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—Pindar

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And so this is Christmas, I hope you have fun, The near and the dear one, The old and the young. — John Lennon

Sister Rosemary steps down as leader for Misericordia

BY PATRICK BUTLER

After 52 years of shaping Misericordia Home back when it was then one of the few comprehensive programs for special needs children, one of the North Sides true leaders - Sister Rosemary Connelly - is stepping down.

Fr. Jack Clair will be taking over as president and executive director of the West Ridge-based institution.

But the 90-year-old nun won't be idle very long.

She'll be heading up the newly created Misericordia Foundation. And one of her first jobs will be to work out the details of how best to develop the future Misericordia.

"It's been a wonderful journey, and I'll continue as long as I can feel I have something to offer," Sister Rosemary told the media recently.

Sister Rosemary has been a leader in care for people with developmental disabilities both locally and nationally and is loved



Sister Rosemary Connelly, executive director of Misericordia, shares a light-hearted moment with a resident in the Arts and Crafts Studio in this file photo. Misericordia Home is celebrating Sister Rosemary's 50 years of leadership.

Photo courtesy Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic

and well respected by many.

"The thing was that, with Sister's age, we wanted to be able to focus her in the best way possible," Clair said. "Obviously, when people think of Misericordia,

people think of Sister Rosemary. This will be a way for her to stay involved."

The Catholic-run charity located on 31 acres west of Ridge and south of Devon avenues serves some 600 adults and children with a range of developmental disabilities that were often short-changed in the years before Sister Rosemary came along. (Another 200 people with disabilities participate in Misericordia's outreach programs.)

While the care was always good, Sister Rosemary soon found there were few development programs to speak of. So it wasn't long before she started building classrooms for kids and developing speech programs, physical therapy and a variety of recreational and occupational activities.

Things got even better in 1976 when Angel Guardian Orphanage, 6300 N. Ridge Ave. — started in the 1860s for children who

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Santa came early to the little circle park at Morse Ave. and the lakefront in East Rogers Park. Left to right: Greg Ford, Santa, doggies Augie and Lola, and Tom Valente. Photo by Felicia Dechter

Loyola requires booster shots for students, staff



Founded in 1870, St. Ignatius was renamed Loyola University in 1909. The university began instruction at 1076 W. Roosevelt Rd. and in 1912 began a 10-year process of relocation to its Lake Shore Campus in Rogers Park.

STORY AND PHOTO BY BOB KITSOS

Chicago's two major Catholic schools are at odds over vaccination requirements.

Loyola Univ. Chicago joined a number of other universities in requiring students, faculty and staff to receive a COVID-19 vac-

cine booster as soon as they are eligible.

But down the road, DePaul Univ. is not as yet requiring faculty, staff and students to get a COVID-19 vaccine booster, however they suggest that anyone eligible to receive one is highly encouraged to do so.

DePaul recently said students

will take classes remotely for two weeks before returning to campus after the holidays. In a letter to students, DePaul President A. Gabriel Esteban said the school will "cautiously start the winter quarter so we can sustain a robust college experience the remainder of the academic year."

The email announcement to school personnel from Loyola President Jo Ann Rooney and Margaret Faut Callahan, provost and chief academic officer, came on Dec. 15 as students prepared to head home for the holidays. Winter break began on Dec. 19; classes resume on Jan. 3.

"While the COVID-19 vaccines remain effective in preventing severe disease, data reveals that protection against the virus and the ability to prevent infection with variants may decrease over time," Rooney and Callahan explained. "The emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of COVID-19 vaci-

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Two more affordable housing projects for Uptown

Senior housing at 835 W. Wilson; women's housing at 4737 N. Sheridan

AMI, and 19 units for those at or below 80% AMI.

Tenant amenities will include a resident lounge, outdoor walking area, community room, and expansive roof deck. The community room will open onto the roof deck on the second floor.

The building will have sets back along Wilson on the second floor and becomes an L-shape, allowing for the creation of the amenity deck. Sunshades will shield windows along the western elevation.

The \$42.1 million project will be funded through Illinois Housing Development Authority funds and owner equity. The resident's association of the adjacent Lakeview Towers are partially funding the project as well. With Lakefront Protection Ordinance approval from the Plan Commission, the developer can move forward with construction. Permits for the building have been filed and are awaiting approval. A construction timeline for the project has not been announced.

Last week the Chicago Plan Commission [CPC] approved two Uptown projects. The first is an affordable senior housing project on Wilson Ave., and the second is women's supportive housing on Sheridan Rd.

The six-story senior building is located at 835 W. Wilson Ave. The project is being led by Brinshore Development. The site is currently a vacant parcel, along Wilson, three blocks from the new Wilson Red Line CTA L station.

This property is projected to provide 73 units designated exclusively for senior, with 44 parking spaces on the ground floor. The unit mix will offer 10 studios, 49 one-beds, and 14 two-bedroom apartments. All of the dwellings will be deemed affordable.

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Be saved by the final form of love: forgiveness



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Like many, Christmas is about taste and flavors. The aromas are nostalgia-building. Binyon's Turtle Soup always did that for me.

Big steaming mugs of it to drink after coming home from Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Thanks to Hal Binyon we always had a gallon of their famous soup for the occasion. Many years ago we had to fast for long hours before Mass. So that fabulous soup really hit the spot. Just the whiff of it transports me back to those chilly early hours on Christmas long ago.

Nothing stimulates the memory more than the flavors released into the atmosphere by food and fragrance. They are powerful catalysts for recalling the past, stabilizing the present and fashioning

the future. They bring back people, faces and events with panache and verve. They come with a peculiar clarity, helpful and healthy context for celebrating Christmas with family and friends.

It is also the perfect exercise for reflection about the quality of life and love with which we surround ourselves. As a nation. As a city. And as a person.

Celebrating Christmas doesn't make you a good person. But it could easily cause you to look back on the temperament and quality of your living, shaping a new goodness in your living. And posit some query about why you do what you do.

For instance, have you been generous? Or is there a big padlock on your pockets or purses?

Have you been accommodating to others? Or does your impatience spell inconvenience and drive people away to run and hide?

