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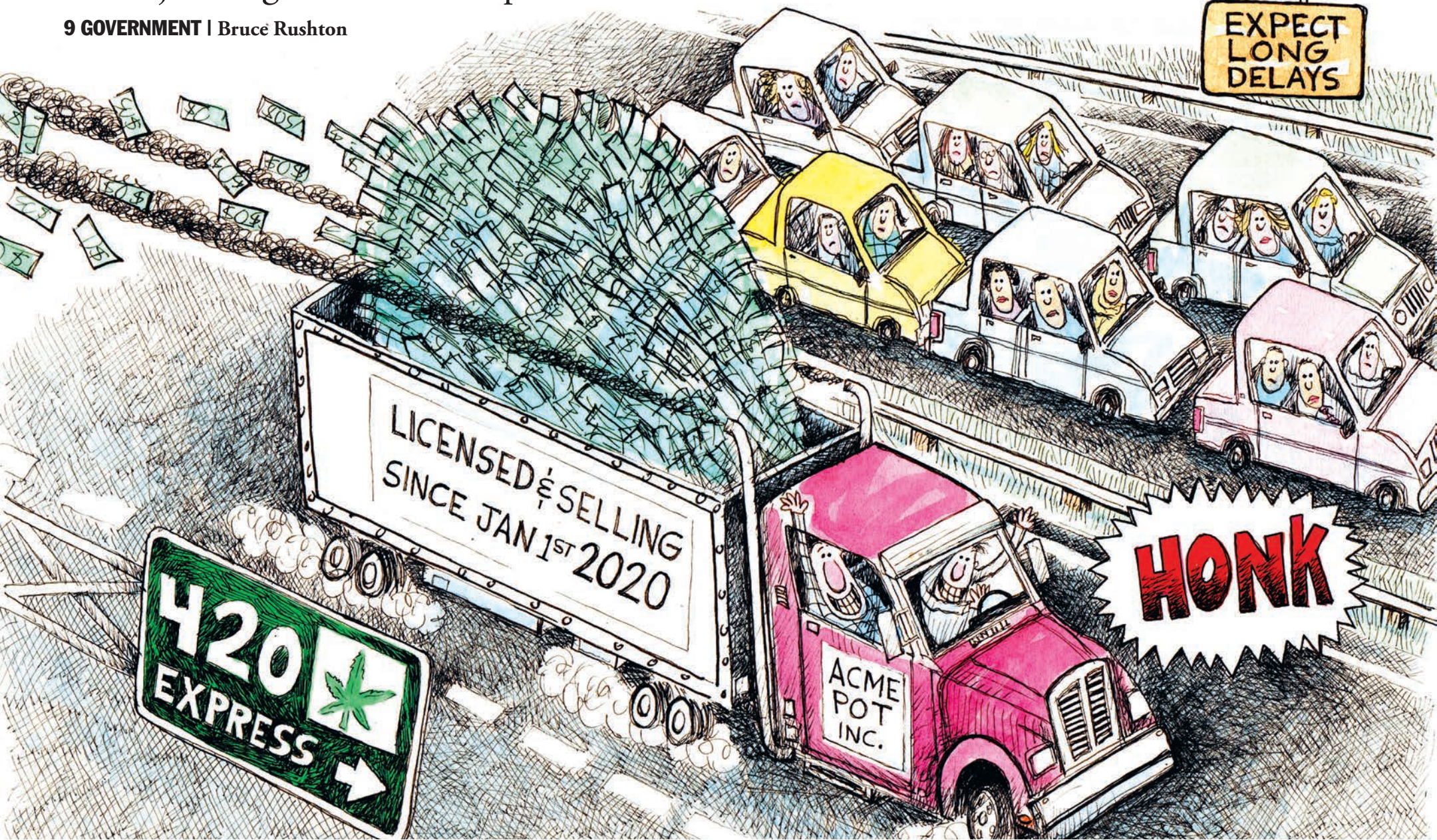
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No mask? Call the cops.

It would be a fine thing

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

The Sangamon County jail, the county coroner and the Springfield City Council. Too many bars and restaurants to recall.

All have been touched by COVID-19 since we celebrated Independence Day. With cases popping up all around like so many mushrooms, it is beyond time to get serious.

We're breaking the wrong kind of records, with 49 positive tests in Sangamon County on a single day last week and more than 1,000 cases since we started keeping track in March. We were down to virtually none two months ago, when businesses began reopening and we all promised to be good so that we wouldn't end up where we are now: Faced with shutting down again. No one's died, lately, but just wait. If we keep going on like this, someone, maybe more than one someone, will.

It's time to just say no to covidiot, who've been allowed to blather about freedom while waving flags and declaring that their kids were born with the right to not wear masks at school. Polls show that about 10% of Americans object to masks, which is plenty enough folks to get the rest of us sick. Illinois teachers last week laid down a marker: We'll strike if we don't feel safe. And who could blame teachers for not feeling safe?

I've watched public officials urge folks to wear masks while not wearing masks themselves, and I've been to Walmart, where the sign on the door says masks required, but covidiot wander aisles maskless, with maskless kids more or less in tow. Up north, a Galena campground where I spent a night last month had a "Masks Are Not Needed" sign on the door. Offices have reopened even as we've grown lax about social distancing and even though folks have shown that working from home is workable. Office workers are getting sick, with four cases reported in the same division at the Illinois Department of Revenue last week and the state Board of



Elections shut down until tomorrow after positive tests there.

On Monday, I spent the better part of an hour less than coffin-length from other reporters in a cramped Illinois Emergency Management Agency conference room while Gov. JB Pritzker announced a \$5 million advertising campaign aimed at getting folks to wear masks. I got one question in. Instead of asking whether he'd buy a car from Mike Madigan, I asked the governor why not fine people who won't wear masks? He cracked the door a teensy bit, saying maybe locals could consider that, but he's not keen on tickets.

We've lost too many lives and too many businesses to keep going on like this. If you're a public official, it's about setting a

good example: Unless it's a gym, hold press conferences outside and put a mask over your piehole – and nose – in public unless you're talking or eating. And it is time for the maskless to pay.

In Florida, Miami police started issuing \$100 fines two weeks ago, with at least 140 people ticketed so far. San Francisco, where the Anti-Mask League was born a century ago when the city instituted fines during the Spanish flu pandemic, is going slower but still has issued a few dozen citations after pleading for voluntary compliance. A survey by The Harris Poll and Harvard University released last week showed that 79 percent of voters favor a nationwide mask requirement, with 70 percent saying that scofflaws should be fined.

Starting this weekend, the city says it will issue \$500 citations to bars and restaurants if customers are found without masks while not seated, and assigned seating will be mandatory. Last weekend, the county health department fined a couple places. These are good steps that don't go far enough.

If a bar has to pay a fine, so, too, should customers. And not just in bars. The maskless are easy to spot, and so start fining them, wherever they might be. We don't think twice about DUI roadblocks or sting operations aimed at curbing underage drinking and smoking, so we shouldn't pause at sending spotters into stores to find shoppers without masks so that cops can write tickets in parking lots as they emerge. Either wear a mask, properly, or pay up.

Seatbelts have been mandatory in Illinois since 1985, and the law works: Folks now buckle up out of habit, but they didn't start in earnest until they faced fines. How is this any different? As with moving violations, cops would have discretion -- just because you get pulled over doesn't mean you'll get a ticket -- so I'm not much worried about getting cited while walking Champ the Wonder Pug through Oak Ridge Cemetery with nobody near.

If we expect businesses to be the mask police and we fine those that fail, we, also, should help those businesses by getting the real police involved so that wearing masks becomes second nature. It seems only fair. And healthy. □

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Help revitalize our democracy

GUESTWORK | Lee H. Hamilton

Amid all the troubles occupying our attention, one of the more worrisome is also one of the least visible. It is the loss of public faith in the effectiveness of our representative democracy.

While most state and local governments – and certain federal agencies – have maintained public support during the pandemic, concern over our system as a whole is palpable: that it has trouble responding to the country's needs, is resistant to reform as society evolves and continues to perpetuate inequality, social immobility, and basic unfairness when it comes to creating more opportunity, liberty and justice for all.

These deficiencies corrode our unity and effectiveness as a nation. Americans increasingly divide themselves into different, often warring, political and cultural camps. Instead of working to create one out of many, they sort themselves into like-minded communities. They narrow, rather than expand, their sources of news and information, seeking those that reinforce their views. These days, we often live in different worlds from one another.

Politicians have played a significant role in this. Some, including the president, are bent on stoking division. Many play to their parties' bases. And some, at both the state and federal level, do their best to narrow the public support on which government rests by making it difficult for everyone who's entitled to vote to cast an actual ballot.

There are plenty of efforts in many communities to work against these trends, to expand participation and build connections, and to decrease division. Still, the challenge we face as a nation is to revitalize our democracy and its institutions. We need to strengthen representative democracy by restoring the effectiveness of government, rebuild Congress as a functional, coequal branch of the federal government, and restore confidence in our institutions, public and private.

How do we do this? Calls for greater public participation and involvement are on target, but not enough. While I'm always encouraged by political leaders who seek to involve the public and by civic groups that try to enhance and encourage citizen participation, I believe we're at the point where we need to repair our frayed

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Editor's note

The District 186 school board is about equally divided on whether to let some children into classrooms some of the time, while parents are equally divided over whether to send their kids to school. Jennifer Gill, the superintendent under pressure, presses for some classroom education, as long as it's safe. Leaders try to move from cancel to can-do. Safely. —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO



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OPINION

Madigan buys more time

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The calls were mostly brief and to the point, recipients said. House Speaker Michael Madigan just wanted to know where his members stood last week after two of his members demanded he step aside as House Speaker and Democratic Party of Illinois chairman.

Did they agree with their fellow Democratic state Reps. Terra Costa Howard and Stephanie Kifowit that he should resign, he asked.

Enough said they did not agree that Madigan issued a statement hours later saying the feedback he received was positive and that he had “no plans to resign.”

The House Black Caucus, for one, appears to be mostly sticking with Madigan. That’s really no surprise. He’s been loyal to African American members for years - killing or altering bills they opposed, protecting their districts even after Chicago lost almost 200,000 African Americans in the last census, etc.

But it goes deeper than that. Black legislators, like most Black people, all know someone who’s been falsely accused of a crime, be it family, friends or constituents. Most are strong backers of social justice reforms. Several told me it would be counter to what they stood for to turn on Madigan now. The same goes for many Latinx legislators. If those two caucuses ever turn on him, though, the party is over. And Madigan surely knows that.

Most “regular” and downstate Democrats also appear to still be with Madigan. He’s been good to them as well and the next Speaker might be far more liberal than they’d prefer.

And then there’s organized labor, which has long supported Madigan, but then welded themselves to him during the Bruce Rauner years when the Republican governor was trying to kill them off. Labor is the largest source of campaign cash and precinct workers in the state. Cross the unions and you have few other places to turn to for help. Few Democrats will risk this.

Many of the House Democrats I spoke with last week made a “stability” argument. They complained that the people demanding that Madigan resign haven’t presented an alternative to Madigan. Who, for instance, would handle the fundraising and the precinct work and everything else involved with winning elections this fall if Madigan suddenly departed? Who would lay the groundwork for the fall veto session? Creating a sudden void with no alternative just didn’t make sense to them at this moment, although that may very well change if any of his close associates are indicted, some admitted.

Black Caucus members I spoke with almost uniformly pointed to their own internal confusion and stagnation since May when their caucus chair Kimberly Lightford abruptly resigned. They and other Democrats also talked about the brutal infighting within the Senate Democratic caucus after Senate President John Cullerton unexpectedly retired last year. A Madigan departure would be 10, 20, 50 times worse than any of that, they said, and they’re probably right.

In my conversations with Black Caucus members, I was told that they hadn’t received a single constituent phone call about Madigan since the ComEd deferred prosecution agreement was revealed. Their constituents, I was told, are totally focused on things like crime, unemployment benefits and navigating through everything else wrought by the pandemic. In other words, they’re preoccupied with life during particularly hard times and just don’t care about MJM.

