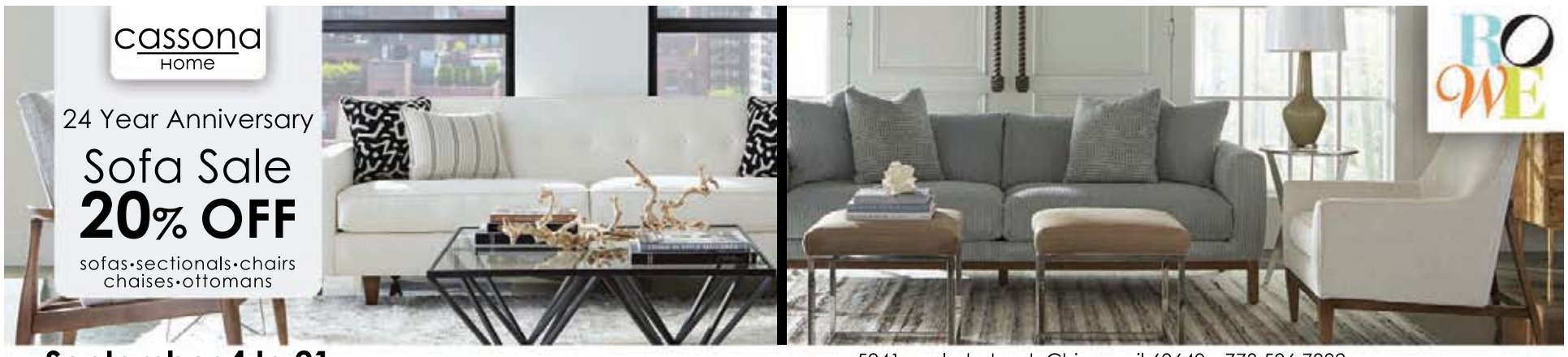

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City prepares for potential onslaught of new foreclosure cases

BY LAURAANN WOOD
Law360

As the Circuit Court of Cook County stares down an influx of eviction, foreclosure and other debt collection cases, the local legal community is using the calm before the storm to help Chicago residents mitigate their pandemic-era financial crises and potentially save their homes and condos.

Cook County remotely reopened in July, but has kept evictions, garnishments, repossessions and foreclosures at bay under a statewide moratorium on those proceedings implemented during the COVID-19 health crisis. Judge Moshe Jacobius, who presides over the court's Chancery Division, told Law360 that when a statewide moratorium on foreclosure lifts, there could be a potential onslaught of new cases.

Yet the unusual period of downtime has pushed groups like the Chicago Bar Foundation [CBF], Chicago Volunteer Legal Service [CVLS] and Legal Aid Chicago [LAC] to get ahead of the expected onslaught of cases to develop programs intended to keep people housed. The foundation, for example, is working with the court on plans to restart a foreclosure mediation program that launched amid the 2008 recession and housing crisis but ended several years ago when demand was lower.

In Cook County, not all foreclosure cases have ground to a halt — the court has continued to hear cases that were pending before the novel coronavirus was declared a global pandemic.

"The idea is to try to use some of the lessons from the foreclosure program and others around the country so we can tackle this thing really upfront and try to see if we can come to an agreement that keeps everybody in place, and if not, what's the next best solution," said CBF Executive Director Robert Glaves. "If we get anything remotely like we got in 2008 and 2009, we really need to be out in front of this."

At the height of the housing crisis fallout, each Chancery Division judge was juggling an average of 8,000 foreclosure cases, Judge Jacobius said.

A county-funded foreclosure mediation program launched in 2010. It connected homeowners to housing counselors and other assistance, including attorney representation, as they navigated their legal options or opted for media-

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Plan now for the next unknown crisis

In a year when North Siders partied through the pandemic, fought with car-jackers and looters, brushed off the Murder Hornets, or went swimming in Lake Michigan's flooded waters, it might be hard to frighten off the average Chicagoan.

But government officials are now asking people to prepare for the next unknown disaster.

September is National Preparedness Month, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region V office in Chicago wants people to take time out to learn about the disasters that may threaten their community and take steps to limit the impacts of those risks for themselves and their families.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to prepare for disasters of all types and consider how they may affect our lives," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Start by making a family plan and making sure you have what you need in case of any emergency. Then find ways to get involved—whether by volunteering and receiving training to support disaster preparedness, donating to a local organization or promoting preparedness online—to help ensure your community is stronger and more resilient to future disaster risks."

FEMA is asking to focus on a different aspect of preparedness over the next four weeks:

• Week 1: Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control [CDC] recommendations due to the coronavirus.

• Week 2: Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on

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Mayor Pax visits Care For Real's pet pantry.

Virtual food drive to assist in feeding hungry neighborhood pets

BY EDGEVILLE BUZZ

One year ago, a group of socially responsible pets along with their dedicated humans came together for a very special cause. The first Edgewater Pet Mayor event was a hit as the inaugural title was given to Pax the Goat but more importantly the team raised a whopping $20k for Care For Real's Pet Pantry program.

The money went directly to the organization to help feed the pets of Edgewater residents in need over the last year. The event was

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Bethany property on the radar for potential development

Aldermen Andre Vasquez [40th] and Matt Martin [47th] co-hosted a virtual community meeting Aug. 26 with nearly 100 local residents to kick off a community visioning process concerning any future development plans for Methodist Hospital and Bethany Retirement Community on Ashland near Winnemac.

Thorek Hospital recently purchased Bethany Methodist retirement community and hospital, as well as the two adjacent parking lots associated with those properties, and city officials and nearby neighbors are now concerned about the hospital's plans for the properties.

As yet no formal proposals have been brought forward by Thorek Hospital - or any affiliated developers - for maintaining or changing one or more of the properties, but the former Edgewater and Ravenswood hospitals are nearby examples of former hospital sites that have now been redeveloped.

The creaking that comes with the opening of minds among civilized people

By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Well, these are the last poetic days of summer that are usually so wonderful. Cooling nights. Folk returning to town from Grand Beach, Lake Geneva, or Cape Cod. School is getting ready. College football is in the air. Some fresh autumnal clothes, a must.

You know, it's that time when we kind of slumber out of summer. It's good. But not this year. Not ever for 2020.

Don't you need a lull? Don't you want a break?

How much more must we endure?

The City of Chicago going to hell for itself by creepy, ineffectual leadership. The nation is politically hysterical.

Most people now fear political talk, as if Sen. Joe McCarthy had arrived back from the dead.

Our cherished everyday way of life threatened by the misguided forces of antithetical socialism and Millennial Bolshevism. Our municipal economy crippled by the unpredictability of repeated urban mayhem and plunder.

Half a century of positive diversity-growth trashed by the "brutta figura" of angry racial unrest.

Quarantines still forcing heavy lockdown. Americans banned and unwanted in Europe by frightened governments feeling diminished without a friendly face in Washington, DC.

America's national pastime is unrecognizable. Hockey and football in jeopardy. Shrunk or delayed. Treasured restaurants folding left and right. Doctor visits on the computer, not in person. Tourists to Chicago scattered to the four winds. Navy Pier closed. Funerals conducted practically in private and everyone buried like they were your drunk uncle. Social media dangerously populated by psychological misfits. Alarmingly nasty people of hurtful emotionalism and uninformed knowledge about life fighting you on Facebook.

There is no real sense of the future anymore. Maybe it's time for a break.

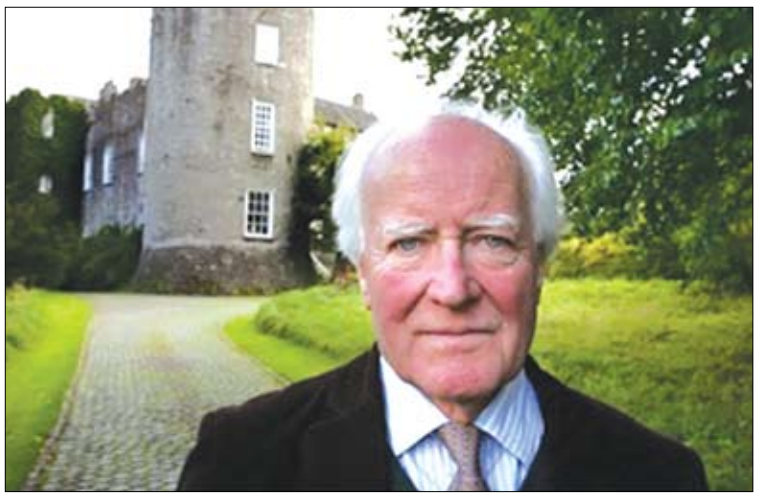
I hesitate to move beyond the confines of my quarantine. I'm at the point where seeing other people instantly overwhelms me with a sense of vulnerability and danger.