Have you cared for your health and that of others? Or do some foods and drinks wear away at your ability to stay at your best? Leaving you untrustworthy, irritable and a permeant grump? Or worse, the perfect grinch.

Are you someone who makes room for others? Or do you take up all available emotional space so that there is no room for the humanity of others?

We ask these questions because, more than anything else, they are the human attributes that we find so difficult to bear in others.

Having to endure the cruel selfishness of the stingy and un-nurturing is the worse. And when you start mingling with family members with a history, and long memories at the Christmas season, that selfishness is rarely comedic. It's frequently hurtful to others. Usually the weak. The confused. And the folk who survive on meagre resources.

You'd think that achievement and success would open the human capacity to be generous to others. Alas, doesn't always happen. But it's never a healthy thing.

And what better place to numb your humanity than the Christ-



Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history. Therefore, we are saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone. Therefore, we are saved by love.

mas dining table where a river of Cote Du Rhone or vintage Chablis can remove common sense and cautions for healthy living. It's almost inspirational for some. I guess that's why many uncles end the day as "drunkles," with clenched fists and fearsome threats.

Too often musical chairs around the dining table is the perfect metaphor for filling-in what's left of the vacant space in our lives.

It doesn't take much to reduce what room remains for others in our life. It's not just making room at the table, but opening space in your heart.

I knew a powerful politico who used to love throwing their briefcase and coat at their office switchboard operator. Like Miranda Priestly in "The Devil Wears Prada." I started counting all the places I saw such "big shots" use their own inadequacies to frighten others by their power. It was always overkill. And always a sad commentary about their own interior emptiness.

Such bad behaviors seem to be epidemic across our pandemic at the moment.

I bring it up now because I believe people are capable of changing their ways.

Look around at the cruelties and empty living that seizes so many folk who have little concern for others. It wasn't always so.

People used to be expected to act with some shred of grace and decorum. Not anymore.



Minnie Miñoso

From Mayor Lightfingers' failing 5th floor City Hall office on down, there is little humanity displayed for the living of others. A paralyzing selfishness permits many folk the luxury of being stingy to others. Whether they are homeless, hungry, isolated or delusional.

The wounds of others doesn't seem to get much sympathetic response. Why then are we surprised at the nastiness that is sweeping over our once gentle Chicago? Why are we taken aback at the behavior of people around us with addictive behaviors or a predilection for crime and looting? How can we be gobsmacked when people in our own families can no longer sustain the most ordinary relationships? Becoming isolated, lonely and socially unpredictable.

This isn't Netflix. It's real life. No wonder the Art Institute tossed out all the docents. They had to wait for a dysfunctional moment in Chicago history to appear so that no one would question the heinousness of their racist actions.

No wonder a remap cannot be achieved in any semblance of harmony and trust. With politicians pitting exiting African Americans against the growing population of new Hispanic arrivals. Who's the winner in that dysfunctional warfare?

Here in Chicago leaders have lost the trust of teachers, police and fire personnel and we sit on the sidelines watching federal law enforcement get indictments on longtime elected officials who go from one dysfunctional set of values to another.

How can we unleash some of the redemptive spirit and love

that falls from the mystery of the Nativity? Is it possible for any of us to grow as a good person? Or are we just enduring the events around us like junior members of the Corleone family, keeping our mouths shut and our eyes wide open?

Sorry, we all need more.

Let's be encouraged this Christmas by the words of the theological writer Reinhold Niebuhr. His humanity is a powerful catalyst for us to understand what is possible. Maybe it will enliven you. He says,

"Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime. Therefore, we are saved by hope.

Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history. Therefore, we are saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone. Therefore, we are saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as from our own.

Therefore, we are saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness."

Niebuhr's words are a flavor I can really enjoy. This is taste we can savor. Like Turtle Soup from Binyons. Unleashing the power of Christ-mases past and those still yet to come.

Happy Christmas.

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Simple suggestions to do -- and get through -- the holidays



Heart of the 'Hood

by Felicia Dechter

What are you doing on New Year's Eve?

I know what I'm doing. And I must say it's great to have something to do besides the usual corny countdown stuff, which always puts me into the land of Nod.

I'll be at an incredible show, filled with some of the most excellent performing artists. It's going to be grand; I can't wait to spend my night with them. And besides that, what's also truly wonderful is that I'll be attending this extraordinary extravaganza from the comfort of my own couch. I might even break out my finest PJs.

That night, starting at 9:45 p.m., Edgewater resident Corky Siegel, and his wife, Holly, will host a "closer than in person," virtual event, First Night Evanston's 25th New Year's Eve Variety Show.

The evening, emceed from the Siegel's living room (with a little fire burning in the background) will feature pre-recorded performances by the blues and harmonica legend as well as other greats.

Siegel said that like "Mr. Rogers," he wants to make people feel as if they're in his home, and he in theirs.

"It's in the spirit of one big hug and companionship," he said.

Expect a night of amazing musicians, artists and personalities, including blues family royalty Wayne Baker Brooks (loved his dad, Lonnie, and his bro, Ronnie, is a musical wonder too); legendary Billy Branch (whose performance was recorded at Buddy Guy's Legends); Alvy Ray Smith (a co-founder of Pixar, who will discuss the digital revolution and tell a "really great fun story" of how the movie "Toy Story," almost wasn't made); renowned international puppeteer Blair Thomas with Michael Smith; Siegel's Chamber Blues; Dorothy Scott; Howard Levy; Last Word Quintet; Phil Bimstein; Sones of México; Sons of the Never Wrong; Toronzo Cannon; Lynne Jordan; Ernie Watts; and Will Tilson.

There will also be a Q and A after the event. Need I say more?

Ok, I will. No ID or vax checks, no SRO crowds, no waiting in line at shared bathrooms, low-cost cocktails and home-made snacks.

"This is serious fun," said Siegel, whose musical inspirations were Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and Jim Kweskin. "We don't mess around.

"We got an idea and ran with it," he continued. "It's all balanced out by the brilliant performers. People who don't know Dorothy or Howard or Alvy... they're going to fall in love with those people.

"You're going to love this so



Lynne Jordan



Corky Siegel

much," added Siegel.