I’m not trying to defend or justify any of this, by the way. I despise treating politics like a one-dimensional cartoon. There’s more going on than may meet the eye with a cursory

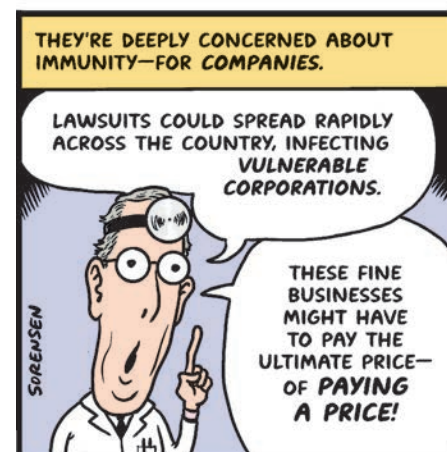
glance at the headlines.

On the other side of the spectrum, first-term suburban women have their own issues to deal with.

Many of their constituents are indeed making angry calls about Madigan. The speaker’s money and talent may not be enough to save some of them in the face of all this scandal with ComEd and maybe other companies which have more recently been subpoenaed. And as I’ve told you before, the system Madigan built works only as long as his members believe he can protect them from their opponents. Once that confidence is gone, he serves no purpose.

More importantly, this situation is most definitely not why they signed up for a political run. A lot of these folks were activated after Hillary Clinton’s 2016 loss. So, being connected in any way to an alleged bribery scheme likely makes their skin crawl.

It appears that Madigan has bought himself some time, for now. But if more people are charged and the feds get even closer to him, that may not turn out to be enough. □





Sam Wheeler, a state historian with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, was terminated on July 15. Wheeler's departure comes as the institution is searching for a new director after several previous directors were either terminated or forced out. PHOTO BY JASON WAMBSGANS

Catholic Heart Work Camp #5

this summer the Catholic Heart Work Camp with its units all over the country has been unable to visit anywhere including springfield but its local director david knopfle nonetheless gathered a group of teenagers who have been busy here in enos park clearing alleys mending fences carting off brush trash other detritus again expecting no payment it's work of the heart demanding hot sweaty we thank you david and crew from the bottom of our grateful hearts

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LETTERS

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ALPLM NEEDS A LINCOLN SCHOLAR

While I appreciate the many sides to the ongoing concerns at the ALPLM ("Getting real: ALPLM wrestles with hat, looks for leadership," July 30), my esteemed colleague, Harold Holzer, made a comment concerning the new executive director. He indicated that "Lincoln expertise isn't an essential." To this sentiment, I must strongly disagree, and I think that I have history (pun intended) on my side.

In the article, Bruce Rushton points out that the ALPLM has had four permanent directors. While each of these directors had the qualifications necessary for the position, it is also a fact that not one of them came from a background grounded in Lincoln. Is it too much to ask that we finally have a person in the position who can answer Lincoln inquiries (in all forms) directly, instead of having to punt the question to the appropriate authority? Is it too much to ask that we finally have a person who can

articulate and best define the mission and the purpose of this once-great institution? After all, the institution is called the *Abraham Lincoln* Presidential Library and Museum.

Perhaps I am asking too much from the governor and the ALPLM board of trustees, but I will continue to hope that President Lincoln was correct when he said, "The struggle of today, is not altogether for today – it is for a vast future also."

Kim Matthew Bauer
Via illinoistimes.com

MEETING THE GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS

Your Cap City column ("Masks," July 16) reported that several people participating, in person, in the July 14 county board meeting, including the hapless board chairman, did so without wearing masks. The First Amendment protects your columnist's right to set and enforce his own standards, even medical standards of his own devising. The current public health standards for meetings, however, do not require masks be worn if people are appropriately socially distant. The participants in the July 14 county board meeting met the public health guidelines.

The public has a legitimate expectation that its representatives will meet the professionally prescribed standards of conduct even if we fail to meet your columnist's higher standards. In our current virus-dominated circumstances, with many new rules of conduct imposed on our daily lives, it is even more important the community have confidence that the Sangamon County Board, with the guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health, tries scrupulously to follow the public health guidelines.

Andy Van Meter
Sangamon County board chairman

SUNDOWN TOWNS ARE RECENT HISTORY

A recent article states, "Sundown towns were generally present from the late 1800s to mid-1900s" ("Traveling Route 66 while Black, July 23). Would that this were so! Sundown towns peaked in 1968. Most (not all) have given up the distinction, especially after 2000. But second-generation sundown town problems, like overwhelmingly white police forces and teaching staffs, still plague many "recovering" sundown towns.

Jim Loewen
Via illinoistimes.com

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institutions and push back against the forces that divide us.

We are, after all, the United States. Our name expresses an ideal. So, for that matter, does the course of our history, which over time has trended toward expanding inclusivity and opportunity for all. One place to start is to appreciate our history and take inspiration from that history: to recognize where we've fallen short, but also to highlight the remarkable progress we've made and the efforts of committed citizens that made it possible.

We also need to recognize that divisiveness weakens us, and that efforts to reknit American society are now urgently important.

To that end, proposals for a year of national service strike me as particularly welcome. This would be expensive but focusing young Americans on a year of shared endeavor with others from vastly different backgrounds – in the military, in AmeriCorps, in internships or public-service opportunities – would help meet many needs and be well worth the expense.

We also need to up our game as ordinary citizens and beat back the drivers of divisiveness and polarization as we work to strengthen our communities.

Among other things, this means making an effort to seek out alternative points of view in the media and paying attention to objective, factual reporting. It means supporting measures that bring us together, such as bringing young people from all backgrounds and perspectives to work side by side in projects for the public good. And it means being thoughtful about our engagement: voting for candidates focused on pulling us together and working for the common good and putting our time and effort into causes that bring us together rather than pull us apart.

In short, we must decide what we can do in the voting booth and in our own neighborhoods and communities to revitalize our representative democracy. Our aim is to make our communities and our country better places to live: more creative, inclusive and welcoming. The answer lies not in the stars, but with all of us. □

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Statehouse statue solutions

Public forum brought together Springfield voices

COMMUNITY | Rachel Otwell

About 45 people recently got together to discuss who is represented – and who's not – around the Statehouse grounds in downtown Springfield. In July, House Speaker Michael Madigan said he wants an audit done and statues of Pierre Menard and Stephen Douglas removed. Menard, the first lieutenant governor of Illinois, owned enslaved people. Douglas also benefited from slavery. State Rep. Camille Lilly, chair of the Illinois House Black Caucus and a legislator since 2010, told *Illinois Times*, "Myself and other members of the caucus have been talking about statues and monuments on the Capitol campus since we were elected." Lilly said she supports the idea for some statues to go and wants a new statue of President Barack Obama erected.

Citizens have also been discussing the issue, especially in the midst of the Black Lives Matter movement's resurgence. *Illinois Times* hosted a public virtual conversation on July 30 to explore their ideas. Speakers included activists, historians and even a professional monument builder. Most agreed that the status quo isn't cutting it.

Robert Moore, retired U.S. Marshal and a consultant for community and police relations, spoke about his fight in the early '90s to get a statue of Martin Luther King Jr. moved from behind the Capitol to a more prominent location, an effort that was successful. He defended the statue's current placement across the street from the Capitol, saying it is in regular public view. Dominic Watson, head of the Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce, said the statue needs better upkeep or a total refurbishment and that it belongs on the Statehouse grounds. Tim Drea, head of the Illinois AFL-CIO, spoke about King's 1965 visit to Springfield during which he made a powerful speech about labor relations.

The statue of Menard was erected in 1886. In the bronze rendering, Menard, who was a fur trader, looks down upon a kneeling Native American. "Even looking at it, you can tell that it is a story of supremacy. It's a story of inequality. It's a story that upholds a harmful, dangerous ideal, where a group of people is lesser than another group of people," said Reggie Guyton during the discussion. He's a historical actor and member of the Springfield Black Theatre Alliance. Vincent "June" Chappelle, also a member of the theater group as well as a board member of the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, said in no uncertain terms of Menard, "There's no reason why someone like that should have a

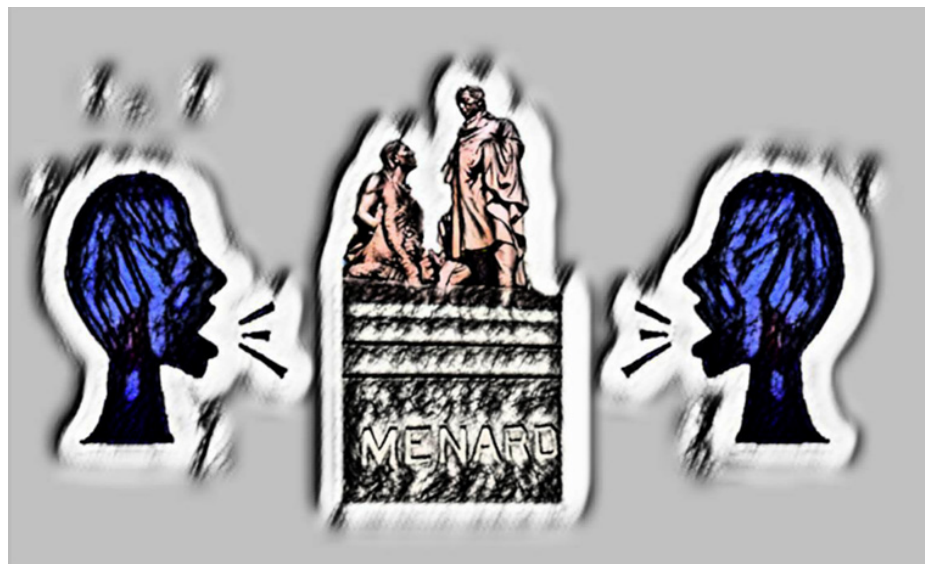


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spot on the Statehouse grounds."

Black Lives Matter Springfield and Springfield Call 2 Action are among the activist groups in the capital city calling for change. Elizabeth Scrafford spoke on behalf of both groups. "Folks who promote inequality or promoted inequality, bigotry and oppression should not be celebrated anywhere on state grounds where the work of the people is taken up," she said. "The Statehouse is the people's house, and every Illinois resident should be welcome." Faith Coalition for the Common Good president Roy Williams Jr. added the importance of education. Williams said he worked at the Capitol building for years and heard firsthand how certain aspects of history were omitted during tours. "Whatever happens, whatever statue is moved or whatever statue comes down, we have to educate the kids on why it was there in the first place," Williams said.

"I'm of the opinion that if the people say that it's hurtful, then it needs to come down," said Tiffani Saunders, a professor of sociology and African American studies at the University of Illinois Springfield. She spoke about how statues and symbols are used to reflect the values of a culture. "We're at a unique historical moment ... where we get to decide what are the values, beliefs and ideas we hold as residents of this state today," Saunders said. "Legislators have a moral obligation to ensure that the symbols that are in that building and around that space don't inflict symbolic violence on the citizens of the state."

Sarah Webb, an English professor at UIS, said statues tell stories about who belongs – "who matters." She said we should all consider who feels welcome in certain areas or instances and why or why not. "I'm encouraging all of us to think about Springfield and our respective neighborhoods and communities and streets on a larger scale," said Webb.

The topic of inclusion was brought up in terms of the lack of women and other people of color represented at the Capitol during the discussion. But the idea of being past a point in time where putting certain individuals on literal and figurative pedestals as statues was also discussed. Webb posed, "Can we think about other kinds of memorials and other kinds of spaces that are meant to not only memorialize and honor but also educate?" Saunders said she believed if statues are removed, the space should remain vacant and the stories of why those spaces are now empty should be told.

The ultimate decision is not in the hands of Springfield residents, but the powers-that-be at the state Capitol. Rep. Lilly said she is hopeful that after years of inaction, concerns and new ideas will finally be listened to. "We have put legislation on the books for session after session, and nothing happened," she said. "It appears to me that now is the time." □

You can view the "Statehouse Statues Solutions" panel discussion in full at: tinyurl.com/y5cpl287

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SCHOOL DAZE

CAP CITY The District 186 school board narrowly approved a plan for some students, whose families so choose, to return to the classroom. The Aug. 3 meeting went on for more than three hours and had its moments of contention. "Every medical person in town (is) saying it's not a good idea – what is wrong with you folks," board member Mike Zimmers said. Supt. Jennifer Gill had said a majority of local health experts consulted preferred a remote return-to-school. Many teachers and staff have flooded the district with questions over details on what safety precautions will look like. Gill reported that 80% of students were registered for fall and about half preferred the hybrid model which would have them in class on certain days and learning remotely on others. Others registered for strictly remote learning. The first day of class is Aug. 31, pushed back a week. Whether everyone will have to begin remotely due to the amount of local COVID-19 cases remains to be seen. Board president Scott McFarland said the district will "monitor the data and listen to the experts to determine when it is safe to offer the hybrid portion" of the approved plan.