My Instacart delivery person and my landlord are currently the only people I physically engage.

I have this haunting sense that this is what it must have been like to live during World War II. "Loose lips sink ships." True then. True now.

My garden might as well be Sissinghurst or Knowle. Vita Sackville West's far away gardens in the lush Kentish countryside that shut out centuries of terror and political mayhem.

In my garden I feel a profound sense of quietude and peace. Especially with the garden gate bolted. Perfect for painting, composing and thinking. Away from the urban tarmac of political tragedies and mistakes. The plots and cruelties of fatuous socialists who want to rebuild Stalin's gulags amid the poverty of their own imaginations.



The honorary Desmond Guinness.

The recent death of my friend the Hon. Desmond Guinness in Dublin, founder of the Irish Georgian Society, further adds fear clouds on the horizon for me. Without him there is one less dreaming soul here on earth. One less out-of-place 18th century aesthete trying to fit the form and proportion of perfection into the crass world of cheating politicians, gasbag blowhards and silly miseducated tyrants.

I always thought Desmond's dazzling life read like an Agatha Christie novel. Like "Murder on the Orient Express," for all its drama and social elan. That's what you get when your mother is the aristocrat Diana Mitford (Mitford blue eyes), and your father is Bryan Guinness, Lord Moyne. That's what you get when your great, great, great grandfather, Sir Arthur Guinness, holds the recipe for the black beer the whole Empire drinks, from the House of Lords to football hooligans.

Desmond's life wasn't easy or privileged. His parents divorced when he was a child. His mother went on to marry Sir Oswald Mosely, the blackshirt leader of the British Fascist Party. They were married in Berchtesgaden, in Hitler's drawing room, and then spent World War II in British prisons having been arrested by their cousin, Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Desmond and his older brother, Jonathan, the present Lord Moyne, used to visit their mother in prison, as children, taken there by their cherished nanny. Not long ago, Desmond learned from secret papers made public by the British government that the nanny was a member of MI5. Desmond's grandfather, an earlier Lord Moyne, was a British diplomat, assassinated in Cairo in 1944 by Jewish commandos fighting for what would become Israel. Shot in his dinner jacket while lighting his cigarette. At least he looked good.

Desmond was educated at Eton and Gordonstoun, and studied French and Italian at Christ Church, Oxford. In 1954, while in college, he married Princess Henriette Marie-Gabrielle von Urach, daughter of Fürst Albrecht von Urach and a granddaughter of King Mindaugas II of Lithuania. Mariga, as she was known, would be Desmond's twin muse in the fight to save the patrimony of Irish architecture. A task which got them a little bruised.

In 1957, it was his simple letter to the editor of the Irish Times, that got the ball rolling, establishing an organization to safeguard the vast number of unprotected 18th century "Georgian" architectural wonders that filled the landscape of Dublin and the Irish countryside. He simply lamented that the old Georgian Society "seems to have lapsed" and asked whether anyone would object to him "restarting" it, among other things to "fight for the preservation of what is left of Georgian architecture in Ireland."

There was never much histrionics. Nor looting or rioting in the streets to alter the perceptions about what was of value. Just the creaking that comes with the opening of minds among civilized people. Just the awe that comes with the revelation that human beings can champion the tired forces of history and channel them to a successful end.

Desmond visited Chicago many times. He had many friends in town. Invigorating each as hard working members of the Irish Georgian Society. He loved our architecture. The elegance of our streetscapes. The chic ease of society here. And dining at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill. One of the last times he ate there was with Rose Marie O'Neill and me. A very busy Thursday night. So crowded we were seated in "no-man's land," halfway back in the middle of the dining room, rather than in waiter Peter Axelsen's section of banquettes on the east side of the room. We were told a large party was being seated there, for Victor Skrebneski's latest book launch. When Desmond arrived, I explained the situation and started to tell him who Victor Skrebneski was. And then as only the soft-spoken Desmond could say, he looked up and uttered, "Victor Skrebneski. I haven't seen him in 40 years when he photographed me for a magazine."

We alerted the staff, who told Victor that Desmond was in the house. He then stopped by the table for a short reunion.

As he sat down both Desmond and Victor lit up with quick animation and twinkling delight. Bright eyes happy to meet each other again in Chicago, a world-class city. Desmond's eyes, of course, shining brightly, their Mitford blue. Reunited, now, in the same year of their deaths. Maybe that's the poetry we need. Perhaps that's all it takes to revive us. A memory of how lucky we are. How lucky we have been.

GOOD NEWS ROGUE: Oak St. merchants have hired a private company called Rogue Protection to provide extra security to the high-end merchants. Rogue employs primarily U.S. Marine Special Forces vets and off-duty Chicago Police. The units patrolling Oak St. are heavily armed, tough talking and seemingly well informed and articulate about the serious problems currently facing the Gold Coast and our city. Rogue is hoping to expand to more clients across the city. Finally Chicago is fighting back. Isn't it time for the Israeli commandos to arrive?

BRING OUT YOUR DEAD, BRING OUT YOUR DEAD... Total shot last week was 121 and 16 homicides. Three cheers for Emergency Room staffers who saved the other 106 of them.

MISCHIEF AND MAYHEM: Stories are surfacing over the rash behaviors and questionable motives that have unleashed the dogs of war at the otherwise peaceful Chicago branch of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Have board members popped their corks? It appears so, driving the erudite and talented **Zurich Esposito** (Executive V.P.) out the door after 14 years. First amid a murky scenario orchestrated by some dark board members. Then his full exoneration by wiser minds. AIA members are smarty pants. They are asking the right questions concerning the suspicious intentions of some

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Virtual benefit for Cabrini Shrine A Night to Remember

The National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 2520 N. Lakeview in Lincoln Park, will host its first Virtual Benefit on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Janet Davies, will be the emcee and auctioneer for the benefit.

Each year locals come together in person to celebrate the beloved Saint, Mother Cabrini. But this year due to the pandemic they must will celebrate virtually from the comfort of home. Tickets to this event are complimentary, but guests must register.

Davies joined ABC 7 Chicago as a reporter in Aug., 1984. In addition to her feature and entertainment segments which appear on ABC 7 News, Davies is the host and executive producer of 190 North, a multiple Emmy award winning Chicago-based entertainment and lifestyle program.

In addition to registering, supporters can also sponsor this year's event. Sponsorship is paramount to the Shrine's growth and existence. Visit https://www.cabrininationalshrine.org for more information. Guests may also write or call Development Director, Barb Willis at development@cabrininationalshrine.org or 773-360-5746.

All proceeds raised for the 2020 Virtual Benefit will be matched to an anonymous $25,000 gift.

The National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini honors the Roman Catholic saint who ministered there. It was originally part of the now-demolished Columbus Hospital, which she founded in 1905, and where she died in 1917.

After Cabrini's death, her convent room at Columbus Hospital became a popular destination for the faithful seeking personal healing and spiritual comfort. Due to the overwhelming number of pilgrims after her canonization in 1946, the Archbishop of Chicago commissioned a large National Shrine in her honor within the hospital complex.

The hospital and shrine closed in 2002, to be replaced by a high-rise development on North Lakeview Ave., but the shrine and Cabrini's room were preserved and refurbished during the long period of demolition and construction, re-opening in Sept. 2012. The shrine is an architectural gem of gold mosaics, Carrara marble, frescoes and Florentine stained glass, functioning as a stand-alone center for prayer, worship, spiritual care and pilgrimage.

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Remember the Great Depression? Money costs much less today

The Home Front

by Don DeBat

Mortgage rates have fallen below 3% for the first time in 50 years. On Aug. 27, the rate averaged 2.91%, down from 2.99% a week earlier. A year ago, the 30-year fixed rate aver-aged 3.58%.

Any elderly American who is alive today and lived through the Great Depression of the 1930s would blink their wrinkled, cataract-filled eyes at how 2020 economists view the world.

Back then, this writer's parents would walk miles to save pennies of streetcar fare. People would roll up and save string from butcher shop packages. If the string was too short to roll into a ball, they would put snippets in cigar boxes and recycle them.

Interest rates on five-year balloon mortgages were only 5% in the early 1930s, but with millions of people out of work, tens of thousands of families lost their homes to foreclosure. One of those homes was a Rogers Park brick bungalow owned by my father and mother.