The two hour and 22 minute-long evening (a coincidence for 2022, Siegel said) will conclude with a video of Siegel and Uptown resident/singer extraordinaire Lynne Jordan performing "Auld Lang Syne," together, recorded last year.

"It's a great collection, everyone gets to see these really great acts," said Jordan, who first met Siegel at City Winery and has since worked with his Chamber Blues band. "It's a diverse group of people, and Corky is literally the salt of the earth... woke, and genuinely caring."

Like music, Siegel is a great unifier, she said.

"He is Father Christmas," said Jordan.

The all-ages show is free at mandolin.com. However a suggested donation of \$35 is appreciated, which helps fund the blockbuster lineup and supports the artists' work. It'll be immediately followed by a live countdown to midnight and singing of "Auld Lang Syne," in a special Ring in the New Year Zoom.

For more information, go to firstnightevanston.org.



Lovable English Bulldog Mac had a visit with Santa.

A holly, jolly afternoon... Santa came early to the little circle park at Morse Ave. and the lakefront in East Rogers Park. St. Nick spent a couple hours posing for pix with local kids and pooches, including my crazy but very

lovable English Bulldog Mac. And neighbor Bridget McMullan generously brought out all the fixings for everyone to create pretty, handmade ornaments, which were hung on the park's trees. Thanks to Santa, and also to all who made this charming get-together possible.

All is not calm and bright... for everyone at holiday time. It's something we all need to keep in mind.

People miss their loved ones. I know I do. That's why I felt that my friend JoAnn Gagliardo Butler summed up beautifully how she feels this year.

JoAnn is very much missing her beloved parents, Joseph and Marie. "I don't know who I am right now," she said. "The person who puts her Christmas tree and decorations up early is nowhere to be found. I have no Christmas spirit and a very sad heart. For some reason, I am missing my parents so much more this year."

I wanted to share a glimpse of JoAnn's life with Joseph and Marie at their store, Joseph Gagliardo Grocery, which for decades was located in Lakeview at 3426 N. Southport Ave. (Apparently,

the grocery serviced judges, politicians, City Hall lawyers, Sicilian immigrants and good Italian sausage lovers as well.)

"Mama and I always began our Christmas shopping in September," said JoAnn. "Being that she worked in the store, even more so because of the holidays, we needed to know that everything was taken care of.

"I have to wonder how she and daddy did everything to give us such amazing Christmas days... they had to have been so exhausted," she said. "It was nothing for one family to order 200 pounds of my parent's homemade Italian sausage to split among their families. Mama and daddy would get down to the store very early and made sausage for hours on end. Mama made her delicious olive salad fresh every day and people still talk about how delicious it was."

"How did they manage to work so much and still make our Christmas mornings magical? When I think of all of their sacrifices and

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Fed forecast: Era of bargain-rate home loans will soon end



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

While mortgage rates floated near—or below—the 3% bargain range for most of 2021, thousands of Chicago-area homeowners refinanced their loans. Those who sat on the dock missed the boat.

Now, the sand has pretty much run out of the hour glass, based on the Federal Reserve's action on Dec. 15.

To rein in inflation—which rose to 6.8% in November—the Fed said it plans to shift from a relaxed monetary policy that has supported the economic rebound from the 2020 pandemic recession toward a tighter policy.

Robert Dietz, chief economist for the National Assoc. of Home Builders, forecasts that the federal-funds target rate will likely undergo three 25-basis-point interest hikes in 2022, and three more similar increases in 2023.

This implied tightening would push the 10-year Treasury rate—the gauge economists use to forecast 30-year-fixed mortgage interest charges—to 2% from the current 1.42%.

As a result, the interest rate on benchmark 30-year home loans will rise “somewhat higher than 3.6% by the end of next year,” Dietz said.

A recent forecast by the Mortgage Bankers Assoc. projects 30-year fixed home-loan rates to rise to 4% by the end of 2022. If the Fed hikes its rates three more times in 2023, mortgage rates easily could rise to 4.5% or higher.

On Dec. 16, benchmark 30-year fixed home loan average nationwide rose to 3.12% up from 3.19% a week earlier, reported Freddie

Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey. A year ago, the 30-year fixed loans averaged 2.67%.

Meanwhile, the rate on 15-year fixed mortgages slipped slightly to an average of 2.34% from 2.38% a week earlier. A year ago, lenders were quoting a rate of 2.21% on 15-year fixed loans.

Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates ended 2020 at a rock-bottom 2.66%—the lowest level in the Freddie Mac survey history, which began in 1971. Home-loan rates set new record lows for an amazing 16 times in 2020, and tens of thousands of homeowners refinanced.

“Mortgage rates inched up last week as a result of economic improvement and a shift in monetary policy guidance,” noted Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

“While house-price growth is slowing, prices remain high due to solid housing demand and low supply,” Khater said. “We expect loan rates to continue to increase into 2022, which may leave some potential home buyers with less room in their budgets on the sideline.”

The Freddie Mac survey is focused on conventional, conforming, fully amortizing home-



As a result of the coming rate hikes, industry experts think the interest rate on benchmark 30-year home loans may rise somewhat higher than 3.6% by the end of next year.

purchase loans for borrowers who place a 20% down payment and has excellent credit.

However, Chicago-area borrowers who move quickly still have a chance to lock in the following bargain rates as of Dec. 17, reports RateSeeker.com.

- First Savings Bank of Hegewisch was quoting 2.684% on a 30-year loan and 2.1% on a 15-year loan with 20% down payment and a \$570 loan fee.

- Gateway Capital Mortgage in Chicago was quoting 2.760% on

30-year loans and 2.125% on 15-year mortgages with a 3% down payment and a \$595 loan fee.

- Rate Rabbit was quoting 2.790% on a 30-year loan and 2% on a 15-year mortgage with 20% down. However, the loan fee is \$1,900.

Mortgage-rate history

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, when

lenders were charging 5% on five-year balloon loans.

Nearly six 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 October of 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. More than 22 years ago—in Aug. 1999—when some of today's Millennial borrowers were in diapers, lenders were quoting 8.15%.

Wishing the best to all of our readers and neighbors this holiday season.

For more housing news, visit www.dondebat.biz. Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit www.escapingcondojail.com.