WE'RE IN THE MONEY, MAYBE

CAP CITY With nearly \$32 million available from recreational marijuana taxes, the state expects to award grants next month to help repair damage from the war on drugs, and Springfield hopes to be a player. Mayor Jim Langfelder says the city has applied for a grant that would fund home rehabilitation to help neighborhoods deemed by the state to have been disproportionately impacted by the government's war on drugs. The mayor pegged the request at more than \$700,000, which he said was the maximum allowable, and added that the city also has made a smaller request for planning efforts. Both public and private entities are eligible for grants set to be awarded by a state board that includes elected officials and representatives of agencies ranging from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Langfelder says that he's endorsed a grant application submitted by The Outlet, a nonprofit agency that provides mentoring to fatherless kids. Michael Phelon, Outlet founder and chief executive officer, could not be immediately reached for comment.

State investing \$40M in Cairo river port

Leaders hope investment can turn southern Illinois into major shipping hub

INFRASTRUCTURE | Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois

The state of Illinois is about to invest \$40 million into developing an inland river port that officials hope will produce thousands of new jobs and turn the small town of Cairo into a major shipping hub.

Gov. JB Pritzker traveled to Cairo Aug. 4 to announce the project, calling it “a game-changing investment for our transportation and logistics industry right here in Cairo.”

“This port project has the potential to represent the very best of our state’s future,” Pritzker said, “because this is more than just a port. It’s also fuel for new jobs and newfound economic prosperity all across this region, a region that’s been left out and left behind for far too long.”

The spending was included in the capital infrastructure budget approved in May as

part of the long-term “Rebuild Illinois” public works program approved in 2019. The plan’s funding comes from increased motor fuel taxes and driving-related fees to pay for transportation projects, and a gambling expansion to pay for other infrastructure projects.

Cairo, in Alexander County, is a town of about 2,200 people that sits at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in the southern tip of Illinois. Approximately 80 percent of all the barge traffic in the United States passes by the city. The area is also connected to three interstate highways and a class 1 rail line operated by Canadian National Railway.

The new port is planned on the Mississippi River side of the city.

The project has been in the planning stage for about eight years, but Larry Klein, chairman of the Alexander-Cairo Port District, said the state’s investment means “there’s finally a path forward for our success here.”

Todd Ely, lead consultant for the port district and president of the Springfield-based Ely Consulting Group, said the state is putting \$4 million into the project immediately to complete the design, engineering and permitting phases of the project. It will also help the district in its marketing efforts.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, whose district includes Cairo, said the project is expected to produce jobs and economic activity that will have a ripple effect throughout the region, which includes

southeast Missouri and western Kentucky.

“We’re going to be hiring a lot of people. And yes, you know, we build it, they will come,” Fowler said.

“And this is going to create housing opportunities. We’re working with housing developers as we speak that are looking at making investment in Cairo to build houses, to build duplexes. There’s people buying up property.” □

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OD numbers rise

County contemplates detox center

GOVERNMENT | Bruce Rushton

With overdose numbers escalating, part of the Sangamon County juvenile detention center on Dirksen Parkway would be turned into a detox unit under a proposal now under consideration by the county.

Planners acknowledge hurdles that include coronavirus and a breakdown in a plan to make detox services part of a center for the homeless on 11th Street that dissolved a year ago amid community objections and Mayor Jim Langfelder’s failure to support the proposed center.

“It’s not a dead issue,” Mike Torchia, director of county probation services, said at a Tuesday meeting of a consortium of public officials, health care providers and others formed to figure out ways to relieve pressure on the county jail and emergency rooms while helping addicts, drunks and the mentally ill recover and stay alive. “There’s still a strong interest in the community to proceed this way.” Remodeling unused portions of the detention center would cost nearly \$380,000, according to an April report from local planners with grant money from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, but no money has been committed.

The center would house acutely intoxicated people on a short-term basis while also giving folks

with substance abuse issues a week or so to find long-term help.

The proposal survives as the number of Sangamon County overdose deaths has soared. So far this year, 26 people have died from overdoses and, with toxicology test results pending from July deaths, Coroner Jim Allmon expects that number to rise by four or five. In 2019, 39 people died from overdoses.

Fifty-four people died from overdoses in 2018; there were 62 deaths in 2017. With the growing availability of naloxone, a drug that reverses overdose effects and revives victims, Allmon had hoped that the county had turned a corner last year. But it typically takes more naloxone to counteract a fentanyl or carfentanil overdose than a heroin overdose. Eleven deaths this year were due to fentanyl overdoses, according to the coroner’s office, and another was due to carfentanil, a synthetic drug said to be 100 times more powerful than fentanyl, which can be 100 times more potent than heroin. Just one overdose this year has been deemed due to heroin. Another was attributed to a combination of methamphetamine and fentanyl.

While fentanyl and carfentanil have been on the drug scene for years, the synthetics are spreading, says Jonna Cooley, executive director

of Phoenix House, which runs a needle exchange program and provides other services for people who inject drugs. The center about a month ago began providing test strips to drug users so they can determine whether purported cocaine, methamphetamine or benzodiazepines such as Xanax also contains fentanyl, she said.

“Maybe they’re using cocaine or they’re taking Xanax in pill form or whatever – drugs laced with fentanyl and they don’t know it,” Cooley said. “Those are the people who are overdosing. They don’t think that their drugs could be laced with fentanyl.” And by the time they reach a hospital or otherwise get help, Cooley says, it is too late.

Cooley said drug users have requested fentanyl test strips, which are much like pH water-testing strips, for some time. “They’re very expensive – we were hesitant to pass them out,” she said. “We finally just decided we need to take that step to protect more people.”

At Tuesday’s consortium meeting, Joan Thome, director of health education for the Sangamon County Health Department, said that the department has stepped up efforts to distribute naloxone, with doses provided to liquor stores, tobacco shops, pawn stores and other businesses to give to those who might be in need. These include

low-rent motels on the east side, she told the consortium. “They have been calling, requesting refills,” Thome said. “We’re getting our fingers way out there.”

Coroner records show that three of the Sangamon County overdose victims this year are African American, with 23 of the victims listed as white. Thome said that few people requesting and getting doses of naloxone are African American. Nonetheless, Thome told the consortium that she and another health department official plan to meet with Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory and Ward 3 Ald. Doris Turner to help ensure that people in the African American community aren’t left out and get the help they need.

This year’s overdose victims range in age from 19 to 68, according to the coroner’s office. Allmon says that he’s not seeing hardened or dangerous criminals. Rather, he says, he’s breaking bad news to loved ones from all walks of life.

Cooley said that the Phoenix Center is seeing an increase in people asking for HIV tests and other services. “I do think that the pandemic certainly had quite an effect on everything,” she said. “Some people have been laid off work who were using. Now that they’re not working, they’re able to use more frequently.” □

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Barney's bids adieu

Family-operated store had plans to transition long before COVID-19

BUSINESS | Rachel Otwell

In the midst of much economic pain, one longtime independent retailer is folding, due to writing that was on the wall well before the pandemic hit. Barney's Furniture was founded in 1939 by Bernard "Barney" Seidman, who first operated the family business at a downtown Springfield location. In the 1970s, the retailer moved to the east side with a location on South Grand Avenue. In 2016, it moved closer to the west side, to a former Hobby Lobby 1987 Wabash Ave.

Now, the move that makes the most sense is folding and converting to an Ashley Furniture Outlet store, said current president and third-generation owner Barry Seidman. Seidman also owns Central Illinois Home Furnishings which operates a number of Ashley Furniture HomeStores. Seidman said his own father took over Barney's in the mid-1940s after his grandfather passed away. "At one time I worked with my grandmother, my aunt, my uncle, my father, my mother. It was truly a family-run business, as were many, if not most independent businesses," said Seidman in an interview with *Illinois Times*. Seidman said businesses are generally not operated that way anymore.

And COVID-19 has meant struggles abound for retailers of all sizes. "Retailers and brands face a daunting multitude of short-term challenges around health and safety, supply chain, labor force, cash flow, consumer demand and marketing," a *Forbes* article from earlier this year stated. More people are shopping online than ever before, and that trend is likely to stay, as that shift had been happening long before the pandemic. In Springfield, many independent businesses have been able to receive federal loans and adapt their offerings, with options like online sales and curbside pick-up. Some consumers are increasingly motivated to support locally owned businesses whenever possible. But that doesn't mean the long-term outlook had been good for businesses like Barney's.

"I had to think long and hard," said Seidman. "Barney was my grandfather's name. My family's name provided for us very, very well for generations. But you also have to be realistic." While the pandemic is pushing some businesses to close, it actually delayed Barney's doing so.

The going-out-of-business sale had been postponed due to the forced temporary shutdowns of many retailers. When the store reopened on June 1, it did so with its



Bernard "Barney" Seidman founded the family-operated business.

final sale in full effect. The sale is currently underway and plans are to close around Aug. 24, after which there will be time spent to rehab the facility and change it into the Ashley's Furniture Outlet store.

Seidman noted other transitions Barney's had made during its long tenure, including its move to South Grand Avenue, where it was located for more than four decades. "I always like to emphasize to people that even though the east side has a sometimes negative reputation, we had zero issues over there," he said. "I would have loved to stay there for as long as we were in business, but because of the perception, fewer and fewer people were willing to come out to that area." Seidman said traffic patterns also shifted so that there was less consumer activity on the east side, making the move feel necessary some five years ago. "I also moved specifically to the Wabash location, knowing that Barney's independent longtime family store was only going to be able to last for so much longer, and we were going to have to do something else with it."

With only weeks left under the Barney's name, Seidman said he remains steadfast in his decision, though it doesn't mean it's without sadness. "It's a very emotional time to close this chapter of my family's history in the business community in Springfield," he said. "It's a little bit easier because we've made this decision not based on necessity as much as on what we felt was the best road for us to take." □