Nothing was wasted, and that Depression thrift carried into World War II where there were shortages and everything from gasoline and auto tires to meat and vegetables were rationed. So, Victory Gardens sprouted in nearly every vacant lot in Chicago.

Archives of the now-defunct Federal Housing Finance Board show long-term mortgage rates in the 1960s were not much higher than the Great Depression era. Five decades ago, between 1963 and 1965 you could get a mortgage at 5.81% to 5.94%. Between 1971 and 1977, the now-defunct Illinois Usury Law held rates in the 7.6%-to-9% range.

In the early 1980s, run-away inflation caused home-loan rates to skyrocket over the moon. According to Freddie Mac, benchmark 30-year mortgage rates peaked at a jaw-dropping 18.45% in Oct. 1981 during that Great Recession.

Rates finally fell below 10% in April 1986, and then bounced in the 9%-to-10% range during the balance of the 1980s. Twenty-one years ago—in Aug. 1999—when many of today's Millennial borrowers were in grammar school, lenders were quoting 8.15% on a 30-year fixed mortgage, so that was a good deal.

With millions of Americans out of work, Chicago neighborhood businesses failing, rioters looting and racial protests in the streets, 2020 makes the Great Depression years look like an ice cream party.

However, interest rates began falling gradually over the last decade. Mortgage rates hit what was then a rock bottom on Nov. 21, 2012, when the 30-year fixed mortgage average was 3.31%, Freddie Mac reported.

Then came 2020—the Year of the Pandemic. On July 16 home-loan interest rates plummeted to a historic record low of 2.98% nationwide—the lowest ever recorded by the Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, which dates back to 1971.

"Mortgage rates fell below 3% for the first time in 50 years," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. Since then, rates have held below 3% for benchmark 30-year-fixed home loans. On Aug. 27, the rate averaged 2.91%, down from 2.99% a week earlier. A year ago, the 30-year fixed rate averaged 3.58%.

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To cool the economic flames in Chicago and across the nation, the Federal Reserve announced a watershed new policy on how it will manage interest rates in the future. The Fed said it plans to keep interest rates near zero even if inflation exceeds its 2% level.

What this means is borrowing rates for home mortgages, auto loans, and business loans likely will remain ultra-low for years to come.

Jerome Powell, chairman of the Fed, said the change in policy reflects the reality that high inflation—once the biggest threat to the economy—no longer appears to be a serious danger.

Powell said inflation is hovering at a sub-1% annual rate, well below its 2% target. Since that target rate was officially adopted in 2012, the Fed never has consistently hit that level.

At the end of 2019, the United States was about $17 trillion in debt—roughly 80% of the gross domestic product (GDP). By the end of June, 2020, the debt stood at $20.53 trillion, roughly 106% of GDP. This does not include the trillions more Uncle Sam owes itself in bonds held by the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

The borrowing is not over. The Treasury is expected to borrow more than $1 trillion more by the end of the year, and that does not count another stimulus package.

So, if you are a home purchaser shopping for a mortgage priced below 3%, now is the time to buy.

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Supporting social justice with art

Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

Wicker Park resident Alaiia Gujral might be only 26-years-old, but she is already intent on making her mark for social justice. A young arts innovator, she recently spearheaded a new online art auction platform that brings together her impressive network of nationally-recognized visual and street artists, mostly based in Chicago, to make a powerful impact for racial righteousness.

Gujral is the creative director of the online Future Galerie, an art auction and sweepstakes site that allows prominent artists and creators to raise money for social organizations of their choosing that are taking deliberate actions to create a more just and tolerant future. Each artist chooses their preferred group to support, and 100% of their work's proceeds are donated to that particular organization.

"When the protests began around the country, I knew that I wanted to contribute to this movement," said Gujral, who graduated from the Art Institute with a bachelor's degree in Fine Art. "I pulled my resources together to build a platform that allows art to support social justice organizations. It [is] an important initiative to operate online for those that did not feel comfortable taking part in physical methods of support because of the current climate."

A little bit about Gujral: She's a descendant of Indian royalty and moved to the U.S. to pursue a career in the arts. Art has always been a big part of her family, her grandfather, Satish Gujral, was actually one of India's biggest modernists, and her mother, Feroze Gujral, is an art philanthropist internationally. "So art has been a big part of my upbringing and how I navigate my life," said Gujral. "They have supported and pushed me in my artistic endeavors and I hope to keep my Gujral name going in the arts."

(She is also the creative director for CANVAS Chicago, where she coordinated immersive events for EXPO Chicago, Art Basel, Rolling Stone Magazine, Redbull and more. The Chicago-based production company CANVAS, is the umbrella organization producing Future Galerie.)

Gujral has brought her impressive arts network together to assemble a roster of 15 acclaimed artists that have each generously donated artwork. The curated selection of participating artists includes several with a background in street art, a subculture recognized as contemporary art that is frequently rooted in social justice messages.

Since its launch in late June, Future Galerie has raised more than $13,000 to support social justice organizations striving to end systemic racism. The goal is to raise $17,000 and continue to elevate the powerful work of groups such as My Block My Hood My City, SkyART, Colour of Change, Black Youth Project, Immigration Equality, Storycatchers Theatre (544 W. Oak St.) and many more local and national organizations.

"We've had an amazing response so far," said Gujral. "We don't know where things are going -- the whole world is uncertain. I think no matter what, we will always try to help these organizations.

Alaiia Gujral. *Photo by Stan Magoni*

"Future Galerie was solely designed to create a more just and tolerant future," said Gujral. "In this time, it is important to continue to amplify the Black Lives Matter movement until change is made."

Here's how it works: The Future Galerie website has both auctions and sweepstakes. The sweepstakes are a raffle where you can donate to get entries for premium artwork, $20 equals 20 entries, $40 equals 60 entries and so on (the higher the donation, the more entries you get). If you don't win the sweepstakes, 100% of your donated money goes to the social justice organization chosen by the artists.

The auctions are based on bidding. The bidder can get outbid and bid again, said Gujral. There is also an option to buy the artwork at the buyout price. At the end, the highest bidder wins the artwork and again, 100% of your money goes to the artists' chosen organization.

If the winner lives in Chicago, they are encouraged to pick-up the artwork, but if they live outside of Chicago, the artwork is shipped. On the website, www.thefuturegalerie.com, you can find both auction and sweepstakes, as well as information on the artwork and the organizations being supported. If someone just wants to directly donate, there is that option as well.

"We are also hosting Instagram Live chats with artists to discuss their artwork and the social justice organization they are supporting," said Gujral. "It's predominately Black Lives Matter, but other organizations are being supported as well. We're making art for everybody else now."

Expect to find pieces by notable artists such as co-curator Lonnie Edwards, Hanksy, JC Rivera, Afrokilla, co-curator Dont Fret, Lefty Out There, Kate Lewis, Max Sansing, Liz Flores, Eva Carlini and more. The current auction is set to close today and then a new round of artwork will be available soon.

Gujral said Future Galerie gives people including herself another way to get involved.

"I feel like I wasn't very well educated on what's going on and how to help," said Gujral. "Who are the organizations really doing something about it? Who is giving to youth? I wanted to give someone another way to help," she added. "They're getting something out of it -- great art."

Love is, by JC Rivera.

DuSable, by Marco Miller.

Congrats!... to the Rogers Park-based Chicago Math and Science Academy's Principal Michael Kuran, who was recently recognized as one of Chicago Public School's Distinguished Leaders and a Principal Game Changer. I'm told the honor is "well-deserved."

School daze... although remote learning is on the agenda for CPS, school supplies are still needed and several aldermen and a couple of Cook County Commissioners have banded together for a supply drive. Please drop off new items such as books, pens, pencils, over-the-ear headphones, notebooks, highlighters, erasers, etc. through Sept. 9 to Ald. Tom Tunney's office, 3223 N. Sheffield Ave.