“Flash mob robbery crews” responsible for waves of hold-ups across the city

Carjackings up 447% since 2019

BY CWBCHICAGO

Here's a new vocabulary phrase, Chicago: “Flash mob robbery crews.”

No, these aren't the caravans that pull up to high-end retailers downtown and raid stores for merchandise.

These, according to multiple sources within law enforcement and city government, are cars loaded with sometimes-armed people who are driving to Wicker Park, Bucktown, Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and other neighborhoods to carry out street robbery sprees.

That's right. Police now believe the huge surge in robberies and occasional carjackings are the work of groups of people who travel in two or three cars to a part of the city with the sole purpose of robbing people on the street—sometimes eight people at a time.

It's a crime wave that appears to be motivated more by a desire to scare and hurt people than to make money. However, the cash is undoubtedly a nice bonus.

More on this new phenomenon after we tell you about the crews' latest hit. It was in Lakeview just after 11 p.m. Dec. 16.

A 24-year-old man and a 25-year-old woman were walking on the 1000 block of W. Oakdale when four men stepped out of a small crossover SUV, according to witnesses and a CPD spokesperson.

Two of the carjackers displayed handguns and demanded the victims' property. They beat the man in the head with a firearm repeatedly, the police spokesperson said. One witness reported seeing the offenders chasing the

victims.

The crew collected the couple's phones, a wallet, and a purse, then drove away.

Police searched the area for the offenders, described as four Black males in their teens or early 20s

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who wore dark clothing. One of them wore a yellow mask. No arrests were made.

A source said the robbery crew used a car that's linked to robberies earlier this week in Lakeview and West Town. During a wave of armed robberies that claimed 14 victims across the area on Dec. 15, one of the offenders was repeatedly described as wearing an orange mask. During one of those robberies, witnesses reported seeing the offenders chasing victims down the street. Victims were pistol-whipped during robberies that involved the orange-masked offender on Dec. 15.

“We gonna get them federal boys in here”

Investigators now understand that two or three carloads of people are traveling to the city's North Side and West Town where they separate and commit a quick burst of robberies, usually during the later evening hours, according to officials with knowledge of the crimes.

They operate on side streets, possibly to avoid the CPD's sprawling camera and license plate detection systems. Over the past few weeks, several victims told this reporter that they believed the robbers came from a vehicle that was sitting near the mouth of an alley when they passed on a nearby sidewalk.

Similar robbery sprees and actions like firing gunshots and pistol-whipping victims first sprang up in the West Town area, including Wicker Park and Bucktown, in the fall. Now, they've made their way to the North Side. Over time, police realized that victims during a single spree often described two or three different getaway cars—a minivan and a sedan, for example. Perhaps a small Mazda SUV, a blue sedan, and a red Charger. The reason became clear: There was more than one team at work in the same area at the same time. And that has continued to happen over and over again.

Police don't know if the same people have been involved for the past few months or if the crews are more transient.

“It's like the Wild West,” one official hypothesized, harkening



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Baseball Hall of Fame. Proud day for Chicago. Negro Leaguer and former Cubs coach **Buck O'Neil** was also elected to the Hall.

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SEN. ROBERT DOLE: He was a distinguished American who thought that the politics of the U.S. Senate shaped a rarified precinct. A good place for a former World War II combat officer who actually thought defending democracy was an act of nobility. It certainly was if you were from Russell, KS, and had nearly sacrificed your life in the mayhem of a battlefield in Italy. With Dole it wreaked havoc on his body, nearly destroyed in battle face-to-face with the enemy. He was a Republican, an allegiance practically incomprehensible in Chicago. Despite wounds that never healed and pain that never stopped, and an arm that never functioned again, he took a seat in the Senate for many decades of complex governance. Until, that is, his body would no longer function. His death last week at 98 is a remarkable chapter of American history that finds for

the three-time presidential candidate, and Senate Majority Leader, only harsh critics and unfriendly ears in the American nation of today. He was a prairie patriot and a hero. Among his greatest acts of courage, it must be noted, was rising in 2018 from his wheel chair at **President George Herbert Walker Bush's** funeral in the U.S. Capitol, and standing in an agony to salute his treasured departed friend.

KENNEDY CENTER: Bette Midler honored at the Kennedy Center, the 44th Kennedy Center recipient. She said, "I'm no fool—I brought a hanky 'cause I knew it was going to get very, very emotional." The Kennedy Center Honors will air tonight on CBS.

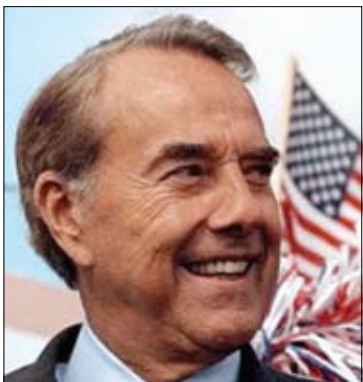
ART NEWS: Wesley Yuen presents **Simone Leigh**, the celebrated sculptor who left Hauser & Wirth after less than 2 years, and joined Matthew Marks. The artist is representing the USA in the Venice Biennale in 2022.

WHO'S WHERE: Past IFC President **Neal Hartigan** and bride, **Mary Lou Block**, front and center at the Irish Fellowship Club Christmas luncheon... **Richard Sanderson** and **Lisa Pagel** at the Biltmore in AZ, at Ryan House, for the 10th Annual White Christmas Gala... "Fair warning" **Leslie Hindman** celebrating a birthday... **Aileen Furlong Caffrey** on a Southport Ave. Holiday Stroll with **Patricia Brady**, **Carolyn Funk**, **Leslie Ludwig**, **Colleen McCarthy**, **Anne Faherty**, **Judy Gregoire**, **Susan Siegel** and **Candice Wartier**... **Christopher Clinton Conway** with **Hope Davey** at the Parker in Palm Springs, CA... **Shel-**