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The road to riches

Social equity delayed in pot business

GOVERNMENT | Bruce Rushton

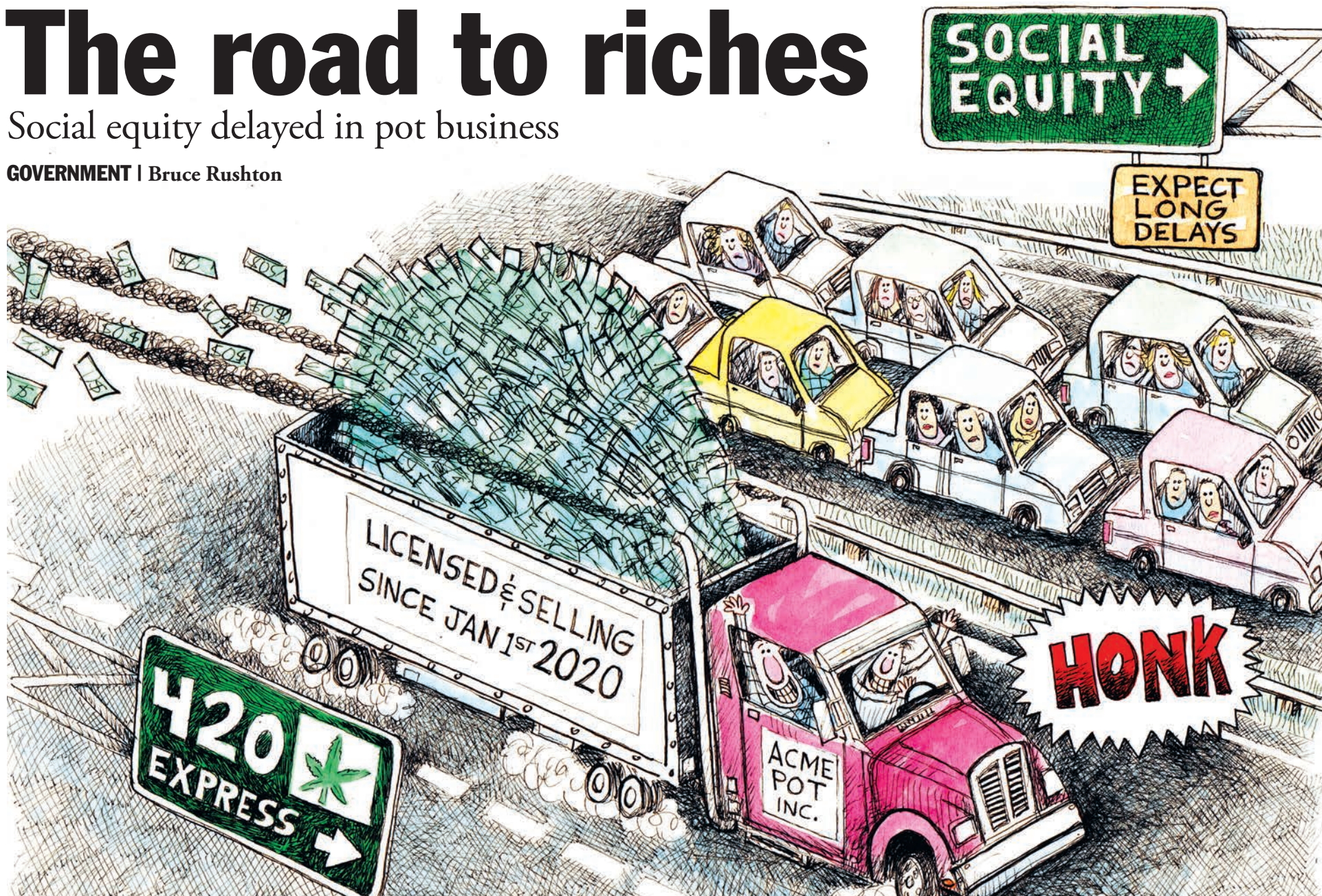


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Dr. Lawrence Hatchett says he feels like he's stuck in a desert.

He grew up in Colp, a southern Illinois village once known as a safe place for African Americans amid sundown towns where folks who weren't white couldn't venture after dark. Basketball was his ticket out. Good enough to land a scholarship at Marquette University, he didn't star but went on to graduate from medical school at the University of Chicago. After a residency in North Carolina, he landed a fellowship at Harvard and ultimately returned to the region of his upbringing, where he practices urology in Marion.

"My best friend, he went to prison; I went to Harvard," Hatchett says. "He's still my most trusted friend."

If all goes well, Hatchett hopes to help folks like his friend by getting into the cannabis

business — with a little help from the state and perhaps Doc Rivers, who coaches the Los Angeles Clippers and played college ball with Hatchett, who says he's contacted his former teammate asking if he'd like to invest.

Hatchett is waiting for the state to decide whether he'll get licenses to grow and sell weed. By now, he should know. The law says that 75 dispensary licenses were supposed to be awarded on May 1, and 40 licenses to grow pot were due on July 1. But, like hundreds of other applicants for pot licenses in what experts predict will be one of the nation's most lucrative weed markets, Hatchett is waiting long after deadlines have passed.

State regulators blame coronavirus for delays. Hatchett, who is seeking two grow operations and 10 dispensaries, says he's spent \$200,000 on the venture with no guarantee of a

return. Each application can consume hundreds of pages, fueling a cottage industry of lawyers and consultants to provide guidance and advice on negotiating regulations to come up with a winning plan. Those who want to grow pot must show they have sites available, which can mean paying for options on real estate if applicants don't already have property.

"I'm like a camel that's out in the desert, and I need some water," Hatchett says. "I'm at the point of no return."

Loopholes and going slow

Hatchett and his partners have plenty of company. The state has received thousands of applications for licenses to grow or sell pot, mostly from folks who claim social equity status under a provision designed to give the disadvantaged a leg up.

Dispensaries and cultivation centers now in business that began as medical marijuana operations are mostly white, and often corporate, undertakings. The state says it wants people impacted by the war on drugs to profit from pot, and so it has established a licensing system designed to benefit "social equity" applicants. With 20 percent of the grade based on whether an applicant qualifies under the social equity program, it is the single biggest consideration in awarding licenses.

Hatchett says that he's been approached by well-heeled investors who wouldn't qualify as social equity applicants. "Do you really want to do that application on your own — are you sure you don't want to join us?" he recalls.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has received 4,517 applications for dispensaries, with 4,400

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coming from applicants who say they qualify for social equity points. Entities can have more than one license, and of more than 900 entities that have applied, more than 800 have claimed social equity status, the department says. The Department of Agriculture has received 853 applications to grow, transport and make edibles and other non-smokable products from cannabis, with 721 of the applicants asserting they qualify under the state's social equity program.

The numbers make Hatchett wonder.

"How can there be such a high percentage who say they are social equity applicants?" he asks.

Akele Parnell, attorney with the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, has an answer: The law has loopholes, he says, and the definition of "social equity applicant" is overly broad.

"I've seen a lot that makes me wary," says Parnell, who was a lawyer for Green Thumb Industries, a Chicago-based marijuana company with stock traded on the Canadian stock exchange, before taking his current job last year.

People who've been arrested on marijuana charges but not convicted, whether as adults or juveniles, qualify, as do people who've been convicted. Spouses, parents and children of people who've been arrested or convicted of pot offenses also qualify. And so a wealthy person who hired top-notch lawyers to handle his son's arrest for pot possession would meet the standard, Parnell notes. He uses the example of George W. Bush, who was once arrested for driving under the influence: If it had been weed, Bush and his parents – if they were still alive – and his daughters would all qualify as social equity applicants if they moved here (the law requires that social equity applicants, but not other applicants, live in Illinois). Eric Clapton, who beat the rap in 1968, also would qualify, as would Snoop Dogg, who's been busted more than once.

Where someone lives, or has lived, can also make a difference. Based on demographics that include poverty rates and arrest statistics, the state has identified census tracts deemed to have suffered disproportionately from the war on drugs, and people who have lived in such areas for at least five of the past 10 years qualify. The areas include Jerome, which is adjacent to a dilapidated apartment complex that's been cleaned up, and Humboldt Park in Chicago, where gentrification has taken hold, Parnell says. And so a well-off Humboldt Park denizen who doesn't know anyone who's been arrested could qualify, as would Jerome Mayor Mike Lopez. Dr. Hatchett says he qualifies by virtue of living in a census tract deemed



Lines are common outside Illinois pot dispensaries, where nearly \$240 million worth of pot and cannabis products were sold during the first six months of this year despite shortages. PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

disproportionately impacted.

Parnell also sees a loophole in a provision allowing license seekers to qualify as social equity applicants if they have at least 10 employees and more than half live in areas deemed disproportionately impacted. Employees who've been arrested or convicted of marijuana offenses also count, as do employees who have spouses, parents or children who've gotten busted for low-level marijuana crimes. Parnell notes that there is no requirement that applicants keep such folks on the payroll once licenses are awarded. The entire provision, he argues, should be abolished: Ownership, he says, is what should matter, not whether applicants have hired disadvantaged people.

Parnell also argues for a tiered approach. A rich person with a relative who got busted for weed but was never convicted shouldn't be treated the same as a poor person who served time for pot. Instead, he suggests, give more consideration to people who have suffered the most.

"I think there's going to be a lot of folks who win who are not social equity applicants in the spirit of social equity," says Parnell, who predicts that nearly all of the licenses will go to social equity applicants. "My prediction is, less than 50 percent, maybe 25 percent, will be real social equity applicants. That's a little cynical. I hope that's not the case."

The law also rewards applicants who submit diversity plans that explain how they would provide opportunities in management, contracting and employment. In the case of

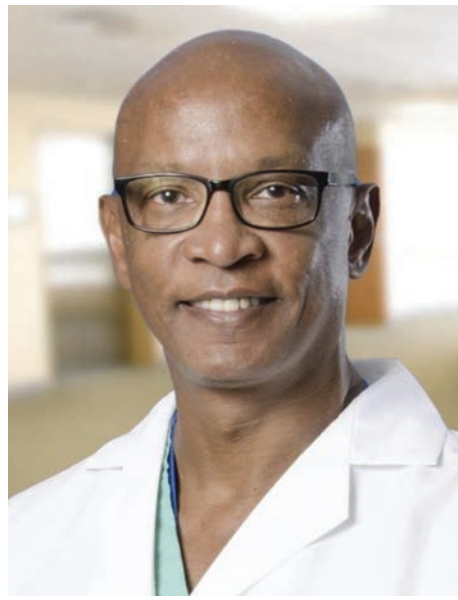
grow operations, a diversity plan can earn an applicant 100 of a possible 1,000 points, more points than can be gained with plans to train employees or ensure product safety and accurate labeling. Points are awarded in 12 categories, with only social equity status, plans for security and recordkeeping, and business plans that include financing sources and evidence of business acumen carrying more weight than diversity plans. While operators will be required to submit diversity reports when renewing

licenses, it's not clear how the state will ensure that diversity plans submitted by successful applicants will be carried out.

Applications are not subject to public disclosure, but the importance of diversity plans was evident last month, when backers of a proposed Pleasant Plains grow operation told neighbors that owners would concentrate on hiring minorities. Chris Stone, who's been in the pot business since the state legalized medical marijuana, explained the proposal to neighbors and said that employees who've been with the company for more than three years will get stakes through a stock ownership program after the business has been in operation for five years.

"The owners...want to provide opportunity for the creation of generational wealth for those that do not have these opportunities currently," backers wrote in a handout distributed to neighbors who attended an informational meeting.

Also, there is a question of scale. Each of the 21 existing cultivation centers established when medical pot was legalized can grow 210,000 square feet of marijuana for recreational use; there is no cap on how many square feet of medical marijuana can be grown. No more medical cultivation licenses will be issued under current law, and no additional large-scale cultivation centers for recreational pot are anticipated. New growers will be capped at 14,000 square feet at full build out. Parnell asks why startups shouldn't be allowed to establish grow operations as large as ones now allowed in an industry dominated by white people.



Dr. Lawrence Hatchett has applied for licenses to start 10 dispensaries and two grow operations.

“The larger ones are going to benefit from economy of scale: It’s not a competitive business model,” Parnell says. “Can you even survive and, if so, for how long? That’s not something that’s talked about a lot, but it should be, and it will be.”

Toi Hutchinson, a former state senator who helped push the pot legalization bill through the legislature last year and now oversees the state’s recreational cannabis program as an adviser to Gov. JB Pritzker, acknowledges that tweaks might be needed as the state gains experience.

“As a former legislator, I know there’s no such thing as a perfect piece of legislation – I came into this knowing that my whole role would be to identify what we figured out in the beginning and what we’re learning as we go,” she says. “This is a growth industry that’s going to adapt and change and move.”

There’s nothing to prevent successful applicants who meet social equity requirements from selling licenses, although reduced licensing fees as well as state grants and low-interest loans reserved for social equity enterprises would have to be repaid if licenses are sold within five years of being granted. Larry O’Hern, who owns a Fulton County cultivation center and an interest in a Peoria dispensary, says entities that stand little chance of winning licenses are watching. “There are multiple companies from out of state, like hawks on a fence, waiting for them to be awarded so they can pick them off,” he says.

While Hutchinson says the state’s cannabis program is set up to promote diverse ownership that endures, there are no guarantees, and licensees can do what they wish with licenses once they are awarded. “I do not want to reduce the property rights of a minority owner so they have less property rights than white counterparts,” Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson said uncertainties are why Illinois has adopted a go-slow strategy. The limited number of Illinois dispensary and growing licenses each will come with five-figure annual fees to successful applicants. The law also decrees how many dispensaries will be allowed in given cities. Springfield, where two dispensaries now do business and licenses for two additional dispensaries have been issued, has been allotted one new dispensary in the initial round of applications. By the end of next year, the state is due to issue another 110 dispensary licenses and an additional 60 licenses to grow marijuana. Beyond that, the state has set a hard cap of 500 recreational dispensaries and 150 new recreational grow facilities.

Other states have issued far more licenses, more quickly, and without geographic restrictions. The law requires Hutchinson to deliver a report next spring on whether discrimination exists in the industry and what might be preventing people from entering the pot business.