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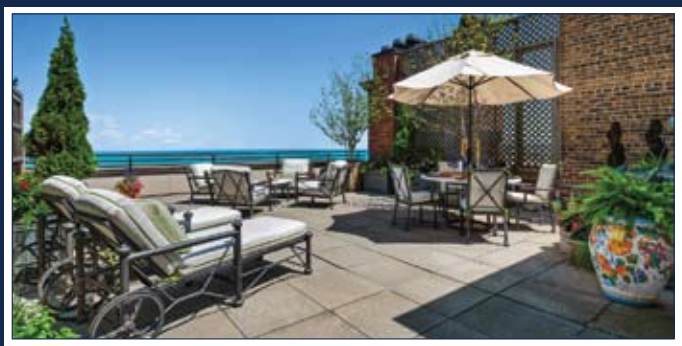

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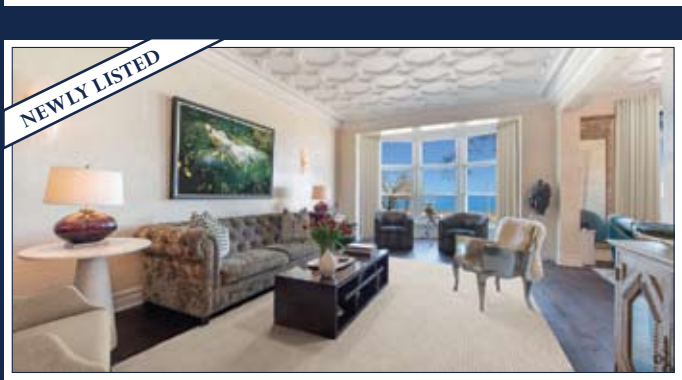

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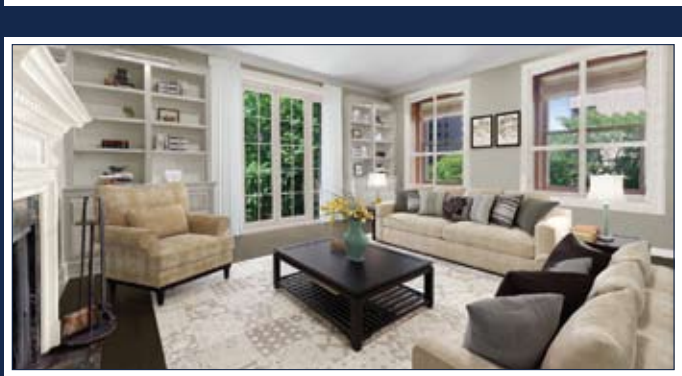

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Has a virus isolated us from our loved ones?

Nearly a fifth of people in Illinois haven't spoken to their parents in the past month

The Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown period has been isolating for many, particularly the elderly members within communities. For some, there has been turmoil as divorce rates increase or jobs are lost, while suicide and drug overdose deaths have skyrocketed.

For others, however, the period has allowed us to reconsider exactly what we consider valuable, and the move has been made now to consider relationships and experiences with our loved ones as having much higher worth than expensive items. Some may have even used the new slower pace of life to reach out to old friends and rekindle conversations that had been lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday life prior to the pandemic.

Until lockdown lifts and people are able to again implement safe social activity into our lives, communication through writing and conversation will be of the utmost importance to keep bonds strong.

Biography-writing service StoryTerrace understands this better than many; their research reveals how people in Illinois have been interacting with the people who matter the most in their lives through the pandemic:

• Nearly a fifth of people in Illinois - 17% - haven't spoken to their parents in the past month, despite considering mom and dad as the most important people in their life.

• Nearly a fifth - 17% - of people in Illinois cannot remember the last time they had a meaningful conversation with someone that wasn't online.

• 29% of people in Illinois feel they have family members who are heroes or historical figures that will be forgotten if they do not speak of them.

Now is the perfect time for people to be starting conversations with family, friends and neighbors; checking in with each other and sharing not only their life stories, but their lockdown stories too. StoryTerrace are keen advocates of documenting important life accounts and lessons to stimulate heart-felt conversations within families and communities.

Rutger Bruining, CEO and founder of StoryTerrace, is a proponent of the benefits of spending quality time with loved ones and engaging in real conversations. Now, Rutger discusses the value of sharing fascinating legacies - both pre and post Coronavirus.

"As humans, we crave real, rewarding relationships and interaction that will add depth to our lives," said Bruining. "Spending time and sharing stories with the people that you love is something that simply cannot be replaced by digital technology, because what we will be left with is the feeling of a definitive void. Taking time to be conscious and present with one another, and engaging in-person with those we love is an irreplaceable part of our lives, one that we will always be thankful for."

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During the past month, StoryTerrace claims they have seen an influx of requests from people looking to document their journey through life, and they think it's no coincidence that this has happened during a period of social distancing. "As millions of people across the globe self-isolate, we are presented with a very unique opportunity for us to dedicate time to ourselves and practice some self-care," said Bruining. "With the health crisis at hand, many of us are concerned for states of mind, but sharing stories and writing can be one of the most therapeutic ways for us to connect in this difficult time."

Message on managing COVID-19

BY KYLE EXLINE,
The Clare Executive Director

During my six years as the Executive Director of The Clare, my focus has always been on taking one step at a time, remaining focused on challenging the status quo and moving The Clare forward. This has meant solving the day-to-day issues that arise, creating opportunities for our workforce and delivering a level of service to our residents that is unmatched. Back in February, The Clare had a fantastic month of operations. We recorded several sales and move-ins, occupancy was at an all-time high and all of our staff positions were filled. I anticipated that 2020 would be another extremely successful year for The Clare.

Executive Director, Kyle Exline.

Then COVID-19 happened.

When I step back and think about what I look for when I hire directors, managers or employees, I assess their character and potential based on one question in particular: If they fell into the deep end of the pool, could they survive? To me, that means if everything they know falls apart, are they able to quickly adjust? Can they be creative? Can they think outside of their current job and do somebody else's? How resilient are they? Now, in this scenario that I play out during an interview, I am mostly thinking about day-to-day operational challenges, not a pandemic. But the reason The Clare has managed COVID-19 successfully is that our team was unknowingly built for it.

As of this letter, The Clare has dealt with 16 positive employee cases of COVID-19 and four positive resident cases. We have not had any deaths associated with the virus, and 90% of the positive cases were asymptomatic and identified during mass testing. I am not willing to "celebrate" our overall good record and how we are managing COVID-19. We have learned COVID-19 seemingly lurks around every corner. Constant vigilance is required. For transparency, I think it is important to share what I think were critical decisions we have made, some that in hindsight were right and others we might have carried out differently.

Service Adjustments

On March 9, Illinois issued a state of emergency related to the spread of COVID-19. By March 13, the state issued another warning that deemed congregate settings as very risky for the spread of the virus. Within a few hours of that release, Francesco Tardio, Director of Dining Services and Hagop Hagopian, Executive Chef already had a plan in place to shift dining operations to delivery and pick-up only.

Around the same time, our Director/Management team met every morning in The Grafton. This functioned as our COVID-19 task force to quickly adjust to feedback and new information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Within a few days, we halted all community programs and restricted visitor access.

Staffing

We always felt that if the virus was going to get into The Clare, it would come from our employees. The biggest threat we faced was that many of our employees work in other retirement communities and nursing homes. We therefore made a decision early on that if an employee worked at another community, we would not allow them to also work here.

Additionally, we documented employee spouses who worked at other communities, tracking cases in these facilities. If an outbreak was reported at a community in which one of our employee spouses work, we required our employee to quarantine for 14 days. Likewise, if an employee, spouse or someone else in the household experienced any symptom, however minor, we had them quarantine for 14 days, as well.

Throughout March and April, we had close to 100 employees stay home for a variety of different reasons. Safety was our greatest priority, and we made the crucial decision to take absolutely zero risks with our staff. If we were even the slightest bit concerned about an employee's health, they stayed home.

At this point, we played out worst case scenarios to determine how we could deliver essential services with the lowest number of employees. We even purchased 100 sleeping bags, just in case we needed team members to spend the night at The Clare.

PPE and Masks

Looking back, I realize we were never prepared for this type of situation. I have been in communities dealing with minor infectious outbreaks, but with those, we were able to isolate the resident and immediately stop the spread. While we were always ready for those type of occurrences, COVID-19 presented challenges we didn't expect. We quickly scaled our supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) and found new outlets to source various items. This started by identifying our current inventory and establishing what our "burn rate" is for specific items. Masks and gowns became the hardest to source. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sent us trash bags for gowns, and we purchased rain coats, scarfs and other makeshift gear to protect us in case we ran out of PPE.

In the beginning, it wasn't perfect. We had to be very strategic on how PPE distribution while still protecting our residents and employees. Fortunately, Life Care Services (LCS) was able to do much of the heavy lifting and found reliable sources for PPE. Currently, we track PPE every day, and we now have a year's worth of supplies.

In early April, we made it a requirement for residents to wear a mask when in the building outside of their apartments. We provided washable masks to the community. As we have learned more, that recommendation and our residents' willingness to follow that guidance has likely saved lives.