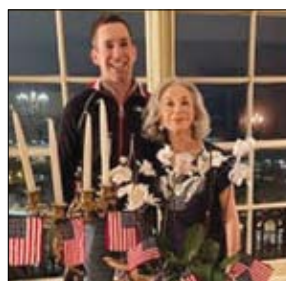
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ley Howard with **Dyrol Joyner**, **Vince Lawrence**, **Philip Sylvester**, **Kurt Clauss** and birthday boy **Chris Krause** for a tasty bash... **Patrick Parkey**, **Mark Moonier** and **Al Capitannini** at Mr. Lyons in Palm Springs, CA, so delish... **Eamonn Cummins** and **Pennie Taylor** at Smoke Daddy Wrigley... **Kristine Farra** with **Eileen Howard-Weinberg** at Daughters of Penelope District 13 Luncheon... **Hrabinka Agnieszka** with designer **Sylvia Wilczynska** and the ladies at Christmas lunch to support other women at Turning Point, Inc., a lot of laughs and fun... **Patricia McLenighan McCarthy** and **Mary McCarthy Dwyer** catching "A Christmas Carol" at the Goodman and loving its Christmas spirit... lovely **Olive Godvik** out doing holiday things with friends in Fox Lake... **Julia Jacob** with her boys at the Union League Club looking holiday fabulous... WGN Radio lawyer **Karen Conti** at holiday party hosted by WGN's **David Plier**, engaging radio personalities **Brian Noonan** and **Cody Gough**... **Dick Rush** celebrating 90th birthday at Ann Sather's with 50 of his best friends, and missing one dear friend - **Dan O'Donnell** - who passed away this year... treasured Architect **Lucien Lagrange** and **Melinda Jakovich-Lagrange** ready for Christmas, Joyeaux Noel... Classic Chicago Magazine writer **Judy Bross** and her grandchildren had a holiday evening at the theater... **Contessa Bottega** and **Petros** in New York at their favorite Greek restaurant Milos in Manhattan... Hollywood A-lister **Keri Russell** commissioned Irish artist **Tom Byrne** to paint her portrait and one of her husband, actor **Matthew Rhys**, in Dublin. Byrne painted this columnist's portrait some years ago and is an A-lister himself... **Joanne Gorecki** missing son, newlywed **Dave J. Gorecki II** and bride **Shayla** for the Four Seasons Hot, now a family chocolate tradition... **Col. Paul Malarik** and lovely **Lynn Graham** organizing a festive

Christmas Lunch at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill... **Alissa Bencks** is with **Hector Gustavo Cardenas** and **Cari Lieberman-Franz** at Navy Pier... artist **Laurie Baker Lawlor** at The Glenview Club for the Annual Regina Dominican



Bette Midler

High School Christmas Luncheon so Merry Merry... **Rhonda J Liesenfeldt** at Carpaccio's in Bal Harbor ready for big formal at beautiful **Fred Astaire** competition at JW Marriott Turnberry... **Takara Beathea-Gudell** and her chic posse all elegantly exuding the charm of her fabulous styling... Bravo **Joyce Chapman**, Chairman of the Far South Community Action Council in Roseland, for her annual Principals' Breakfast... **Ken** and **Mary Clair Scorson** Moll doing the night up at Steppenwolf's new home... Tortoise Club's **Megan** and **Keene Addington** are ready for a stunning Christmas... Dear **Myra Reilly** was hostess for a fab birthday tea in honor of **Bobbi Panter** with **Whitney Reynolds**, **Melissa Babcock**, **Sherrill Bodine** and **Whynnis Mackie** all sipping in the Christmas elegance of the Drake Hotel... **Irene Michaels** hosted birthday gathering for Cabaret Queen **Barb Bailey** at Volare where owner **Benny Siddu** went all out for **Sherrill Bodine**, **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh**, **Denise Tomasello**, **Heather Bushong**, **Irina Kaiser**, **Joyce Selander**... retired judge **Rhoda Sweeney** gathered with 16 retired lady judges for a judicial holiday lunch...

case dismissed... **Cynthia Olson** hosting soiree for **Dragon Filopovich**, our newest American citizen... Christmas tree of the week by **Janet** and **Rodger Owen**, elegant and shimmering.

CHRISTMAS SOIREE: Don Ficchi and **Al Menotti's** every other year Christmas Bash brought out **Candace Jordan**, Songstress **Barb Bailey**, **Myra** and **John Reilly**, **Mila Samokhina**, **Liz Teasley**, **Felicia Ferguson Wisnecki**, Chopin Society's **Jaroslav Golembioski**, **Karen Meyers**, **Bobbi Panter**, **Matt Arnoux**, **Whynnis Mackie**, also there, **Kevin Sullivan**, **Jolanta Ruege**, **Denise Tomasello**, designer **Lauren Lein Cavanaugh** and **Tom Cavanaugh**, **Rhonda Sanderson**, **Belvon Walker**, **Elyse Kennard** and **Twyler Jenkins**... **Adrienne Squires** and **Sonia Vega** and **Kristine Zielbauer Kinder** and sweet **Yvonne Fitzpatrick**.

SWIFTY'S: Irene Michaels notes, Swifty's, once New York's preeminent society boîte, is resurrected in Palm Beach this season with a pop-up at the iconic Colony Hotel. An Upper East Side stalwart for almost two decades, Swifty's ended its run in 2016 to the despair of Manhattan's toniest set. Now, founder **Robert Caravaggi**, together with Colony Hotel owners, **Sarah** and **Andrew Wetenhall**, bring the restaurant that inspired an international following to Palm Beach for a limited engagement.

A PLAN: Barb Bailey just saw "My Original Plan," starring **Joanie Pallatto** at the Venus Cabaret Theater. "Everyone in the cast was fabulous. Joanie is a fascinating free spirit with visceral and deep lyrical interpretations. All songs but one are originals. You can't take your eyes off of her. **Bill Nolte** is wonderful keeping us grounded and provides the "glue.""

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. - Roy L. Smith

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Original manuscript of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."



A figure of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" in the reading room of Rauner Special Collections Library in Webster Hall of Dartmouth College.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer inspired by visits to the Lincoln Park Zoo

BY PETER VON BUOL

Eighty-two years ago, the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer appeared as a promotional booklet published by the Chicago-based Montgomery Ward and Co. The story made an immediate impact on Christmas lore as the company operated more than 500 department stores and had a highly-successful mail-order business.

