him to go home by posting a \$500 deposit – the amount he is accused of stealing from the man who was picked up outside Spy Bar. She did not order him to go onto electronic monitoring or observe a curfew.

Long history

Jackson was arrested in Aug. 2017 and charged with 23 counts of operating a continuing financial crime enterprise and identity theft for working a similar scam.

Authorities said Jackson would pose as a rideshare driver to lure bar patrons into his car. Jackson requested a debit card, swiped it through his phone, and asked the victim

to enter their PIN at the end of each trip. Then, Jackson would return a similar-looking debit card that did not belong to the passenger. After the victim got out of

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his car, Jackson would drive to an ATM and withdraw cash using the victim's actual card and the PIN data that they entered, police said.

Jackson picked up passengers around nightlife districts in the 1st, 18th, 14th, and 19th police districts, which stretch from Uptown to the Near South Side and include the Bucktown and Wicker Park areas. He listed a home address in Lakeview East at the time.

Months later, he was arrested again to face additional charges for allegedly operating the same scam while he was supposed to be on home electronic monitoring.

State records show he completed parole in those cases about a week before he was arrested this month.

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equipment to them or use their funds to purchase and sell equipment to others and then share in the substantial profits.

In reality, Blalock did not intend to deliver any equipment to the victim buyers, nor did he intend to use their investment funds to purchase and sell equipment, the indictment states.

Blalock instead used a substantial por-

tion of the victims' funds for his own personal benefit, including his rent payments, utility bills, meals at restaurants, and retail purchases, the charges allege.

As a result of the scheme, Blalock from 2018 to 2021 caused the victims to suffer at least \$350,000 in losses, the indictment states. If convicted, the Court must impose a reasonable sentence under federal statutes and the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

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fraud" on jobsites.

Since the first such BIPA class actions were launched in 2015, more and more businesses have opted to settle, rather than risk potentially catastrophic damages that businesses have argued could cripple their operations.

Under the BIPA law, plaintiffs are allowed to demand damages of \$1,000-\$5,000 per violation. Attorneys on both sides have defined individual violations as each time each employee scans a fingerprint, for instance. When multiplied over an entire workforce, such potential damages could leave employers holding the bag on judgments worth millions, or even billions of dollars, depending on the number of workers a business may employ, should such cases go to trial.

Courts have also routinely denied employers nearly every avenue of legal defense attempted to date to sidestep such class action lawsuits, or at least reduce their potential exposure to damages.



Shoreline Sightseeing allegedly had employees scan their fingerprints on so-called biometric punch clocks.

Rather than risk such massive legal bills, many employers have opted to settle in recent months, with settlements ranging from payouts worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to \$25 million.

The complaint against Shoreline estimates the company may employ more than 100 workers who could qualify to be part of the class action.



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