Testing

Early in the pandemic, COVID-19 tests became gold. Everyone was looking for them, trying to establish connections with labs to produce timely results. We heard on the news how readily available tests were, but the reality was much different. We had employees with a symptom that could never get tested. A few of our employees were out for nearly six weeks awaiting a test.

While testing has certainly improved and we now we test every employee each week, we still face a 48-hour delay in getting results. The incubation period of the virus means the test becomes outdated the minute you get the results. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is working on sending retirement communities instant testing, which will go a long way in our ability to reopen.

Safety was our greatest priority, and we made the crucial decision to take absolutely zero risks with our staff. If we were even the slightest bit concerned about an employee's health, they stayed home.

Today

I could write for days about this virus and its overall impact on the community. Oftentimes we have felt like we are flying blind, unaware of what's to come. Our motto has been to make the best decision today, for today. We are lucky to have the unwavering support of our residents and their families. For that, I am eternally grateful.

When you move to The Clare, you expect the very best. This is the brand The Clare has built over the last 10 years. Our world has changed, and The Clare has changed with it. But you should have great confidence in knowing The Clare will consistently rise to the top. I look forward to seeing you all very soon around The Clare.

Free flu shots this week

In partnership with Jewel-Osco Pharmacy, the Chicago Dept. of Family and Support Services is hosting flu immunization clinics at senior centers Thursday, Sept. 3, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Seniors can get a flu shot at no cost with a valid health insurance card.

Those without insurance also can get a flu shot at no cost.

Attendees are required to wear a face covering. Flu shots will be administered by the Jewel-Osco Pharmacy at the Levy Senior Center, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave. and at the Northcenter Satellite Senior Center, 4040 N. Oakley.

Police Beat...

Group of attackers beating, robbing people in Rogers Park

A group of as many as nine men has attacked and robbed three victims in Rogers Park since late July, according to a new alert from Chicago police. The latest warning is similar to an alert that police issued for the neighborhood earlier this summer.

In the new alert, police said a group of offenders is approaching victims from behind while they walk down the street during evening hours. The group surrounds the victims or chases them down before punching, kicking, and striking them in the head, police said. Then, the robbers take the victims' valuables and run away.

Police said victims have been attacked by the group on the 1800 block of W. Touhy between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. on July 27, again on the 7200 block of N. Clark around 9 p.m. on Aug. 9, and on the 7200 block of N. Clark around 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 21

The victim in one incident said the robbers were eight or nine Hispanic males between 17- and 19-years-old, police said. Another victim described the offenders as eight males.

In early July, police warned Rogers Park residents about two robberies that involved a group of five or six offenders who were punching and kicking people on the street before going through the victims' pockets to collect phones and wallets.

One robbery took place in the 7000 block of N. Ashland around 3:15 p.m. on June 21. The other was reported in the 1200 block of W. Arthur around 10:55 p.m. on June 28.

Police said that group consisted of Black males between 16- and 19-years-old. One stands 5'-11" to 6'-1" tall and weighs about 150 pounds. Another is about 5'-10" tall and weighs about 200 pounds. No further details were available about the remaining suspects.

Area Three detectives, who are investigating the crimes, can be reached at 312-744-8263. The CPD crime pattern is P20-3-161 for the newest alert and P20-3-129 for the July notice.

Twin Uptown seniors targeted by crooks

Home invaders targeted 91-year-old twin sisters in Uptown on Aug. 24, police said, and investigators believe the offenders have struck before.

The elderly twins were in their home on the 600 block of W. Hutchinson when the men broke the lock on their gate and forced their way into their home around 3 p.m., according to a CPD report. One of the women suffered a cut to her hand as she tried to keep the men from entering her home.

Police said the offenders, described as Hispanic men who posed as ComEd workers, rounded up valuables from the home and then fled in a black SUV.

Investigators connected Monday's home invasion with a less-violent incident that involved three burglars in Rogers Park earlier this month.

In that case, the men knocked on a senior citizen's home in the 7500 block of N. Ridge around 2 p.m. and pretended to be a tree trimming service. Once inside the home, one offender distracted the victim while the other two gathered jewelry from another area of the house, according to a CPD alert.

The Rogers Park victim described the offenders as three White men between 34- and 38-years-old who had "walkie-talkie" radios.

Police urged people to tell their elderly friends and neighbors about the crimes.

Anyone with information about the offenders can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding crime pattern P20-3-160.

Man choked, carjacked Lyft driver

A Lyft passenger battered and carjacked his driver in River North last weekend, then got caught when he parked the stolen vehicle to run into a gas station, according to prosecutors.

Relahn Davis, 28, allegedly ordered the ride-hail to take him from State and Division to the Englewood neighborhood around 10 p.m. Aug. 29. But, as the driver neared the intersection of LaSalle and Chicago, Davis became upset and began punching the driver in the back of his head, prosecutors said.

Relahn Davis

The driver pulled over, and Davis allegedly continued to punch him, then grabbed him by the neck and choked him until the victim ran from the car. Davis then climbed into the driver's seat and drove away, according to prosecutors.

Chicago police surveillance camera operators reportedly saw Davis park the car and run into a gas station just a few blocks away. When Davis saw police swarming the service station, he raised his hands over his head and insisted he didn't do anything, prosecutors said. The Lyft driver, who took pictures of the man who attacked him, identified Davis as the offender.

Prosecutors charged Davis with felony aggravated vehicular hijacking and battery. Judge John Lyke set bail at $5,000. Davis will be required to go onto electronic monitoring if he can post the mandatory $500 deposit bond, Lyke said.

High-rise burglar targeting unlocked Streeterville apartments

Three residential burglaries high-rise buildings have prompted Chicago police to issue a community alert for the Streeterville neighborhood.

The thief is burglarizing apartments and condos that have been left unlocked, police said. Detectives have linked three recent burglaries to the pattern: one in the 500 block of N. McClurg on the evening of Aug. 6; in the 300 block of E. Ohio on the afternoon of Aug. 21, and in the 500 block of N. McClurg on the morning of Aug. 22

Police did not release a description of the burglar. They encouraged residents to lock their doors and to have broken doors or locks repaired.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding crime pattern P20-3-159.

14-time felon stole purses from elderly cancer patient and nurse at Northwestern Hosp.

A 14-time convicted felon who's on parole is charged with stealing purses from a nurse and a 74-year-old cancer patient in the Northwestern Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

Prosecutors charged Darryl Berry, 58, with multiple counts of theft and identity theft during a bond court hearing Aug. 27 for the crimes that allegedly took place in April and June.

Darryl Berry

Berry was arrested at Northwestern on Wednesday after hospital security recognized him on the premises.

On June 30, Berry went into the hospital cafeteria, removed the elderly cancer patient's purse from her chair, and walked out of the building, prosecutors said. The bag contained a $6,000 gold and diamond necklace, $100 cash, and credit cards. Video surveillance at a Loop convenience store allegedly shows Berry using the woman's credit card to purchase $98 worth of merchandise about an hour after the theft.

Back on April 7, while the hospital had limited staffing and few visitors due to the COVID pandemic, Berry entered the same cafeteria and used his foot to pull a nurse's purse away from her as she ate lunch, prosecutors said.

Both thefts were captured on hospital surveillance video, and Northwestern's security director immediately recognized Berry on the videos from previous contacts, according to the state's allegations.

Berry is on parole after he served three years of a six-year sentence that he received for aggravated identity theft of a victim over age 60, theft from person, and felony theft, in 2017.

Judge Arthur Willis cited Berry's alleged decision to target a cancer patient and a nurse who was working during the height of the COVID pandemic as factors in setting bail at $100,000. Willis also ordered Berry held without bail while the state considers revocation of his parole.

Man shot during carjacking attempt on Goose Island

A would-be carjacker shot a man outside a Goose Island auto repair shop Aug. 26, about an hour after the same man apparently tried to steal another motorist's car on the other side of the island, according to Chicago police and dispatch records.

Around 12:45 p.m., police responded to the 1300 block of N. North Branch after two men tried to steal a car from next to a warehouse. The theft failed, and the offenders fled in a silver Chevy Malibu bearing a stolen license plate that begins with CA226.

Then, at 1:54 p.m., a gunman demanded car keys from a 66-year-old man as the victim got into his Jeep Grand Cherokee outside an auto repair shop on the 800 block of W. Division.

When the victim refused to cooperate, the robber pushed him, said "I'm gonna shoot you anyway," and then shot the man in his left arm, according to a CPD report. The victim ran into the nearby business to get help. He was transported to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition.

The offender and an accomplice again fled in a silver or gray Chevy Malibu.