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At the time, May and his family lived at 2734 N. Mildred Ave., less than two miles from the Lincoln Park Zoo. Then, as now, admission to the zoo was free.

Back then, the zoo had two species of deer with spots. Fallow deer from Europe and Axis deer, originally from India.

While Barbara enjoyed seeing all the zoo animals, deer were her favorites. Inspired by his daughter (and Hans Christian Andersen's story, The Ugly Duckling), May wrote Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer about the heroic young deer who used a glowing red nose

to guide Santa's sleigh on a foggy Christmas Eve.

According to California-based journalist Nate Bloom, who interviewed members of the May family, executives at Montgomery Ward had wanted a "cheery Christmas story" that could be given away to shoppers to generate good will.

Upon completion, May was convinced his tale would become a hit. Company executives, however, had not been so sure because they were afraid the public would connect the heroic Rudolph with the on-screen persona of comedian W.C. Field.

In his Hollywood films, Fields usually portrayed a comedic character who was an alcoholic. Because Fields suffered from a skin condition that had turned his nose red, the department store executives were afraid customers would associate the young Ru-



Songwriter Johnny Marks' "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" song hit No. 1 on the U.S. charts the week of Christmas 1949.

dolph's nose with heavy alcohol consumption.

In a 1990 interview published in the Chicago Tribune, May's daughter, Barbara, said her father had told company executives he would not change his hero's red nose.

To help sell his concept, May convinced artist Denver Gillen,

a friend who worked in the retailer's art department, to visit the zoo in order to sketch the zoo's deer. When Gillen showed May his images, he believed his friend had captured the essence of the zoo's playful deer and used the images to sell his concept to company executives who had doubted him. Some of Gillen's images included deer with spots. These may be a clue as to what species of deer had inspired Gillen.

In 1939, Montgomery Ward's gave out more than two million copies of the free booklet and May became an instant celebrity. By 1947 (no books were printed during World War II), more than six million copies had been given away. Shortly afterwards, as a token of appreciation, May was given the copyright and a successful spoken-word record album was created in time for Christmas

sales.

In 1948, May's brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks, wrote Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. The following year, Gene Autry, the singing cowboy, recorded the song and it became a national hit. Autry had gotten his first big break in show business while performing as a regular on Barn Dance, a national radio program hosted by Chicago's WLS AM 89 radio station.

Songwriter Marks would revisit the story of Rudolph on numerous occasions. Marks also wrote Run, Rudolph Run for Chuck Berry as

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back to outlaws who operated together and then spun off to create their own groups.

Several sources suggested that the teams appear to be motivated by the thrill of scaring and hurting people. Some expressed concern that the teams' more violent members will become bored with pistol-whipping and firing guns into the air.

"It's a pretty quick trip from firing into the air and beating someone with a pistol to shooting someone in the leg, or worse," said one.

As the robbery teams swept

from Lincoln Park to Lakeview to Uptown on Dec. 15, a police supervisor radioed information about the unfolding crime spree to their officers. She seemed amazed by the volume and audacity of what was happening.

"We gonna get them federal boys in here, they keep doin' this stuff," she said.

Carjackings spiral upward

The other bad news is that carjacking have spirals up dramatically in the last three years. Lately, every morning has been the same in our office. Log on to our laptops and start compiling the daily list of hijackings and armed robberies committed across our coverage area since the day before.

Sometimes we wonder how it can be that, as you will read, at least four hijackings were committed in three hours across the small part of the city we cover.

After all, less than three months ago, CPD Supt. David Brown assured the audience at a downtown business luncheon that hijacking reports were down. And earlier this month, Mayor Lori Lightfoot

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They were both lying through their teeth, of course.

Now, through the first nine days of December, Chicago saw 71 carjackings — up 69% compared to the same days last year and up 447% compared to the first nine days of Dec. 2019, when there were only 13 carjackings.

On Dec. 14, a 19-year-old man charged with attacking and carjacking a real estate agent in Lincoln Park — while free on bail for a felony drug case. He tried to convince a judge that he's a good guy.

"I'm trying all my best," Emanuel Rivera told Judge Charles Beach during a bond hearing. Beach was, to say the least, unconvinced.

According to prosecutors, the 59-year-old victim parked his Lexus on the 600 block of W. Webster and turned on its flashers as he prepared to show an apartment to prospective tenants around 6:52 p.m. Monday.

He walked into a gangway to retrieve a key from a lockbox. Rivera struck the victim from behind, knocking him down two stairs to the ground, prosecutors said.

The victim looked up and saw three people standing at the top of the stairs, and one of them demanded his car keys. When one

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of the men moved slightly, the victim seized the opportunity to bust through the men and ran away while screaming for help.

He fell on Orchard St., suffering cracked teeth and an injured knee. The three carjackers caught up with him and again demanded his keys, according to the allegations. He complied.

Prosecutors said that the victim saw all three offenders leave the area in his Lexus with Rivera behind the wheel.

A CPD license plate reader spotted the hijacked SUV traveling through Greektown on Dec. 14. Cops moved in and arrested Rivera, who was driving. He later admitted to punching the victim in the back, following the victim after the initial attack, and driving the car away from the scene, prosecutors said.

Assistant Public Defender Suzin Farber tried to make the best of the situation by pointing out that the hijacking allegations don't involve any guns.

Prosecutors charged Rivera with felony vehicular hijacking. They said he was on bail for a pending manufacture-delivery case at the time of the alleged crime, and he was adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile for aggravated probation.

Before Judge Beach ordered Rivera held without bail, he laid out the reasoning for his decision, including his opinion that Rivera is a danger to the community.

"Are you a danger to the community? Again, my answer, in short, is yes," Beach said. "I know you're nodding your head 'no,' and I know you're 19 years of age, but here's the problem, Mr. Rivera: You've got an aggravated battery in your background."

"That was old," Rivera countered. "That's when I was 15."

"It's not that old," Beach volleyed. "That was four years ago. Most people make it their entire lives without having an aggravated battery in their background."

"I'm trying all my best," said Rivera.