“We’ll be looking at how ownership changes, how it actually ends up growing and changing

in real time,” Hutchinson said. “These are all reasons why this is a slow, multiyear, phased approach. ... When we get through this phase, we will study this whole process, how it started, how the application process worked, who got licenses, where are the barriers, what does the industry look like.”



Former state Sen. Toi Hutchinson, who helped write the marijuana bill and advises Gov. JB Pritzker, says that starting slow is best.

“We’re super-excited”

Dr. Hatchett lauds the goal, and he agrees with limiting the number of licenses. “I give credit to Illinois for this process – I really think they’re trying to do it the right way,” he says. But the wait has not been easy.

“It’s stressful that we’re being put on delay,” he says. “We’re praying for September.”

Hutchinson blames coronavirus for delays in granting licenses that were due in May and last month. The General Assembly, due to a truncated session, didn’t pass legislation setting tiebreaker rules in the event top applicants have identical scores, she notes. Absent rules written into statute by lawmakers, the state Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which establishes rules necessary for agencies to oversee laws, must approve rules. The earliest that can happen is next month.

Also, the application scoring process has taken longer than expected. The state has hired KPMG, an accounting firm, to score applications for dispensaries and growing operations, and more applications were submitted than expected. According to a recent report in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the state’s contract with KPMG has ballooned from \$2.5 million to \$6.7 million. The newspaper also has reported that the contract required KPMG to physically pick up applications for dispensary licenses, which wasn’t possible because the firm instituted a travel ban in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Parnell says some applicants are skeptical that a travel ban could delay license awards for

this long. “A lot of folks are suspicious, I’ll say that,” he says. “What’s the real cause of it? I don’t know.” But Parnell doesn’t dispute that rules to resolve ties are needed, in part to avoid litigation from losers.

Given the number of applicants, there will be plenty of losers. Still, experts say that Illinois is among the most promising marijuana markets in the nation, with predictions of annual sales ranging as high as \$4 billion once there is sufficient product and retail outlets to meet demand. During the first six months of this year, nearly \$239.2 million in weed, edibles and other cannabis products were sold in the state’s 55 recreational dispensaries. Recreational pot isn’t legal in any state that touches Illinois, and nonresidents accounted for \$56.8 million of the total.

“With its permissive laws for visitors and intelligently constructed plan to make medical dispensaries the first (recreational) dispensaries, the state seems primed for an effective transition and the opportunity to bring in massive business from neighboring states,” wrote attorneys for Thompson Coburn, a law firm, in a 2019 ranking of states based on how favorable they are for pot businesses. The silk-stocking firm, which provides legal advice to marijuana businesses, includes such past and present partners as John Cullerton, former



Akele Parnell, a lawyer for the Chicago Lawyers’ Committee For Civil Rights, sees loopholes and predicts that fewer than half of licensees will meet the spirit of the law designed to create social equity.

Illinois Senate president, Kit Bond, former Missouri governor and U.S. senator and the late Thomas Eagleton, former U.S. senator from Missouri.

Illinois shot from number 18 to number 6 in the firm’s rankings, thanks to legalization of recreational pot and a regulatory scheme the firm calls “expansive and canny.” Other top-tier states include Oregon, Colorado and Nevada,

which have granted far more licenses at lower cost and with less bureaucracy than Illinois. “I would say it comes down to your preference in business,” says Michael Rosenblum, a Thompson Coburn lawyer who helped prepare the rankings. “If you feel you can acquire a limited number of licenses, barriers to entry will protect you.” On the other hand, small businesses, he says, might prefer states with large numbers of licenses issued at low cost because it’s easier to get started.

In a June appearance on “Mad Money,” a CNBC television program on the stock market, Ben Kovlar, CEO of Green Thumb Industries, set the future value of the Illinois market at \$3 billion. “There are going to be many, many, many winners,” he said. “We’re super-excited about the Illinois market.”

GTI, which has two large cultivation centers and five recreational dispensaries in Illinois along with operations in 11 other states, plans to establish an incubator program for startups, which is one way established companies can meet a state requirement to provide financial assistance and otherwise help new licensees. Another way is to write checks for deposit into a state fund set up to provide loans and grants to social equity enterprises. In its most recent annual report, GTI says it has partnerships with other enterprises in four states, including Illinois. “The company structures its joint ventures on a case-by-case basis but generally maintains operational control over the joint venture business and a variable economic interest,” the company says.

Partnerships are welcome, Hutchinson says. “It’s a fact that small businesses are competing against very big businesses,” she says. “I’m hoping to see a lot of these small enterprises hook up or partner. I love to hear entrepreneurs think about it in a very fulsome way.”

It is better for regulators to go slow and small at the start than big and fast, Hutchinson says, because what happens now will define the future. “I can’t erase the fact that the medical (marijuana) industry existed for six years before we did this,” she says. The state, she says, needs to be cautious. “You can’t go backwards, you can’t unring that bell,” she says. “Once they’re there, they’re there.”

Meanwhile, applicants wait. Despite requirements that growers not discriminate in selling product to dispensaries, Hatchett says he needs a growing facility in addition to dispensaries to ensure an adequate supply of product. He isn’t banking on getting everything he’s asked for.

“If I get more than one location, I’ll be tremendously happy,” he says. “We’re going to have diversity and we’ll try to be as independent as possible and bring in people of color.” □

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For better or for worse

My wife, Kathy, died July 9. Here's the ordeal we endured together since the accident 18 years ago.

LIFE AND DEATH | David Blanchette

My wife, Kathy, did not want her full story told while she was alive. The Aug. 9, 2002, accident that forever changed our lives was simply too emotionally overwhelming for her to consider seeing it in print during her lifetime.

Not long ago we had the discussion again, and Kathy agreed that if she were to die, I should tell everything that we experienced through our ordeal, the good and the bad, as a final testament to what the words "for better or for worse" truly mean. I asked what sort of spin she wanted on the story, and she replied, "Do what you do best. Tell things like they really are. No fake news."

Kathy died suddenly, but not totally unexpectedly, on July 7. This is how things really were.

My wife, Kathy, never met the two young men who eventually killed her. Kathy was on our quiet, residential street in Jacksonville coming home for lunch from her dream job, being a day care teacher, when two drag racers became airborne over a railroad crossing and landed on top of her car. Since the crossing was steep, she never saw them coming.

Kathy's right leg was traumatically amputated by the weight of the vehicle that crashed downward through her dashboard, with only the calf muscle remaining attached. Her left leg sustained a compound fracture and was twisted behind her. She suffered a concussion, all of her teeth were knocked out or severely cracked, she had deep cuts all over her body, and she was in shock.

The registered nurse who lived nearby and first rushed to the crash scene, the paramedics, police, firefighters — no one expected Kathy to live. She was trapped inside her car for more than an hour. Several people who witnessed the crash or saw her mutilated body needed counseling after the ordeal.

I was working at the Illinois State Fair when I kept getting calls from Kathy's work number that I let go to voicemail. When I finally called back, Kathy's boss said, "David, you need to come home right away. Kathy has been in an accident."

Unable to obtain answers from anyone over the phone while driving back to Jacksonville, I turned on the radio to see if the accident was being mentioned on the news. What came on instead was the Bob Dylan song, "Knocking on Heaven's Door." Even 18 years later it is uncomfortable for me to listen to that song.

I saw Kathy on an emergency room table, silent, eyes wide open in shock, with butchered meat for the lower half of her body. The only



David and Kathy Blanchette at their daughter's wedding in 2006. PHOTO BY ROBIN JACAWAY.

sounds came from the next room, one of the injured drag racers who was screaming in pain.

I was with Kathy for just a few minutes before they loaded her onto a helicopter for the flight to the trauma center in Springfield. I was handed a bag containing Kathy's blood-and-gore-infused sandals as I headed out the door.

On the way back to Springfield I called both of our daughters, who live elsewhere, and told them their mother had been in an accident and may not survive.

At one point the St. John's Trauma Center chief came out of the operating room and said they might be able to save Kathy's life, and asked if I wanted them to try to save her legs as well. I said, "Hell yes, I like her legs!" Given the 20 surgeries and the innumerable problems we went

through the next 18 years, Kathy and I later agreed that was the worst decision I ever made.

An external fixator was implanted in Kathy's right leg to hold little pieces of her bones in place in the hope they would grow back together. The metal rods that pierced the skin and went to the center of her leg had to be cleaned and the dead skin around them pulled off every day. We had to do that ourselves when Kathy was eventually sent home.

Kathy's therapists would not allow her to return home until our house was made ready, and this included the construction of a wheelchair ramp. My photography studio business partner, Steve Todd, and I built the wooden ramp and I contacted Kathy's fellow day care center teachers to see if the students would like to decorate

it. The result was so lively and colorful that it lifted Kathy's spirits and proved to be one of the happier highlights of her ordeal.

Kathy insisted that I not abandon the team effort of which I was a part regarding the soon-to-open Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, so I lined up people to sit with her in our hospital-bed-equipped living room while I was away. From people we barely knew, to church members, to elected officials, these volunteers all got to know Kathy and for the next 18 years never failed to inquire about her.

The two men who hit Kathy pleaded guilty to aggravated reckless driving, but Kathy could not bear to attend their sentencing. I read her victim impact statement in the courtroom while looking them both in the eye. They never apologized. One received five years in prison, the other two and a half; both were out after serving half of their sentences. They were ordered to make \$250,000 in restitution. By the time of Kathy's death we had received a grand total of \$37.

One of the men whose vehicle struck Kathy was uninsured, the other under-insured. Both were indigent. Our insurance company balked at paying her medical bills because the injuries she sustained were someone else's fault. We hired an attorney to make sure the company did the right thing so we would not be sued for more than a million dollars in medical expenses. When the attorney met with us at our house, you could see the horror in his face when he looked at Kathy's injuries. He was also not a fan of our dog, who scratched her itchy butt on his expensive shoes.

A high school friend of Kathy's, Laura Ward, became a lifesaver during that first year and beyond. A registered nurse, Laura was there from the day Kathy was brought home, helped us set up the proper medical equipment, showed us how to perform wound care, and became Kathy's own unofficial medical provider.

Our house at the time of the accident was a split level, and Kathy's paramedic brother, Kris Templin, and I would usually be the ones who moved her in a wheelchair either up or down the stairs. During one such transit I slipped, the wheelchair tumbled, and all three of us ended up in a heap at the bottom of the stairs with Kathy's hardware-infused leg embedded in Kris' crotch. Kris howled in pain, I had the wind knocked out of me, and Kathy was laughing hysterically at the spectacle, miraculously unhurt.

One year after the accident Kathy and Laura found a one-story home with wide doorways that was perfect for a person with her mobility issues.

A team of relatives, friends and co-workers moved us from one home to the other in one long day followed by a thank-you pizza and beer dinner that night. It was the last time we entertained a large group of people as a couple in our home.

Kathy became increasingly terrified of going outdoors. Her pack-rat tendencies multiplied, and soon our spacious home was stuffed with hoarded items with just enough space between for her to navigate. Any attempt to remove even one small item was met with hysterics. The piles seemed to comfort her, so I learned to let them be.

We purchased a van and had it equipped with a left-foot accelerator so Kathy could drive using her “good” leg, but the use of the device required that she attend a special driving school in Alton, one of the hilliest cities in Illinois. Kathy passed the course, but eventually driving became too difficult even with her left leg.

Going anywhere with Kathy required patience, ingenuity and wit. We placed a trash bag on the passenger seat so Kathy could slide more freely into the car as she swung her stiff leg inside. We’d always ask for a table for three at a restaurant with one chair reserved for her leg, which had to be kept elevated. Kathy referred to her leg-lifting device as a “dog walker” and she would let kids anywhere walk her imaginary dog with it.

We tried to resume a normal life, but seemingly every attempt was met with another setback. While attending a family event in the Chicago area, we both heard a muffled sound like a twig snapping. Kathy’s right leg had broken again, for no apparent reason – it just snapped. She gritted her teeth, said she was determined not to make a scene, and would not go to the hospital until we returned to Jacksonville many hours later.

Kathy had both knees replaced, one of them twice due to infection, had one hip replacement, and had metal rods inserted into her leg bones to hold them together. She was the proud carrier of a card that would let her get through airport metal detectors, but she never got to use it – lengthy travel was something she simply could



Kathy and David Blanchette in 2005 in their Jacksonville home. PHOTO BY MARILYN BLANCHETTE.

not do.