On North Branch, the offenders were described as two thin Black men who wore hoodies. On Division, the gunman was further described as being 5'-10" to 5'-11" tall wearing all black clothing, including a black hat.

Robbery duo strikes Wrigleyville 7-Eleven, Boystown sandwich shop

Two men robbed a convenience across from Wrigley Field Aug. 25. A couple hours later, they did the same thing to a sandwich shop near Boystown.

First, the men entered 7-Eleven, 3519 N. Clark, around 4:32 p.m. One of them stood watch near the door while the other went behind the counter and ordered the cashier to step aside, police said. The offender then opened the cash register and took several bundles of cash, according to CPD spokesperson Sally Bown. They fled southbound on bicycles. One of them had a black plastic bag.

Then, just before 7 p.m., the men went to the Subway restaurant at 3815 N. Broadway. One of the men stood lookout while the other jumped the counter, smashed a cash box onto the floor, and stole its contents, according to a CPD report. He placed the money in a black shopping bag, and the men again fled on bicycles, Bown said.

Police found the offenders' bicycles abandoned near the Sheridan Red Line CTA station.

According to police, both robbers are thin Black men in their late teens or early 20's who wore black masks with white designs, dark t-shirts, and jeans. One of the men wore yellow shoes.

Man shot while riding bike near Foster and Broadway

A man who was shot while riding his bike in Uptown Aug. 31 is in good condition, police said. The offenders remain at-large.

The victim, age 34, was riding his bike on the 1100 block of W. Winona when a Hispanic man rolled up in a white sedan and asked for his gang affiliation, according to police. The gunman then opened fire, striking the victim in his right ankle, before speeding away.

Seven shell casings were found at the scene. An ambulance transported the victim to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment.

The victim has been arrested four times in Uptown this year, including once for failing to comply with the state's sex offender registration requirements, according to CPD records. Illinois State Police records show he is still not compliant with his registration.

Investigators are working to determine if a white Tesla that fled the scene is connected with the shooting. Area Three detectives are handling the case.

Man shot during altercation in luxury Old Town apartment

A 27-year-old man was shot in the arm during an altercation inside a luxury apartment building in Old Town Aug. 30. Details about the incident are scarce because witnesses were not cooperating with investigators.

A gunman shot the victim in his right arm during a confrontation in a 10th-floor unit at 1201 N. LaSalle around 11:33 p.m., according to police records. The gunman then fled from the building with another man, and the victim made his way to the building lobby before summoning police, a witness said.

An ambulance transported the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition. Police said the man does not have previous contact with CPD.

Officers at the scene described the offender as a Black male wearing a black shirt with blue jeans who carried a red satchel. Area Three detectives are investigating.

Second elderly woman attacked for her purse downtown

A 75-year-old woman was knocked to the ground by two men who tried to steal her purse as she entered her Gold Coast home Aug. 26, police said. The attack unfolded one day [above story] after an 85-year-old woman was slammed to the ground by a man who stole her purse as she entered her condo building. Area Three detectives are investigating the case. Police have not publicly linked the two crimes.

In the new case, two men approached the victim and grabbed her purse as she entered her residence on the first block of E. Cedar at 4:16 p.m., CPD spokesperson Karie James said. The woman was knocked down, but managed to regain control of her purse. She was not seriously injured. Both offenders jumped into a vehicle and drove away, James said.

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Man burglarized boat while on bail for burglarizing Wrigley Field

An Indiana man who was charged this month with burglarizing Wrigley Field has managed to get arrested two more times since he posted bail — most recently for allegedly burglarizing a boat at Montrose Harbor.

Daniel Smith, 49, was charged on Aug. 8 with breaking into the Friendly Confines, stealing a jersey from a gift shop, and leaving his roommate's cellphone number scrawled on a wall of the stadium.

He posted a $1,000 deposit bond and went free to await trial. Then, he got arrested on Aug. 22 for allegedly shoplifting from a Wrigleyville store, according to CPD records. And he got out of jail again.

On Tuesday afternoon, a witness called police after they saw a man jump into Montrose Harbor, swim to a moored boat, unzip its covering, and climb aboard, according to prosecutors.

Police found Smith near the dock's gate with a cooler sitting next to him, prosecutors said. The cooler allegedly contained a necklace, shoes, and tablets. Smith admitted to boarding the boat and drinking alcohol while he was aboard, according to prosecutors. The boat's owner identified the items inside the cooler as his property.

Daniel Smith

Judge Arthur Willis ordered Smith held without bail for violating the terms of his bail in the Wrigley Field case. Once that matter is cleared up, Smith can be freed on a recognizance bond, Willis said.

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Letters to the Editor

Support this bookstore

Chelsea Carr Rectanus. *Photo courtesy Blockclub.com*

The News Star Newspaper was the first publication to announce, almost four years ago, the opening of Heirloom Books at 6239 N. Clark St. Now, with the death of Chelsea Carr Rectanus, its founder, efforts are being made by the community and her family to keep the used bookstore in operation.

Towards this end we have instituted a GoFundMe campaign and are seeking publicity for the shop in the Edgewater, Rogers Park and Andersonville neighborhoods especially. To our knowledge, your publications are the most appropriate means towards this end.

Rectanus created a community, a place where people could come and hold weighty discussions or hear from locals and leaders alike. But that community was abruptly upended when Rectanus, 32, died "peacefully but unexpectedly" Aug. 7. of a long-standing illness.

WBEZ broadcast interviews at the shop with persons involved in this campaign. Additionally, a number of articles have appeared in online publications. So far, however, nothing has appeared in print.

Rectanus' untimely death has left her loved ones reeling and left her business on shaky ground. Her family is in Florida and cannot come up immediately because of the pandemic.

Current information about Chelsea's demise and her shop's future is posted on the Heirloom Books Facebook page. Volunteer staff are also available to provide information, the shop is open daily from at least 1-7 p.m. Sadly, lacking passwords, the business telephone can receive calls, but cannot retrieve messages or be used for outgoing calls. We might be best contacted either in-person at the shop or by contacting me via this email address or my residential landline, 773-764-1851.

Neighbors can help the cause by visiting the shop and buying a book. Thank you for your support.

Erik Graff

The Indian statue at Lane Tech

In regards to the two recent feature articles about the "Indian" statue erected in 1947 to honor veterans who killed people just as the Native Americans killed and were murdered. The [supporters] want the artwork to remain in a private high school location as part of the memorial to the alumni military participants and veterans. The Lane Tech "Indian" work of art does not, like many other statues, depict a particular person or someone from a tribe that we know about. It is similar to the goddess statue near Columbia College off Michigan Ave., which I definitely am inspired by.

Lane Tech should have tours of the murals featuring Native American representations and move its "Indian" statue to the front of the school, near the street, so it will get more viewing, if the school and its alumni are inspired by the warrior statue.

If they say they honor Native Americans, they should do other things to show their appreciation, too—peacetime things. For example, they could have a required program for teaching kids about Native American contributions—like words—to the larger American culture. This would be appropriate for colleges that want to utilize Native American symbols, too.

Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City was named after Native Americans. So were many of our streets and towns. In fact, 27 of our 50 states were named using Indian words such as Kansa and Chicago. No, it is not enough, anymore, to say that we are paying respects to Native Americans only by using them as mascots or appreciating them as statues. The time of celebrating Native Americans' "warlike nature" is over—nobody can fight if they want to live together as closely as we do now.

Yet I, for one, like to be reminded of Native Americans, if the process is not offensive to anybody; is anybody asking the Chicagoans who are Native Americans? The process of working these issues out is a valuable part, not just the end result: we live in a community here. If they are unwilling to educate themselves and their students, Lane Tech and other "Indian" users are not showing due respect, and should lose the privilege of using the "Indian" statue and logo.

Our city, named the way it is, should sponsor education of this type for its people.

But the "Indian" statue at Lane Tech brings up the issue of why we don't have more and better statues in Chicago. Who is more heroic than a mom, and more worthy of a statue, maybe with wings like an angel? I petitioned for a statue of ex-Illinois Poet Laureate, African American Gwendolyn Brooks, and Mayor Emanuel put one up in her neighborhood, Bronzeville, in Chicago, last year.

I have a project called Medicine Wheel to honor the mobility—and nobility—of Native Americans all across the continent, and these peoples' extensive pedestrian (on foot) trading. It's a collection of American songs about traveling: from walking to biking to boating to driving, and don't forget flying: the songs are in our culture, and they contribute as a group to ourselves as a people—a people fed Native American words from babyhood—when listened to in this context. It's kind of ironic because the Native Americans didn't have the wheel to travel with, like they lacked the horse and ox—but they did have the religious practice of the Medicine Wheel. Proceeds from the collection go to Native American concerns.