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Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455. W20-0196 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **13182885** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2020-4; Plaintiff, -v- EDMONDO AGUILAR; CAROLINE VOZA AGUILAR; 448 WRIGHTWOOD MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 18 ch 13107 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 450 Wrightwood #1, Chicago, IL 60614. P.I.N. 14-28-309-034-1005. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Bruce K. Shapiro at Plaintiff's Attorney, Quintarios, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., 115 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. 312-566-0040. 122308 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountryjudicialsales.com **13182874** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 3950 NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE CONDOMINIUM, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PATRICIA M. RYCHTARCZYK, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICIA RYCHTARCZYK, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 20 CH 05652 3950 N LAKE SHORE DR. #2208 CHICAGO, IL 60613 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 2, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at

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10:30 AM on January 5, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3950 N LAKE SHORE DR. #2208, CHICAGO, IL 60613 Property Index No. 14-21-101-034-1196 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$89,733.76. 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Archer Avenue, Mundelein, IL, 60060 (847) 537-0500. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Thomas M. Olson KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT 175 N. Archer Avenue

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Mundelein IL, 60060 847-537-0500 E-Mail: toolson@ksnlaw.com Attorney Code. 38862 **Case Number: 20 CH 05652** T.JSC#: 41-2980 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. 151515 ----- IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TRINITY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v- SANDRA TOBACK, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 20 CH 447 1242 WEST DICKENS AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 24, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 5, 2022, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 030R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1242 WEST DICKENS AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-32-126-051-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$697,612.34. 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. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is

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longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, Noah Weinger, THE WEINGER LAW FIRM LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 796-8850. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Noah Weinger THE WEINGER LAW FIRM LLC 2 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1600 Chicago IL, 60602 312-796-8850 Fax #: 312-248-2550 E-Mail: nweinger@weingerlawfirm.com Attorney Code. 63307 Case Number: 20 CH 447 T.JSC#: 41-2887 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 # 20 CH 447** **13182740** 080808 ----- **Legal Ads DBA Public Notices. We'll Run Your Ad For 3 Consecutive Weeks For Only \$150.00. Call 773-465-9700**

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well as additional songs for the 1964 Rankin/Bass Rudolph television special that remains an annual children's favorite.

In Dec. 1975, May wrote a column for the Gettysburg Times newspaper and described the impact the story of Rudolph had on children.

For May, Rudolph's story had been somewhat autobiographical. As a youngster, while May had been academically successful and had skipped grades, this also made him feel socially awkward. He always found himself to be the youngest and smallest of his peers.

"Today, children all over the world read and hear about the little deer who started out in life as



Gene Autry, former Uptown resident, recorded "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" as a favor to his wife, who liked the Rudolph story.

a loser, just as I did. But they learn that when he gave himself to others, his handicap became the very means through which he achieved happiness. My reward is knowing that every year, when Christmas rolls around, Rudolph still brings

that message to millions, both young and old," May wrote.

At the age of 71, May died on Aug. 10, 1976 and is interred at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove, IL.



Left to right: Greg Ford, Santa, doggies Augie and Lola, and Tom Valente.



Heather Wilmington Steele with Olivia, Santa (Joonas Briggs) and poochie Paige, 15.

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acts of love, I wish that I could tell them that they gave me beautiful memories that have lasted all these years..."

I too wish that I could tell my mother the same thing. JoAnn got me feeling a little melancholy too. So I asked the smartest therapist I know, licensed clinical social worker Kelley Kitley, of Serendipitous Psychotherapy, LLC, if she had any words of wisdom.

"In general, the holidays can be tough for people due to expectations, stress, family dynamics, etc.," said Kitley. "When someone is grieving/missing a loved one during this time of year, the feelings can be magnified."

"Many times people think about what it would be like if that person was still here," continued Kitley. "They long for being able to hear their voice or embrace with a hug. Own your feelings, don't judge them, whether it's been six months or six years of the loss."

Kitley suggests carving out some time to honor those that are missed.

"Light a candle, write them a letter, talk to them, and surround yourself with people you love for support," she said.

I'll have to do just that. And I'll make sure to pass Kitley's excellent advice on to JoAnn too.

Tiny (Tim) Tidbits... the Rogers Park Presbyterian Church's Candlelight Christmas Eve Services will be held at 6 p.m. Dec.



A vintage photo of Gagliardo family members outside of their Lakeview grocery store.

24 at 7059 N. Greenview St. All are welcome.

• I hear "When Harry Met Rehab," at the Greenhouse Theater Center in Lincoln Park is definitely worth seeing. I've not gone, too busy. Yet.

"I thought the show was great, very thought provoking and had some good comic relief for the darkness," said a theater-goer who saw the play last weekend. "The acting was even better than the script. The lead, Harry, played by Dan Butler was FANTASTIC!"

Personal message to Dan Butler, who starred as Bulldog on the TV series "Frasier": "When I fell and broke my ankle and leg eight-years-ago, it was totally unexpected and very depressing. The only thing that got me laughing was watching "Frasier" reruns in the middle of the night. So thanks very much Dan!

• The Factory Theater, 1623 W. Howard St. is back with its annual holiday show featuring four all new performance pieces. I've not been to this theater yet, but I drive past it all of the time on Howard St. and someday, I'd love to check it out.

But for now, I'll have to do that online, possibly with the theater's interesting-sounding holiday works available for virtual viewing through Jan. 6: "Hamilton Beach 4/20 Special," "All is Calm," "There's Always Time," and "Elf Slang for Murder."

Tix are \$10 and you'll get a link that will be active for a week of your choosing -- from Friday morning through Thursday night. More info at factorytheater.com.

And a very Merry Christmas to all, filled with peace, love, and all things good. Stay safe!



Student Holiday Art by Chaya Rothman, a Junior in Janice Gould's class at Lawrence Hall School.

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Chicago City Hall wants the straight poop

New citywide system to monitor COVID-19 in your wastewater

City Hall wants the inside dirt on you, they want to see your poop!

On Monday, Discovery Partners Institute [DPI] and the Chicago Dept. of Public Health [CDPH] announced a new citywide system to monitor the virus that causes COVID-19 and its variants in wastewater.