Kathy was constantly beset by severe infections from all of her wounds. She developed acute lymphedema, which caused her badly scarred lower extremities to swell grotesquely. Arthritis brought on by the trauma made her develop what Kathy called “painful witch fingers.” All of her remaining teeth had to be pulled and dental implants installed, which gave her constant problems because of the lingering damage to her mouth. Cellulitis, a serious bacterial skin infection that turned Kathy’s legs several shades of red and purple, caused her skin to peel off like leprosy near the end.

We both learned how to give injections into her stomach, administer IV antibiotics, and change her foul-smelling, sometimes pus-filled dressings.

Friends and family told me I was stretching

myself too thin and needed respite help. But I didn’t need respite, I had work, which Kathy strongly encouraged me to keep doing. Kathy lived vicariously through my experiences and grilled me about every detail each time I returned home. But that was on good days. Being isolated, crippled and in constant pain meant frequent venting, and all of that spite, anger and frustration was directed toward me, the only constant in Kathy’s life.

Kathy lived to see the weddings of both of our daughters, one after the accident, and the births of our five grandchildren, who were her reason for living. She was a fun grandma, whether holding tea parties for the girls or letting the boys draw “tattoo” patterns on her scar-festooned legs.

Kathy’s parents had both died before the accident and Kathy had lost a younger brother, Kurt, to an auto accident just two months prior to her own. But my parents were alive, active, incredibly supportive, and even organized a benefit for Kathy.

Years later, when my mother required round-the-clock care due to several debilitating strokes, my cancer-ridden father cared for her as long as he could at home. When I asked why he didn’t hire someone to help, my father said, “I’m inspired by how you have taken care of Kathy all these years by yourself.” I took care of my father as best as I could when his condition worsened, and when my mother went to a nursing home, he finally decided to die in hospice care. My mother, never realizing my father had died even though she attended his funeral, passed away three months later.

Kathy did not have to worry about COVID because her final downward slide began in February 2020 and she never left our house. She was simply tired of fighting. Kathy refused to see the doctor despite repeated, emotional pleas from our daughters and me.

Kathy fell early in the morning on July 7, and because of her condition I had to summon emergency help to get her up. The emergency crews had just left, I had gotten Kathy comfortable in her reclining chair, given her a glass of water, and went 10 feet away to start the

coffee machine. When I went to check on her less than a minute later, she had stopped breathing.

I called 911 and immediately started CPR, stepping aside when the emergency crews arrived for the second time in an hour. But it was clear from their expressions that she was already gone. And my only thought was that I couldn’t remember the last words we had spoken to each other. I still can’t.

Within an hour of Kathy’s death I was called regarding cornea donations, and these helped two people to regain their sight. Van loads of her medical supplies went to help people in Appalachia, Central America and Africa. Knitting materials were donated to our local senior center. School supplies went to the Jacksonville School District 117 Foundation. Before her accident, these were the kinds of charitable gestures that defined Kathy.

Kathy was unable to wear her custom-designed wedding ring after the accident because of her arthritic joint swelling, but I thought it was time to bring it out of hibernation and wore it on my pinky for her visitation. But when I tried to remove her ring later that night, it wouldn’t come off. “Looks like Mom just isn’t letting go!” joked my daughters.

It’s the little things I miss the most about Kathy. I miss how she was the ultimate spoiler and would describe a movie or TV show in lengthy, excruciating detail. I miss the clunking sound her cane or crutches made when she moved around the house. I miss the advice which she gave, whether the recipient was amenable or not. I miss the way her eyes would scrunch tightly and the cackling laugh she would emit when amused.

During the past 18 years I have often asked myself if the gut-wrenching heartache and pain were worth it. Knowing what I do now, would I have ever asked Kathy to be my wife more than 30 years ago? On really bad days in recent years the answer was sometimes “no.”

But now, it will always be “yes.” □

David Blanchette of Jacksonville is a frequent contributor to Illinois Times.

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FOOD

Fruit butters are fun

Preserve the sweet taste of summer

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Fruit butters are a fun and relatively straightforward way to preserve the sweet taste of summer for months to come. Unlike jams and jellies, which rely on the addition of pectin to thicken and gel, fruit butters are made by slowly cooking down fruit pulp and sugar to a rich spread, perfect for so much more than just spreading on toast. For this reason, fruit butters are less finicky to pull off than a perfectly gelled jar of jelly or jam, which requires precise attention to proportions and is best made in small batches. If you can make applesauce, then you can make fruit butter.

An optional but helpful step is to macerate the prepared fruit with the sugar overnight, which helps to draw out all the juices. Fruit butters are generally cooked over medium heat for about 45 to 60 minutes on the stovetop, depending on the fruit used and the size of the batch. Use the widest nonreactive pot you have. Cover it initially to help it come to a boil faster, then, once it's bubbling, remove the lid to allow the mixture to reduce. Fruit butter is also a wonderful candidate for a slow-cooker or multi-cooker. Scorching is the biggest concern when making fruit butters, so make sure to use a heavy-bottomed pot and stir frequently, especially towards the end of cooking. If a slow cooker is used, be sure to leave the lid slightly ajar so moisture can escape and the product inside can reduce. Fruit butters are done when they have thickened and hold their shape on a spoon. When a dollop is placed on a chilled plate, the fruit butter should be the consistency of soft butter, and liquid should not separate out around the edge of the dollop.

Good candidates for both freezing or canning, fruit butters can be used in a myriad of ways, from sweet to savory. Swirl into cheesecake filling, spoon over ice cream or use as a filling for a deeply flavored layer cake. They are just as at home on a cheeseboard, on the dinner table served alongside roast chicken or pork or slathered onto a sandwich. Combine a dollop of fruit butter with grainy mustard, minced shallots and a splash of vinegar before slowly whisking in oil for a salad dressing that sings of summer. Fruit butters even have a place in the drink section when combined with a shot of bourbon or vodka, then topped off with ginger beer or sparkling wine.



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Peach Butter

5 pounds ripe peaches
½ cup water (not needed if macerated overnight)
2-4 cups sugar, to taste (granulated or brown, your choice)
Zest and juice of one lemon
A scant pinch of salt
¼ cup finely grated fresh ginger, optional

Peel the peaches, remove the pits and cut them into one-inch chunks, combine them with the other ingredients and refrigerate overnight if desired. Place in a heavy-bottomed nonreactive pot over medium heat and bring to a gentle boil. Boil, or cook in a slow cooker on low with the lid ajar, for approximately 10 hours. Stir continually until the butter has thickened and holds its shape on a spoon. At this point the butter can be ladled into clean, hot jars (be sure to leave ¼ inch of headspace) and processed in a water bath, or chilled and frozen, or refrigerated for several weeks.

Spiced Plum Butter

4 pounds ripe plums
1 ½ cups granulated sugar, to taste
¾ teaspoon ground cardamom
A scant pinch of salt

Split the plums in half and remove the pits before cutting them into uniform chunks. Do not peel the plums. Combine them with the cardamom and sugar and macerate overnight, then proceed according to the instructions

above (add ½ cup water before cooking if not macerated overnight). Excellent with creamy blue cheese or as an accompaniment to roast turkey.

Blueberry Butter and Syrup

This recipe is a bit more of a process than the standard fruit butter method, but your efforts will be rewarded with two products: a blueberry syrup perfect for pancakes, or homemade soda, as well as a spreadable blueberry butter.

8 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
1 ½ cup sugar, to taste
2 tablespoons honey
¾ cup water
Zest and juice of one lemon
A scant pinch of salt
A few gratings of fresh nutmeg, optional

Combine the above ingredients and bring to a boil in a heavy-bottomed nonreactive pot. Stir frequently and boil gently for 5 minutes, until the berries have burst. Set a fine meshed sieve over a heatproof bowl and ladle some of the berry mixture into it until you have about two cups of blueberry syrup. Perfect for drizzling over French toast or a pairing with Prosecco for a beautiful blueberry Bellini.

To finish the blueberry butter, return the berries in the sieve back into the cooking pot and use an immersion blender to purée them until smooth. Return to the heat and cook until thickened and spreadable, about 20 minutes. □

FILM



Tomorrow effectively speaks to the dread of today

FILM | Chuck Koplinski

I've always been fascinated by the timeliness of movies. What with a usual lag time of about a year between the end of production and when a film hits the screen, that a feature speaks to social concerns occurring while it's playing means that either the director in question was very prescient or a bit of luck is at play. I tend to opt for the latter explanation, but there may be something more at play with Amy Seimet's *She Dies Tomorrow*, an intriguing, at times frustrating horror film that slowly creeps under your skin, a movie that sticks with you despite some questionable narrative moments.

Seimet begins with a striking image — an extreme close-up of one of Amy's eyes with the actress Kate Lynn Sheil expressing a gamut of emotions with her shifting gaze before settling on an expression that conveys a sense of inescapable dread. She has no reason to feel this way. She's just bought her first home, she's managed to kick a bad drinking habit and is young enough that life is full of possibilities. So why is she turning to the bottle again, shopping for cremation urns online and fixating on the notion that she'd like her skin used for a jacket after she dies? She can't really say, but she's thoroughly convinced she will die the next day and there's nothing she can do to prevent it.

This is a fascinating premise for a horror film, and Seimet effectively exploits it by treating this sense of impending doom as a contagion. Amy's friend, Jane (Jane Adams,) comes by to check on her and before you know it, she too is convinced her time is up tomorrow. Upon visiting her brother (Chris Messina) and sister-in-law (Katie Aselton), she "infects" them, as well as their two guests (Tunde Adebimpe and Jennifer Kim) and does emergency room physician Doc (Josh

Lucas) no favors when she visits him in an effort to find out what ails her. Needless to say, there's no cure readily at hand.

While the film runs a scant 84 minutes, there are moments when Seimet lets the pace lag, too many scenes lacking the punch a film of this sort requires. And the inexplicable kaleidoscope of flashing lights that assail some of the victims when the insidious thought worms its way into their minds is a needless affectation that distracts, rather than captivates. Still, the cast is so thoroughly invested they keep us hooked to the end.

A sense of alienation permeates the movie. Repeatedly, characters don't listen to what's being said to them. At times, parallel conversations are occurring in which the speakers aren't connecting, and at other moments key things are left unsaid. The insular nature of every character and the sense of self-imposed isolation leads to a common feeling of paranoia that ultimately runs rampant, leading to fissures in our social fabric. Disinformation or a lack of information about what's ailing them only fosters a sense of baseless fear and helplessness that simply can't be contained.

There's no question that Seimet's film touches upon many hot-button issues we're contending with, what with the isolation caused by the COVID-19 epidemic and the political divisions that plague the nation. In the end, there's no explanation for what's causing the infection in *She Dies Tomorrow* and that ambiguity is in keeping with the times. While it's obvious what's causing our collective sense of foreboding, that we have no clear sense of how things will be resolved is enough to cause anyone to turn toward the darkness. □

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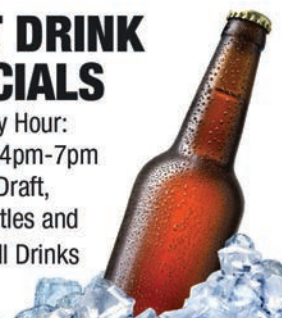
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NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Heading into our first full August weekend of 2020, we're still staring deep into the pandemic hole that's taken a toll on our live music scene and those all over the world. As our summer festivals, concerts, fairs and anywhere needing a crowd to be a thing are not happening, we look wherever we can to find relief in live music.

Let's take a moment to continue our weekly tribute to those directly involved with COVID-19, either through positive testing, knowing someone going through the bug or anyone dealing with frontline battles to control and contain the thing. Thanks to all who mask up every day at testing centers, hospitals and wherever to give their best to work with this issue. It's a strange and different world on most levels, but being decent to and respectful of others and doing what is right to help out is the same as it ever was. So keeping all that in mind and the new regulations at bars and restaurants necessary to keep us safe, let's see what kind of music is going on around this old town.