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Mugger, batterer of 85-year-old woman caught

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Woodlawn man is charged with robbing and battering an 85-year-old woman as she tried to enter her condo building near the Magnificent Mile on Aug. 25, police said. The attack was captured on surveillance video. The woman has since returned home after being knocked unconscious by the looming mugger who flung her to the ground and stole her purse.

And prosecutors have now charged a 10-time convicted felon with the attack.

Tony Davis, who was paroled in February, is charged with robbery and aggravated battery of a victim over the age of 60. Judge Arthur Willis ordered him held without bail.

Prosecutors said the woman was returning to her condo after making a trip to a nearby UPS Store when Davis walked up behind her and violently pulled on her purse's shoulder strap around 10:30 a.m.

Davis' power — he stands 6'-1" tall and weighs 240 lbs, according to state records — sent the sprightly woman flying to the ground with enough force to render her unconscious, prosecutors said. Once the woman was down, the attacker continued to yank on her purse until the strap broke.

Doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital used three staples to close a gash on the back of the woman's head. Cops paid her a visit at home Friday so she could sign complaints against Davis.

The same officers arrested Davis hours earlier when they recognized him as he slept on a bus stop near State and Illinois streets in River North. Investigators who later searched his home found a distinctive red hat and shoes that the attacker wore, prosecutors said.

Davis was paroled in February after serving half of a two-year sentence for narcotics.

Police arrested Davis on Friday after he allegedly violated a CTA rule near State and Illinois, according to a CPD media alert. Officers subsequently identified him as the man who grabbed the woman's purse and threw her to the pavement on the 100 block of E. Grand.

Prosecutors charged Davis, age 45, with felony robbery, felony aggravated battery of a victim over the age of 60, and misdemeanor violation of CTA rules.

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members of the AIA board. But warning to the board is served. It is possible to be too smart for your own britches. Petitions questioning the board and demanding Esposito's return are out. The board's in trouble now. Form does follow function.

CLOSINGS: "Pret A Manger," the high quality for fast vittles shop, a popular delicious international urban dream (they're all over London too), has sadly announced they are closing all but one Chicago location. They will shutter 17 stores in Boston and Chicago. Word is the pandemic was just too much for them. Instead they will try to build back with lunch deliveries to offices etc. from their single location.

Stefan Holt

NBC NEWS: Stefan Holt, an anchor for NBC's flagship station in New York, and son of longtime beloved Chicago news anchor **Lester Holt**, is returning home to Chicago in October to co-anchor the 4 and 10 p.m. weekday newscasts for WMAQ-Ch. 5.

THEATER NEWS: Court Theatre announces **Kelvin Roston, Jr.**, as the recipient of 2020 Nicholas Rudall Classic Artist Award acknowledging an artist with a passion for and dedication to classic plays.

GET WELL: Best wishes to my partner in ink, **Pat Butler**, who is home recovering from surgery. He was once a legman for this column, passing along juicy tidbits heard on the streets to the late, great **Ann Gerber**.

RIP: Honorable Brian L. Crowe, retired master trial attorney and litigator with Shefsky and Froelich Law Firm and a retired, well-respected Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, with law degrees from the Univ. of Virginia and Loyola Univ., a former U.S. Marine Corp. inductee and reservist, age 81, passed away Aug. 6, in California. Funeral Mass at the outdoor chapel at the historic Mission San Luis Rey, in Oceanside, CA. Brian was a grand man and a real Chicagoan.

BIRTHDAY CHEERS: Friends and fans of TV medical guru **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** saluting the golden hometown physician for adding another year.

ON THE TOWN: Lori Rush is with **Madeleine Donovan** and matriarch **Barbara Glunz-donovan**. Happy Birthday, Mrs. Donovan. Photo was last good time outing indoors at House of Glunz Tavern on Wells St.

GO COUNTRY: Candace Jordan is with **Heather Spyra**, announcing The Service Club of Chicago's "A Day in the Country" will be hosted on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Spyra's beautiful home in Spring Grove, IL. The afternoon will include apple picking at the nearby Stade's Farm & Market preceded by a gourmet box lunch. (A shuttle bus will be available at Gibson's to take guests to and from the event.) For more details, visit: https://bit.ly/3gfUYdU.

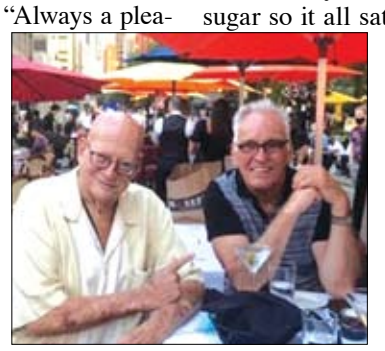
BEAUTIFUL NIGHT: Beautiful friends. **Dame Charlene Seaman** with **Jennifer Sutton Brieva**, **Scott Seaman**, **Eleni Bousis**, **Joaquin C. Brieva**, **Mark Vargas** and **Kristina McGrath** at Carmine's Rosemont.

Journalist Pat Butler.

NEW NEIGHBORS: Welcome to the neighborhood. You make it a more positive place to live. **Bobbi Panter** and **Matthew Arnoux** with newly arrived neighbor **Sherrill Bodine** at Ralph Lauren Bar and Grill. She's deep down always a Chitown girl.

CHEERS: Lovely **Cynthia Olson** hosts a Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill birthday lunch complete with a COVID survival kit with **Rose Marie O'Neill**, birthday girl **Lucia Adams** of Classic Chicago Magazine, and Irish Georgian Society Chicago Chapter President **Michael Kerrigan**. Lots of toasting their old pal, the late Honourable **Desmond Guinness**.

WHO'S WHERE? Col. Paul Malarik III, finally after six months can lunch on the beautiful veranda of the Saddle & Cycle Club in Chicago. Temperatures taken upon entering and masks whenever standing. Keep those Mimosas coming… **Steven Zick** in the Banana Belt at Naugatuck, MI. **Sherry Lea Fox** with **Frances Renk** and birthday girl **Julie Barrish** at Maple & Ash… All the usual suspects together with **Toni Di Meola, Kathy O'Malley Piccone, Julie Barrish, Paul R Iacono, April Schwartz** and **Nina Mariano** at Piccolo Sogno… Tufano's boss **Joey DiBuono** and longtime friend, former Chicago Bears' Coach **Dave Wannstedt**, on the patio for dinner… **Linda Robin** and **Richard Robin** having a ball with **Gary** and **Joellen Liefer** at the recent lovely Bronner wedding… **Eamonn Cummins** is in the picturesque Illinois village of Minooka, where it's "Always a pleasure, never a chore"… **James M Kinney** and **Brian White** were hanging by the pool at **Peter Mark's** for the weekend in Douglas, MI... **Jennifer Sutton Brieva** with **Eleni Bousis** at Tavern on Rush... **Tom** and **Jane Justic** looking back on having dinner at Nella's in Hyde Park with Quaker Oats friends with **Donna Boe Perisin**...Honorary Rush Street Mayor **Shelley Howard** celebrating Phantom Friday and getting off the reservation, dining at Carmines with legacy pal **Richard Miller** and testing those martinis.



Shelley Howard with Richard Miller.

Rosemary Fanti paints a wedding.

ART NEWS: Rosemary Fanti and the art of a live wedding painting. Your guests will see her capturing the moments on canvas. Book your new or rescheduled wedding date today: www.rosemaryfanti.com/.

DING DONG: Master teacher **Sean Eshaghy** catching the parting rays of the season, before going back to teaching school full time, on the last Saturday of Summer at Soho House Chicago's roof deck.

KENILWORTH: Cathy Bell Bartholomew, making the most of quarantine, baking from scratch, this time a luscious Madagascar-vanilla glaze infused lemon Bundt cake, fresh from the oven. The key is to poke holes in it and spoon on the glaze while the cake is still warm, then sprinkling immediately with confectioners sugar so it all saturates while the cake cools. It was still cooling and the boys could not wait getting into it right away. Can I steal this?

AHOY: Bobby Panter is feeling blissful with **Kimberly Gleeson** and **Sally Jo Morris** and new husband, **Dean**, sailing on Lake Michigan for a glorious day on the water celebrating their recent nuptials in addition to Chicago's skyline, the city and their friendships.