The study will cost \$2.14 million and will continue for two years.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is detectable in human waste nearly from the onset of infection, while symptoms may not appear for three to

five days – or for some, not at all. DPI, which is part of the Univ. of Illinois system, and CDPH's wastewater surveillance system to monitor SARS-CoV-2 launched in October. Findings are used – along with other public health surveillance data – to inform the City's COVID-19 response, for example, by providing early warnings of a potential outbreak, or helping the City prioritize communities for enhanced testing or vaccination services.

This system does not identify individuals who are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, but it allows the city to monitor infection levels at community or population levels.

The program builds on two

prior initiatives: DPI's efforts to develop a statewide monitoring system for the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, and previous sewer

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monitoring in Chicago, funded by the Walder Foundation.

"Testing of wastewater is one of many systems that allow [us] to better understand transmission of the virus and its variants in Chicago," said CDPH Cmsr. Allison Arwady, M.D. "This [will] enable CDPH to continue to focus our

efforts on the communities that need it most. Getting vaccinated remains the number one way to protect from getting sick."

The Foundation's initial grants enabled DPI to design a sampling strategy that claims to optimize monitoring at wastewater treatment plants and sewer access manholes.

Samples will be analyzed at the University of Illinois-Chicago to identify and quantify SARS-CoV-2 in those samples. Samples will also be sequenced at Argonne National Lab to characterize variants. Data will be analyzed and provided to CDPH to support public health efforts.

Lifeline Theatre seeking board members

Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., is seeking individuals who have experience and/or interest in the fields of fundraising, event planning, strategic planning, law, marketing, or real estate/development. The theater is encouraging people of all backgrounds to inquire, as they hope to build a Board that reflects their community.

Board members contribute, on average, about 6-10 hours per month attending board-related events.

For more information contact Vashti Emigh at 773-761-4477 or vashti@lifelinetheatre.com.

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lost parents in the Civil War and later for kids orphaned during the Chicago Fire – closed.

Sister Rosemary saw her chance and jumped at it.

She jumped at the chance to build a place for children who had needs, but didn't require the skilled nursing programs offered at the main Misericordia on the South Side.

After taking over the Angel Guardian site, she began developing opportunities for both children and young adults. In 1990, for example, she opened the "Hearts and Flowers Bakery." That bakery is soon to open a beautiful new retail facility on N. Ravenswood Ave.

More recently, Sister Rosemary received the city's permission to build 16 group homes along West Ridge.

She also served as Misericordia's head fundraiser, proving so successful that even experienced fundraisers like former Mayor

Rahm Emanuel admired Sister's fundraising abilities.

In a Nov. 11 letter to Sister Rosemary, Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich commented her "steadfast witness to our faith in growing ministry and mission as a destination for children and adults and adults with disabilities, where they can live active and rich lives in an embracing, grace-filled community."

In a statement, Cardinal Cupich said, "Sister Rosemary has also been a transformative executive leader, exhibiting extraordinary team-building and fundraising skills. As she steps down from active oversight of Misericordia Home, she does so at a time when the home is stronger than ever. And Sister Rosemary has prepared a worthy successor in Father Jack Clair, for which I am grateful."

The most immediate challenge is trying to line up more staff," Rev. Clair said, noting Misericordia staff has gone down to about 80 people since the pandemic."

UPTOWN from p. 1

28 SRO units for homeless women

The CPC has approved plans for a supportive housing project at 4737 N. Sheridan Rd., the new building is set to replace a portion of a surface parking lot.

The development is a venture between Sarah's Circle and development partner Brinshore Development. Sarah's Circle is a non-profit organization that charges itself with ending homelessness for women by providing supportive housing. They already operate two sites in Uptown at 4838 N. Sheridan Rd and 1005 W. Leland Ave.

The new building will rise five floors, providing 28 Single Room Occupancy units and office space for Sarah's Circle. A large meeting room, demo kitchen, computer lab, and laundry rooms will be available for use by the women living there. For Sarah's Circle staff there will be offices on the second floor including a conference room and outdoor terrace. Only six parking spaces will be provided long the back alley.

The units will be approximately 350



This proposed six-story senior building will be built at 835 W. Wilson Ave.

Image courtesy Landon Bone Baker Architects

square feet and will include a refrigerator, oven, range, microwave, and individual HVAC unit. They will come furnished with a bed, dresser, nightstand, dining table and chairs. The organization will provide residents with bed linens, dishes, and cutlery.

The design of the 65'-tall building consists of three masses that separate the building. The base of the building is wrapped with brick and holds public space, the upper section is for the residential units and office space. A mural will supposedly be painted on the north facade.

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nation, boosters and prevention efforts." No specific deadline for obtaining the booster was indicated in the announcement.

For DePaul, they're lumping COVID vaccines in with the batch of the other usual suspects. All DePaul students are required to provide proof of immunization unless otherwise exempt or born on or before Jan. 1, 1957. Proof of the following immunizations is required: COVID-19, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis, Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), Meningococcal conjugate, and Meningococcal B.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), if it's been at least six months since receiving a second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or at least two months since receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, all adults 18 and older should receive a booster.

Omicron's here

Chicago's first confirmed Omicron case was discovered on Dec. 14. The fully vaccinated Chicago resident had contact with an out-of-state resident, according to the Illinois and Chicago departments of Public Health. The Chicago resident did not require hospitalization.

The CDC said the Omicron variant spreads more easily than the original SARS-Cov-2 virus. But the reason Omicron spreads more easily compared to the Delta virus remains unknown at this point. CDC expects that anyone with Omicron

infection can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don't have symptoms. Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection. It is said that the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.

More schools take similar action

Other universities are postponing the return to campus next month to avoid outbreaks. More than 20 colleges have issued booster shot requirements in recent weeks, and administrators at others indicate they're thinking about it.

Most booster requirements have emanated from small liberal arts colleges in the Northeast, but the list includes some larger schools such as the Univ. of Notre Dame in Indiana, Boston Univ. and the Univ. of New Mexico.

In July, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a mandate that all state employees and university students in the the University of Illinois System must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Rooney and Callaghan said, "Loyola's vaccination and booster requirement is informed by our Jesuit, Catholic commitment to the common good, solidarity and justice. Given the serious nature of the pandemic and the safety, efficacy, and availability of the COVID-19 vaccines, we are rightly called to make reasonable efforts to protect one another through vaccination and boosters."



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