Normally, we would be gearing up for the State Fair to kick off next week, including experiencing the myriad of music performances on the fairgrounds proper and all the extra shows in bars and clubs that happen then, too. It's just mind-boggling to think of all the acts booked at the free stages, including the Ethnic Village, Lincoln Stage, Twilight Ballroom, Apex Stage, The Shed and beer tents. Toss in the Kid's Korner and whatever else is going on for several acts a day for 10 days, plus the Grandstand shows and our regular in-town scene of bar events, and that's a lot of live music not happening.

In the meantime, we've got some stuff

going on around town, if you don't mind listening with masks, practicing social distancing and watching the crowd numbers. Once again, the Curve Inn, while doing their very best to stay safe and keep you safe, hosts another Southtown Fair this year to coincide with the State fair. Since there is no State fair at all (and other reasons, I am sure), the Curve is calling their event the Un-Fair and is holding it this week and weekend, ahead of when the fair would be next week if there was a fair, because it doesn't matter since there is no fair. Does that make sense? Good, because hardly anything makes sense these days, so it works out perfectly.

Regardless, the Curve has their fair menu, including cocktails and food, happening along with tunes from Bustin' Loose on Thursday, Brandy Kristin and the Revival on Friday, Soul Experience on Saturday and an all-ages show of Unchained with Jack Kennedy on Sunday, as long as everything remains okay. On Friday and Saturday, most of the usual band suspects are just playing at different venues than they did the week before, so I'm going to leave the fun of finding out who is where and when up to you and your special friend, our Live Music listings.

Folks out at The Gables are hosting a nifty event called "Salute to the State Fair" all day on Saturday. Along with sidewalk sales, they're having fair-like food and drink specials, plus live music by country stylist Ty Brando at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet in the evening and theater person/musical performer of rare talent, Michael Lanham, off and on during the day in The Gables and at Curate in the evening.

Take care, be fair and see you next week. □

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Bustin' Loose
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Friday Aug 7

it Off the Wall
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30pm

Avery Kern
Copperheads, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Brandy Kristin and the Revival
The Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Harmony Deep
Lime Street Cafe, 8-11:30pm

Bustin Loose
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-10pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 8-11pm

Positively 4th Street
Slaughthouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 7-10pm

Saturday Aug 8

Tad Derek O'Brien
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 6-8pm

RockHouse
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Ryman's Way
Boar's Nest, Athens, 6-10pm

Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Baaad Boyz Band
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Michael Lanham
Curate, 6:30-8pm

Soul Experience
The Curve Inn, 6-10pm



Guilty Boys
Sunday, Aug. 9,
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BAND SPOTLIGHT | Guilty Boys

it A better moniker could not be invented to match this pair of longtime friends, for these two pals and music makers, Keith Dunlap and Kevin Smith, are indeed some guilty boys. We can proudly say they are extremely guilty of playing good tunes well and being a wonderful act to enjoy, whatever the setting. Along with professional musicianship and well-done vocals, the two crazy guys bring along decades worth of songs for a wide-ranging set list, including, but not limited to, Americana, country, rock and pop. Also included is an extra dose of what they call “whatever” to describe the performance factor of these two entertainers, no matter how innocent of “whatever” they claim to be. Any witness to more than one show by the GBs knows they are constantly adding new songs to the extensive list and also aren't shy about taking requests. You can come judge them for yourself this weekend or at one of their several upcoming gigs over the next few months.

Wood 'n' Nickel Society
Don's Place, Jacksonville,
7:30pm

Take a Break With Cowboy Randy
Facebook with Randy Erwin,
8-9pm

Michael Lanham
The Gables, 11am-3pm

Harmony Deep
Lime Street Cafe, 8-11:30pm

Wreckless Whiskey
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

The Road Less Traveled
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-10pm

it Ty Brando
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet,
5-7pm

NCR
Weebles Bar & Grill,
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Sunday Aug 9

Micah Walk
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Monday Aug 10

John Drake and the Persuaders
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Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays
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Memorial Carillon, 1740 W.
Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

■ Art & Architecture

it Architecture Walk
Wed., Aug. 12, 5:30pm. Join
Anthony Rubano of the Illinois
Department of Natural Resources
as he discusses the architectural
styles, materials and treatments of
the buildings of historic downtown
Springfield. downtownspringfield.org. Free. Lincoln-Herndon Law
Office, 112 North Sixth St.

**Images of Lincoln Memorial
Garden photography contest**
Contest categories include living
creatures, wildflowers, landscapes
and photos of people celebrating
life at Lincoln Memorial Gardens.
Submissions are due by Aug. 28.
Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E.
Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

"Jazz in June"

The exhibition continues every
Saturday, 12-4 p.m. through Aug.
29. It includes the work of over
20 local artists, plus Neil Shapiro
of Chicago. Free. The Pharmacy
Gallery and Art Space, 623 E.
Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Visitor Guide Cover Art Gallery Show

Through Oct. 15. Located in the
Old State Capitol, this gallery show
features artwork submitted in the
Illinois Times Visitor Guide Cover
Art Contest. Entry to the site is at
scheduled times only. Call the site
or visit the website to schedule
your visit. historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov. Old State Capitol, 1
Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-
7960.

YART/ Used Book Sale

Sat., Aug. 15, 9am-3pm. Pre-
owned books, magazines, art
supplies, equipment and more
for you to explore and take home
for all your creative endeavours.
Free admission. Edwards Place,
Springfield Art Association, 700 N.
Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

■ Children's Corner

Virtual preschool story time
Fridays, 10:15-10:30am. Ms.
Catherine will be on the library's
Facebook page with story time
for preschoolers. Free. Online,
community engagement, 217-
483-2713.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

**Nature journaling and botanical
drawing**
Sat., Aug. 15, 3pm. Brush up
on your botany skills and get
inspired to draw with Davina
Fouke who will lead the workshop
via Zoom. Hosted by the Friends
of Sangamon Valley. Call for

more information. Members \$20,
nonmembers \$25. 217-525-1410.

Virtual Star Party

Tue., Aug. 11, 8:30-10:30pm. John
Martin, UIS associate professor
of astronomy/physics, will give
tips for finding Venus, the Big
Dipper and other bright stars
and constellations in the evening
sky and answer astronomy
questions submitted live via
Zoom. For the link, visit go.uis.edu/summerstarparkies. 217-206-
8342.

■ Bulletin Board

it 217 Black Business Month Virtual Roundtables

Wed., Aug. 12, 10am. A virtual
series to discuss entrepreneurship,
expansion and employees. The
series will serve as a catalyst
to gather, understand and
document the experiences of
Black businesses and learn
their challenges and needs in
gaining access to capital, revenue
opportunities and creating wealth.
Online community engagement,
217-753-3551.

APL Pet Adoptions

Saturdays, 11am-4pm and
Sundays, 12-4pm. All animals
will be spayed or neutered,
microchipped and will have
received all age-appropriate
vaccinations by the time of
their adoption. apl-shelter.org.
PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy.,
217-544-7387.

Moonlight Market

Third Wednesday of every month,
6-9pm. Local artists, artisans,
crafters and vendors. Obad and
Isaac's, 500 S. Sixth St., 217-670-
0627.

it Purple Heart Day Ceremony

Sun., Aug. 9, 1pm. An annual
ceremony to honor the men and
women who were awarded the
Purple Heart. 217-369-6924. Oak
Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument
Ave., 217-789-2340.

it Racial Understanding: A Way Forward through Dialogue

Mondays, 6:30pm. Given the
events of recent months, many
people of good will are ready
to earnestly engage others in a
balanced and diverse dialogue
about race. The Chiara Center
is hosting a series of dialogues
to bring willing participants into
a process that they will help to
shape through small group sharing
via Zoom. chiaracenter.org. Free.
Chiara Center, 4875 Laverna Road,
217-523-0901 ext. 482.

BLM SPI voter registration and school supply drive

Sat., Aug. 8, 12-4pm. On-site voter
registration. Supply drive for Dist.
186 students. spiblm@gmail.com. Free. Springfield and Central
Illinois African-American History
Museum, 1440 Monument Ave.,
217-391-6323.

■ Auditions

The Spirit of Lincoln auditions

Sat., Aug. 15, 9am-3pm. A call
for singers/actors and dancers.
Dance auditions will be virtual.
Masks are required for in-
person auditions, even while
singing. Visit the Spirit of Lincoln
Auditions Facebook page for more
information. Hoogland Center for
the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-
523-2787.

■ Food & Drink

Illinois Products Farmers Market

Thursdays, 4pm. The market
will be following all COVID-19
guidelines set forth by the
Illinois Department of Agriculture
and Illinois Farmer's Market
Association. Illinois State
Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801
Sangamon Ave., 217-524-9129.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Wednesdays and Saturdays,
8am-1pm. Shop for fresh local
produce, baked good and
products, but please note the
new social distancing guidelines
including mandatory masks. Old
Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth
and Adams streets, 217-544-
1723.

Rochester Farmers Market

Sundays, 12-3pm. Rochester
Public Library, Rochester, 1
Community Dr., 217-498-8454.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Gospel concert in the park

Sun., Aug. 9, 6pm. Featuring
The Peeks and Saved by Grace.
Bring a lawn chair. Sponsored
by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville.
217-670-2115 or 217-361-9423.
Jacksonville Community Park,
Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main.

■ Health

Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behavior

Tue., Aug. 11, 11am-12pm. Learn
to decode behavioral messages,
identify common behavior
triggers and use strategies
to help intervene with some
common behavioral challenges
of Alzheimer's disease. alz.org.
Online community engagement,
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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SECURITY BANK , Plaintiff,
-v.-
RUSSELL LEE EVANGELISTA, LUWANA KAY EVANGELISTA AKA LUWANA K. EVANGELISTA, TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, LLC DBA TOWER LOAN OF SPRINGFIELD, IL, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Defendant
19 CH 83
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 24, 2020, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 2035 N. 19TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Property Index No. 14-23.0-108-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$30,476.24.
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 (HOME-OWNER), 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, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 366553.
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.
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
111 East Main Street, DECATUR IL, 62523, 217-422-1719, Fax #: 217-422-1754
E-Mail: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 366553, Case Number: 19 CH 83, TJSC#: 40-1966
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 83

PUBLIC NOTICES

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF MARY C. FIFER DECEASED.
NO. 2019-P-353
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Mary C. Fifer. Letters of Office were issued on July 9, 2019, to John Fifer, 2960 Westborough Dr., St. Charles, MO, 63301, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Steven D. Draper, Draper P.C., 114 E. Walnut Street, P.O. Box 453, Chatham, Illinois, 62629.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both on or before February 6, 2021, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated this 6th day of August, 2020.
Name: Steven D. Draper
Attorney for Administrator
Address: Draper P.C.
114 E. Walnut Street
P.O. Box 453 Chatham, IL 62629 217-483-8561

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAY L. MacKENZIE, Deceased.
Case No. 2020 - P - 339
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of KAY L. MacKENZIE. Letters of office were issued on July 8, 2020 to DAVID B. MacKENZIE, JOHN W. MacKENZIE, and BRIAN D. MacKENZIE, 2709 Arrowhead Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Independent Co Executors, whose attorney is JOSEPH E. MCMENAMIN, 212 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.
Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