CITY LIGHTS: Maestro **Rich Daniels** lamenting what would have been their annual concert with The City Lights Orchestra in Evergreen Park. For 30 years they performed this free concert in this community as a conclusion to summertime programs. For obvious reasons this program was cancelled. But it seemed appropriate to go to this concert space and offer something with the hope there will be an opportunity to perform in this space again. Nothing like a virtual solo concert to make folk feel loved.

It is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong.
— Voltaire

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North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DEAN RAHM A/K/A DEAN R RAHM, ASHLEIGH RAHM, SHEFFIELD PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
16 CH 09975
1837 NORTH SHEFFIELD AVENUE, UNIT #3
CHICAGO, IL 60614
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Property Index No. 14-32-411-096-1003
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
BARBARA M ANDREWS A/K/A BARBARA ANDREWS, 4515-17 N. ASHLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
18 CH 05506
4515 NORTH ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT #2S
CHICAGO, IL 60640
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Property Index No. 14-17-112-039-1002
The real estate is improved with a brown brick, three story condominium with no garage.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DARIUSZ GLAB MARCHAJ, 555 WEST ALDINE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
2018 CH 10528
561 WEST ALDINE AVENUE UNIT 2
CHICAGO, IL 60657
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Property Index No. 14-21-312-048-1019
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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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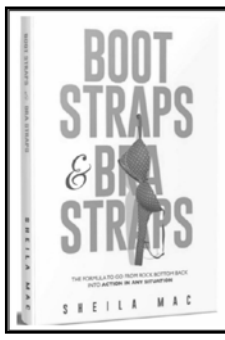

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Visceral Dance Center announces new location

While many on-stage performance organizations are contracting, Visceral Dance Center has just announced plans to expand by constructing a new dance center and theater in Roscoe Village with a targeted completion date of Jan. of 2021.

This new space will be located at 3121 N. Rockwell and allow for growth of the North Side dance company, while providing more space for additional classes, programming and performances.

They are currently located in a space at 2820 N. Elston Ave.

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so successful that the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce [ECC] had already started planning for the 2020 Pet Mayor race that takes place at the annual EdgeFest. But then COVID-19 changed everything.

With all Chicago festivals halted due to the pandemic, the Edgewater Pet Mayor retained his crown for one more year. Sadly however, the money that would have been raised to continue funding the Pet Pantry was in jeopardy.

In order to keep the Pet Pantry funded, Care For Real and ECC once again are teaming up with Mayor Pax the Goat and his cabinet of furry friends through a virtual Whistle Stop Tour to help raise the crucial money needed to feed neighborhood pets in need.

A small $6 donation can feed a pet for a month and $72 can feed an animal in need for a whole year.

"The Care for Real Pet Pantry is one of our most beloved services and one of the only free pet pantries in Chicago," said Care For Real's Kate Polgar. "Eight years ago, the Pet Pantry was started because we found that far too often, people had to choose between keeping their pets or feeding their families. Many would even decide to go hungry to avoid having to give up their special companion. Last year, the Pet Pantry distributed over 21,000 pounds of pet food to our neighbors!"

A $5,000 goal has been set and that amount alone would fund the Pet Pantry program through the end of the year. According to the event's organizers, this event is key to funding the pantry and allows them to serve the expanding numbers of neighbors needing assistance. In fact, a small $6 donation can feed a pet for a month and $72 can feed an animal in need for a whole year.

Edgewater Pet Mayor Pax the Goat has become a bit of goat-lebrity over the last year and he along with his cabinet are excited to lend their help for the cause. Not only can people donate a one time $20 donation in honor of Pax the Goat or any other of the six pets, there is also a range of other donation options. The drive will go through September 14, 2020.

"We are so grateful that each of the pets and their owners have been willing to come together to help the Pet Pantry once again," Polgar added. It is a significant time commitment for our Pet Mayor's human companions, and we are so grateful for the families of Mayor Pax the Goat, Ballew, Bug, Titus, Winston, and Wrigley. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mayor Pax the Goat, a fantastic ambassador for our mission throughout the past year. Our goat mayor has done an amazing job raising awareness of our mission to make sure all pets are able to be well cared for and fed."

Donations can be made online at CareForReal.org/petmayor.

Woman carjacked in Boystown

BY CWBCHICAGO

Two robbers pushed a woman to the ground, tried to take her purse, and then carjacked her in the Boystown neighborhood Aug. 28, police said. She was not seriously injured, and no arrests have been made.

The offenders approached the 38-year-old woman at 10:33 p.m. as she was preparing to get into her gray 2018 BMW on the 800 block of W. Cornelia, according to Officer Ronald Westbrooks, a CPD spokesperson.

They demanded her keys and tried to wrestle her purse away, but didn't get it, Westbrooks said. Both offenders then got into her car and drove away.

CPD license plate-reading technology detected the stolen vehicle traveling southbound on Lake Shore Dr. in Streeterville soon after the carjacking. By 11:15 p.m., it was in the 3800 block of W. Roosevelt, according to Westbrooks. So far, the car has not been found.

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tion in their cases.

In Cook County, not all foreclosure cases have ground to a halt — the court has continued to hear cases that were pending before the novel coronavirus was declared a global pandemic. And because some federal programs have allowed tenants to delay payments on their federally backed loans for several months, the court may not have to work through a large backlog of cases when the current state moratorium initially lifts, said Jacobius.

"After a while, it could be that the floodgates are going to open," the judge said. "But we've been through that before, so we're kind of getting ready for that."

The county foreclosure mediation program helped save more than 7,000 homes and provided other assistance to several thousand more people. But it wound down after the 2017 fiscal year due to a lack of funding, significantly lighter caseloads and the availability of other outside resources.

The CBF has been working with the court and other organizations to not only revive a form of the earlier foreclosure mediation program, but to also implement a similar early resolution program that will help tackle the incoming pandemic-era eviction and consumer debt cases.

Glaves said that he and others involved are working in "the calm before the storm moment," but that he hopes to launch the early resolution program before the foreclosure mediation program because the consumer debt and eviction cases could potentially hit the court quicker than the halted currently halted foreclosure cases.

"The idea is to try to use some of the lessons from the foreclosure program and others around the country so we can tackle this thing really upfront and try to see if we can come to an agreement that keeps everybody in place, and if not, what's the next best solution," Glaves said.

The foreclosure program will meet a "huge need" in the community, as most homeowners typically face fast-paced foreclosure proceedings without attorney representation, said Margaret Benson, the executive director of CVLS which has partnered with the circuit court to represent every homeowner who asked for mediation during the earlier foreclosure program, and will offer those services again in its second iteration.

The programs will also benefit the judges, who wouldn't be able to offer pro se homeowners legal advice as they try to navigate the foreclosure process themselves, Benson said.

The mediation program's goal is to find the best solution that would allow someone to stay in their home, Benson said. "If you give the homeowners a free lawyer and slow the process down, you're two-thirds of the way there," she said.

Both the city of Chicago and Cook County have dedicated some of their federal CARES Act funds to help launch the mediation and early resolution programs, but the programs will have to depend on additional funding sources in order to fully tackle any potential foreclosure, eviction or consumer debt case overload that might be threatening the court's dockets, Glaves said.

"If we see this jump in cases like everybody is fearing, that is going to take new resources and more resources than what we have right now," said Glaves. "It's very helpful that that money is available to jump-start things here."

CVLS attorney Matthew Hulstein said he'd been trying to find ways to bring the foreclosure mediation program back since its funding was cut in 2017. When the pandemic hit, he was able to dust off his years-old proposal to revive the program.

And Hulstein wants to find a more self-sustaining funding mechanism for the mediation program, saying it's a service that shouldn't only be available during a widespread public crisis.

"When someone is facing possibly losing their home, that's a crisis," he said.

Some homeowners facing foreclosure may have some defenses available in their cases, but most "just really want to be able to try to work something out," said Hulstein.

"There are these roadblocks that we keep facing that the system just isn't built to accommodate ... and mediation is a perfect way to address them and to fix them," he said.

With new foreclosure, eviction and other consumer debt cases continuing to float in the air under the ongoing moratoriums, the best way to handle them is to make sure they don't come crashing down on the court and the consumers in the most destructive way possible, James Brady, an attorney with LAC said. LAC is one of several organizations Glaves said he intends to tap for help in the eviction early resolution program.

"I think it's in all of our interests to have a soft landing so that homeowners, tenants, whomever, who basically are unemployed or lost income due to COVID, which is no fault of their own, that we provide stability," he said. "Things like the foreclosure mediation program can lead to that."

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