JOSEPH E. MCMENAMIN
Attorney for Estate
212 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-528-2870
mcm732@aol.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: Susanne Hall Ripka, Deceased
Case No. 2020-P-341
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Susanne Hall Ripka. Letters of Office were issued to Thomas Ripka, 2608 Clifton Dr., Springfield, IL 62704 and Mark Ripka, 2937 Chilton Pl, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 as Co-Executors. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702 or with the Co-Executor, or both, on or before, January 23, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Co- Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Thomas Ripka and Mark Ripka, Co-Executors
Paul Palozzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
July 23, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF TERRY ALLEN SCROGUM DECEASED
Case No. 2020-P-380
CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Notice is hereby given of the death of TERRY ALLEN SCROGUM. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 27, 2020, appointing JOHN L. SWARTZ, of One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600 ~ Myers Building, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600 ~ Myers Building, Springfield, Illinois 62701, Phone: (217) 525-1571. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. This Notice is given to the following unknown heirs of the Decedent, TERRY ALLEN SCROGUM, who died in Springfield, Illinois, on June 29, 2020, at the age of 67 years.
A. Unknown descendants of Benjamin Scrogum, Etta Carter Scrogum, Israel Lybarger, Mary Elizabeth Bair Lybarger, John William Bucy, Lena Pate Bucy, John Grissom, Elizabeth Trone Grissom.
B. Unknown Descendants of Lila Mae Lybarger, deceased.
C. Doug Beatty and Debbie Beatty (last name unknown), descendants of Sandra Beatty, deceased (addresses unknown).
D. Dennis Bucy and Terry Bucy, descendants of Claire Bucy, deceased (addresses unknown).
E. James Bucy, descendant of George Bucy, deceased (address unknown).
F. Larry Bucy and Debbie Gureski, descendants of Otis Bucy, deceased (addresses unknown).
G. Pam Gamber and Phyllis Groutage, descendants of Donald Bucy, deceased (addresses unknown). Within 42 days

after the date of the first publication of this Notice, any heir may file a Petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). Further, any heir of the Decedent has the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within six months after admission of the Will to probate. An unknown heir who fails or declines to enter his or her appearance within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice is and may be found in default by the Court in any subsequent proceedings in this Estate. Dated July 27, 2020 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL COURT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS – IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ODESSA MAE KNOCHE O'NEAL WHITE, Deceased.
No. 2020-P-156
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION- CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of ODESSA MAE KNOCHE O'NEAL WHITE of Sangamon, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 2, 2020 to PATRICK H. O'NEAL and LINDA O'NEAL MERCKER whose attorney is VERTICCHIO & VERTICCHIO, 100 East Chestnut, P.O. Box 87, Gillespie, IL 62033.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Macoupin County Courthouse in Carlinville, Illinois 62626, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 22nd day of July 2020.
PATRICK H. O'NEAL and LINDA O'NEAL MERCKER, Co-Executor's
BY: /s/ Rick Verticchio
One of Their Attorneys

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Tashinea T. Anderson Petitioner and Travis Greer, Respondent
Case No. 2020-D-353
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Travis Greer, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 6th day of September, 2020 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of MARLUCIA AMARA VILLARREAL

For change of name to MARLUCIA AMARA MAGUIRE
Case NO.: 2020-MR-478
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on August 28, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from MARLUCIA AMARA VILLARREAL to MARLUCIA AMARA MAGUIRE pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: July 23, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of COLIN GEORGE COVINGTON
For change of name to ERICA JANE COVINGTON
Case NO.: 2020-MR-553
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 22, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name COLIN GEORGE COVINGTON to ERICA JANE COVINGTON pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: July 30, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of MARY JASLINE XAVIER AMALANATHAN
For change of name to MARY JASLINE XAVIER VINODH
Case NO.: 2020-MR-426
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 22, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from MARY JASLINE XAVIER AMALANATHAN to MARY JASLINE XAVIER VINODH pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: July 30, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of ZAVONDA SHANAY MURRAY
For change of name to NA'YAH ISRAEL
Case NO.: 2020-MR-423
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from ZAVONDA SHANAY MURRAY to NA'YAH ISRAEL pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: August 6, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of JOURN'E FA LOVE HOOD
For change of name to JOURN'E FA LOVE DAWSON
Case NO.: 2020-MR-537
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 22, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from JOURN'E FA LOVE HOOD to JOURN'E FA LOVE DAWSON pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: August 6, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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For change of name to ELLIOTT MITCHELL BLACKWELL
Case NO.: 2020-MR-537
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 22, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from ELAINE MARIE BLACKWELL to ELLIOTT MITCHELL BLACKWELL pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: August 6, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.
LAVONDOLYN FOSTER A/K/A LAVONDA-LYN GLENISE FOSTER, A/K/A LAVON PERKINS; BRANDON FOSTER A/K/A BRANDON R FOSTER; ROBERT LEE FOSTER, JR.; SERENA FOSTER; SHONE FOSTER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT L FOSTER, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TED HARVATIN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR, ROBERT L FOSTER, DEFENDANTS.
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1909 EAST PINE STREET
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Robert L Foster, If Any
Brandon Foster a/k/a Brandon R Foster
Robert Lee Foster, Jr.
Serena Foster
Shone Foster
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:
LOT FOURTEEN (14) BLOCK ONE (1) OF B. M. GRIFFITH'S SUBDIVISION. PART OF THE NORTHWEST PART OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN NORTH (15 N), RANGE FIVE WEST (5 W), OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 1909 East Pine Street
Springfield, IL 62703
and which said Mortgage was made by, Robert L Foster a/k/a Robert Lee Foster, Sr, Lavondolyn Foster a/k/a Lavondalyn Glenise Foster, a/k/a Lavon Perkins Mortgagor(s), to
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Amerigroup Mortgage Corporation
Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2004R45415; and for other relief.
UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before August 31, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-provid->

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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60602
Ph. (312) 346-9088
File No. 271749-205846
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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LOT 6 AND THE NORTH 12 FEET OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 6 IN SAUNDERS SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 2035 N. 19TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Property Index No. 14-23.0-108-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$30,476.24.
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, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 366553.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
111 East Main Street, DECATUR IL, 62523
217-422-1719, Fax #: 217-422-1754
E-Mail: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 366553, Case Number: 19 CH 83
TJSC#: 40-1966
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 19 CH 83

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, Plaintiff, vs.
SHANDIN N. MONGOLD and TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, Defendants.
CASE NO. 20-CH-35
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
919 N. 6TH STREET
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Shandin N. Mongold, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 919 N. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as:
THE SOUTH 42 FEET OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK 5 IN ROBERT ALLEN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN

HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Permanent Index Number: 14-27.0-176-030
Commonly known as: 919 N. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62702
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before August 24, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.
CLERK OF THE COURT
THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Meredith Pitts (#6280878)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 740
Decatur, IL 62525
Send Notice/Pleadings to:
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
8051-908554
20CH35

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD
(Attorney ID: 6301158) Attorneys
105 West Adams Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60603
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF Sangamon, ss – IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. PAMELA WOLF A/K/A PAMELA K. WOLF; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; et. al., Defendants, Case No. 2020CH000015.
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:
Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants, defendant in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE (323) OF THE HIGHLANDS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5, WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 22-09.0-137-020. Commonly known as: 2839 Holmes Ave., Springfield, IL 62704, and which said Mortgage was made by PAMELA WOLF, as Mortgagor(s) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 2009R10473, and the present owner(s) of the property being PAMELA WOLF, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.
Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your

answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 on or before August 31, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
Dated, Springfield, Illinois.,
Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Last known addresses:
Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants - 2839 Holmes Ave., Springfield, IL 62704
20CH15

NOTICE OF ACTION
Sangamon County
BEFORE THE BOARD OF Nursing
IN RE: The license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse
Shannon Daniel Jones, L.P.N.
1007 Johnson Lane
Springfield, IL 62702
CASE NO.: 2019-03431
LICENSE NO.: PN 5221718
The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Ann L. Prescott Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9886.
If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by September 3, 2020 the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND AVAILABILITY OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of September, 2020, at the hour of 4:45 PM a public hearing will be held in the office of Brown Hay and Stephens LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, US Bank Building, Springfield, Illinois. The subject of such public hearing will be the adoption of a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the North Side Fire Protection District.
Copies of the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance are available at the above address during normal business hours on and after August 6, 2020.
Thomas Everhart, Secretary
North Side Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Stephanie Jennings Petitioner

and
Gavin Lowry, Defendant
Case No. 2020-F-000205
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Gavin Lowry, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a Petition to Establish Parentage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 30th day of August, 2020 a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the interest of JAELEAH McCLENDON, RAKEL ROUSER AND ROYAL ROUSER, minors
Case No: 18-JA-91, 18-JA-92, 18-JA-93
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on February 27, 2020 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on AUGUST 14, 2020 at 9:30 AM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minors declared to be wards of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINORS. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the interest of AYMERRA SKINNER AND MIRACLE SKINNER, minors
Case No: 19-JA-148-149
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on June 18, 2020 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 at 2:30 PM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minors declared to be wards of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINORS. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION,

YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the interest of ANDREW HAWTHORNE, a minor
Case No: 19-JA-231
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on July 29, 2020 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 at 8:30 AM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Judith Jones, Petitioner vs.
Keithie Sheppard, Respondent
Case No: 2020-OP-767
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Keithie Sheppard, this cause has been

commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before August 27, 2020, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: July 23, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Kenneth Richardson, Petitioner vs.
Jeff Keltner, Respondent
Case No: 2020-OP-823
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Jeff Keltner, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before September 3, 2020, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: August 6, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Kristen Godwin, Petitioner vs.
Keithie Sheppard, Respondent
Case No: 2020-OP-768
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Keithie Sheppard, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before August 27, 2020, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: July 23, 2020

Nighty-night

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 648

- Across
1. On ____ (doing well)
6. Certain Slav
10. ____ mode
13. Era
15. Final Four org.
16. Allow
17. Sleepover battle
19. ____ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
20. Guinness Book listings
21. "Baseball Tonight" channel
22. Singer Jackson
26. Physics unit
28. 1975 Wimbledon winner
29. One who steals covers
35. ____ soul (no one)
37. Archeological site
38. "Aladdin" prince
39. Spanish uncle
40. First pope
43. N.L. West, for one
44. Dr. Seuss's Sam
45. "American Idol" Judge DioGuardi
46. " ____ no idea"
48. Place to find keys
52. Middle-____ (person who's fiftyish)
53. Defeat
54. Springsteen, to fans
56. Opposite of fem.
59. Place to exchange rings
- Down
1. iPhone download
2. King, in Portugal
3. Magic on a scoreboard?
4. " ____ Abner"
5. Bath sponge
6. Agitated state
7. ER tests
8. "Yay, team!"
9. Cave dweller

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12
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56	57	58				59	60						
61				62	63					64	65	66	67
68				69				70					
71				72					73				

61. First lady
62. A parental order, or this puzzle's theme
68. Note after fa
69. Not much
70. Maker of the LZR Racer suit
71. Skit-filled NBC show, for short
72. Groaners
73. Carries
10. Film composer Clausen and others
11. Jump
12. Envelope abbr.
14. Dork
18. Plummet
21. 911 responder
22. "Praying" insect
23. Book of prophecies
24. Shiny car trim
25. "Listen up!"
26. " ____ From Muskogee"
27. Artist Matisse
30. Locales
31. Cashew, e.g.
32. Tried
33. Martini garnishes
34. Unselfish sorts
36. "I didn't ____ be here"
41. Pack (down)
42. Boston skyscraper, with "the"
47. Book before Zephaniah: Abbr.
49. And so forth
50. ____-bitty
51. Pandemonium
55. Blow one's top
56. Hodgepodge
57. Bard of ____
58. Auction off
59. Like, with "to"
60. Answer to "Shall we?"
62. Tourist's aid
63. ____ Dhabi
64. ____ Speedwagon
65. Get in a pool
66. Dutch city
67. Old PC platform

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

LARS	FARGO	THAT
OPAL	ACEIN	HOBO
REDI	WALLFLOWER	
DEADEND	DIARIST	
PRES	CALC	
	CARR	ETCHES
LIMA	BAUM	ILIVE
PROTECTIVE	COVER	
GATOR	ESP	GENE
ASTERS	ESSA	
	ALAS	MALO
ROTATED	TAILING	
IHAD	DREAM	ONEI
GIRO	GASSY	AGAR
SOPS	EWOKS	DOLL

Crossword answers from #647

7	8	5	9	3	2	6	1	4
1	3	2	7	4	6	8	5	9
4	9	6	5	1	8	7	3	2
3	5	8	2	9	7	1	4	6
9	7	4	6	8	1	5	2	3
6	2	1	4	5	3	9	8	7
8	6	7	3	2	5	4	9	1
5	4	3	1	7	9	2	6	8
2	1	9	8	6	4	3	7	5

Sudoku answers from #647

6	4	5	3	1	2
2	1	6	4	3	5
5	2	3	6	4	1
4	6	1	2	5	3
1	3	2	5	6	4
3	5	4	1	2	6

JoshJosh answers from #647

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 648

Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.

3÷		40x			5-
4-	15x	17+		10x	
14+	4-	18x		12+	
					1-
		9+			

Difficulty medium

Sudoku

No. 648

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

4		6				2		
						6	1	
							3	9
5					9	4		
							8	5
1		2			8			
3				1				8
	4			7		3		
					2		9	

Difficulty hard



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